



Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

October Announcements

Birthdays

Geneda Schwanke October - 6
Carol Heiser October - 26
Donald Schwanke October - 26

Anniversaries

November Announcements

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Larry Wheelock November - 20
Shirley Gifford November - 27

Anniversaries

The October 2016 meeting of EAA Chapter 595 was called to order by president Don Schwanke at exactly 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room generously offered by Edinburg Airport. Many thanks to Debora Melvin for the facilities.

Quorum was made this time and the members & guests were as follows:

Members attending were:
Don Schwanke Geneda Schwanke Byron Engle
Phil Bowers Robert Carter Debora Melvin
L.V. Howell Shirlene Jenkins Merle Jenkins
John Peacock

The guests attending were:
Cindy Vasquez Monte Vasquez Scotty Fleener
Hap Day Alan Jones Duane Bair



Welcome to all! Monte & Cindy Vasquez were members back in the 80s & 90s, but dropped out as life got in the way, but may hopefully be rejoining the chapter soon. Welcome!

Don had each guest give an introduction of themselves and Hap & Scotty were both professional pilots before retirement. They both had very interesting stories to tell. Hopefully they will also join our club. Welcome!



Alan Jones introduced himself and was asked why he was there and he says that he is interested in maybe building his own airplane! That's fantastic! Welcome, Alan.

After all this, Byron was asked to give a financial report and the chapter is solvent.

Byron also gave a short talk about his latest modification to his Cherokee; a split Nose Bowl. Now when the alternator and starter need to be worked on, the propeller can stay on the plane, eliminating a sign-off from an A&P / IA mechanic. It eliminates a big hassle!



Don has been trying to wire his intercom & microphone connections and until a couple of days ago, has been frustrated. He was finally able to call someone who had done that job before and got the problem solved. Another step toward that 1st flight!



John Peacock gave a VERY interesting program about the new Stratux ADS-B-in system that he bought at OSHKOSH this summer. It has 2 antennas and can receive weather and the position of some aircraft using their ADS-B out & mode C transponders in relation to his plane. It also does many other things and as soon as he masters the operational techniques, hopefully will give us another very interesting report/program. There's a lot going on in the electronic world today and learning about it is part of the fun. That's why we put EXPERIMENTAL on the sides of our homebuilt planes! Thanks, John for a very interesting program! We appreciate your efforts.

Don had several items laying on the table for silent auction: a Lycoming engine overhaul manual that Byron bought, a rare 1st edition book by Amelia Earhart that Debora Melvin purchased and several other items of interest to others, as well. Much conversation followed and the meeting continued with the important decision of where to eat lunch. It was decided that The Texas Roadhouse was the place to be and Don asked for a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 11:18. It was moved by Phil Bowers and seconded by Robert Carter. The next meeting will be at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen November 12, at 10:30 a.m.



After the meeting and lunch, starting at 2:00 p.m., Byron did a Young Eagles flight for 8 Young Eagles from St. Joseph's Church BSA Troop #1954 from Edinburg. Mr. Pilar Rivas, scoutmaster. In addition to the kids, 6 parents went for their 1st small airplane ride that afternoon and a couple were interested in learning to fly, so this affects adults as well as the youngsters.

John Peacock has a Continental C-85 engine for sale. He pickled it before 2000 and is asking a remarkable price for it: \$2500.00! If you need an engine, snap this one up, because I don't think it will last very long at that price! See the for sale section on our website for more information & photos.



Respectfully submitted by Byron Engle, secretary/treasurer/YE & EF coordinator & Flight Advisor for Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley, TX