



## Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

### **April Announcements**

#### **April Anniversaries**

None

#### **May Birthdays**

None

### **Upcoming Announcement**

#### **May Anniversaries**

None

#### **May Birthdays**

None

#### **May Meeting**

Edinburg International Airport  
(KEBG), Saturday May 9 at  
10:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:52 a.m. by President Don Schwanke. Eight members were in attendance, so quorum was not met. However, Don appointed 2 executive committee members at large so a business meeting could be carried out. The at large members are Larry Wheelock and Robert Carter (in addition to the regular officers), so a Board of Directors business meeting was then conducted.

Robert Carter's estimate for the carrying boxes for the chairs & tables was given at approximately \$500.00 for materials. However, a problem arose later in the week when it was discovered that the chairs & tables were not authorized to be stored at Sun Valley Aviation for any length of time. The construction has been put on hold temporarily until a more permanent location can be found. In the meantime, Robert picked up the chairs & tables and has stored them in Don Schwanke's hanger at T65. Ted Miller, Jr. bought the only non-folding table and the chapter will be purchasing 2 new folding tables. Don moved that the treasurer be authorized to pay for the material for the boxes and the motion was seconded by Ted Miller, Jr.

Don then announced that the Airshow at Navy Corpus Christi would be the next weekend, April 18 & 19. Extra chairs can be rented for an extra \$10.00, if desired, which would save having to carry one along.

That same Saturday there will be another coffee & donuts safety meeting in the Sun Valley Aviation hanger. There will be a TxDot speaker, but his/her name will be forthcoming.

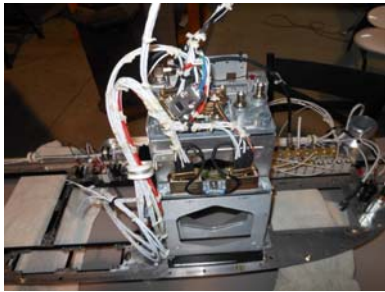
Some discussion was entertained about the value of the chapter facebook and Robert Carter mentioned that there are 2 people interested in our chapter and found out about it on the facebook page and could possibly become members in the future.

Ted Miller, Jr. presented the program and spoke about his trials & tribulations while installing his Skyview glass panel in his RV-9. He's in phase 2 of his flight test series at present and should be done sometime this month or next. One of the many things he had to do was to change out his alternator from a 40 amp to a 60 amp because of the extra



power needed for not only the Skyview, but the autopilot system as well. Because everything is electronic, the vacuum pump wasn't needed and a small

8 amp alternator was installed in its place on the accessory pad as a backup should the 60 amp one fail (a really great idea!). The new autopilot and Garmin 430W GPS are coupled, he said this installation was extremely complex and a few (understandable) mistakes were made. He had a problem with the flaps (they are electric) at first until he



contacted the Dynon factory and the rep. pointed out that the only thing that would keep the flaps from working is a connection reversal. Sure enough, he went and reversed the connections and everything worked! The autopilot is fantastic, as he



can now shoot an ILS approach down to

minimums with complete accuracy, as well as tracking, holding and everything else that can happen while in the clouds. He's extremely happy and proud (as he should be) of his very expensive and difficult installation and he says it's worth every penny and hour of effort. In addition to everything a Skyview does, it also



has an angle of attack feature, which is even more useful than an airspeed indicator in many situations. Congratulations, Ted! (See photos).

Byron Engle took 2 weeks to drive to California to see an aunt who turns 88 this month and especially to help Gene Turner celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 3 (see photos). On his birthday, Byron took him to his favorite Mexican food restaurant and told the waiters (in Spanish, so Gene wouldn't know) about his birthday. When the meal was finished, here came all the waiters/waitresses with a giant sombrero and a saucer of flan with whipped cream and a candle, singing "Cielito Lindo" and "Happy Birthday" to him. Just as they finished singing, one of the waiters grabbed a spoon & smeared whipped cream all over his mouth. He took it in stride and laughed as hard as the rest of the people in attendance. He's still sharp as a tack, but he's moving pretty slowly at present (at 90, he has a right to), but he's still getting around and is working on another T-40A project. (see photo).



Byron spent a very enjoyable week with him and it was really hard for both to say goodbye to each other (they have been friends for 43 years), but it had to end. Both were thankful for each other's company.



The next chapter meeting will be at Edinburg International Airport (EBG), Saturday May 9 at 10:30 a.m. Information about lunch will be forthcoming. The program will consist of Ted's RV-9 and Dr. Carlos Almaguer's RV-10 (we'll try to keep the drooling to a minimum!).

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Treasurer, YE & EF Coordinator and Flight Advisor for Chapter 595,  
Byron Engle