



EAA Chapter 595

March 7, 2015



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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

March Announcements

March Birthdays

Gerald Close
March 1st

Byron Engle
March 1st

March Anniversaries

Byron & Betty Engle
March 9th

John & Nancy Dockendorff
March 29th

March Events

Chapter 595 Program

March 21st (Saturday)
Sun Valley Aviation
NAS Corpus Christi
Presentation

Followed by a

Young Eagles Event

Harlingen High School
Army JROTC Cadets
Harlingen High School South
Air Force JROTC Cadets

Upcoming Announcement

April Birthdays

Jan Carter
April 14th

The March 7, 2015 chapter meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by president Don Schwanke with 14 members attending. The chapter accepted 3 new members; Don Crowe from McAllen, Jeremy Reiley and Hunter Reiley from Harlingen, Welcome, Don, Jeremy & Hunter!

John Peacock became a technical advisor for EAA Chapter 595. Welcome and we appreciate your abilities, John! (I may have you look at my project when you are available).

The minutes from the February meeting are on the chapter website, so it was not necessary to repeat them at the meeting.

The treasurer's report was given by Byron Engle, and the treasury is in excellent shape. Phil Bowers purchased some tables for the chapter's use and permission for reimbursement was moved by Ted Miller and seconded by three members simultaneously. A check was written by the treasurer for \$168.83 for the purchase of 4 plastic tables.

OLD BUSINESS:

A reminder about the catered luncheon and the approximate time of the meal was announced by Phil Bowers. There was discussion about where to keep the equipment (chairs & tables) and what to do about the problem. Phil Bowers said that he would talk to the Kornegays about this (after the meeting, he did just that and we have permission to keep them temporarily in a room in the back, in the hanger office area). Phil also volunteered to purchase a stencil to paint our chapter name & number on the backs of the chairs and on the tables.

Robert Carter suggested building boxes to hold the folding chairs & tables so moving them around would be simplified (he volunteered to build them after the meeting was over). Bob also had some really great flyers printed for the membership to put in various aviation-oriented venues throughout the Valley in hopes of attracting more attention to the chapter and possibly pick up more new members, which Larry Wheelock passed out to the membership.

Don began a discussion about the flyer/form that EAA headquarters sent out about the 3rd class medical. It is a form that each member can fill out & e-mail to our congressmen to vote either with a yes or no on the bill (hopefully a "yes").

NEW BUSINESS:

Don talked about the coordination of programs with the meetings and luncheons (of which today was an example) to better serve the membership.

Jerry Gifford spoke about the March program, which will be on the 21st @ 10:30a.m.(Saturday). He's contacted NAS Corpus Christi to bring one of their airplanes to Sun Valley Aviation to speak to the membership and Jeremy Reiley said that maybe he can get some junior ROTC students from Harlingen South HS and elsewhere to come with the possibility of having a Young Eagles program. Phil Bowers questioned the membership in general to provide publicity for this event and it is the chapter's obligation to do just that.

Gerry Close mentioned that Hector Zuniga has invited the chapter to set up a booth next to his at the Saxet gun show in McAllen for free for recruiting purposes. Some of the members said they would do that. There was some discussion along these lines about the booth and some of the problems encountered at the CAF Airshow in the past, but those will not affect the booth at the gun show.



Byron Engle spoke about the Corvair College 32 last weekend at the San Marcos Airport and that he ran his Corvair aircraft conversion for the 1st time on William Wynne's test stand. There are some minor bugs to be worked out, but the engine ran just fine after William reset the valve lash and provided a distributor (see photos). There are HUNDREDS of Corvair engines powering homebuilt aircraft at present and there were approximately 20 engines of various stages of assembly and 3 engines ran on the test stand, including yours truly. William provides these "Colleges" 4 to 6 times a year in various locations throughout the US and all are extremely successful.



The meeting was adjourned by Don at 12:07 p.m. and lunch appeared about 12:15. Many thanks to Phil Bowers for setting up the catering from Big John's BBQ.

Respectfully submitted by Byron Engle, secretary.