



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

### *January Announcements*

#### Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

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

### *February Announcements*

#### Anniversaries

**Robert & Carol Heiser**  
February 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Birthdays

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

**John Dockendorff**  
February 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Events

#### **Sun Valley Aviation**

(Valley Int. Airport KHRL)  
1 Lodestar Ave  
Harlingen, TX.

#### **Coffee & Donuts**

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 9:00am  
Topic:

**Landing; almost made it**  
FAA Wings Credit

EAA Chapter 595 January 9th meeting was called to order by president Don Schwanke at 11.02 a.m. in the meeting room of Gulf Aviation, courtesy of Ms Arlene Garza, manager/owner of Gulf Aviation. There were 15 members and 4 guests in attendance. The members were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Byron Engle	Phil Bowers
Robert Carter	Gerald Close	Hunter Reiley
L.V. Howell	Larry Wheelock	Norma Wheelock
Ted Miller, Jr.	Don Crowe	John Peacock
Bob Heiser	Carol Heiser	Jerry Gifford

The guests were:

Samara Cokinos (Guest Speaker)	
Robert Ertz	Ron Jones
Daniel Morse	Adrian Gutierrez

Since Quorum was made, the treasurer's report was given, old business was announced and Phil Bowers asked about all the EAA property that was in the hanger at Reb Field. Byron announced that it was in Don Schwanke's hanger in Weslaco.

#### New Business:

Jerry Gifford gave a report that Nick Lung was having serious medical issues and wasn't able to come down to the 'Valley this year. Gerry Close announced that the CAF is looking for volunteers to help out at the annual fund-raiser Airsho in Brownsville this year and that it has been moved back a week earlier than usual because of the stock show in Mercedes. They meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the CAF hanger at the Brownsville Airport. Unfortunately, it will coincide with our February meeting on Saturday February 13, so there will be a conflict. We will have our February meeting at the Edinburg Airport on that date at 10:30 a.m. and there are plans for another hamburger/hot dog/pot luck lunch afterward.

After some discussion, our guests were introduced and president Don introduced our guest speaker for the program, Channel 5 meteorologist, Samara Cokinos. At this time, Jerry Gifford called for a motion to adjourn



the meeting and Gerry Close gave it, seconded by Phil Bowers. Samara then spoke for

over an hour about aviation weather and how to read skew-T charts pertaining to the weather and forecasts. There was practice examples handed out for all to read. She was so interesting that she held everyone's attention for the entire time. After her presentation, everyone adjourned to Los Asados Restaurant for an incredible lunch. That's why your illustrious secretary didn't take any photos of the presentation. The photos you see in this newsletter are from the fantastic lunch we had at Los Asados Restaurant.



After lunch, everyone went their separate ways and will conjoin again in Edinburg for the next meeting and program.

On a side note, your officers are only able to do only so much. We need help from the



membership to step up when asked (or not) and maybe give a program or two. Everyone in our chapter has talent in certain areas and it would be greatly appreciated if a few would volunteer to help our program

itinerary. If you have just an idea for something you would like to see presented, speak up & tell one or more of the officers. Any one of them would be glad to hear from you, even if it's criticism (especially if it's constructive). It's your chapter, so do your part & let the officers know just exactly what you want to hear about.

Until next month, your secretary/treasurer/flunky,

Byron Engle

