



EAA Chapter 595 May 13th, 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

Tuesday, June 20 an e-mail arrived announcing that there would be an impromptu chapter meeting at Don Schwanke's house at 11:00 am the next day, June 21 with Gary Stamper giving a program as an FAA representative to the membership. Members attending were:

Don Schwanke Byron Engle Phil Bowers Robert Carter
Monte Vasquez Hap Day Jerry Gifford

After a short bull session in the living room, everyone moved into the dining area and Gary gave a safety presentation concerning mistakes & errors mostly pertaining to experimental aircraft, light sport and general aviation as a whole. As always, Gary is very informative and has a relaxed manner of presenting serious subjects.



There were many examples of accidents that have happened in the recent past that defy explanation and some are still under investigation, so no results are yet forthcoming. We may learn the results in time, though. It turns out that Gary will retire from the FSDO office in San Antonio very soon and may be able to give one more program while still under the employ of the FAA before he retires in

January. He is an excellent, very informative speaker and there were many questions asked by the membership and even a few complaints offered (in a constructive manner) to him to maybe pass on to his superiors after he returns to the FSDO office. He will be sorely missed as he is one who really cares about accident prevention and tries to help all in his reach to think things through before acting and not to get in a hurry to go to the next step until ready (especially when test flying an E-AB or light sport). Don had several questions and a few things to mention about his "adventures in homebuilding" and questioned some of the FAA's decisions on certain matters about test flying.





After the 2-hour program, everyone headed off to Chili's in Harlingen for a fantastic meal. It's too bad that the meeting was on a weekday and given such short notice that several members were not able to come, as they missed a really informative presentation as well as a great meal. Gary's presentations are always appreciated and informative. He will be missed (he does plan to stay in San Antonio, so maybe there's a possibility of having him give a return performance?). Good luck and have a GREAT retirement, Gary. You earned it (it's his 3rd retirement)!



The next 595 chapter meeting will be Saturday July 8 at Gulf Aviation @11:00 am (bull session @ 10:30).

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