



Big Easy Wing

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Meeting Date

Wednesday

January 17, 2018

Lakefront Airport

2nd Floor

Conference Room

6pm

From the Left Seat

By David Capo, Unit Leader

Hello Big Easy Wing. As I write this, Thanksgiving is now a memory and it's on to Christmas and the New Year. The year, 2017 sure was exciting for our new unit. Established on April 28, we got off to a fast start. I would like to thank the officers; Erin Seideman - Executive Officer, Jeff Segner - Finance, Harold Buchler - Adjutant, Glenn Northcott - Operations, Sonny Schilleci - Maintenance, Don Clausing - Safety and Shirley Colomb Clausing - Public Information. Adding to the unit leadership, pending approval by the entire membership, is Jim Buchler - Education and Kurt Jostes - Development. We have a dynamic leadership team. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you at our Christmas Social. I will make a few very important announcements about the wing development as well as about our new aircraft(s). In the meantime, all pilots in our wing, who have a desire to fly one of our new planes, must be certified in that particular airplane and meet all FAA and CAF guidelines to fly the aircraft(s). The requirements for our first acquisition, which will be announced at our social, are as follows. **The pilot must:**

1. Have a commercial pilot's license.
2. Have at least 10 but preferably over 50 hours of tailwheel experience.
3. 200 hours total time.
4. 10 hours and 10 landings in a tail wheel aircraft in the last 12 months.
5. If conducting revenue ride flights, have at least a second class medical.

If you are a pilot that meets these criteria, then please contact our Ops leader — Glenn or Erin or myself

In addition to the above, it would be helpful if the pilot could be available at least one Saturday per month at either KHDC (Hammond) or KNEW (Lakefront) for ride flights. Needless to say, I am very excited about our unit finally having an airplane. The next craft is coming very soon and the above requirements (and perhaps more) will be required for any pilot interested in that craft as well. Sorry to be so vague about the planes, but I have found out lately to never count on something like this until it is a done deal.

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Holiday Social—Lakeview Harbor—December 19

Meet and Greet Social

Please join us on December 19 at Lakeview Harbor Restaurant on 911 Harrison Ave., New Orleans. This is our first social as a Wing. And, it is time for us to get together and mingle. We had many new members join

our Wing at the WWII Air, Sea, and Land Festival. And, even more members joined because of our media coverage in the CAF October "Dispatch" which brought attention to our Wing.

Spouses & significant others are welcome.

Time: 7pm-9pm

Food: Heavy hors d'oeuvre

Cost: \$20.00 plus Cash Bar

RSVP: by Dec. 18

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Fundraising

Our first fundraiser was at the WWII Air, Sea, and Land Festival. At this event, we offered a chance to win a ride on Sonny Schilleci, At-6 fighter trainer. The tickets were \$20.00. The winner had a chance to ride in this WWII airplane on Veterans Day. Mary Ann, the winner, had a incredible and amazing flight. She was extremely grateful for having this opportunity. Read more about her adventure on Facebook.



Also, our Wing is offering various items for sale. We have 2 styles of hats and patches for sale. You can purchase them at meetings or on the website and pick them up at a meeting. Big Easy Wing Logo shirts are also available. However, the shirts will be ordered as purchased.



Continued from Page 1—In closing, I would like to welcome all of our new members. We have more than doubled in size since our last general membership meeting. We are the fastest growing, most exciting unit in the CAF today. That is not my opinion but that of the CAF HQ. Keep watching your emails and visit our Facebook page and website for all our news and events. See you at the social on December 19, 2017.

Keep 'em flying. David!

Accomplishments:

For an organization that is only 7 months old, we have made our presence known. Our journey began with:

- 1) Held our first official meeting and elected officers
- 2) Attended our first airshow at Vicksburg Southern Heritage Air Foundation. (SHAF)
- 3) Promoted our Wing at the Oshkosh Airshow, thanks to our Executive Officer, Erin

- 4) Answered a request for help by Cajun Airlift—for Harvey Relief
- 5) Established our presence on the other side of the Lake with a meeting / fly-in at Hammond Airport
- 6) Advanced the Wing by using social media
- 7) Created a spectacular Logo
- 8) Marketed merchandise
- 9) Publicized our Wing with a booth at the WWII Air, Sea, and Land Festival
- 10) Promoted our Wing at

- the Houston Airshow
- 11) Broadcasted our Wing nationally with an article in the CAF October "Dispatch" issue
- 12) Secured a hanger at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport—the former Delgado Hanger
- 13) Obtained hanger space at the Hammond Airport
- 14) Acquired space within the Lakefront Terminal building itself for marketing and sales.