



EAA Chapter 595 January 5, 2014

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

The January 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter 595 meeting was held at President Don Schwanke's house and called to order at 2:08 p.m. Since the December minutes were posted on the website, no reading was done. President Don then called for the Treasurer's report, which was given by treasurer Byron Engle. The report acceptance was moved by Merle Jenkins and seconded by Nick Lung.

President Don then called for unfinished business but moved on to new business, as there was no unfinished business to attend to.

New Business:

The New Hope Presbyterian Church is selling their old chairs (which are MUCH more comfortable than the old, folding ones) at \$5.00 each (they have padding on the seats and backs and are chrome plated and stackable). There were only 15 left and the opportunity to buy these chairs was moved by Phil Bowers and seconded by Harvey Schneider. Treasurer Byron Engle wrote a check for these chairs and they should be at the next meeting.

President Don expounded on his Christmas trip to Missouri and got to fly right seat in another RV-12, powered by a UL 80 h.p. engine. He said it was a bit anemic, but fun to fly all the same. On the way back to the Valley, he and Geneda stopped at Stonewall, TX to view Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson's "Air Force 1/2" at the private air strip at the Johnson Ranch Museum. It is a Lockheed Jet Star and only a few were made before Lockheed pulled the plug on production. Much discussion about the Jet Star was had before moving on and a fun time was had in doing so.

President Don then had a silent auction for some donated items to the chapter and the chapter had fun making a few dollars doing that.

At this time, Don handed out the awards for service to the chapter. They are as follows:

Don Schwanke—chapter president, technical counselor.

Jerry Gifford—vice president

Byron Engle—treasurer, Young Eagles and Eagle Flight coordinator, temporary newsletter editor/secretary

Robert Carter—webmaster

Merle Jenkins—technical counselor

Larry Wheelock—technical counselor

Don then explained the membership obligations and the confusion about associate membership and membership in general, with regards to the requirement of being a national member and chapter member. At this time, Robert Carter spoke about the forms to fill out for the national headquarters in Oshkosh. They must be done on line, but he offered to help those who are not computer literate, or do not have computers.





Jerry Gifford spoke about the possibility of having Gary Stamper come down from the FSDO office in San Antonio to give a program in coordination with the Weslaco Fire Dept. on proper procedures for extinguishing the different types of fires that might be encountered in the aviation world. More will be done at a later date on this issue.

Don then pointed out that he has a box full of aviation magazines to give away and the remainder will be thrown away after the meeting. Don then asked for more new business, and Gerry Close volunteered the information that the chapter may set up a booth again at the CAF Airsho '14 in Brownsville this March at no cost, if we want to.

Discussion was had about the January Meet-'N-Eat and the chapter voted to go to Chili's in Weslaco January 19 at 1:30 p.m. Don reminded the chapter about the discount/donation Chili's gives to non-profit organizations for patronizing the restaurant. Everyone was in agreement with Jerry Gifford moving and Merle Jenkins seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at this point and snacks were enjoyed before the program began.

Submitted by acting secretary/newsletter editor Byron Engle.

