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Meeting

January 9th

Lakefront Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Coming off a great Christmas social, your wing staff is gearing up for a great 2021. Despite the setbacks of 2020, your wing, as I have said before, had an amazing year. We were no doubt one of the most active and profitable wings in the world! How about that?! Congrats to all who participated this year.

As we move toward 2021, your staff will be holding planning meetings in anticipation of a great 2021. This Saturday, members of your staff will meet to plan for the obligatory Ground School for all pilots, maintenance personnel, marshallers, and other volunteers such as Px crews, loadmaster and the like. The plans are in development, but the thought is that we will have a morning session open to all members interested in learning about the CAF, BEW and our operations. It will be a fun opportunity to get an overview of what we do. After a break, we will move into special sessions for those in need of the time in class. Pilots, Mx, etc. will have their classes. These will be specific to those individuals, but anyone can attend and audit the class. Participation will be limited to only those authorized by the CAF there. This is to save on time. Your questions can be answered after class. This will be the BEW's first full ground school and I am hoping for 100% attendance for this event. The date is not set as of yet, but you all will have plenty of advance notice. There will be events for youngsters who may attend as well. The Big Easy Wing is a multigenerational organization.

At last Saturday's social, we were visited by a very generous guest who presented your wing leader with a check in the four figures. He was guest of Jessica Tweedy who just recently joined. Our donor was apparently so impressed with our group that he made an unsolicited donation. We are so grateful to Jessica for introducing us to him and I hope he stays involved to watch his generous dollars at work.





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Safety Officer --Dave Cantin

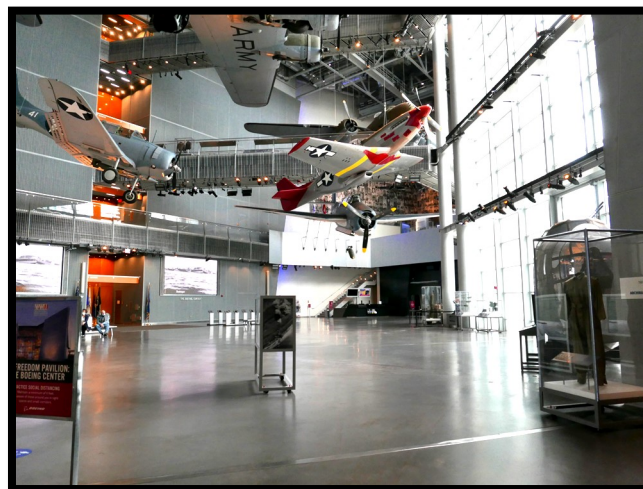


Thinking Safely!

I had my youngest grandson, Silas at our house overnight a few weeks ago and was looking for something to do with him outside. We got in the car and headed toward City Park with the botanical gardens in mind when he said "lets go to the WWII Museum". I was reluctant at first since it's inside but decided it was a good choice. I didn't expect it to be very crowded but also didn't expect to find what I did. This was on a Saturday and there was virtually no one there. The museum volunteers were glad to see us but since I'm a member I wasn't adding any revenue so I added a year to my membership. You can see from the pictures that when I say no one was there I'm not exaggerating. This made me think about the situation we're in with Covid19. I was reluctant to even have my grandson over but we were...somewhat cautious. We wore masks in the car and around others, and he was anxious to get out of his house. We missed having them over so we took a chance and let our guard down. We were extra careful at the museum, though and so were the museum personnel.



My point is, after 8+ months of being cautious about this it becomes harder to do, but the reality is this is the worst time to let our guard down. We've come so far, this is not the time to be complacent. The vaccine is around the corner so wouldn't it be a shame to get infected a few weeks before our turn. I have to keep reminding myself that this is the time to stick it out and while I'm probably at 80% careful I need to improve. Please keep this in mind this holiday season.



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Membership—Shirley Colomb

The CAF-Big Easy Wing would like to *Welcome Jim Dugan!*

We thank you for joining our wing and know that you will enrich our wing with your specific skills. Thanks for becoming a member.



Thanks for joining

January 1, 2021 is quickly approaching. The BEW thrives because of its members. *YOU* are our most important to us. 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. So far we have had 30% of our membership to rejoin. Please make an effort to go online and pay your dues.

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
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On a separate note, I want to congratulate our first “BEW certified” Marshaller, Richard Gray. To attain this certification you must:

- Show situational awareness
- Show proficiency using the signals we will need for the aircraft and situations at our wing
- Show confidence in what you are doing
- Communicate clearly with the pilot
- Be especially aware of spectator safety

Richie picked up on these points and the specifics of Marshalling signals quickly and impressed his two other trainers, CAF Marshallars Marty Huvar and Gary Herzog. Richie intends to become a member of the CAF Marshalling Detachment and work on his CAF MD certification so all we need now is a few airshows. Keep your fingers crossed for 2021. Congratulations, Richie!



Richie Gray Marshaller



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Operation Officer—Mike Scott



Greetings!

I have met many of you over the past few meeting or at our recent fly-in event. I am excited to be your new OPSO and Outlaw has left big shoes to fill.

A little bit about me- I grew up as a military brat and with a general aviation background. My Dad was a Naval Flight Officer- a bombardier/navigator in A-6 Intruders, so I was brainwashed into aviation at a young age.

One of the defining moments of my childhood was convincing my parents to buy me a ride in a beautiful Navy N2S-3 Stearman selling rides at Pensacola Regional when I was in grade school. It was an important moment in my path to becoming a professional aviator, in the Navy initially and later in the Air National Guard here in New Orleans and commercially.

In high school I was fortunate to receive the Leroy Homer Foundation scholarship, created in memory of the first officer on United 93 on 9/11, that paid for my pilot's license. From there I went to the Naval Academy and was fortunate enough to be selected to go on to fly all variants of the F/A-18 Hornet and Super Hornet as a Naval Aviator.

My love of flying and aviation history brought me to warbirds. I got into flying tail wheel and later T-6 Texans, which brought me to Oshkosh where I met one Ben "Evil" Cook. Needless to say, Evil is the reason why I am now an F-15C Eagle Driver here in Belle Chasse, a New Orleans resident, and a member of this fine unit.

My past experiences in aviation have really taught me how important outreach is for the next generation of young pilots and also to teach people about our rich aviation history. I look forward to meeting and working with each and every one of you!



Keep 'em flyin,

Mike "Hänsel" Scott



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Development Officer—Shirley Colomb

Congratulations to Kelvin Contreary!

Kelvin won the Christmas wreath. Kelvin also donated back to the wing the \$60 of cash that was on the wreath. Thanks Kelvin. The wing raised over \$500 dollars with this fundraiser.

Thanks to you all for helping with this fundraiser.



Holiday Social—Shirley Colomb

It always boggles my mind that setting up for an event takes twice as long as the tear down process. I can tell you one thing. We have a great group of guys who volunteer on a regular basis. You know who are and I want to say Thank You. It takes a village to create something wonderful and our social is always a great event. Not only because of the workers, but the wonderful food that is always brought and those who participate. We did things differently to meet COVID guidelines so I would like to thank our food servers Donald Allen and Wanda Allen and Dawn Duxworth as well as our bar server Jim Myrkis.

We did not have as many as usual, understandably and we did not take a group photo but everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. Evidence of this is the photos.





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Big Easy Wing Rides Event by Marty Huvar GCW & BEW

The next event during the second week of November was in New Orleans (NOLA) and it was not your normal WWII airshow event. Gary Herzog (O1), Marty Huvar attended as part of the Gulf Coast Wing (GCW) team. We joined up with Dave Cantin and a soon to be FNG Richard "Richie" Gray from the Big Easy Wing (BEW).

The BEW had their N2S Stearman on the ramp. The GCW brought the B-17 "Texas Riders", the JRB (Beech 18) "Little Raiders" and the newest stable mate the SNJ.

There was a good turnout despite the weather not cooperating all weekend. It rained off and on, windy, cloudy and cool. We had a chance to fly a good number of revenue rides with all the aircraft. The biggest take away from NOLA was the amount of marshalling training we had a chance to do. Another big plus was the BEW learning a lot about flying events, spectator distances, crowd control, ramp protocols and ramp layouts. A HUGE LESSON LEARNED was that the FAA can show up at any time! A lot of great training and a lot of lessons learned.

Gary Herzog, O1



Richie and Dave at the ready during engine crank



Stack them in, Stack them in!



FAA said WHAT!!!!!!

Upcoming Events

April 13-18	Sun N' Fun	Lakeland, Fl
June 4-6	Chennault Airshow.	Lake Charles, LA
July 26-Aug. 8	EEA Airventure	Oskosh, NE
Oct 9-10	CAF Wings Over Houston	Houston, TX
Oct	Hammond Air Show	Hammond , LA

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership	January 9	10 am	hangar
General Membership	February 13	10 am	hangar
General Membership	March 13	10 am	hangar
General Membership	April 10	10 am	hangar
General Membership	May 8	10 am	hangar
General Membership	June 12	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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