



EAA Chapter 595 June 13, 2015

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

June Announcements

Anniversaries

Donald & Geneda Schwanke
June 2nd

John & Linda Peacock
June 22nd

Birthdays

Robert Heiser
June 20th

July Announcements

Anniversaries

Nick & Sharon Lung
July 2nd

William & Janis Bowers
July 4th

Birthdays

Nick Lung
July 7th

William Bowers
July 15th

The meeting was called to order by president Don Schwanke at 11:02 a.m. There were 5 members and 2 guests attending, so quorum was not met for this meeting. The attending members were:

Don Schwanke
Robert Carter
Byron Engle
Phil Bowers
Ted Miller, Jr.

The 2 guests in attendance were Edinburg airport manager Deborah Melvin and guest speaker Laura Hinojosa-Garza.

Since quorum was not met, no business could be discussed, but there was much discussion about the Young Eagles/Eagle Flight program and the Aviation Summer Camp held by Paul Chapman and Sun Valley Aviation FBO. The turnout was not as good as hoped for, but there were 3 students and 3 teachers participating in the event. Before the camp began, 3 Young Eagle flights were given to the 3 students and 3 Eagle Flights were given to the 3 adult teachers. There were 6 pilots, so everyone got a ride one-on-one with a single pilot. Everyone was thrilled about flying and what it took to carry out the summer camp program.



After much discussion, Laura Hinojosa-Garza spoke

about the Women in Aviation chapter that is trying to form here in the RGV. Laura is the secretary and outreach chairperson of the chapter and many ideas were discussed and several fund-raisers were talked about, possibly in conjunction with Chapter 595. Fly-in lunches/breakfasts, hanger parties & barbeques and other possible get-togethers were discussed. Many good ideas came from this meeting and you can expect some more ideas and involvement with other organizations, such as Women in Aviation in the future. Laura is the local AFLAC insurance



coordinator in the RGV and she travels a lot throughout South Texas and can make some valuable contacts in her work to possibly recruit new members for both organizations. She made sure that everyone understood that even though the organization she represents is Women in Aviation, that men are very welcome as well. The organization is not just for women, as the title indicates. She also mentioned, that there needs to be a couple more new members in the chapter to establish a permanent chapter, but it's just a matter of time until that happens. Laura loves flying and intends to start instruction as soon as she can, as she intends to use an airplane to expand her range of travel in her business and because flying is such fun.



At 12:07 p.m., Phil Bowers moved for an adjournment, seconded by Ted Miller, Jr. Byron Engle then took Laura on an Eagle Flight, where she was able to fly the airplane for a short period of time and she was thrilled about that (see photo). She intends to begin instruction towards a private license and maybe an instrument rating to expand her territory and because it is so much fun.



The next meeting will be at Edinburg International Airport July 11, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon activities will be announced at the meeting. Transportation to the restaurant will be provided for those flying in to the meeting.

Submitted by Byron Engle, secretary, treasurer, YE/EF coordinator and Flight Advisor for Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley.