



Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

March Announcements

Anniversaries

Byron & Betty Engle

March – 9th

John & Nancy Dockendorff

March – 29th

Birthdays

Gerald Close

March – 1st

Byron Engle

March – 1st

April Announcements

Birthdays

Jan Carter

April – 14th

Events

Sun Valley Aviation (KHRL)

1 Lodestar, Harlingen, TX

March 19th

Doors open @ 9:00am

Randy Loveless, head of the San Antonio FSDO, new compliance protocols and new Certification standards for Private Pilot and Instrument Pilot qualifications.

Women in Aviation Meeting

March 19th

Sun Valley Aviation

(Following the FAA Seminar)

EAA Chapter 595 March meeting began at 10:55 a.m. with 9 members & 5 guests attending. Quorum was again not met, so no official business was discussed.

The attending members were:

Don Schwanke	Byron Engle	L.V. Howell
Merle Jenkins	Shirlene Jenkins	Phil Bowers
J.R. Dockendorff	Jerry Gifford	Larry Wheelock

The 5 guests were:

Gerard Pearson	Sharon Pearson	Paul Murray
Jim Miller	Rita Miller	

President Don gave Merle Jenkins his annual pin & certificate for being one of the chapter's technical advisors.

President Don spoke about several things and the first was that EAA Headquarters has come up with an idea to try to help small chapters that are having trouble keeping membership. He says that EAA is selling customized shirts, caps & other apparel for the chapters to purchase for the membership with the chapter logo silk-screened on a part of the apparel. Don told them that they visit the large chapters, but he feels that the smaller chapters are left out on the visits from headquarters. Granted, they are not able to visit all the chapters in the U.S. every year, so they came up with the customized chapter apparel. The prices seem to be fairly reasonably priced: caps--\$10.00, shirts--\$25.00, etc. The only problem is that they need to be ordered a dozen at a time. This will be brought up at a future meeting when quorum is met.

Don spoke about the Women of Aviation Worldwide (a separate organization from Women in Aviation- both have national following) meeting going on at the Edinburg airport, Elizabeth Michelle, Debbie Reiley, Hunter Reiley, Jeremy Reiley and Bob Carter were there helping out with the flying & loading/unloading. Byron said that he was there Friday afternoon and flew about 20 girls and did 5 Young Eagle flights as well. He was going to go back Saturday afternoon for more, but got a call saying that they didn't need any more help, as quite a few participants scheduled never showed for their introductory flights.

As most of you know, EAA sends out a monthly video to use as a program and the one that ran this time was, in part, about the chapter apparel, but the main subject was (and this is important to us in the Valley) about flying with skis on the airplane in cold weather & snow. It was interesting to us who live in the semi-tropical area as a long-lost art form, almost whimsical, but to those who are from that area (and can tolerate that much cold weather), it's a real boon. It really helps the morale and allows those brave folks to go outside & play in those cold winters. B-r-r-r! I got cold just watching!



Then a Hints for Homebuilders followed showing the proper method for the removal of scratches and (in this instance) a dull finish from allowing paint stripper to contact the Plexiglas windshield. I didn't know that they made 12,000 grit sandpaper!



Merle Jenkins spoke up and donated over 100 AC SR87 aircraft spark plugs still in the original plastic wrappers to our chapter! Thanks Merle, those can save us a LOT of money on new plugs (about \$25.00 ea.)!

The next meeting will be at the Edinburg airport April 9, at 10.30 a.m. and Phil Bowers volunteered to cook fajitas if everyone will bring a side dish to compliment the meat.

Just before the meeting adjourned, the chapter decided (thanks, Shirlene) to have lunch at the Longhorn Cattle Co. Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and almost everyone did a hasty run to the restaurant (the lunch was great and we got to sit in the quieter area just inside the front).



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