



Big Easy Wing

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Maintenance

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Christmas Social

Saturday

Dec. 15

5pm-7:30pm

Lakefront

Airport

BEW Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Happy New Year!

Now that we are into 2019, let's take a moment to reflect on the end of last year. The unit enjoyed a great Christmas social. The food, drink and company was fantastic. Thank you Shirley Colomb and your crew for a delightful event. Also, we elected four officers to terms of two years. Elected were Robert Claypool - XO, Harold Buchler - Adjutant, Jim Buchler - Education and Sonny Schilleci - Maintenance. Elected to complete a one-year unexpired term for Development - Shirley Colomb. Thank you, officers, for your service and congratulations. Also, a big thank you to our nominating committee - Mary Ann Clemons - Chair, Donald Allen and Doug Webb. Great job folks. At the end of 2019, elections will be held for Unit Leader, Safety, Finance and Development.

Meeting dates have been chosen for the first half of 2019. See the dates listed below. Hammond dates are being arranged and will be announced at the January meeting in the hangar. Commencing with this year, all Lakefront meetings will be held at the hangar. We will trade off between Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Airplane news. The wing staff voted to send the Stearman (1617M) engine out for overhaul. It was felt, despite an additional 90 days of downtime, that this was the most economical method to get the engine returned to service. While the engine is in overhaul, we will work on nearly a dozen additional repairs (squawks) in the hangar. This will provide some great hands on experience for those wishing to get their hands dirty! As for the Stuka (N87LL), plans are to get the engine running, brakes checked out and prepare the plane for ground testing. HQ has not moved the airplane to flying status, so there is no insurance for aircraft ops. Your Unit Leader is working with HQ to determine when and if that will be possible. Stay tuned.

Well, it is that time of year again. Dues are due! If you are renewing, the dues are \$50 for 2019. You can send your check to our unit address:

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8550 Lloyd Stearman Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

2019 Meeting Dates

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| January 19 | 10 am | Hangar |
| February 16 | 10 am | Hangar |
| March 20 | 7 pm | Hangar |
| April 17 | 7 pm | Hangar |

Hammond dates and Saturday Hangar work dates will be announced at the January meeting. April 28, 2019 marks our second Anniversary.

Our hangar is now identified. Thanks to Harold and the guys who hung it.





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Maintenance Officer's Report: Sonny Schilleci

Stearman Update:

The Stearman will be getting an engine and prop overhaul this month. We will also be overhauling all accessories and replacing all fuel and oil hoses. We would also like to take care of the required ADS-B upgrade while the aircraft is down for maintenance as well. We figured now is a good time to take advantage of this cold and gloomy weather for maintenance. Any available A&Ps who would like to be involved in these maintenance activities, please contact me at auricavionics@aol.com.

Donations are needed to help offset these expenses. We are estimating \$45,000.00 in costs for all required items. We have had several aircraft sponsorships in 2018 which we are very grateful for; however, with our estimated cost more funds are going to be required.

Stuka Update:

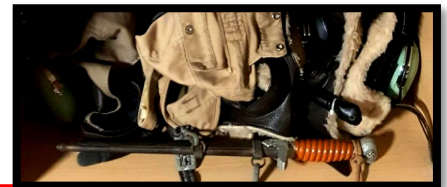
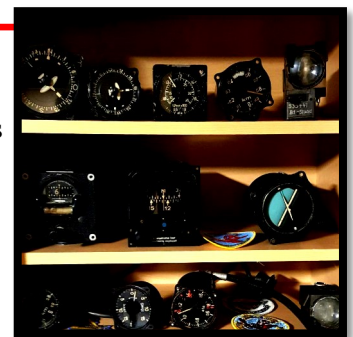
Maintenance on the Stuka continues in efforts to bring it back to flying status. Donations are being welcomed as we also have ADS-B updates to do to this aircraft as well along with the maintenance items.

As a side note, the ADS-B mandate is due by December 31st of this year. Any aircraft not ADS-B equipped will not be permitted to operate out of KNEW. We want to get these upgrades done here fairly soon.

Educational Donation—Thanks!

The Big Easy Wing is very grateful to Carson Baker for his generous gift of Stearman pilot helmets with head phones, the FAA CD and the information he has shared with Jim Helms. Also, we would like to thank Judd Brooke for his dad's WWII German Instruments. And, for the Sword, we would like to thank Rick Kiser.

Please let Jim Buckler know if you have any educational item that might help us start building our educational display area at the Hangar.



Unit Leader's Report continued

Also, we are accepting donations. If you will recall, we have a very generous, secret donor who will match all donations made to the unit in 2019 up to \$15,000! This includes aircraft sponsorships. Sponsorships are available on the Stearman and are as follows: Aircraft - \$1,500; Restoration - \$1,000 and Supporting - \$150. In 2018, your unit reached the full match of \$15K. Let's do it again in 2019. Thanks!

Finally, we have an excellent educational opportunity coming up in the next few weeks. As most of you know, our hangar has been the temporary home for a banged up Stearman in Army colors. The owner of the aircraft will be disassembling the plane for transport. He has asked us to assist in the project. This will be a fabulous opportunity to see how a Stearman is disassembled. And you can be part of it! We will send out an email blast to the membership when this is scheduled. It will happen on a Saturday and will be videoed for educational purposes. So, come out and get involved while watching history being relived. See you at the hangar, Saturday Morning, January 19th.



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Christmas Social—Thanks

This event proved to be a great success. We had a great turn out of members and we recruited two new members. We definitely have some gourmet cooks in our group. The food was phenomenal. Just ask anyone who was there. We could have feed another 60 people.

The hangar was beautiful decorated. Thanks to all the members who came out and helped with set up as well as clean-up. We could have not done it without you. Kudos to you all! A special thanks to David, Don, Jeff and Wayne for bringing tables and chairs, to Shirley for the Christmas decorations and to Donald Allen and Janet Buchler for the photographs.



Welcome New December Member

James Mykris of New Orleans, Louisiana
Karl Shearer of Harahan, Louisiana & Richard Howard of Gretna, Texas





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Executive officer's Report—Robert claypool

Moments after commenting on how I was impressed with the newsletter, I was asked to write an article on how our wing can continue to make use of KAStack. Seems I walked right into that one, so although the Saints get a bye this weekend, I guess I won't!

For those that are not aware, KAStack is the software we have chosen to use to organize the Big Easy Wing. It assists us in managing our member requirements, meeting attendance, maintenance on the aircraft, and even replacing the air filter in the office HVAC unit. After working on the framework in 2018, we are ready to start implementation for the 2019 year. Everyone can access their account within KAStack and see their status. Further, we use KAStack as a repository of documentation pertinent to the wing. (Want to know who owned our Stearman in 1948? Log in and go to the Documents Module and click on the Stearman FAA Registration link.)

Logging In:

For newer members that created their own profile, please continue to use the username and password you created.

For legacy members, your account username is your first and last name separated by a period. For instance, my account is robert.claypool and that is what I enter in the Login form. If you have never logged into KAStack, you are required to reset your password the first time you use the system.

Using your internet browser, please go to <http://cafbew.kastrack.com>. (Note: I find that Chrome or Firefox browsers work better than Internet Explorer.)

Click on the link Forgot Password

The next screen will ask for your email or username.

In the example, Mr. John Doe is requesting a password reset link:

If the system does not recognize the name, it will display the message:

This user's password cannot be changed within a subdomain.

If this doesn't work, you may try using the password you used on your initial BEW application. Or feel free to contact info@bigeasywing.org.



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Executive Officer's Report Continues

If successful, you will see:

Look for an email from “Kastrack Mailer” within your email account. (You may have

A password reset link was sent to the email address associated with your account. Please follow that link to reset your password.

to check your SPAM folder.) Clicking this link will bring you to a webpage that will allow you to change your password.

Your password will have to be at least 8 characters in length and should contain both letters and numbers.

Once logged in, you will see a dashboard that will show any pending requirements. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments on using KAStrack, or better ways we can streamline our implementation.

Only Tailwinds, Robert Claypool

PUTTING IT TO USE!

Speaking of requirements, as a member of the Commemorative Air Force, we are required to complete a Hold Harmless form. KAStrack allows us to easily track this. As of January 6, 2019, we have 22 of 106 members with the form signed. So please login, and then click “Click Here to View Your Outstanding Requirements” in the People Module.

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| • 4 (4) Certifications |
| Click Here To View Your Outstanding Requirements |

From the next screen you can click on the “Hold Harmless” certificate download the form “AdultHoldHarmlessJan2016.pdf,” print and sign. When complete, just scan and upload or drop off at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

- CAF Wing Staff Conference –Dallas-Feb. 28 - March 3



- April 2-7 Lakeland Florida

- Keesler AirShow—[Thunder Over the Sound](#)— May 4th and 5th
- Lake Charles [CHENNAULT INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW](#) May 10-12
- Stearman Fly-in Sept. 2 – 7, 2019, at Galesburg Municipal Airport. Illinois
- Stearman Fly-In October 2019 in Jennings LA.



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RENEW MEMBERSHIP 2019

It is time for you to renew your membership if you have not:

Please click on [Renew Now](#)

Select **Big Easy Wing Renewal Membership--\$50.00**

Make an additional gift to support our Stearman repairs—

Donate-- suggested amount posted on website are: \$10.00 \$25.00
\$50.00 \$100.00 and \$200.00

CAF-Big Easy Wing Cadet - \$15.00

[Renew Now](#)- Cadet \$10.00

CAF Big Easy Wing Active Military Membership - \$25.00

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at our **January meeting**

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Membership \$50.00 online at [Big Easy Wing Support Us](#)—
Do not forget to complete an [BEW application](#)

Visit the [CAF website](#) to join (\$200.00) and download the
CAF application Membership

Participating with CAF 12 Planes of Christmas

Although this year, the BEW was not one of the specific 12 planes, we did well in our fundraiser. We received 1250 dollars in donations as of this posting. Thanks to our donors! When speaking to HQ, they indicated that fundraising was 40% less than last year. There were 40 planes participating and the BEW was around 24th in raising donations. This money goes into the CAF Stearman Sponsorship Fund. I hope everyone had a chance to visit the 12 planes of Christmas site.

To follow up with the KAStack article, we have added the FAA registration info and we will soon be adding the Stearman Log Books to the KAStack site.