

# Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

Meeting minutes June 3, 2013

The June 2013 meeting of Chapter 595 was held at Don Schwanke's home in La Feria. As there were not enough members attending, quorum was not met, so the business meeting was postponed until the next meeting when quorum can be met.

Much aviation discussion was heard; many of the world's problems were solved and a good time was had by the attending members who were:

Don Schwanke, Byron Engle, Robert Carter, Patrick Haslem, Phil Bowers, Paul Chapman and Adrian Gutierrez.

The program came from EAA headquarters as a chapter magazine, downloaded to a DVD and presented to the membership. It consisted of a promotion of EAA and its endeavors, a video tour of Van's Aircraft Factory showing the kits and fabrication of the various parts and pieces of the aircraft with an interview with Richard VanGrunsvan himself.

The second part of the video was a how-to session on welding a 4130 chrome-moly steel tube fuselage together, complete with jiggging, cutting, fitting, cleaning and TIG welding the tubes together. They make it look easy.

The third part of the video dealt with the EAA's Ford Tri-motor aircraft and what it takes to fly it, including the ground work and preflighting the large aircraft. Each propeller has to be rotated at least 4 turns to get the oil out of the bottom cylinders to prevent hydraulic lock of the cylinders. If the oil were to stay in the cylinders and the engines were started, all 3 of the bottom cylinders would pop right off the crankcase, incurring very expensive noises from what would be left of the engine. It takes a type rating to fly this airplane (or any airplane that weighs more than 16,500 pounds gross weight), but all the pilots who have flown this bird say it's a real blast.

Byron Engle showed a flyer for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Cessna sponsored open house at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Saturday, June 8. Fly-ins, drive-ins and walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments are reported to be served. It will go from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and everyone is welcome. There is supposed to be a discount on fuel purchases for fly-ins, but the amount is not known.

The June meet 'n eat will be at the Great China restaurant in Harlingen Sunday June 16 at 1:30 p.m. It is on South 77 Sunshine Strip, next to Luby's Cafeteria. See you there; the food will be great as will the company.

Byron Engle will be doing a Young Eagles gathering Saturday, June 8 at Rebel Field at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be July 7 at Don Schwanke's house at 2:00 p.m. Thank you Geneda for the great refreshments; we know you slaved over a hot stove to make them just for us.

Respectfully submitted by Byron Engle, temporary secretary/newsletter editor (until a good one can be recruited), treasurer, Young Eagles coordinator and floor sweeper.