



# EAA Chapter 595 January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

### *January Announcements*

#### **Birthdays**

**Sharon Lung**  
January - 12

#### **Anniversaries**

### *February Announcements*

#### **Birthdays**

**Betty Engle**  
February - 6

**John Dockendorf**  
February - 13

#### **Anniversaries**

### *Events*

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Texas and quorum was met so official business was enabled. The members were as follows:

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| Don Schwanke.     | J. R. Dockendorff |
| Larry Wheelock.   | Gerald Close      |
| Merle Jenkins.    | John F. Peacock   |
| Shirlene Jenkins. | Ted Miller        |
| Byron Engle.      | Robert Carter     |
| Cindy Vasquez.    | Monty Vasquez     |
| Bob Heiser.       | Geneda Schwanke   |
| Carol Heiser.     | Jerry Gifford     |

The one guest was Jaafar Aluzar

Treasure Byron Engle gave the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Motion was made by Don to accept the treasurer's report and Merle Jenkins moved to accept it and seconded by Jerry Gifford. Byron also mentioned that he is accepting membership dues for 2018.



#### **Old Business:**

Don presented an award to John Peacock for both 2016 and 2017 for being a technical counselor for our chapter. A check for \$100.00 was presented to Arlene Garza @ Gulf Aviation to help out in their Veteran's Day Celebration held in November.

#### **New Business:**

Show and tell by Don where he showed the members a Fineed handheld 12 V. Electric mini air inflator w/ 150psi capability, rechargeable battery, digital display, tire pressure monitor, and preset. Selling it for \$45.00 and after doing research he felt this is the best out on the market.



Also after flying for more than 49 years Don is selling everything from tools to both of his airplanes, one of them being an RV 12 which is now called Airforce One and the other is a Stock RV12 with all the extras plus 3 or 4 handheld radios. As he mentioned that a lot of soul searching went into this decision and after thinking about it he has decided to just sell out of everything, including his tools and equipment. If anyone is interested in any of the above mentioned items please contact Don.

Bob and Carol Heiser have completed their zenith 750 cruiser and it has a Corvair 100 HP engine, a William Wynne conversion. It has already been flown for 4 1/2 hours and they are chasing oil leaks right now. There are always a few bugs to work out on any new piece of machinery, especially airplanes. Very impressive to hear that both Bob and Carol did their work on this project as a team. Carol did a lot of the drilling, riveting, and clecoing.

Bob Carter asked about fly ins in the future. Our sister chapters are in Corpus Christi and San Antonio and it would be nice to get away and see other homebuilts and share ideas but the main problem is that we don't have enough flying planes in our chapter. Since our chapter is south of the Nueces River not much activity is going on in our neck of the woods so that is one idea to discuss in one of our future meetings. As far as fly-in lunches are concerned, there are very few (if any) airports with restaurants on the field and there would have to be non-flying members to take them to lunch. Bob Heiser spoke about the area they live in (San Angelo) and that there are numerous places to go for these events. Corpus Christi offers a shuttle to pick up fliers at Mustang Island (airport) but that's the only one we know of at present. Problems to be solved at maybe the next meeting.



Afterwards Don asked if there was any more new Business and there was none, so the next question was where to have lunch. Merle Jenkins suggested Longhorn Cattle Company in San Benito and it won unanimous approval from the membership.

Don asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 11:25 a.m. It was moved by Byron Engle and seconded by Jerry Gifford.

Our next meeting will be held @ Edinburg International Airport @ 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 10th. Hope to see you there.

The meeting was rather short because there were a lot of people there in time for the bull session before the meeting was begun. A LOT of questions were answered and a lot of Aviation information was exchanged before the meeting, therefore just the business and a few announcements were submitted, shortening the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vasquez  
Chapter 595 secretary