



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

### September Announcements

#### September Anniversaries

**Jerry & Shirley Gifford**  
September 18<sup>th</sup>

#### September Birthdays

**Linda Peacock**  
September 12<sup>th</sup>

**John Peacock**  
September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Robert Carter**  
September 29<sup>th</sup>

#### September "Meet & Eat"

September 21st @ 1:30pm  
Don Beto's in LaFeria

### Upcoming Announcement

#### October Birthdays

**Geneda Schwanke**  
October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Carol Heiser**  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Don Schwanke**  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

EAA Chapter 595's September meeting began about 2:15 p.m. as President Don Schwanke informally called it to order. Since quorum was again not met, no business could transpire. There were 5 members and two guests in attendance: Don Schwanke, Byron Engle, Phil Bowers, Jerry Close, Ted Miller, Jr., Patrick Haslem and Robert Carter.

Ted Miller gave a talk of a 1<sup>st</sup> timer's visit to Oshkosh. He stayed in one of the older dormitories of the university in OSH and said that it was about as basic as a cheap motel. Not even air conditioning. He said that the shuttles ran on a VERY regular route and coming and going to & from the convention was not a problem. The price was right, as it came to only \$10.00 for the week. He was disappointed in the vendors at the convention (not the food). Prices were very high to rent a booth for the week and the people behind the counters weren't that helpful. He was very impressed at the # of aircraft at the convention and, like everyone who has been there, was overwhelmed at the amount of eye candy and the lack of time to take it all in. He gave very high marks to the seaplane base; it had a much more relaxed atmosphere than the convention at the airport. It was also much cooler in the middle of the afternoon, what with the cooling effect of the lake (Winnebago), so he spent a couple of afternoons there enjoying the scene. As it is for any 1<sup>st</sup> timer, he didn't get to see nearly as much as he wanted (that includes anyone; 1<sup>st</sup> timer or not) and would like to have seen more of the Warbird section as well as more of the homebuilt area. The entire airport is covered in aircraft of all types, ages, sizes and classes and it can be overwhelming even to an experienced convention goer.

Patrick Haslem had just gotten back from his month-long trip to Washington D.C. and mentioned that one of his fuel stops was at Tallulah Regional Airport (TVR) in Vicksburg Miss. There's a museum called the Southern Heritage Air Foundation on the airport and it's basically a Warbird museum, but will give rides in some of the aircraft to visitors (all it takes is \$). Patrick has written an article on his voyage to D.C. & back and part 1 of it will follow this newsletter along with some choice photos he & Mailinh took along the way.

Ted Miller discussed a problem that he had with his RV-9. He found that a copper tube had cracked under the cowling and was spraying 100LL avgas all over the engine, cowling and tailpipes. Yikes! Good thing he found it on

the ground instead of the hard way (in the air). He's going to use a flexible line instead of copper tube to avoid this situation again.

President Don presented a check to Chapter 595 from Chili's Restaurant in Weslaco to the amount of \$110.00. It's a rebate they offer to non-profit organizations for their patronage. Thanks, Chili's!

Deborah at Edinburg International Airport has invited the membership of Chapter 595 to participate in a fly-in/open house sometime in November. Date & time to follow. November is the time of year that Chapter 595 nominates a slate of officers, with voting to occur at the December meeting. Please be thinking of someone you think would do a good job in an official position; Chapter 595 is VERY short on officers and folks, it's not that big of a commitment to do a job for the betterment of the chapter for a couple of years. Please volunteer for a position or suggest it to someone; the chapter needs help. Think about it.

The meeting came to an unofficial close about 3:45 and the Meet'n Eat was decided to be at Don Beto's in La Feria, Sunday, Sept.21 at 1:30 p.m. The next chapter meeting will be (dare I say it?) at the Schwanke Mansion October 5 at 2:00 p.m. The October Meet'n Eat will be at Tony Roma's in McAllen, on South 10<sup>th</sup> across from the McAllen International Airport at 1:30 p.m. (Great place to eat!).

Submitted by Byron Engle, acting newsletter editor/secretary