



EAA Chapter 595 September 12<sup>th</sup> , 2015

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

### *September Announcements*

#### Anniversaries

**Jerry & Shirley Gifford**

September 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Birthdays

**Linda Peacock**

September 12<sup>th</sup>

**John Peacock**

September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Robert Carter**

September 29<sup>th</sup>

### *October Announcements*

#### Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

**Geneda Schwanke**

October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Carol Heiser**

October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Don Schwanke**

October 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Events

**Sun Valley Aviation**

October 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

Coffee & Donuts

FAA Seminar by Gary Stamper

The September 12 meeting was called to order by President Don Schwanke at 10:55 a.m. There were 7 members and 2 guests attending.

They were:

Don Schwanke

Byron Engle

Phil Bowers

Robert Carter

Ted Miller, Jr.

Merle & Shirlene Jenkins

The Guests were:

Debora Melvin

Elizabeth Robertson

As EAA requires a minimum of 10 members to make quorum, quorum was not met, so no official business could be conducted.

Debora Melvin explained that the construction site at KEBG is for a new fuel station, but the old station will be kept and some upgrades will be done to it as construction continues. She also made the announcement that the fuel prices have dropped again; it is now \$4.029 per gallon for 100LL and \$3.269 for jet A! Debora's making sure that Edinburg will stay competitive with all the other airports in South Texas. She also said that there's a grant to build some new hangers, most of which are already sold or rented even before they are built.

At this point, there was a LOT of discussion about the status of the new unleaded aviation fuels being developed. There are 3 companies developing 4 fuels at present and they are getting closer to certification, but the testing is still not complete and no official word has come out about the present status. Most of what we hear is speculation and rumor, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

The Women in Aviation chapter is having a fund-raiser September 26 at Sun Valley Aviation hanger from 5 p.m. until 8 or 9 p.m. There will be food, dancing (the Coyote Brothers Band will perform), Discovery flights, Eagle flights and a silent auction and other activities to help raise money for the WA chapter. EAA 595 is helping to sell tickets and helping to set up by providing tables & chairs and labor. Everyone is invited and the tickets are \$15.00 each, all going to a good cause.

On October 17, there will be a coffee & donuts get together at Sun Valley Aviation at 9:00 a.m. There will be an FAA program presented by Gary Stamper and this is an FAA Safety Seminar, with Wings credit given to the

participants. Gary gives an excellent presentation and is a valuable resource. Every pilot should hear his programs.

The next meeting will be at the Gulf Aviation meeting room Saturday October 10 at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon at Los Asados Restaurant afterwards. Rides will be given to members who fly in.

President Don called an end to the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and the chapter had a lunch of hot dogs, with pot luck sides provided by the membership. Kudos to Phil Bowers for the donation of the hot dogs & condiments to the good of the chapter. The 'dogs were GREAT! Thanks, Phil.

Submitted by Byron Engle, secretary/treasurer of Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley