



EAA Chapter 595 October 9th, 2021

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

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This project will take a lot of effort from both club members as well as outside volunteers to become a successful education program as most of us envision. All ideas are welcome both from members of the chapter as well as those that are on our mailing list.

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:05 a.m. at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen with 10 members and 3 guests in attendance. Since we had a quorum, official business could be conducted.

The members in attendance were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Sebastian Montes	Aditya Nair
Cindy Vasquez	Manuel Garcia	Monte Vasquez
John Peacock	Byron Engle	Merle Jenkins
Ted Miller Jr.	Shirlene Jenkins	

The four guests were Mike Schwanke, Edward Diaz, and Rishi Pokhrel. Welcome gentlemen. Aditya, Edward, and Rishi are students at the Science Academy in Mercedes, studying aerospace engineering. Don mentioned that the minutes for last month's meeting are on the website for all to read. He then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent.



Old business:



It was decided that we would present Ms Arlene Garza with an honorary plaque and a lifetime membership to EAA Chapter 595, but unfortunately, she was unavailable due to a prior commitment. We are grateful to Arlene for her support and for allowing us to have a place for our meetings every other month. Thanks Arlene.

We had agreed last month that today would be the day when we would make the decision as to which path to go with the RV-12 project. To Don's knowledge, it doesn't seem like there's a chance or a hope of going forward with this chapter project. Ted Miller Jr. Said that the desire is there but we don't have a place for it, the money or the manpower to supervise the project. What was finally decided was to look for a chapter that would be willing to take the project off our hands for the educational purpose of educating the younger kids who would be interested in working on such a beautiful plane.

For now, the right thing to do is to move forward and try to find a chapter or individual who has the money, a hangar to work on it, the capability and the manpower to take the project on to completion. Don



asked if everyone present was in agreement and it was unanimous. Byron Engle said he had spoken to Jared Bird about it since Jared has some friends in Houston who are very interested in it, but Jared was unavailable at this meeting to discuss anything else.

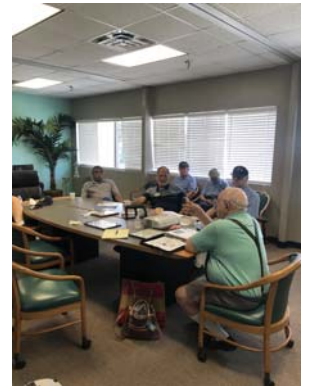
Don said that we can pick and choose who we want to give it to or even donate it back to EAA, and they might find a chapter which might be a chapter like ours with the same problems ours has. Ted Miller Jr. said that the idea is just like the original idea, which was to put the project in the hands of somebody that can educate the kids. It's always been the goal to find the right home for it, as it needs to be with somebody that has the ability to do it and has a good track record.

Sebastian Montes did mention that he spoke to the McAllen chapter of the Civil Air Patrol and they have about 10-12 cadets who like the idea in theory, but Sebastian felt like they couldn't take on such a large project as this one.

What we have is \$12,500 worth of parts... a beautiful set of wings all done, an LED lighting system, and the empennage. We do have to recoup the money paid to Robert Carter for bringing it back from Salado. The next thing Don mentioned was the fuselage kit that has been ordered. He put a down payment of \$1,700.00 and his goal was to help whomever we give this project to. There's a November 22nd crating date, which should motivate anyone thinking of buying the fuselage and our project parts, since they wouldn't have to wait 6-8 months to get started.

Ted Miller asked how should we locate a worthy home for it. John Peacock said that he could check with his home chapter in Iowa. He said they have some money, not \$80,000, but they have the capabilities and it's also a larger chapter than ours, plus one of the members has already completed an RV-6. An RV-12 may have already been completed as well.

Ted's next question was should we go to EAA, or how do we find a permanent home for it? Ted said he would get in touch with Greg Hughes, the president of Van's Aircraft and get his input on that. He may know of any established groups that do this sort of thing. Ted said that since we have already decided that we are going to dispose of these parts, the meeting next month will determine who is going to investigate their contacts to find a home for it. Hopefully by then, we'll have somebody in mind who does want it and will also pay for our expenses incurred while bringing it down here.



Don turned the meeting over to Aditya and his 2 friends. Aditya said that they did get approval for their aviation club at their school and they are excited about acquiring a plane. Byron asked him which airplane? There are 2 of them. Aditya asked about the RV12? He thought it was an Ultralight kit, but after finding out that the RV-12 is an E-AB and what it would cost to build, he decided the other airplane would suit their situation better. Merle Jenkins told him that it's disassembled and would have to be restored & probably modified to be airworthy. Aditya then asked if a member from the chapter would be willing to speak to the class, so Don recommended Merle, because he knew more about it than anyone else. John Peacock said he would be willing to go out there as well. Aditya



feels confident that they can get that plane redone and he also feels like they can get at least 100 members in their aviation club. Aditya got all the necessary information such as phone numbers and pictures of the biplane. He hopes to go by Merle's house soon to see exactly what it looks like. Aditya also said that since they are going to Edinburg, they might as well stop in Weslaco to see the RV-12 parts. Byron told him to make arrangements with Robert Carter, since it's in Robert's hanger. Aditya asked if there was someone from the chapter who could come to the school to talk about EAA and what we do. Don Schwanke said he would be happy to go out and talk to them.



After Aditya finished with his presentation, we went back again to finalize the situation on the RV12 and that we should hopefully have everything resolved by November.

Nominations are due in October and the elections are in November. Don asked Ted if he would be willing to host the Christmas party at his home this year and Ted said he would be happy to do it.

The Christmas party will in Edinburg Saturday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Ted Miller's house, which will also be our awards presentations.

There being no more old business, Don asked if there was any new business and there was none. The question of the day was where to go eat?

Everyone was waiting for Shirlene to say it but Don finally said, "Ok who will be going the Longhorn Cattle Co. Let's see a show of hands!" By unanimous agreement, the membership voted their approval. Don asked for an adjournment and Byron moved, seconded by John Peacock. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @11:55 a.m.

We all went to enjoy a great meal with wonderful friends.

The November meeting will be Saturday, November 13, at the Edinburg airport.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Vasquez, chapter secretary