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Membership Meeting

Wednesday

7 P.M.

August 15, 2018

Lakefront Airport

Terminal

Conference Room



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Big Easy Wing Goes High Tech

Greetings:

As the weather continues to heat up, your Wing Staff continues to improve your new unit. Recently, we contracted with a tech firm to streamline, modernize and simplify our management systems. We are implementing a program called *KAStreck*, to run our unit operations from membership to maintenance through the tracking of the Wing's Knowledge, Assets and Skills. Starting this month, most all of the unit's moving parts will be cataloged and monitored in order to properly maintain the smooth running of the organization. Soon, you will be receiving an email from us to update your personal information including aviation experience (if any), your background and interests. This information will be sent to the appropriate department head(s) who will help get you more involved based on your interests. After that, all members including cadets, will be issued special ID cards that contain this vital information thereby assuring that members of the Big Easy Wing can gain the utmost enjoyment and productivity from their membership.

Our next general membership meeting will, for the first time, include breakout sessions for the various committees and work groups. If you have not signed up to participate in one, you can do so at this meeting. Come out and see how to get involved if you have not already.

Finally, we have five (5) pledged sponsorships for the PT-17 *Stearman* due here this month. That is fantastic. Sponsorships are a great way to support your unit, even if like me, you don't fly. Besides wanting to support the Wing, I am sponsoring so that I can ride in the plane with an approved pilot. The pilot, in turn, can get much needed hours in the plane while taking me up. We both win! Consider a sponsorship. You won't be sorry. See you on Wednesday, August 15 at 7 pm at Lakefront Airport, Terminal Building's conference room located on 2nd floor.





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Don Clausing, Safety Officer

As mentioned in the article by Jim Helms, the fun is about to begin. Aircrafts will be in our hangar! As Safety Officer, I will be working with Jim Helms on several presentations. With the arrival of the Stearman, marshalling becomes paramount to the safety and movement of the aircraft. Once again, you are asked to review the [CAF marshalling](#) video and the [Marshalling guide](#). In weeks to come, we will be addressing: First responders, movement of equipment and supplies, review movement and non-movement areas. and our Evacuation Plan.

Just to keep you up to date, the First Aid Kits have been installed in the Hangar. We have one large CO2 fire extinguisher and we are working on obtaining a roll out fire extinguisher unit.. Just a review—**Fires:** **Class A:** Fires involving ordinary combustible materials, such as wood, cloth, paper, rubber and plastic. **Class B:** Fires involving flammable liquids, oils, greases, oil base paints, lacquers, solvents, alcohols and flammable gases. **Class C:** Fires involving energized electrical equipment where the use of an extinguishing media that is electrically nonconductive is important. **Fire Extinguishers:** **Water:** Class A type fires are best controlled with water by cooling the material below its ignition temperature and soaking the material to prevent re-ignition. **Carbon Dioxide Extinguisher:** Class B and C fires are best controlled by carbon dioxide as a blanketing agent



But for now, my first tip on Safety is Personal Safety:
1. Eye Protection: Safety Glasses, Goggles or Face Shields for various types of physical or chemical eye exposures. 2. Hearing Protection: Ear Plugs or Ear Muffs for noise exposure. 3. Respiratory Protection: Dust Masks, Chemical or Air Supplied Respirators as appropriate for particulate or chemical exposure. 4. Hand Protection: Work or Chemical Gloves. 5. Head Protection: Hard Hats if there is an overhead hazard. **We want to promote a culture of Safety!**

Event Volunteers Needed

We are participating in the 2018 World War II Air, Sea, and Land Festival for 2018 and need committed volunteers to help with set up and take down with our booth areas as well as help manning our booth on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Putting on an event takes a big commitment and couldn't happen without volunteers! Join us if you are interested!

We will have a sign up sheet at this meeting and at the September meeting. We will probably have 3 different areas that will need support volunteers. The shifts, depending on the numbers of participants, will be three to four hours.

Tom Gibbs, of the WWII museum will be our guest speaker at our September meeting; however, he is providing us with an information sheet at this August meeting.

At our September meeting, we will also have a sign up sheet for members to volunteer for the Hammond Air Show which is October 20th.





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Operation Officer's Report—Jim Helms

The Fun is just beginning. If you have been to the hangar lately you have seen a good deal of progress being made and I am proud of all the hard work and time our members have put in. The doors work, the floor looks good, an air-conditioned office with table and chairs and now we have a radial engine for our museum display. We had a wonderful fun day a week or two ago. Wish all could have been there.

But where is the Stearman you ask? It's coming and soon. I know, you keep hearing that. Not only has the delay been with the inspection but Oshkosh stepped in and the sad incident with the C-47 Bluebonnet Bell. According to HQ, we should have it in a couple of weeks which is good in a way. The goal is to fly the aircraft in on August 17th. We still have training to do for the pilots, marshallers and ground crew. My next question is when? I should have some free time during the week of the 19th thru 26th and currently plan on holding the Stearman ground school and possibly the Marshalling Ground School. **What would you as members prefer? One day during the weekend or an evening?** Each Class will probably run two to three hours and hopefully with the aircraft in the hangar to get familiar with. We should be able to accommodate 10 per class. Please email me with your preference or inform David at the general membership meeting.

I have received a few pilot applications and thanks to all of you that have sent one in. I have folders made and would like to see more pilot applicants apply as well as for flight crewmembers. I have dropped some off at the hangar so please pick one up, fill it out and send it to me.

As I said, the Fun is just beginning which leads me to one more question. Almost all the CAF aircraft have a name painted on the side. Should we name the Stearman and if so what are your suggestions? We would be interested in your thoughts.

Jim Helms, Operations Officer

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Upcoming Events

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

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

October 11-14 [WWII Air, Sea & Land Festival- Lakefront Airport](#)

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

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

November 3 [Cajun Fly-in](#) Houma

November 9-11 [Bayou road Balloon festival](#) — Chalmette

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



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Membership— We need you!

Being a member of an organization is more than just paying dues. It is participation. There are several ways that members can participate in the BEW. As a member of any organization, retention and recruitment is essential to the success of that organization. Last year at the WWII Air, Sea, and Land Festival we had 17 new members join. Let challenge ourselves to bet that number!

We joined the BEW because we believe in the mission of the CAF and wanted to bring and build upon that mission locally. To accomplish our task, we need active members. Volunteers are needed at all levels of operations. So just because you are not a pilot or an A&P, YOU are still needed. We want to benefit from your knowledge and skills. As you know, we have had lots of work projects going on at the hangar. We would love to see more of you out and about at the hangar. Now, that we will have an aircraft the doors will be open more regularly. Fitting volunteering into your work schedule will become easier.

As we grow and participant in event, we will need even more participation. The PX committee needs more volunteers as well as the membership committee. The Historian and Education committee seem to be the hot committee. It has more than 6 members signed up.

All organization are dependent upon funds for existence. In the BEW, there are several ways to assist with that endeavor. First and foremost are membership dues but there are other opportunities to fund raising such as a direct donation which presently we have a member who is matching all funds donated up to \$15,000 for this year and next. You can also help with fundraising by participating in raffles, PX items, and the ride program. You can donate big items or inspire someone you know to donate—like our cabinets. We just received a donated refrigerator from a friend of a member. Now, as we start obtaining aircrafts we will also need aircraft sponsors. So, think about how you can help your Big Easy Wing!



Membership Dues

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](http://bigeasywing.org), 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.