



## EAA Chapter 595 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

#### *July Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Nick Lung**

July - 7

**William Bowers**

July - 15

##### Anniversaries

**Nick & Sharon Lung**

July - 2

**William & Janis Bowers**

July - 4

#### *August Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Janis Baker**

August - 30

##### Anniversaries

#### *Events*

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:02 am in the meeting room at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, thanks to the very generous courtesy of Arlene Garza, president of Gulf Aviation. Thank you, Arlene, your generosity is and will be continuously appreciated.

There were 8 members present. Were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Geneda Schwanke
Robert Carter	Ted Miller, Jr.
Phil Bowers	Kristen Esquivel (our newest member-see photo)
Gerry Close	Byron Engle

EAA specifies that only 10 or more members constitute a quorum, quorum was not made so no official business could be done at this meeting.

President Don began the discussion about his newest acquisition; an RV-12 and he has one man interested in at least buying into it and Don is looking for more to buy into it to maybe begin a flying club for the chapter. That would be a boon to those wishing to learn to fly & maybe acquire a Sport Pilot certificate at the very least and maybe later a private pilot's license. There are many details to work out, but if this pans out, it could really take off (pun intended). At this point, Robert Carter informed the membership that there might be an AOPA symposium for starting a flying club at the Weslaco airport and maybe even more good things to come later on. Stay tuned.



Byron Engle spoke about his oil leak and what he and Joe Marroquin did to stop it; he had to pull # 3 cylinder and reseal it and reinstall it. Thanks for the help Joe! There was some more discussion about the breather modification that Ted Miller has on his RV-9, using the exhaust flow to extract any pressure buildup in the crankcase of his engine and Byron also commented on the modification as well. It has been determined that as long as the modification doesn't change the type certificate (i.e.; adding horsepower), the modification could be applied to a certificated airplane as well. Time will tell.

Gerry Close spoke about and asked a few questions about the door latch in his Piper Tomahawk coming open in flight and what could happen and what could be done about it.



At this time the conversation shifted to the people going to Oshkosh/Airventure this year. Ted Miller, Byron Engle & Kristen Esquivel will be flying up to the "Frozen Nawth" to see the greatest aviation event in the Western Hemisphere. It begins July 24 and continues through July 29. Every flight up there is always an adventure, even when things go smoothly.

Don spoke about his sojourn up to Medora, North Dakota for a reunion of his unit in Viet Nam. He and Geneda talked about the wild (feral) horses and American Bison roaming the street(s) there and that the town only has about 160 people (not counting the reunion folks). Pretty remote and it's just below the Canadian border, so the temps were cool. He had a good time and Geneda was there, too (LOL). They did get to ride in an authentic 1800's stagecoach while they were there. Geneda has some comments about the

ride, too.

The next meeting will be at KEBG (Edinburg International Airport) Saturday August 12 @ 11:00 am.

At this time, Don took a vote from the chapter as to the location for the monthly luncheon and Kristen Esquivel suggested La Playa restaurant. The chapter was unanimous in their approval, so the meeting was quickly adjourned at 11:43 a.m. and the membership hied themselves off to bigger & better things (food!).

Submitted by Byron Engle, secretary/treasurer Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

