



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

#### *December Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Jerry Gifford**

December - 23

##### Anniversaries

#### *January Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Sharon Lung**

January - 12

##### Anniversaries

#### *Events*

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 1:10 p.m. and quorum was made (probably because of the food) at Ted Miller, Jr. house in Edinburg.

Thank you Ted for your gracious hospitality of providing your house for the annual Christmas banquet. You are a scholar & and a gentleman.

Members present were;  
Don & Geneda Schwanke  
Jerry Gifford  
J.R. & Nancy Dockendorff  
Byron & Betty Engle  
Ted Miller, Jr.  
Hap Day



Merle & Shirlene Jenkins  
Larry & Norma Wheelock  
Monte & Cindy Vasquez  
Debora Melvin  
Phil Bowers



A great time was had by all, and the food was absolutely fantastic (as it always is at our EAA potluck events)! Ted Miller supplied the 3 meats, the plates and drinks, etc. Byron wrote a check reimbursing him for his expenses.

Since quorum was met, official business could take place and Byron gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted by the membership.

Don called for old business and Jerry Gifford mentioned that he called EAA headquarters and found out that there are about 144 national EAA members in the 60-mile radius of the RGV and will try to notify them for possible chapter membership induction.

New Business;  
Don received a nice notebook from headquarters for being president and Byron mentioned that he received a new shirt & cap from the Young Eagles office for flying 200 Young Eagles. He gave recognition to Debora Melvin for her part in locating & promoting the Young Eagles program





through a couple of Boy Scout/Girl Scout troops in the McAllen/Edinburg area for the last 3 YE events. She really helps to promote aviation as well as the airport and will help anyone interested in aviation as much as she can. Thank you so much, Debora!

Byron announced a new member paid his dues; even though he wasn't present. The membership welcomed Joe Marroquin as its newest member. Welcome, Joe!

Award pins & certificates were handed out to the officers at this time and Ted Miller was thanked by all for his hospitality.

Jerry Gifford spoke to the airport manager about an open house that is being planned at T65 and Debora mentioned that all public use airports will eventually be assigned an all letter designation soon (like Harlingen is KHRL, Edinburg is KEBG, etc.) Pretty soon there won't be any numerical identifiers (except maybe for the privately owned airports/airstrips). The wheels of government (FAA) take their own sweet time to make the rounds, so no date was given, but it is coming, maybe in the next 60 days, or so.

There was some discussion of the destruction of the hangers on the West side of T65, but consensus is that it won't be very soon; maybe in 5 to 10 years, or so.



Debora mentioned that Don Crowe (who is a CAF member) invited one of the CAF's aircraft to the next meeting in Edinburg, which will probably be in February. More discussion was entertained about possibly having a few meetings in other locations, such as Brownsville and maybe even T65. Nothing was decided at this meeting, but will be brought up at another time.

Phil Bowers mentioned that when the chapter voted for the new meeting format and dates, the meetings were supposed to begin at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month, with an informal get-together beginning

at 10:30 a.m., before the meeting. What has been happening is that the meetings have been starting roughly at the earlier time, usually when everyone who is coming arrive at the venue. No action was taken on his complaint at this time, but something may be voted on in another meeting in the future.



The next meeting will be at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen on January 14, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. At this time, a motion to adjourn by Ted Miller, seconded by Hector Zuniga was offered and the membership approved. Remember, dues are due now and in January. See Byron.

Respectfully submitted by Chapter 595 secretary/treasurer, Byron Engle

