



# Big Easy Wing

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## Meeting

January 9th @ 10 am  
Lakefront Hangar



*From the Left Seat*

*David Capo, Unit Leader*

Happy New Year Big Easy Wing!

Lots to talk about for 2021. To start, I am excited to announce a few staff changes for the upcoming year. Please welcome Wayne Breaux, formerly our Facilities Director, to the position of Safety Officer. He will be succeeding Dave Cantin in this role and we are so lucky to have him on staff in his new role. Our best wishes to Dave Cantin as he moves forward in other areas of interest to him. He will be missed as he was one of our most effective and hardest working members. Good Luck Dave! Also, Donald Allen has accepted the daunting and difficult role as primary Alcohol and Drug monitor for the wing. Thank you, Donald Allen, for handling this important job going forward.

## Ground School

**Calling all colonels (members)!** On Saturday, February 20, 2021, your Big Easy Wing Staff Leadership will present the 2021 Ground School for ALL members. This meeting required for all pilots, mechanics, marshallers and loadmasters. These folks are considered essential flight personnel and need to maintain their proficiency each year to be able to participate in the rides program. All other members should plan on attending and may volunteer to be part of the essential crew. Here is what you can expect: 8-9am – Arrival and Check in 9am – General Session CAF Overview Safety Stand Down Financial Overview 10:15 Break – 15 minutes 10:30 – Keynote Speaker Committee Discussion and volunteer opportunities 11:30 – Lunch (provided) 12:30 – 3pm - Breakout Sessions (Two Sessions will offered) Pilots, Marshallers, Loadmasters, Mx, Px, Education, KASTrack and Social Media

You are welcome to attend any session you like. Nonpilots for example can sit in and monitor the pilot session to see what is required to fly for us. All the sessions are designed to be available for anyone who may be interested.

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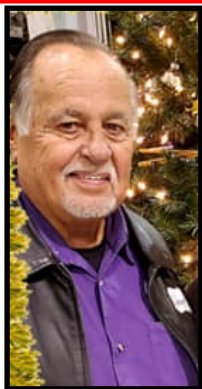
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## Safety Officer --Wayne Breaux



Here's to a new and better 2021!

Yes, I am new to this position so have not had time to really get ready. I know there will be lots of learning taking place on my part. I have some big shoes to fill but I am ready for the undertaking.

For now, I would like to remind everyone performing task around the hangar or airshow to always think first and ask yourself, "What could go wrong? Is there a better way to do it?"

When you are at the hangar, please look around and if you see a potential problem please let me know or if I am not available please inform another officer.

We all want a safe working environment. We are in this together.

Stay safe out there.!



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All sessions except the pilot and Mx sessions will offered at two time in the afternoon allowing you the option to attend more than one to see what we are about and hopefully get more involved for 2021. Thank you for a great 2020 despite the setbacks. With your participation in our first ever ground school, 2021 should be amazing. See you at our regular meeting in the hangar this Saturday, January 9 at 10am.



I would like to take this opportunity **to thank all our members** who played a major part in the numerous successes that we enjoyed this year despite the many difficulties we all faced. in 2020. I am so blessed to be a part of our group of dedicated, hard working, smart, creative and focused volunteers who have shared their time, talent and treasure with the Big Easy Wing. That is YOU. Thank you!



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## Membership—Shirley Colomb



*Dues! Dues! Dues!*

January 1, 2021 has arrived. Thus far, we have had 49 members to renew. The BEW thrives because of YOU. Your 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 join within KAStract (see page 8 and 9) or just pay your dues at the meeting. Just see me or Donald Allen at this upcoming meeting. When you check in at the meeting, you can pay your dues. We take checks, cash, or credit card. Only 50 % of our membership have renewed so please make an effort to go online and pay your dues.

Note: It is important that your CAF number is filled within KAStract. When you renew your CAF membership, you will get a confirmation email as soon as the payment is made. CAF will send renewal letters via email to reduce overall cost to the organization. As you update **KAStract 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 *KAStract*, please send the renewal letter to me at [info@bigeasywing.org](mailto: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

## BEW becomes a Flying Wing



Paul Cutrer



Harold Buchler





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## Operation Officer—Mike Scott



Happy New Year all!

We are looking forward to putting 2020 behind us and hoping '21 is a better year for flying and fun for all of us. Currently, Terry and others are still working to get the Stuka replica back to flying condition.

"New Orleans Lady", the N2S Stearman, is still down for its annual inspection, but the plan is to complete it within the next week or two in order to have it flying again before the end of January. Once that is complete and the Stearman is flying again, we will look to get our current pilots proficient again and then begin new pilot training when it is not too cold out!

For those with tail wheel time who are interested in sponsoring the plane and/or flying, please reach out to me via e-mail at [mmscott86@gmail.com](mailto:mmscott86@gmail.com) and I can talk with you more about the requirements.

Our goal is to have the maximum amount of pilots' current as the warmer months start so we can begin taking people on rides again and hopefully start participating in local airshows, flyovers, and fly-ins again.

Fly Safe,

Mike "Hansel" Scott

## Maintenance Officer — Terry Clausing



I am looking forward to a Great Year of Flying Events!

We are awaiting a decision on the Stearman annual inspection. We are hoping that Jim Shaw will still be available as the I.A. to sign-off on the annual inspection. Note: the Stearman had several major upgrades completed in 2019 and early 2020 so we anticipate a timely review.

On the Stuka, I have inspected the ignition harness and their O.K. I have installed an external power connector, so jumping in the back seat with jumper cables will no longer be required as well as performed sheet metal repairs around the tail wheel jack/tow bar tube. Next major repair will be the magnetos. I will be removing them and sending them out for overhaul.



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## 2020 — Pictorial Review

Our 2020 accomplishment:

March CAF –Wing Staff—BEW receives award

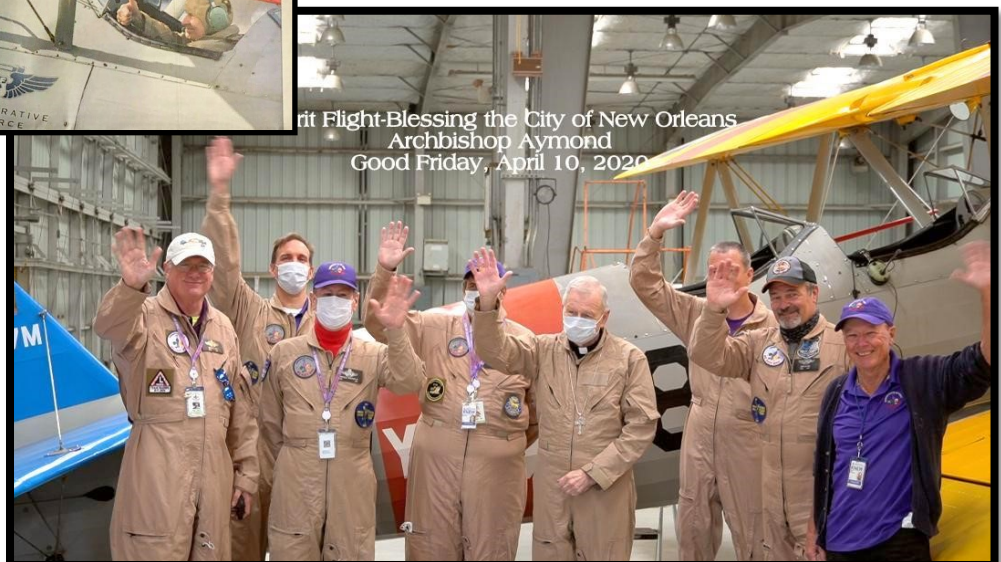


Distinguished Unit  
Maintenance Award  
Big Easy Wing  
2019



April—Good Friday

Spirit Flight







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## 2020-Pictorial Review

### June — Opelousas



### July — CAF United We Fly





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## 2020-Pictorial Review

### July —3 First Responders Honor flights

Schentrel Dillon-Flight Medic  
LA National Guard



Timothy Power- NOFD



Emily Purser-ER tech LSU



### October— Honoring WWII Veteran-Ernest Daunis



### November —N O Lakefront Warbird Expo

**Fly the Sky the Weekend of Nov. 6-8**




**N'Awlins Lady**




**Texas Raiders and Little Raider**

**NEW • ORLEANS  
LAKEFRONT AIRPORT**

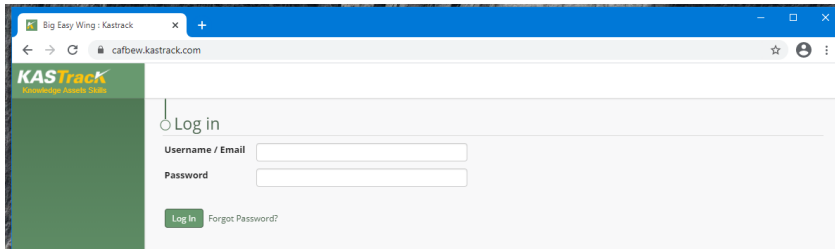


## XO Officer—KAstrack Update—Robert Claypool

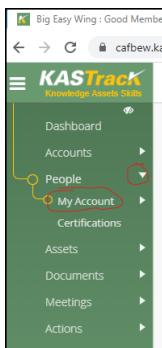
KAstrack now allows members to easily pay their local Big Easy Wing membership online. As an added bonus, this automatically registers your payment within the system, and turns your certification GREEN.

### Steps:

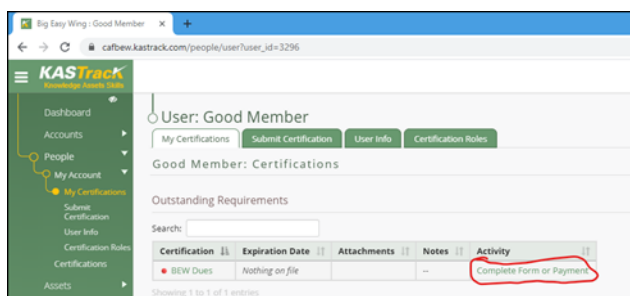
Log into KAstrack at <https://cafbew.kastrack.com>:



After entering your username and password, you will be brought to your Dashboard. Expand the People Menu on the left hand side, and click My Account:



Your list of Outstanding Requirements will be at the top. Click on the Complete Form or Payment link to the right of the BEW Dues Requirement.



This will open the following dialog allowing you to Pay. Note that Active Military may enter “Military” to receive their military discount. Cadets may enter “Cadet” to receive theirs.



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## KAStack continued

Complete a form for "BEW Dues"

This form is being submitted for Good Member (agoodmember)

**Dues Payment**

Use this form if you wish to pay with a Credit Card. The BEW does not store any of your card information. Your information will be input directly by the Merchant Account (Stripe). If you have or will be paying with a check or cash, or from the bigeasywing.org page, please cancel this form.

If you are active military or a cadet (between 12 and 23 years of age) you can receive a discount that will need to be applied prior to clicking the pay button. Call Shirley or David for details.

Annual Dues (\$50) (\$50.00)

Discount Code

Pay Cancel

Once you have clicked the Pay button above, a new dialog box opens which is directly connected to the merchant account. CAF / KAStrack does not store any credit card information.

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Successful payment, your BEW Dues Certificate will turn green and a receipt will be attached. Also, you will receive emails from the Merchant and from KAStrack (Alerts are enabled in your settings by default).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me at the General Membership meeting.



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## Upcoming Events

March 5-7	CAF Staff conference	Virtual Sessions
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

## KAStrack

### 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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