



## EAA Chapter 595 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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### Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

#### *May Announcements*

##### Birthdays

Byron Engle	Don Schwanke	Geneda Schwanke
Debora Melvin	Hap Day	Larry Wheelock
Gerald Close (& friend)	Phil Bowers	Ted Miller Jr.

##### Anniversaries

#### *June Announcements*

##### Birthdays

##### **Robert Heiser**

June - 20

##### Anniversaries

##### **Donald & Geneda Schwanke**

June - 2

##### **John & Linda Peacock**

June - 22

#### *Events*

##### **Weslaco Mid Valley Airport (T65)**

##### **Open House & Fly-In**

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am ~ 2:00pm

President Don Schwanke called the May 13, 2017 meeting of Chapter 595 to order at 11:10 am. There were 9 members & 1 guest, so quorum was almost made. The members were:

The Guest (& soon to be member) was Kristen Esquivel from La Feria (but she grew up in Carrizo Springs, TX), was given a 6 month free trial national membership & plans to join the chapter after her membership becomes official. She wants a ride to OSH in a small plane & Byron plans to go, so she will have a ride (she has a boyfriend in Wisconsin who really wants her to become interested in airplanes, so she will get a REAL indoctrination-roughly 25 hrs. flight time there & back). Hope she enjoys the flying! It's a loooonnngg way up to Wisconsin & back!

Don & Byron spoke about the presentation of the Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter 595 to Evelyn Urban at her home in Pharr. She has given so much to the chapter & has asked nothing in return that we, as a chapter felt that she should receive a framed certificate of appreciation at the very least. She was very surprised and pleased and grateful. It was impossible to leave without another sack of aviation bags for the chapter to sell or give away, as we see fit, so she's still doing what she likes to do. She is still mourning her daughter Teresa Markle (who was at one time the secretary/NLE for our chapter) and was very appreciative of our presentation & photo of her passing in the last newsletter. She's a delightful lady and is very appreciative of our efforts.



Geneda showed the membership a new rug with a photo her 27 year old cat (who recently passed) on it. Don says that Costco does this job for a very reasonable price and all they need are some photos (preferably 5 or more) to put on a rug for customers. They do a beautiful job!



Don then spoke about his purchase of an RV-12 in Washington state so he can get a BFR and a really good checkout (the FAA says that for every year one doesn't fly, it takes a minimum of 1 hour's training. In his case, he got 17 hours up state, so he has a few more hours to go). He will then feel confident enough to try to test fly his RV-12 (AKA Air Force 1). You go, Don! Just when the RV-12 will be here is up to conjecture, but it will be a happy day when it does! Don says he's been having a hard time trying to find a CFI that will give instruction in an E-AB, so Ted Miller suggested Adrian Gutierrez @ (954) 632-5451. Don said he'll call & try to get the ball rolling as soon as the airplane arrives.

At this time, there was considerable discussion about 100LL vs. mogas. Phil mentioned that there are about 3-4 stations in the Edinburg/McAllen area that sell ethanol-free gasoline, but Byron questioned the octane rating. Most ethanol-free gas is rated at 87 octane and the Rotax (and I think, the Viking) engines needs 93 octane minimum.

Larry Wheelock bought 2 new Garmin GTX 335's ADS-B out transponders (one for his Mooney and one for his Stinson) and is installing them himself (IA's get to do this on certified aircraft). It's quite a job, he says. The GPS antenna cable is about \$2.85/ft, but the terminal ends are almost \$28.00 each! Be careful when installing them, for sure!



Ted Miller, Jr. invited the membership over to his hanger to look at his RV-9, as he's just finishing up his annual condition inspection and installing a new interior after the meeting (which we took advantage of, but yours truly was so interested in it that he forgot to take a couple of photos!). It's beautiful, Ted! Oh, well. Maybe next time! Sorry 'bout that!

Hap Day suggested that maybe the chapter could afford one of the rugs from Costco with the chapter logo on it. Since quorum wasn't met, we couldn't vote on it until the next meeting (hopefully with quorum), so it was tabled until then.

The Weslaco Airport grand opening (wider, longer runway) has finally been announced and will take place Saturday June 10 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. EAA will have a small booth with handouts and anyone in the chapter who has an airplane (or project) will be invited to display it at the EAA Chapter area. Come one, come all!

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

At this time, Don opened a discussion as to which restaurant would be favorable for dining. The membership voted for Trevino's in Edinburg. Phil motioned for closing of the meeting, seconded by Byron at 11:42 a.m. The vote was unanimous and the membership went to Ted's hanger & drooled over his RV-9 before running off to the local eatery.



Submitted by Byron Engle, secretary/treasurer Chapter 595 RGV