



# EAA CHAPTER 595 NEWSLETTER \* OCTOBER 2012 ISSUE LA FERIA, TX, IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

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## PRESIDENTS' CORNER: BY DONALD SCHWANKE

### FUTURE MEETING PLACES:

We will be losing our meeting place at Old Rebel Field soon, it has been sold and we need to decide on a new meeting place. Although meeting on some airport would seem to be appropriate, no real option seems to be available at present. I am having a fairly large addition built on our house for an airplane factory, which could be an ideal meeting place for us. I am willing to use the space for that purpose, it would be well suited for using our chapter owned projector for showing DVD's and for having programs. Any suggestions for any other spots are welcome, let one of us know what you have in mind.

Our nominating committee is on the prowl as I write this, we really need people to step up and help run the chapter, so please consider serving if asked. We will be having election of officers this fall.

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*Thirteen people showed up at El Dorado Restaurant in Weslaco. We had to scrimp for space, but we all fit in. The food and service were great, but some thought the three salsas served with chips were too hot for their taste buds. Attendees were **Don and Geneda Schwanke, Robert Carter and his wife Jan** with a beautiful ponytail, **Teresa Markle, Merle and Shirlene Jenkins, Keith Michal and his wife, Patrick and his delightful wife, and Byron and Betty Engle.***



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After eating at El Dorado, we all had to check out **Patrick's and his wife's Scion IQ car.** It gets about 35 MPG, and can actually fit two more (slender) people in the back. They had just made a flying trip to Edinburg, and the back sitting area of their car was full of flight bags and such.

**Q&A:** *I'm interested in buying a Starduster Too located 800 miles away. The airplane has logged a little more than three hours of Phase 1 flight testing. Would I be able to fly the airplane home, then fly off the remainder of the 40 hours?*

**Answer:** *You could try to get a ferry permit from the FSDO that has jurisdiction over the area where it currently is located, but it may not be granted due to the low number of flight-test hours. Also, once you get it back to your area, you will need to notify your FSDO that you need to have a Phase 1 testing area approved for your area. Another thing: If the engine and propeller combination installed on the Starduster has been certified together on a type-certificated airplane already, the required Phase 1 flight-testing period should only be 25 hours, not 40.*

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- Oct 08, 1883 French brothers Albert and Gaston Tissandier make the 1st flight with an airship powered by electricity.
- Oct 06, 1908 Wilbur Wright and a French writer make the 1st passenger flight of over one hour.
- Oct 04, 1909 More than a million New Yorkers watched as Wilbur Wright makes a flight along the Hudson River.
- Oct 07, 1909 Glenn Curtiss becomes the 1st American to hold an FAI airplane certificate.
- Oct 11, 1910 President Teddy Roosevelt becomes the 1st US president to fly when he is taken up in St. Louis.
- Oct 06, 1922 Lieutenants John Macready and O.G. Kelly set a new world flight endurance record, staying aloft in their Fokker T-2 monoplane for a total of 35 hours, 18 minutes and 30 seconds.
- Oct 14, 1947 Captain Charles "Chuck" Yeager becomes the 1st person to fly faster than sound. Yeager "breaks the sound barrier" in his Bell X-1 airplane, Glamorous Glennis, named after his wife. He was able to reach 670-mph or Mach 1.015 at Muroc Dry Lake, California.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:**

Eight of us arrived at Old Reb field, but no one had a key. So we went to **Don and Geneda**



**Schwanke's** beautiful home and enjoyed a chat about our EAA and Oshkosh. Not enough for a quorum. **Don** passed around his Dynon's LCD instrument for us to admire and oogle over. We also discussed possible meeting sites, since Old Rebel Field has been sold to a Mexican national named "Kilo Bravo", who has seven crop dusting planes and needs to store them on this side of the border. They obtain possession on

January 1, 2013. The new company plans on building more hangers at the airport for all his planes.

**Phil Bowers** nominated himself and **Robert Carter** to be the Nominating Committee for new officers for next year. An airplane t-shirt donated by **Evelyn Urban** was won by **Beverly Klebert** with a poker hand of three queens and two nines, and she's never played poker before! Other attendees were **Keith Michal, Merle and Shirlene Jenkins, and Teresa Markle**. **Molly** their dog made the rounds and got lots of petting. **Cat Maxie** watched from a distance.

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**Don Schwanke** started in February, 2011, after much waiting for the kit to arrive. It gave him time to get the tools ready, a TV in his workroom, tile the floors in his double garage (one is **Geneda's** ex-laundry room!), and some countertops made before the kit arrived. **Don and Gen** are considering adding onto the garage so she can have her own laundry room back again, allowing more room for building his AF1. The photos below are from that day of the September Meeting. Read the latest on his log below:

[http://www.mykitlog.com/users/display\\_log.php?user=DonFromTX&project=1903&category=0&log=155755&row=1](http://www.mykitlog.com/users/display_log.php?user=DonFromTX&project=1903&category=0&log=155755&row=1)



To the right is the **Schwanke's** Honda Fit car, which has the same engine they are putting into their plane!

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From **Evelyn Urban**, newest EAA member short bio: My deceased husband of 24 years, **Tony Urban**, loved to buy airplanes, cars, motorcycles, stuff, etc. I was usually uncomfortable riding and flying with him, so one day he said I had to learn. He bought a **Beech Musketeer** and found a good instructor, **Art Brooks**. So I took lessons, but was slow and reluctant. I flew with **Mr. Brooks** until he perished in a twin up in Alaska.

Then I was lucky to get **Dave Webster**, who also was a tower controller, so he was very helpful that way. He was handsome and had a good sense of humor. Almost got my IFR rating but I was totally reluctant about it. Found out then that I had kidney stones, so that stopped my flying. Had the percutaneous and then the extra-corporal lithotripsy, but the FAA said that was the end of my flying. I have 800 hours. Have flown a **Musketeer**, a 150, a **Piper 140**, a 1960 **Bonanza**, and once a **Mooney**. My favorite was a '64 **Bonanza**.

I have given many people discovery flights certificates, and offered them at different high schools for interested students. But I discovered another way to fly – on the water! I sold kayaks in NM and TX for fifteen years!



**Evelyn in Cairo 2000**



**Evelyn kayaking**

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Our EAA group may have a flea/fly market. So now you can clean out your house and tool shed for more room, and buy someone else's stuff to replace it. We hope to bring in new members, and be a fund raiser and a fun raiser at the same time. We're considering having freshly grilled hot dogs or hamburgers with condiments, sell soda pop and water, and homemade desserts for our EAA Chapter 595.





From **Phil Bowers** in his yard  
The Hummers are back!

In deep South Texas we have a native colony of Buffbellied Humingbirds that stay in the Valley year round. This time of the year we are in the midst of the southward migration to Central America of the Ruby-throated, Black-chinned, Roufus, Calliope, Allen's, and Anna's Hummers. The feeders are out and we are enjoying them. Please remember that with the present widespread drought the use of feeders could save many Hummers on their long journey south. Feed them and enjoy them!

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EAA Forums: Click on link to arrive at the forums: <http://www.eaforums.org/>

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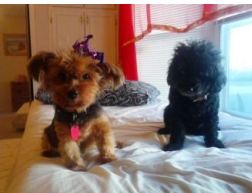


**DOG DAYS OF SUMMER, CATS INCLUDED:**

*Don and Geneda's "granddog" on his first birthday!*



**Byron and Betty's Cats:** *The cat on top is Lucy with her boyfriend Talker. Ricky is not in the photo. Talker is the fat cat; she's just huge! The interesting thing about the 3 outside cats is that when one is in need, another one (usually Talker) will help. None of them roam or stray and they are all very close to each other. Every now & then Talker has to be the "Alpha Male" and show his dominance over Lucy, but if he makes her mad, she'll give him what for. They are a very cute family. Lucy's brother, Ricky is not in the photo. Ricky is usually cold in the winter, so Talker lies on top of him to keep him warm*



**Teresa Markle's perritas:**  
*The yittle Yorkie on the left is named Baby Doll, she's over 14 years old (obtained used), and deaf, but a very good girl. My new dog is my "old, black Magic who's cast a spell on me..." She's a new "used" 6 y/o dog who is completely blind from cataracts, but knows how to use the doggy door, loves to go for car rides, and walks on the leash with her tail just awagging away! They both enjoy walks in the park, to visit my mom and her dog Nixy, and to bark at the goats behind my mom's fence.*

**CALENDAR**

The October meeting will be **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at Old Rebel Field at 1400 hrs.

October's Greet and Meet and EAA will be on **Sunday, October 21st**, (Meet 1330, EAA at 1400 hrs) at the **Chili's in Weslaco**. Flyers will be sent out giving us a discount that Chili's will donate back to us. Last time we met there we received \$50!

Date	Event	Location	Websit	Notes
26-28 Oct	Reclaw Fly-in	Reclaw Fly-in	<a href="http://reklawflyin.com/">http://reklawflyin.com/</a>	
06-07 Oct	Fort Worth Alliance Air Show	Ft Worth Alliance Airport, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	
13-14 Oct	Commemorative Air Force Airshow	Midland Int'l Airport, Midland,	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">Report 2010</a>
20-21 Oct	Amigo Airshow	El Paso, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	
27-28 Oct	Wings Over Houston Air Show	Ellington Airport, Houston, TX	<a href="#">link</a>	

*Our EAA Chapter 595 is working on providing more to our organization than just luncheons and meetings. Please keep track on new activities that our Chapter will offer. Border Control tours, Pot Lucks, visits to homebuilt aircraft. If you have any ideas on more interesting meetings, programs, advertisements, and events to attend, please let us know. We are looking forward to our Winter Texans coming back!*

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