



EAA Chapter 595 March 2013

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The March meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley was held at the home of Don & Geneda Schwanke and called to order at 2:05 p.m. by president Don Schwanke.

No minutes were given for the February meeting because of the sudden resignation of the secretary/newsletter editor. The treasurer's report was given by Byron Engle and there had been no activity to report.

New Business:

As of the February meeting, the chapter had voted a dues increase of an additional \$10 per year, making the dues \$20 per year beginning January 2014 and some discussion was done.

It was reported that Hector Zuniga @ Edinburg Aviation will have a booth at the CAF Air Fiesta in Brownsville March 9 & 10 and volunteers from Chapter 595 were invited to participate so the chapter will show some representation.

The purchase of Rebel Field is still pending. Most of the paperwork has been completed, so it is just a matter of time, it seems.

Our Feb. meet 'n eat had a problem at the Longhorn Cattle Company. They were so crowded that they didn't have room for everyone at the same table and there was a very long wait for service. That is the first time that has ever happened to us. Hopefully it won't happen again.

The next meet 'n eat will be March 17 @ Don Beto's in La Feria at 1:30 p.m. Don't be late, as they lock the doors at 2:00 p.m. (Great food at a good price with large helpings).

Don Schwanke has a 42" flat-screen TV for sale if anyone's interested.

Old Business:

Don gave a report on the construction of his Air Force One (which was sitting just behind us in the garage) RV-12 kit plane (looks like it had a wiring explosion as wires were everywhere).

Introductions began at this time:

There were 11 sustaining members, 2 new members and 2 guests. A fairly large bull session followed. After introductions, President Don moved for adjournment, seconded by Merle Jenkins @ 2:52 p.m. Refreshments were served (thank you Geneda they were fantastic!)

Byron Engle provided the DVD "B-29, Frozen in Time". It was extremely informative, but heartbreaking at the end, as all the effort to fly it out of Greenland was for naught, as it caught fire during the taxi phase and burned up on a frozen lake. Come spring/summer it went to the bottom of the lake (with 4 newly overhauled engines and propellers). Tragic.

Respectfully submitted by Byron Engle, treasurer and interim secretary (& chief cook, floor sweeper and bottle washer) of Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley.