



Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

October Announcements

October Birthdays

Geneda Schwanke
October 6th

Carol Heiser
October 26th

Don Schwanke
October 26th

October "Meet & Eat"

October 19th @ 1:30pm
Tony Roma's in McAllen
(across from KMFE)

Upcoming Announcement

October Birthdays

Larry Wheelock
November 20th

Shirley Gifford
November 27th

The Chapter 595 October meeting was uncalled to order by president Don Schwanke, as quorum was again not met. No official business was discussed. The chapter welcomed a new member this month; Robert Carter. Welcome Bob! Six members were in attendance and 1 guest. They were: Don Schwanke, Byron Engle, Phil Bowers, Jerry Gifford, Ted Miller, Jr., Robert Carter and Patrick Haslem. Refreshments were served by our hosts, Don & Geneda Schwanke (thanks, Geneda, you are appreciated!).

There was a lot of discussion about possibly rotating the meetings to make it more convenient for people in other parts of the Valley to attend our meetings. Many ideas were presented and much discussion was entertained on this subject. One possibility is having a meeting at the Edinburg International Airport at the FBO. The facilities are really nice and it's open 7 days a week. January seems to be the consensus for this, but must be voted on first and Deborah Melvin needs to be contacted, but no problems are anticipated. Besides, for those who fly in, fuel will be less expensive there, than at most other airports.

October is the month that the nominating committee selects prospective members to possibly fill the vacancies for the slate of openings for offices in the chapter. Phil Bowers and Robert Carter have volunteered for this and the chapter membership will vote on the new slate at the November meeting. If you have a suggestion, please contact either Bob or Phil about this important matter.

A lot of discussion was entertained about the problems of attendance at the monthly meetings and many ideas were introduced to try and solve this important problem. One of the possible solutions was moving the meeting places; especially to a local airport so some members could fly in. Spring fly-ins and other possible ideas were discussed. Locations were also discussed for wintertime meetings, such as having a meeting/luncheon at someone's hanger, or maybe at Sun Valley Aviation in Harlingen. Cameron County airport was also a viable option, depending on the desires of the membership. If any of you have a suggestion, please contact one of the officers and make your suggestion/desires known.

Programs were discussed, but nothing was decided as quorum was not met and no voting could take place for locations and activities. EAA requires a minimum of 10 members to have a business meeting and for the last 6 months, we haven't met that minimum. There are at least 25 members in the

Valley, so there's plenty to have a quorum; they just need to attend. Many thanks to Robert Carter for sending the e-mail notices and for setting up/maintaining the webpage!

Many other problems were discussed and some solutions were found, so expect some more activity in this area.

At 2:48 p.m., president Don dismissed the meeting, Phil Bowers gave a short explanation on the new rifle that Don bought and the membership sauntered into the office for the program from EAA headquarters; this month on some of the activities at Airventure 2014. The big attraction this year (outside of the Thunderbirds' performance) was the STOL, or Short Take-Off and Landing demonstrations. They were not only crowd pleasers, but were VERY impressive, as a few could take off & land in less than the length of the fuselage! Some were specifically built to do just that and they did perform! Truly amazing! Another part of the program was the dedication to Paul Poberezny for his lifetime of service and his last goodbye to the EAA membership at large. Very sad and he is missed.

The members decided to have the next meeting at the Schwanke Mansion because of the nomination and voting of the new officers. Ted Miller, Jr. volunteered his house in Edinburg for the Christmas potluck banquet on December 14 at 1:30 p.m. and installation of the new administration. His address is: 3518 W. Chapin Rd., Edinburg, TX 78541. Phone is (956) 457-6979. Bob Carter will put a Google map on the webpage, also.



Robert Carter's been working on his Mooney and has installed new rubber doughnuts, tires, tubes and brake rotors; he's sprucing up the interior by painting/repairing the plastic trim and seat covers, installing new insulation and having it inspected in preparation for flight. He built his own tool for installing the rubber doughnuts and his own jack-stands and did such a good job that at least 3 others want the tool or a set of jack-stands of their own. He didn't know that he was going to have to go into business because of this, I'll bet! There's good reason, though; his workmanship is outstanding! You build it and they'll come.



Patrick Haslem had to have his directional gyro repaired and just got it installed and test flown Saturday. Now he can fly IFR all the time, now! Byron Engle finally got his exhaust system back on and is flying again.

Don's been working on some of the little things on his Air Force One (Van's RV-12), but will be going in for knee replacement surgery (again!) very soon and will have to wait for that to heal up before he starts up working on it.

The October Meet 'n Eat will be Sunday, October 19 at Tony Roma's in McAllen on South 10th, across from McAllen Miller International Airport. Those who have airplanes can fly in and just walk across the street to eat! And the food's OUTSTANDING! Don't miss this one, it's worth it!

Submitted by ACTING secretary/nle
Byron Engle