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Ground School

February 20th @ 8 am
Lakefront Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

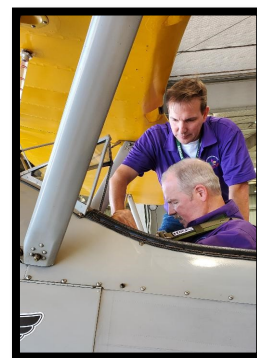
Happy Mardi Gras...Sort of!

It maybe Mardi Gras but it sure does not feel like it does it? Looks like 2021 could just be an extension of 2020! I hope not! We here at the Big Easy Wing are going forward with some great plans this year, China virus or not! Based on the weather extremes we have decided to pass on the meeting this Saturday. However, if you would like to come out and really bundle up, we will be preparing for ground school.

Ground School 2021 is a particularly important meeting. The CAF Head Quarters Leadership strongly, **and I mean strongly**, suggests all members attend their respective wing ground schools. Our ground school will be held on Saturday, February 20 at 9am (registration starting at 8am) and running until approximately 1pm. There will be both general sessions covering everything from CAF rules and regulations, safety protocols and operations. However, we are going to not only share important information, but make it fun as well. You can expect some surprises and activities designed to help you understand and appreciate what the Big Easy Wing and Commemorative Air Force are all about.

After the general session, we will go into breakout sessions covering everything from essential flight and ground crews to education/history, Px (sales), membership and development among other fascinating topics. You will be able to choose what most interests you and will be able to choose two topics. The pilot and Mx sessions will only occur once during the first block of breakouts. All others will be available both sessions.

One of the day's attractions will be an opportunity for those of you not directly involved with wing operations to get involved. Each individual committee will be on hand to explain what they do and, more importantly, how you can get involved. At the end of the day on that Saturday, one hopes, that all of you will find a place to be in the Big Easy Wing. Come out and see how you can make a difference.



Claypool and K.

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Safety Officer --Wayne Breaux



Greetings and welcome to Safety, 2021!



As we gear up for the coming flying season try to visualize aircraft ramps and taxiways. We need to think of ways to keep visitors safe and yet enjoy their experiences. Now is the best time to prepare. If you have never visited Lakefront Airport website, it might be interesting to see an overview of the Airport layout.

Looks like Covid 19 requirements will persist in 2021. At upcoming events, we will need to continue following CDC guidelines. So, be sure to wear mask and keep social distance. As you must have heard on the news, President Biden signed an Executive Order requiring face masks to be worn on all airport properties.

I am asking everyone to come out for Ground School. It will be a good time for me to hear any suggestions or ideas you have for keeping us all safe.

Stay safe out there!

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Pilot Ben Cook

Also, on that day, weather permitting, our N'Awlins Lady will fly. All who attend can get a lesson on the operations of our aircraft. There will be snacks and coffee for breakfast as well as lunch for those who attend. I promise you will not be bored. Come out, learn a little so

you can learn how to support the wing. Friends who you think might be interested in the Wing are invited to attend

We are planning at least three fly-in events so far for 2021. You can expect to hear about those as they are confirmed for later this year.

See you at Ground School 2021 on **Saturday, February 20, 2021** at 8 am for registration.



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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 *Our Ground School on February 20th.*

2021 Members:

Chris Conner and Quintin Conner of Slidell, Louisiana—referred by David Capo
John Quave of New Orleans, Louisiana—referred by Fortune Dugan

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. When you join the BEW you need to join the **CAF**.

Your **CAF** membership renews on your anniversary date. If you are a new member, you will receive a CAF card but if you are renewing 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.

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



Dues!

BEW on TV

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 28 on WLAE at 9 pm.** The Sunday's "Celebrating Culture" special by Charles Marsala will show a ten minute segment on the BEW titled "The Big Easy Wing flies First Responders, Veterans & Religious Leaders to inspire the Community". This will be aired along with his special on the WWII Museum.

Charles has completed several YouTube videos for the Wing over the past year. You can find them on the [BEW website](#) under "Upcoming and Past Events" and on his [AWE News site](#).

The Wing is very grateful for his participation in last years events and we are looking forward to his continued participation at our 2021.

Thanks you, Charles Marsala





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Operation Officer—Mike Scott



We are looking good as we enter February with warmer weather on the horizon. Many thanks to Terry and Jim Shaw for their hard work in preparing and executing the annual on the Stearman. “Evil” Cook took the airplane up with one of the plane’s sponsors last week for a maintenance / proficiency flight and it returned with a few things to be tweaked. The Stuka replica is nearing flyable status, so engine ground runs and flights will be potentially occurring in the very near future.

In the near term, we would like to get max participation for the ground school we are conducting at the hangar on Saturday, February 20th. Active and prospective sponsor pilots can expect two briefs taught by Evil in the upstairs classroom with some “hands on” instruction and demonstration around the airplane. If you are unable to make the training, please let us know and we can at least send you the powerpoint briefs as they are a great review for tailwheel flying and Stearman operations. My email is mmscott86@gmail.com

Further out, we are tentatively planning on participating in “Give NOLA Day” and a few local airshows. We will need volunteers for helping plan and execute those- stand by for more word.

Fly safe and stay healthy.

Happy Mardi Gras!
Hansel

Maintenance Officer — Terry Clausing



As stated in the brief email sent out a few days ago, the Stearman is ready for flying. We are still waiting on the altimeter which has been ordered through Auric Aeronautics. This is necessary for check rides for new pilots.

The Stuka’s magnetos have been repaired and ready to be reinstalled. I will be working on the Stuka the next several days. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come on out Saturday. Or, contact me some time this week if you interested in helping (281-638-3032).



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Give NOLA Day —Tuesday May 4th



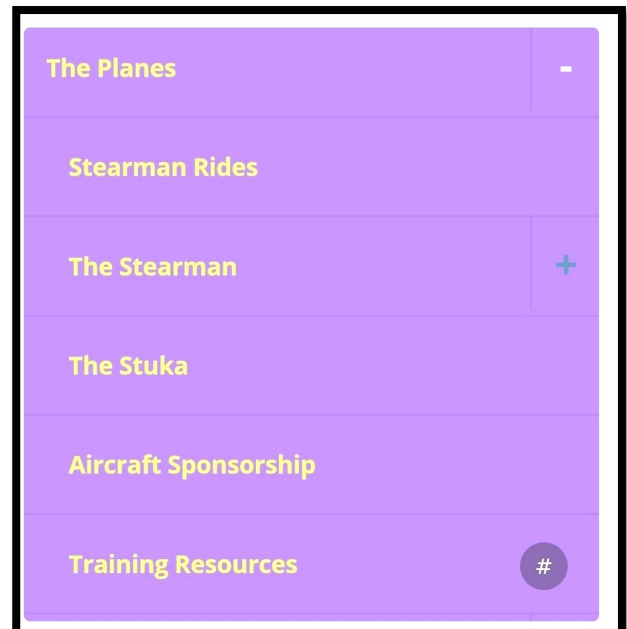
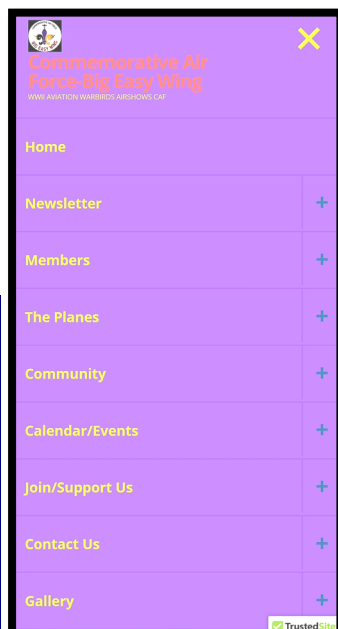
Tuesday,
May 4th

Over the next few months, you will be hearing a lot more about this fund raiser. We have been participating in this event over the last four years. Since we are now a flying organization, we will have our Stearman out for a special flight. We are looking for some ideas. So if you have a great thought, please let me know. Your board has discussed several options but we are excited to hear some of yours. Please see me at the Ground School Training or email me your ideas.

Shirley (info@bigeasywing.org).

Stearman Info located at the Big Easy Wing.org

On the CAF-BEW website, there are many resources and information available to our members. Please explore the website. It contains information and photos of the BEW history. By clicking on the section called The Planes, several drop boxes will appear. Spend some time investigating this section. You will learn about the history of our aircraft along with informational guides created by one of our pilots, Jim Helms.



Upcoming Events

February 20	BEW Ground School	Lakefront Hangar
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
October	Hammond Air Show	Hammond , LA



Upcoming Meetings

Ground School	February 20	8 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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