



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

### December Announcements

#### December Birthdays

**Jerry Gifford**  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Upcoming Announcement

#### January Birthdays

**Betty Engle**  
January 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sharon Lung**  
January 12<sup>th</sup>

The Chapter 595 Christmas banquet was held at Ted Miller, Jr.'s house in Edinburg at 1:30 p.m. There were 16 people attending, but with only 9 eligible members there, quorum was again not met. The meeting began about 2:10 p.m., but no official business was conducted. However, one new member was signed up and will become a voting member as soon as he joins EAA national. His name is Dr. Carlos Almaguer and he is the proud new owner of a Van's RV-10. He hasn't taken delivery yet; he's having a 'glass panel installed at present, but will soon be flying the -10 around the RGV pretty quick. He has a private license with instrument and high-performance ratings under his belt. Welcome, Dr. Almaguer!



Evelyn Urban had donated several items to the chapter & they were auctioned off at this time, bringing in a few dollars to the treasury. Thank you Evelyn! Phil Bowers bid \$45.00 for the CD collection:  
Ted Miller, Jr. won the bid for one of Evelyn's hand

made bags for traveling, or whatever with a \$12.00 bid:  
Dr. Almaguer won the bid for the 2<sup>nd</sup> bag with a \$5.00 bid:

Phil Bowers bid \$5.00 for the Mount St. Helen's book and won, with everyone having a good time bidding on these items.



There was some discussion on a change of venue and times/days for the chapter meetings and Debbie Melvin (the airport manager at EBG) gave the chapter an open invitation to use the FBO at Edinburg International Airport for any meetings/activities the chapter wishes. The FBO is open 24/7. She also informed the membership of the decrease in fuel prices; it's down to \$4.88 per gallon, which is the cheapest price in the 'Valley at this time.

President Don Schwanke informed the membership that there will be a webinar on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December about recruiting and keeping membership going in EAA chapters.

Ted Miller, Jr. opened his home to the membership once again for the banquet and meeting and the membership is eternally grateful for his hospitality again. Thank you, Ted. He also opened his “man cave” up to show the project he has for sale: an RV-6A with minimal damage, with a 180 hp Lycoming (set up for a constant-speed propeller, but can easily be modified to fixed pitch), a full panel, rebuilt engine mount, newer, stronger nose gear and many other things. A great project for someone with a little time to complete it. Everything is there; it only needs reassembly and someone to fly it.

While no business could be conducted, the new officers were announced. They are:

Don Schwanke, president  
Phil Bowers, vice-president  
Secretary, Byron Engle  
Treasurer, Byron Engle  
Newsletter editor/Webmaster, Robert Carter



Awards were given out to last year’s officers: Don Schwanke, president, Jerry Gifford, VP; Byron Engle, treasurer, YE/EF coordinator and EAA Flight Advisor; Larry Wheelock, Merle Jenkins & Don Schwanke, technical counselors and Webmaster, Robert Carter. Congratulations to all of you!

The next meeting will be at the Schwanke Mansion in La Feria, January 4, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m. Hopefully we will have enough members to meet quorum. There are plans in the works for better programs, meetings at airports and several other improvements. Don’t miss! The January “meet-‘n-eat” will be determined (possibly modified) at that meeting.

Reminder: chapter dues are due. \$20.00 per family, per year. We do plan to do some flying this next year. Who knows, maybe even Bob Carter will finally get to fly his E-model Mooney in 2015! He finally got the upholstery paint to stick, so the interior’s finally going in. Next will be fuel & oil hose replacement, corrosion control, retraction tests and FLYING (maybe) SOON!!!!

Schwanke’s working on his new fuel tank system (as soon as the parts come in). He does have the VERY SMALL header tank in the fuselage, ready for plumbing, so things are rolling along in “Air Force One-Land”.

Byron Engle, secretary/treasurer