



EAA Chapter 595 March 10th, 2018

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

March Announcements

Birthdays

Gerald Close March - 1
Byron Engle March - 1

Anniversaries

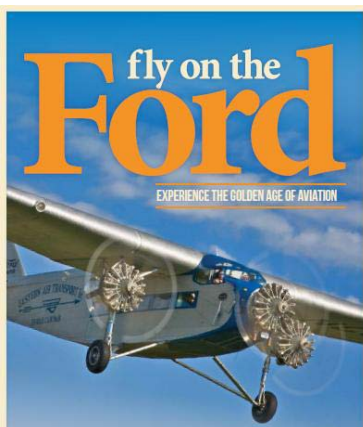
Byron & Betty Engle March - 9
John & Nancy Dockendorff March - 29

April Announcements

Birthdays

Jan Carter April - 14

Events



President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @11:00 a.m. @ Gulf Aviation in Harlingen and quorum was met so official business was enabled. The 12 members in attendance were as follows:

Jerry Gifford	Byron Engle	Doc Dockendorff
Monty Vasquez	Cindy Vasquez	Nancy Dockendorff
Larry Wheelock	Don Schwanke	Robert Carter
Merle Jenkins	Shirlene Jenkins	Phil Bowers

We had one guest, Mr. Daniel Aguilar, who is presently working on his private license. He graduated from college in December and is looking for employment as a band director. Treasurer Byron Engle gave the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Jerry Gifford moved to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Merle Jenkins. Motion carried.



Old business:

Promotional materials came in for the Ford Tri-Motor event in April and secretary Cindy Vasquez is getting plenty of help in the distribution of the posters. Jerry Gifford is helping out in the Weslaco area and John "Doc" Dockendorff is helping in the Mercedes area RV Parks. Phil Bowers is taking care of the LaFeria and Santa Rosa areas and Byron Engle took some posters to deliver to the band halls that he does business with. Robert Carter is helping in the Harlingen and San Benito areas;



Deborah Pinto (previously Melvin) will do the McAllen and Edinburg areas and Cindy Vasquez will be in the Harlingen and Raymondville RV Parks and the valley newspapers so all of our bases are covered. We will be setting up in front of the FBO in Weslaco. Andrew Munoz,

the airport manager has given the ok to use the facilities. Volunteers are needed to help April 12-15 for safety and security purposes. Parking will be on the grassy areas inside the perimeter of the airport. Anyone interested in taking a ride should book it online [HERE](#). Jeremy Riley's hangar will be used to house the Ford Tri-Motor at night and he said he doesn't want any rent but would like a ride in the plane. Deborah Pinto (Edinburg Airport) and Arlene Garza (Gulf Aviation) have helped the club enormously so there will be no charge for them to ride in it either. Don asked Bobby Carter about the personalized bottled water and it didn't work out so we will be purchasing 4 to 5 cases of water for the event and if needed, we will purchase additional cases.



Byron asked about renting a tent for the event and if so, what size would be appropriate. Phil asked for any suggestions if anyone knows of someone who can loan a tent for this event. Bobby Carter asked Don if the visiting crew would be selling pins and memorabilia and Don said yes they would be. They are not really asking for much from us cause basically we are in charge of the promotions and the safety aspects. They take care of the ticket sales and we are responsible for the area from the tent to the plane. We will need 4 to 5 volunteers on a daily basis, (if enough members volunteer it would be shifts) for parking, loading, etc. and back to the FBO. It is the perfect venue for this event from the

parking area to the restroom facilities.

Cindy Vasquez will be stamping all of our brochures, posters and cards with our chapter stamp to get our chapter advertisement everywhere the posters and cards are distributed. There was no more old business to discuss so on to new business:

Merle Jenkins asked if the chapter would like to accept a donation of a replica 2/3 scale WACO home built biplane. Merle said he would pick it up in Edinburg and take it to his house. Phil Bowers moved to accept the donated plane and Jerry Gifford seconded, motion carried. Don then asked if there was any more new business and there was none. Discussion turned to the important decision on the location to have lunch. Byron suggested a new barbecue place in Harlingen and Phil mentioned Blue Marlin in San Benito. Blue Marlin was the unanimous choice. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. and all members (and guest) enjoyed some great fellowship and a good meal. The next meeting will be held Saturday, April 7th @11:00 a.m. at the Weslaco airport FBO.



Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez
EAA/Chapter 595 secretary

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