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Membership Meeting

March 13 @ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Erin Go Brough!!

I hope you have a great St. Pat's Day. It was just one year ago this week that our world as we know it totally shut down. Remember the parades being cancelled so that we could spend TWO WEEKS to

"flatten the curve"? How quaint?! Anyhow, looks like we are finally coming out of this awful pandemic. I hope this finds you well.

Last month, your wing enjoyed its first official ground school. Over 40 members participated. We had a great day despite the cold hangar. There were sessions for pilots. Mx workers, Kastrack, marshallers, loadmasters and Px to mention a few. We are going to have an evaluation so that next year, we will have an even better program. Should you have any feedback that would be helpful, we would be appreciative.

The Model T Krewe

We are the potential recipients of an amazing donation of a 1928 Ford Model T automobile. Thanks to a generous donor who is also a member of our wing, we could soon have this iconic car in our hangar. In order to properly take care of this wonderful gift, I will need a crew of willing and able volunteers to care for, maintain and learn to drive this venerable old car. At the next meeting, I will

reach out to those interested in being part of a brand-new sub-unit in the Big Easy Wing, called the *Model T Krewe*. Those interested folks will be the hands-on team that is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the vehicle. Please let me know if you are interested. Please see the pictures of the car.

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Safety Officer --Wayne Breaux



While we can't completely end Covid 19, things are looking better. Perhaps, we can get closer to some form of normal. While we are allowed a higher capacity at gatherings we should continue with social distancing and wear mask if we are inside or if we are uncomfortable. For those who haven't chosen to get the vaccine maybe give it some considerations when it is made available to you. Please everyone be careful and stay safe out there!

At this Saturday meeting, we have a guest speaker who will give us a talk on the different type of fire extinguishers and hopefully a demonstration. If we used the wrong type on our plane engine, we could do extreme harm. Our speaker is a current firefighter instructor.



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Virtual Wing Staff Conference 2021

This year, CAF HQ will not hold its annual in person conference in Dallas as is usual. Instead, the conference will be held online via the CAF website. To access it, log on using your sign in credentials or go in via their CAF Online Dispatch and select the topics that interest you. To participate live, one needs to register in advance. The meeting starts on Wednesday March 10. Most of these sessions are recorded and can be viewed later at your convenience. If you have not attended a Wing Staff Conference in the past, I strongly suggest logging into the CAF website and learning more about your organization. As a unit, we will have a follow up discussion of the main points made by your national leadership.

Have a great March. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the General Membership Meeting in the hangar this Saturday, March 13.

Keep 'em flying,



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Membership

Dues!



We do not want to crash ! We have a few long time members that have not paid their 2021 dues or their CAF dues. Please, we need you as a part of our organization.

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](#)

WLAE Celebrating Culture about the BEW will not air in March

The special on our Wing and the WWII Museum will not air this month. There has been a delay. But when it does air, we will inform you. The show is called "Celebrating Culture". It 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.





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Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



The Big Easy Wing had a good turnout for training day, put on by our staff. The pilot group got treated well on training day by getting to use the new office space (which was heated!) for our training. Ben “Evil” Cook led the pilot instruction starting off with a "Day in the life of a CAF pilot" which covered what gear pilots are expected to wear, administration duties prior to flying, passenger briefing items, flight profiles, local area procedures, camera usage and cross-country operations and planning. The second brief was all about

The New Orleans Lady - N1617M - our beautiful Stearman. The Stearman ground school consisted of all the standard weight and balance, performance, and flight envelope information, preflight/walk around, refueling, entry/exit, taxi and postflight events. After the slideshow, we braved the cold of the hangar to do an in-person walk around, preflight then a demo of refueling operations climbing up on the nose to get to the fuel tank. Several side discussions covered some of the topics Ben sent out via email prior to the training day including the tailwheel school presentation produced by CAF HQ. We have a lot of potential new tail-wheel pilots!

After some discussion about who wanted to brave the cold, Jared Spencer (a new prospective Stearman pilot) joined Evil for an intro flight in the Stearman. Thankfully, the day had warmed up considerably and it turned out to be an excellent opportunity to aviate! The first ride prompted a couple of other BEW members to opt for a ride in the

Stearman as well. Both Chris Conner & Quintin Conner enjoyed their paid rides immensely, a great day for the BEW team!



Quintin Conner



Jared Spencer



Chris Conner

Thanks to all those who made our first ground school a resounding success. As spring rolls in and brings with it continued warmer weather, we expect to be flying much more and hopefully participating in some local fly-ins, air shows, and other events. Fly Safe!



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Development Officer-Shirley Colomb



GiveNOLA Day is local fundraising event. It provides us with a three-fold opportunity. 1. By participating in GiveNOLA Day, we are provided with an opportunity to brand our wing and get the CAF BEW mission known in our community. Volunteers are essential to any organizations and without them we would not be able to fulfill our mission. Each volunteer comes with their expertise that helps us with our cause.

2. All funds raised contributes to the BEW mission. Past fundraisers have assisted our Stearman aircraft with needed updates and repairs required by the FAA and the CAF safety requirement. We are obligated to preserve our Stearman legacy and her living history for future generation.

3. Donations raised through fundraisers not only help with aircraft expenses but it also assist in purchasing materials needed for our student educational programs

Please help us promote GiveNOLA Day and DONATE.

CAF Dispatch 2019 12 Planes of Christmas Update-Colomb

In this month CAF Dispatch, a recap of our upgrades accomplished from the donations given through 2019 and specifically from the 12 Planes of Christmas fundraiser were presented. We are appreciative of your donations. Thanks to all who contributed.

Maintenance is a constant cost for our Lady and our Stuka. This is why we will be participating in GiveNOLA Day.



PT-17 NEW ORLEANS LADY

New Orleans Lady was able to get the avionics needed to gear up for a busy year. This aircraft participated in several flights this year. Passengers included religious leaders, local politicians, and veterans - this aircraft and the Big Easy Wing members have been serving the community well and are a shining example of CAF Esprit de Corps.

Upcoming Events

March	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

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
General Membership	July 10	10 am	hangar
General Membership	August 11	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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