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Meeting

November 14@ 10 AM

Lakefront Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo,

Happy Veterans Day



New Orleans Lakefront Airport Warbird Weekend

This past weekend, your Big Easy Wing made history with the warbird expo held at Lakefront Airport (KNEW). What a weekend! I cannot thank all of the BEW members enough for their participation in this first of a kind event. On average, we had at or more than 20 members each day helping out at our tent, marshaling and general duties throughout the three-day weekend.

The weather was not our friend, so what else is new?! This is 2020 remember! Despite that, I think we all had fun and best of all, we didn't lose money. We may not have done as well as I think we could have, especially Sunday, but the results will be fine none the less. Keep in mind, your leadership put this event together in about three weeks. THREE WEEKS! Normally it takes more than six to nine months to plan something like this. I could not be prouder of all of you for your Herculean efforts.

The LMA (Lakefront Management Authority) headed by Wilma Heaton, The KNEW airport run by Louis Capo, Bruce Martin and Chris Henderson, The Airport Rescue Fire Fighters (ARFF) and all of their volunteers along with the Belle Chase Civil Air Patrol Cadets were amazing. Thank you to all of you!

I was also greatly appreciative of the two WWII Veteran, Ubert Terrell and David Oreck, and their family members who took their time to join us for this event. Their presence highlighted what the CAF is all about— "Educate, Honor and Inspire". We also want to thank the American Legion members who came out to support us.



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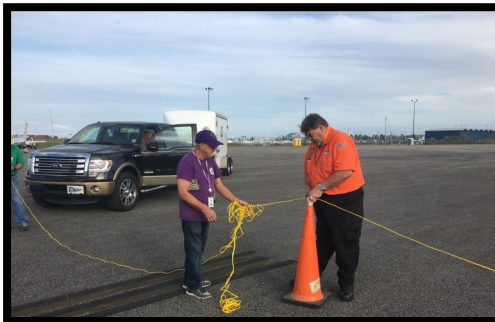
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Warbird Expo Chair --Dave Cantin



Safety on the ramp has been a concern of mine for some time. We've discussed it at meetings and done some training in anticipation of the time when there's more happening at the BEW than our Stearman taxiing down a straight ramp and stopping. So after our recent Warbird weekend at Lakefront Airport that included a B-17, JRB/C-45, SNJ/T-6 and our N2S/PT-17 on the Ballpark ramp together some reflection is in order. While it consisted of only four aircraft it still wasn't an easy layout to manage. There was one entry/exit point in the middle of the ramp and one of the aircraft had a 104' wingspan. We wanted some aircraft to be able to depart/arrive while the others had spectators walking around them and we didn't want them to be too far from the spectator



line. That took a lot of work and coordination from the BEW members working on the ramp as Marshalls in Training and working on the rope line, and in a word I thought they did GREAT. The rope line went up and down when needed, we adapted as the aircraft layout changed and aircraft came and went without incident. I'm impressed with how everyone performed. That's not to say it was perfect as I know of several things I will do differently next time (it was my first time organizing something like this), and also will NOT do next time, but if you look back to where we were 9 months ago we've come a long way. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a safe, successful event.

This is also a call for suggestions. I have a list of things I will work on for my part and I welcome suggestions from those who worked on the ramp, those watching and those in the aircraft on things we should consider doing differently.





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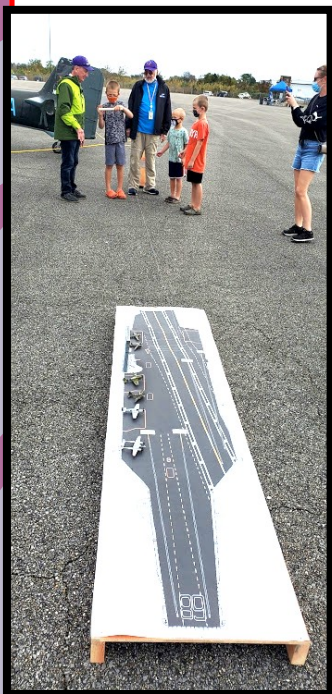


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Unit Leader's Report continued

What about next year? Well I have already heard from the Gulf Coast Wing. They were the visiting wing from Conroe, Texas that brought their three planes, the B-17, Beech 18 and SNJ (T6 TEXAN). They really enjoyed their stay and are looking forward to a greatly expanded event for 2021. We are too!



So, in the coming weeks, your BEW leadership will be in the planning stages for a great new event for next year. We are happy to entertain any of your thoughts, prayers, input, and ideas for a better event for 2021. Feel free to reach out to either myself or Dave Cantin with your suggestions.

There are so many to thank for this weekend but I would especially like to commend Dave Cantin- Project Manager, Ben "Evil" Cook - pilot in command, Terry Clausing - Mx Officer, Shirley Colomb - Px and PIO (Public Information Officer), Harold Buchler - Adjutant, Robert Claypool - our XO for coordinating his flight school and Nancy Kwiecien of the Gulf Coast Wing for her never ending support for this event. Gras job people. Can you imagine an event here in New Or-

leans with the proper planning timetable, good weather and no COVID?!

See you Saturday!



Maintenance Officer —Terry Clausing

Welcome to our latest approved CAF mechanics for the CAF ride program: Kevin Duxworth and Alex Johns. Both of these guys were out working this past weekend. I appreciated all the help. Note: The Stearman is due for its annual in November. Anyone interested in rides needs to contact David Capo to be scheduled. This weekend will be our last rides day of the year 2020. Remember, weather and pilot availability is always a constraint.

Aircraft issue.—Stearman issue: Pin whole exhaust manifold leak in Stearman is causing paint discoloration on the cowling. During the Annual, a weld repair will take place. On the Stuka, I will be pulling out the magneto soon and sending them out for overhaul. So if anyone is interested in assisting in this project please contact me.



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Election Committee Chair—Donald Allen



Big Easy Wing Election of New Officers 2021 -2022

At the October General Membership meeting five officer positions were filled for 2021 -2022. The floor was opened for nominations for these offices. Since no nominations were presented, the nominations were closed. The following officers were elected without opposition by a majority of the Big Easy Wing membership.

Adjutant - Harold Buchler

Executive Officer - Robert Claypool

Maintenance - Terry Clausing

Education - Jim Buchler

Operations Officer - Mike Scott (Filling a one-year unexpired term. This position will expire in December 2021)

Please congratulate and support our new officers.

Election Committee Members: Donald Allen, Mary Ann Clemons, Jeff Shaw

Development Officer—Shirley Colomb

Warbird Expo— As media liaison, our Warbird Expo received good coverage. All the local news stations, radio, Gambit and newspaper were contacted. Hopefully, you had an opportunity to see the clip on WDSU and on WGNO as well as the Advocate article. If not, all have been posted on our FB page. If anyone has a copy of the actual Advocate newspaper article please bring it on Saturday to the hangar.

Charles Marsala of [AWE News](#) have been creating videos for us for awhile now. We have a couple of his videos on our website under the section called Calendar/Events. His latest interview with Ubert Terrell, a WWII Veteran will be posted soon on our [website](#). Meantime, please check out his interview video of the 95 year old Veteran, Ernest Daunis, who flew for his birthday last month. During this month, AWE News will air on Sundays on WLAE — "Celebrating Culture." Thank you Charles!





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Holiday Social—Shirley Colomb

Our Christmas Party is **December 5th and starts a 6 pm**. It is always an enjoyable time together. Remember, it is a family event so guest and children are welcome. We will be practicing social distance with table arrangements, having food servers, and following other Covid recommendations. This has been a great event because of you.

Once again, we will need your help! We have had several members who have offered tables, but we could use a few more. Wayne and Terry will handle extension cords and we have about 40 chairs at the hangar. So, a few more chairs may be needed. I will be taking care of the tablecloths and Donald Allen will handle getting the plasticware and plates from Sam's.

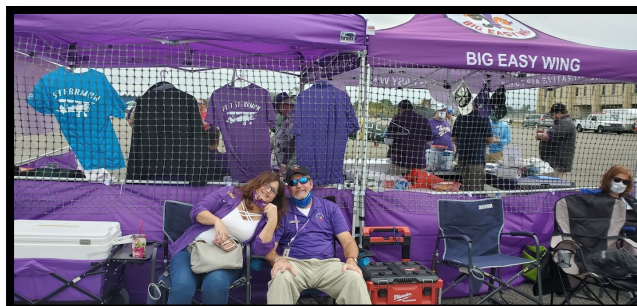
The Civil Air Patrol Billy Mitchell Senior Squadron will join us again this year. They will be participating with the food, drinks, and set-up. They are a great group.

Please sign-up at this meeting to bring a food items and if you can help with Saturday morning set-up. *Set-up for social is Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 am*. Please see me, Shirley, at the meeting about the food items. If you cannot make the meeting, please send me an email. Bring your own liquor. BEW will have beer, some wine and water.



PX Officer's Report-Shirley Colomb

First, I would like to thank everyone who was involved with this weekend. It was a great event because of you. I would specifically like thank my team. Glenn Metzger who did an outstanding job finding us another purple tent, background netting, modifying our tent so signs could be easily hung, for handling tent setup, and tear down. Kudos to my 5 sales personnel—Donald Clausing, Jim Moreau, Jim Riviere, Linda Riviere and Doug Webb. Also. Thanks to Donald Clausing for taking the trailer out to the show, Jim Riviere for bring his golf cart. and Wayne Breaux for the use of his trailer.



I think the PX did very well considering—late advertisement, Covid19, and weather conditions. The PX took in \$458 in cash sales and \$601 in online payments for a total of **\$1059.00** over 3 days of the event.



On a side note. I would like to thank the Northshore Scale Modelers for joining us. When I spoke with them, they seemed to be pleased with their reception from the visitors. Thanks Doug Webb and Warren Dickerson.



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Membership—Shirley Colomb

The CAF-Big Easy Wing would like to *Welcome our newest members!* We thank you for joining our wing and know that each of you will enrich our wing with your specific skills. Thanks for becoming a member and we look forward to seeing you at our *November 14 meeting and our December 5th social.*

2021 Members:

Jessica Twiddy from Covington, LA
Mike Williams (CAF) from Vacherie, LA
Jared Spencer (CAF applied) from Mandeville, LA
John Ryan (CAF applied) from New Orleans, LA
George Maslen from Belle Chase, LA
Mark Manno (CAF) from Belle Chase, LA

The BEW and the CAF is especially please to welcome back Paul Borgatti, who was seriously ill last year.



January 1, 2021 is quickly approaching. The BEW thrives because of its members. *YOU* are our most important asset. The BEW membership renews at the beginning of the calendar year. It is easy enough to renew. Just go to the BEW [webpage](#). You can also see me at the meetings. When you check in at the meeting, you can pay your dues. I will take checks, cash, or credit card.

Note: When you renew your **CAF** membership this year online you will get a confirmation email as soon as the payment is made. CAF will send renewal letters via email now to reduce overall cost to the organization. As you update **KAStrack with your renewal date**, please add your CAF email letter to the attachment section which is under the renewal date and add **your CAF number** to the Comment section. If for some reason you cannot get into **KAStrack**, please send the renewal letter to me at info@bigeasywing.org. I will help you complete this task.

Full membership (\$50) Active military membership (\$25) Cadet membership for students between the ages of 13-23 (\$10) Online Payment are accepted: BEW website [online store](#)

Checks mailed to:

CAF Big Easy Wing
c/o Colonel Harold Buchler, Adjutant
3014 Metairie Rd Metairie, LA 70001

Development — Shirley Colomb

Once again, we will be offering an opportunity for someone to win this year's raffle item. BEW has this unique Holiday Wreath for its raffle. The lucky winner will be announced at our December 5th Christmas Party. This wreath is valued at \$100.00. Chances are \$5.00 each or 5 chances for \$20.00. You will have the opportunity to take chances at this November meetings and at the December social. If you are unable to attend, you may purchase tickets online on our website. Just shoot me an email and I will complete the raffle card for you. Last year, Jim Shaw won the Christmas Holiday \$100 Money Cake.

Help Support Your Wing ! Take a chance!!!!



Upcoming Meetings

General Membership	November 14	10 am	hangar
General Membership Social	December 5	6 pm	hangar
General Membership	January 9	10 am	hangar
General Membership	February 13	10 am	hangar
General Membership	March 13	10 am	hangar



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REGISTERING YOUR ACCOUNT

For those that need to register, the easiest way is to go to our public page <https://bigeasywing.org/about/application/>, scroll down to the end, and click on the “[New Member](#)” link.

LOGGING IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT

First, choose your weapon! I suggest using the Edge, Chrome, or Firefox Browser. Internet Explorer users will find many websites do not render correctly, KAStrack included. Our KAStrack website is located at <http://cafbew.kastrack.com>.



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