



Big Easy Wing

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Happy
Independence Day!

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Don Clausing

Membership Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 P.M.

July 18, 2018

Lakefront
Airport

BEW Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Hey Big Easy Members,

June saw an unprecedented series of amazing happenings here in the Wing. First, the historic visit by CAF President Bob Stenevik on June 2. Then we learned that the Langhurst Stuka replica was packed up and sent to us. This amazing display aircraft will be a handsome addition to the static display items we are accumulating for our hangar museum. The plane arrived, in parts, on Saturday June 30. Thank you Maintenance Officer Sonny Schilleci for temporarily storing the aircraft in his spare hangar.



Speaking of hangars, the doors to our home hangar are now operational! Thank you to all who made that happen namely Jessie, Chanse, Howie, Wilma and Tom to name just a few. Dixie Marine, a marine and industrial repair company, was hired to get the doors open and operational. Thank you, guys!



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Unit Leader's Message continued

Finally, it is with profound pride and joy to announce to you that The Big Easy Wing is the winner of the PT-17 Stearman assignment competition. On Tuesday June 26, I received a call from President Bob, and CAF officers Alan Brooks, Jim Lasche, Buddy Cooksey and David Oliver, all happily informing me, on behalf of the wing, that the Big Easy Wing can now "have a party" as we are finally a flying unit. As you will read in our Ops Officer's column, it time for everyone to get involved.



We need all the help we can get from pilots to sponsors to maintenance to marshalers. We have worked very hard to get to this point so please get involved. We are not a unit without you!

Finally, I have received several very good ideas for the name of our newsletter. We are planning on having a wing staff meeting on July 13, so submissions will be accepted until that date. Put on your thinking caps folks.

See you at our next general meeting in the now much cooler hangar on the evening of July 18. **Note:** Meeting place has changed to our Hangar and the time has changed to 6:30 P.M.

Keep 'em flying!

Safety Officer's Report — Don Clausing

By now you have heard our Unit Leader, David state several time that for Airport safety, we must keep the gate entrance to our Hangar closed at all time. Soon, there will be a sign attached to the gate. Also, we have been busy working in the Hangar, so all I can say is be careful when using ladders and tools. Heat of the summer and hard work can easily cause heat exhaustion so be sure to drink lots of water. They say to drink a bottle of water every 20 minutes and take several breaks in a vented shaded area.

With our aircraft coming soon, there will be many more safety issue that we will be addressing. Anyone of us can easily get wrapped up with enjoying the moment and forget to take in account their surroundings and all of a sudden someone has tripped or bumped their head. Presently, we are working on getting fire extinguishers and soon we will have a first aid kit on site. But the best advice is to be observant of your surroundings and use the buddy system—keep an eye on each other when working. Be Careful!

With all the rain and hot weather we have been having, it might give you time to visit the CAF website and read some of the articles on [Safety](#). Also, by surfing around on [laaviator site](#), I found a site that might be of interest. —[FAASafety.gov](#) which provides safety events in the area.



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Operation Officer's Report—Jim Helms

Well the last week of June 2018 has been a great week for all of us in the Big Easy Wing. On Tuesday, the 26th I received the phone call that we were assigned the PT-17 Stearman. Oh, what a beautiful hot day but the good news made it a breeze from then on. Now our work is cut out for us.



The Stearman is about 2 to 3 weeks away before arriving but we can start getting ready for it in several ways. All pilot's and sponsors qualified to fly it will have to go thru training not only on the aircraft but thru the CAF website to be allowed to give rides. Then the proper forms will have to be filled out, approved and then

once again approved by HQ before any training is allowed for each pilot. We will have to setup a drug testing program, have a safety course, develop a passenger briefing lecture, have Marshalling training thru the online website as well as in house and flight suits will have to be ordered for flight crews. No mistake, it will take a lot of work but well worth it after a year's wait. Now we can say we are a Wing and not a want- to-be Wing.

I ask that all qualified pilots and potential sponsors to email me with your flying background, experience and best means to contact you. I have completed a PowerPoint Presentation for ground school training and hoping to be able to have a class soon after or just before the plane arrives.

You may go to the CAF website to view several good training videos and start the required courses. The website is www.cafoperations.org. For pilots, I would suggest CAFR 60-1 and Exemption 6802-Oscar, for maintenance personnel CAFR 66-1 and CAF Marshalling Training for all. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call (210-601-0906) or email me at jdhmotor@aol.com.

Membership— We need you!

Please review your records to see if you have **joined the CAF. You are required to be a member of the CAF to be a member of the Big Easy Wing.**

The renewal date for the Big Easy Wing is the first day of the new year—January 2018. Check your records! Be sure to **rejoin** the Wing if you have not.

CAF-Big Easy Wing Adults dues are **\$50.00 per year**; Big Easy Wing Cadet (12-23) is \$10.00 per year; Big Easy Wing Active Military is \$25.00 per year.

We need you!

Send your check to:

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Credit card use is available on the Big Easy Wing website, at meetings, and at events. Please remember if you are joining for first time online to complete the application and email it to Jeff at espundia@aol.com.

Adult wing members are eligible to vote and to serve on committees.



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Welcome New Members

Welcome to our latest 2018 Members:

June Members: Harvey Harrison, Jim Letten and Carol Olson

Call for Items

Our notice about Spring cleaning and Summer renovations was very helpful. We have received several responses.

The Hangar kitchen has been sheet-rocked. And thanks to one of our members, we have Singer Kitchen working with us on some of their items. Wayne Breaux has been in contact with their representative, Nancy, measurements for cabinets have been taken and cabinets are being picked up this Monday and delivered to the Hangar by a few of our members. The next step will be paint the walls.

Also, we have a huge air-compressor that have been donated. Which is great; however, we will need to figure out how to get it to the Hangar. Also, other items have been donated. We are not placing any donated items in the downstairs area until the doors have been certified operational and the area has been pressure washed. Which will be soon! We still need other items: office chairs, file cabinets, carpet or wood floors for the office, industrial fans, desk, storage cabinet for supplies and tables. If you find something that you think we could use, please email David (dcapo1203@aol.com) or Wayne (wtbreaux@cox.net). Send a photo and description of item to either of them.

Thanks to one of our members, Frank Christopher, for sharing our need for cabinets with Nancy Norton, V.P. of Singer Kitchens. Special thanks to Nancy and Singer Kitchens for donating the cabinets and to Wayne Breaux for coordinating all the activities involved in obtaining the cabinets.

Upcoming Events

July 14-15 [Pensacola Beach Blue Angel Air Show – Pensacola Beach, FL](#)

July 18 BEW meeting @ Lakefront Airport BEW Hangar @ 6:30 P.M.

July 21-22 Blue Angels Show—Biloxi MS

July 23-29 [EAA Air-Venture Oshkosh](#)

August 15 BEW Meeting @ Lakefront Airport Terminal Conf. Rm 7 PM

September 19 BEW Meeting @ Lakefront Airport Terminal Conf. Rm 7 PM

October 11-14 [WWII Air, Sea & Land Festival- Lakefront Airport](#)—Volunteers will be needed for this 3 day event

October 12-13 [SHAF Vicksburg- Tullalah Regional Airport](#)

October 19-21 [Northshore Regional Airshow](#) Hammond — Volunteers needed

November 10 BEW Meeting @ BEW Hangar 10 AM

December 15 BEW Holiday Party @ BEW Hangar

May 10-12, 2019 [Chennault International Air Show](#) —Lake Charles

