



EAA Chapter 595 February 13th, 2016

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

February Announcements

Anniversaries

Robert & Carol Heiser
February 4th

Birthdays

Betty Engle
February 6th

J.R. Dockendorff
February 13th

March Announcements

Anniversaries

Byron & Betty Engle
March – 9th

John & Nancy Dockendorff
March – 29th

Birthdays

Gerald Close
March – 1st

Byron Engle
March – 1st

Events

Celebrate Women Of Aviation
Worldwide Week with Free
Fly It Forward® flights for Girls
and Women of All Ages on
March 7th – 13th, 2016 at
South Texas International
Airport at Edinburg (KEBG)
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
For more info click [HERE](#)

EAA Chapter 595 February 13th meeting did not meet quorum as the Air Fiesta Air Show was being held the same day. We did however manage to have 8 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Attending members were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Phil Bowers	Elizabeth Michelle
Larry Wheelock	L.V. Howell	Jerry Gifford
J.R. Dockendorff	Robert Carter	

Guests were:

Debora Melvin	Jim Galloway	Paul Murray
Jim Miller	Rita Miller	



Don Schwanke announced that the annual chapter renewal was completed, EAA now makes this possible to do online but apparently there are a few hiccups that need to be worked out, so our renewal was sent by snail-mail. Don also opened up a discussion on DAR's (Designated Airworthiness Representative), it seems that EAA lobbied for and got the FAA to appoint individuals to perform examination, inspection, and testing services necessary to the issuance of certificates, the downside is that they also get to charge for their services. Being our chapter is in deep S. Texas that fee (which is free from the FAA if they had the time) is pushing over \$1000.00 making it difficult and/or expensive to receive an Airworthy Certificate for those building way down here. Jim Galloway, one of our guests, weighed in that his chapter in Tulsa OK not only had a DAR locally, but there were actually 2 DAR's and both were members of the local chapter.

Jerry Gifford spoke about chapter 313 in Topeka KS, which he belongs to as well as 595. Chapter 313 like many chapters was struggling with attracting and retaining active members (sound familiar?) and was in contact with EAA for advice/help. Chapter 313 was approaching their 50th anniversary and wanted to make that goal but was unable



to do so. Two of the factors contributing to the folding of 313 were a dwindling membership and a lack of members wanting to fill the elected offices. The smaller chapters across the country are dropping to the wayside as it is becoming harder to justify the expense of keeping the chapter open. One year ago we compiled some numbers and ideas collected by a member survey to help chapter 595 become a better chapter and keep us from falling victim to the same, perhaps this would be a good time to start thinking / planning a chapter sponsored event within the next few months.

Ashley Kelly with FreeFlight Systems contacted Don about possibly giving a mini seminar to the chapter on the hot topic of ADS-B at one of our meetings. Hopefully this will come about and we can open it up and invite all the local pilots and aircraft owners to attend as well. Also in the works is the idea of having a joint meeting / get together with the Corpus Christi EAA chapter here in the near future. We could also kill two birds with one stone and have Corpus come down for the ADS-B seminar.



Debra Melvin (KEBG Airport Manager) reminded the chapter of the Women of Aviation Worldwide Week that will take place next month March 7th ~ 13th there at KEBG. This is a weeklong event that starts at 10:00am and goes till 5:00pm with a goal of flying as many females (sorry guys) of any age in that week. Last year over 750 were flown and they want to break that record. The U.S. Coast Guard, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Guard will have static displays of both fixed wing and rotorcraft during the week. The flyer can be download be clicking [HERE](#) or by going to www.flywoaw.com, so lets help spread the word as much as we can to help beat their goal. Debra has been very gracious and

accommodating to our chapter over the years so if you would like to volunteer please let her know, pilots and planes are always needed but there will be plenty of other places that need filled as well. She also mentioned she is working with the fuel supplier for cheaper fuel for the aircraft participating in the event, we should not hold her to this, but if anyone can get it done Debra can.

One of our newest members Elizabeth Michelle is about to receive her Private Pilots Certificate, with all but the last 3hrs of test prep and her check ride remaining. Elizabeth currently holds an Advanced Ground Instructors Certificate, which she received in November of 2015 and is on her way to her ultimate goal of becoming a CFII.



On a closing note, anyone wanting to write an article for the newsletter or give a program during a meeting should submit it to Don at dongeneda@rgv.rr.com. We still have 2 openings for chapter officers, Secretary and Newsletter Editor, anyone want to step up?

The chapters next scheduled meeting is 10:30am on March 12th, 2016 and will be held at Gulf Aviation, 5001 Bodenhamer Dr, Harlingen, TX, on the east side of Valley International Airport (KHRL). As in the past the lunch location will be determined at the meeting, those that fly into the meeting will be provided ground transportation to and from the chosen restaurant.

This edition submitted by Robert Carter