



Big Easy Wing

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Meeting Date

February 16

Saturday

10 am

Lakefront

Airport

BEW Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Greetings,

January is already over and your unit has been very busy planning another exciting year for the Big Easy Wing. If you have not already done so, please pay the annual unit dues of \$50. When you do, your KASTrack badge goes green. If you have not gotten your badge, please contact myself, our XO Robert Claypool or Shirley Colomb. We will see to it that you get your badge. Remember to always have your badge on you when in or around the hangar. We have lanyards for sale (\$5.00) if you need one.

At the end of February, the CAF Headquarters will conduct its annual Wing Staff Conference in Dallas, TX. The meeting is open to all CAF colonels who are current in their dues. This is an interesting meeting where one can learn all things CAF. It is also a good place to connect with HQ and field unit personnel from around the country. There will be a ground breaking ceremony for the new multimillion dollar museum and conference center going up on the HQ site. Besides that, there are numerous breakout sessions covering many issues from operations to membership. A good place to learn. To register, go to the commemorativeairforce.org website, log into your account and sign up. There are links to the hotel (with a special CAF rate) and other interesting sites. For those interested in attending, *please contact David Capo* so he can set up a short meeting to collaborate on the logistics (travel, rooms, etc.) and to schedule a Big Easy Wing time at the Conference.

From March 28- 31, 2019, the lead D-Day C-47, "*That's All Brother*", will be stationed at Lakefront airport (*KNEW*) selling rides and conducting tours prior to flying over to Europe for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Like last year at the WWII ASL Festival, we will have an opportunity to work closely with the Central Texas Wing folks as they put on their show. We will need lots of member support on the airport those days. Please mark your calendars and watch your emails for more info on this great opportunity. See you at our next wing meeting.

2019 Meeting Dates

CAF Big Easy Wing
8550 Lloyd Stearman Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

February 16	10 am	Hangar	
March 20	7 pm	Hangar	March 25-28—That's All Brother
April 17	7 pm	Hangar	

Hammond Meeting Date—March 16—Saturday—Noon
Second Anniversary. April 28, 2019



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Operation Officer's Report: Jim Helms



At the end of WWII as the business of rebuilding began, war-weary populations didn't give much thought to the thousands of military aircraft awaiting scrapping in bone-yards across the world. Dedicated enthusiasts tracked down the lead transport aircraft from the Allied invasion of Normandy, which took place almost 75 years ago, to an aircraft graveyard in the United States

Five hours before the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944, C-47 42-92847, known as *That's All, Brother*, led a formation of more than 800 aircraft behind enemy lines. Their mission was to drop 13,000 paratroopers into France before Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy later that day. The transport's name represented a personal message to Adolf Hitler that enough was enough.

After D-Day, *That's All, Brother* remained on active duty in Europe, taking part in the ill-fated Operation Market Garden and the relief of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. When the war in Europe came to an end, *That's All, Brother*, like so many storied aircraft, was lost to history. However, it escaped scrapping and is understood to have passed through 16 civilian owners before retiring to an aviation boneyard in Wisconsin when it was found. Now it is a Staple in the CAF.

The Central Texas Wing has asked for our **help March 28th thru 31st** as *That's All, Brother* stops at Lakefront Airport as a pre-stop before it's European Tour to Normandy. They are asking help for logistics and promotion. For those of you that attended Marshalling school, this will be an opportune time to show your skills.



Please review marshalling training at the CAF website. We are planning to have another training on Feb. 20 and 21. More info to come.

Hospitality

For our general membership meeting, we would like at least two of our members to volunteer to bring snacks—donuts, chips, king cake. We are trying to formulate a hospitality committee. Some meetings, we have had too many treats and others none. Donald Allen, who brings the coffee, has agreed to take on this job. Please email him if you are able to bring something to this February meeting—donalda28@hotmail.com





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Maintenance Officer's Report— Sonny Schilleci

Stearman Update:

We are currently scheduled to deliver our core engine and pick up the overhauled engine in the upcoming week or two. Once we get the overhauled engine we will get it installed and do an annual inspection as well.

Stuka Update:

We are continuing repairs to the Stuka to return it to flight status. Once again, we welcome any donations to offset the cost of these repairs. We still also need to address avionics squawks and the ADS-B installations in the near future. Please contact me at AuricAvionics@aol.com if you would like to help with these projects.

Professional Development Officer's Report—Shirley Colomb

If you are thinking about becoming an aircraft sponsor, *NOW is the time to do it.* With the C-47 coming in at the end of March, we would like to see both of our planes sitting on the taxiway next to That's All Brother. When you send in your donation to the CAF Stearman Sponsorship Fund, please send a note to Jeff, our treasurer, so that he can keep a record of donations made to that account. If you want to donate to the Stuka, you may do so on our [website](#) by choosing a donation amount and sending a note to Jeff. Jeff's email is espundia@aol.com

Educational Officer's Report —Jim Buchler

Jim and his son has been working on documenting the German instruments that were given to us by Mr. Brooke, the son of a WWII Veteran. The documentation of these gifts is a work in progress. A video that Jim and his son is working on will eventually be uploaded to KAStack in the document section. For now, you can visit our website, the education section to review the PDF file.

Remember, that the Stearman FAA records and log books are accessible on KAStack now in the document section.

Also, we received from the Wood's family, an actual flight helmet from a Luftwaffe pilot. Austin's family received this from his great uncle. The WWII German pilot was shot down in North Africa. The pilot left his gear at the crash site. His great uncle was part of the B52 squadron that inspected the crash site.

Membership

Greetings to our newest members:

Jan Oreck New Orleans, Louisiana Joey Madere Metairie, Louisiana
Bryan Ard Loranger, Louisiana

Thanks!

We appreciate all who have renewed their membership for 2019. Please visit KAStack to see if your membership dues spot has turned green. If you have not paid as of yet, please do by visiting our [website](#), by mailing your dues, or by bringing a check to our February meeting.

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Marshalling Info

The BEW is planning another marshalling training on the afternoon of Wednesday and Thursday **February 20th and 21st**. It will be from 4 pm to 6 pm on those dates. Your instructor will be Jim Helms, Dave Cantin and Don Clausing. Please send an email to dclaus@cablone.net if you plan to participate. If you went through the training already and would like to reacquaint yourself please feel free to sign up again. We will have a sheet at this coming general membership meeting for you sign up. More info will be forth coming. Check your email.

There is Marshalling training available for anyone who wants to join the *2019 CAF Marshalling Detachment*. If you are serious about becoming an official Marshaller then please contact kathleentx@aol.com. Kathleen will hook you up with dates and required forms.

When you email Kathleen, please include your name, colonel number, phone number, email address and physical address. There is a cost of \$25 to join the Marshalling Detachment. Kathleen will send you the 2019 Marshalling Calendar, an application, and hold harmless agreement.

One of our members, Dave Cantin, has signed up for the following shows:
3/15-16 Tora practice in Conroe, TX
5/10-12 Chennault in Lake Charles
5/18-20 Beaumont, TX
Possibility of the Houston Wing Open House 4/13-14 and the Wings over Houston 10/18-20

If you have questions, you may also contact *Dave Cantin at caf@cantin.org*.



Upcoming Events

- CAF Wing Staff Conference –Dallas-Feb. 28 - March 3
- **That's All Brother Visit—Lakefront Airport– March 25-28**
- 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
- Planes over Pines in Pineville, LA October 4-5
- Stearman Fly-In October 2019 in Jennings LA.



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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

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Pay online at [Big Easy Wing Support Us](#)
at our **January meeting**

- or -

Make check payable to:	Mail check to:
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Membership \$50.00 online at [Big Easy Wing Support Us](#)—
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Visit the [CAF website](#) to join (\$200.00) and download the
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KAStreck —Members please log in and check your status

KAStreck—go to <http://cafbew.kastrack.com>

Logging In: If you have not created a file please do so. *You can not get a badge* until you have a file on KAStreck. For new members who 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 KAStreck, you are required to set your password the first time you use the system.