



# Big Easy Wing

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## Membership Meeting

April 10th @ 10 am  
Lakefront Hangar

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*From the Left Seat*

*David Capo, Unit Leader*

DOC Coming to KNEW Greetings everyone!

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I can announce that the only other flying B-29 Superfortress, "DOC", will visit Lakefront Airport in late April. Arriving on Monday, April 26, "DOC" will be open to the public for tours and hopefully, flights through Sunday, May 2nd. Of course, The Big Easy Wing will be out on the ramp in front of the terminal to participate with the visiting crew. We will have our tent, Px and weather permitting, both planes. As is our custom, the BEW will invite the visiting crew to join us for a social. We will be celebrating our 4th Anniversary. This will occur Sunday afternoon once flying is over. This will be an amazing opportunity to see and work with one of the biggest "rock stars" in the warbird community. "DOC" was recently completely refurbished and according to those who have seen her, the aircraft is beautiful. Many of you are probably aware that she is often crewed by CAF personnel. I am hoping that this time she will be too. I am in touch with the "DOC" support folks and will keep you up to date as to details of the visit when they become available.



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## Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

April seems to be bringing some beautiful flying weather after a long Covid winter. With vaccination rates increasing across the country and events like EAA's Sun 'n Fun airshow (April 13-19) blazing the way to start aviation events and airshows again, the future for flying events this summer is looking bright.

After all the hard work from Terry, Jim, and other maintenance volunteers the Stearman has been up a few times since its annual. The Stuka replica will soon be ready to take to the skies. Our plan to increase our flying pilot group involves renewing the currency of one instructor and certifying a current pilot as a new instructor to start training the next few pilots this spring and into the summer.

Our next big event on the horizon is the exciting visit of the newly restored B-29 “Doc”, based out of Wichita- one of only two flying B-29s in the world! Doc will be visiting Lakefront from April 26-May 3rd and will be available for tours and flights around the local area. We will plan to have the N’ Awlins Lady out and possibly other aircraft visiting during that time for static display and rides. Fingers crossed for good weather! For more information about Doc, visit their page at <https://www.b29doc.com/>

Due to the nature of the Chennault Airshow in June being mostly a “drive-in” air show, the staff has elected not to participate in the show. However, we will continue to look for events to participate in through this Spring and Summer. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Enjoy this great spring weather and fly safe!

Mike “Hänsel” Scott  
BEW OPSO

## Happy Anniversary to the Big Easy Wing

CAF Big Easy Wing started  
April 28, 2017.

We will be holding a social on May 2 at hangar to celebrate our anniversary and to say goodbye to the B29 crew.

More info will be given out at this Saturday's meeting and in follow-up emails. Mark your calendar!







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## Development Officer-Shirley Colomb

Please help us promote GiveNOLA Day and DONATE.



Tuesday, May 4th

Early giving begins April 20th

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### Pat Quigley to Receive FAA Wright Brothers Award

At our next meeting on April 10, 2021, we are pleased to host the FAA in order to present the Wilber and Orville Wright 50 years of Safe Flying Award to our friend and photographer, Pat Quigley. Pat has been a vital part of our growing wing since our inception. You may not know this, but Pat has taken some amazing in-flight photos of not only our aircraft but many others as well. I am sure you remember the B-52 flyover with our pilot, Ben "Evil" Cook as Eagle One as escort on May 1st of last year. Well Pat was up there too shooting the planes in flight. Brave man he is! I saw him up there and thought, wow, he must be crazy! Well, no he is not! He is super safe, and the FAA agrees. They will award him for his safe 50 years of flight. Congrats to you Pat! FYI, photos from that day are still available in our Px. Last year in Hammond, we were honored to host another FAA award ceremony for our friend and member, Paul "Cutter" Cutrer. It was a great day, and I am expecting nothing less this Saturday. Bring the whole family and friends to see this great event. Refreshments will be served. Also, on Saturday, both planes may fly. In speaking with our chief pilot, Jim Helms and Ben Cook, I learned that they are planning on flying the Stearman for currency check flights and may actually try to fly the Stuka! You don't want to miss this. Hope to see you Saturday!

### Hangar Roof Fixed

Bill Triay Gets Hangar Roof Leaks Fixed Last week, our member Bill Triay had his roofer go up on our hangar roof and fix those pesky leaks. Since we have had the hangar, that roof has continually leaked. So, Bill, through his generosity, had his roofer plug the holes so Terry Clausing, Mx Officer, can now put away that mop! Thank you, Bill and Terry. Great job and most appreciated.



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## Safety Officer --Wayne Breaux



While we had what I viewed as an excellent fire control presentation at our March membership meeting, I would like to review some of what was discussed. One aspect of importance was the use of two people on the wheeled extinguisher at the flight ramps and engine test runs. What we need is one person working the extinguisher and one person to maneuver the handcart. Also, remember the different class of extinguishers:

A— ordinary (wood and paper) B— liquid fuels

C— electrical D— combustibles K- kitchen fires

When operating the extinguisher think of the acronym—**P.A.S.S.**

P— pull pin A— Aim at fire S— Squeeze handle S—Sweep side to side

BusinessWatch Type Extinguisher Type	Class A Organic Materials (e.g Paper & Coal)	Class B Flammable Liquids (e.g Petrol & Paint)	Class C Flammable Gases (e.g Butane & Methane)	Class D Flammable Metals (e.g Lithium & Magnesium)	Electrical Equipment (e.g Computers & Servers)	Class F Cooking Oils (e.g Olive Oil & Fat)	Businesses that may need this type of Extinguisher
Water	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	- Schools - Hospitals - Offices - Shops
Foam	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	- Apartments - Hospitals - Offices - Shops
Dry Powder	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	- Garages - Welding - Boiler Rooms - LPG Plants
CO2	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	- Server Rooms - Offices
Wet Chemical	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	- Kitchens - Canteens

## Big Easy Wing Education Library by Doug Webb

As part of our Big Easy Wing Education Department, we have started a lending library. The library is in the ready room, and already has several excellent titles. The concept is to loan them to members with a check-out and check-in sheet co-located with the books. Please return any titles you borrow in a reasonable time and treat them with respect.

If anyone has any titles they would like to donate to the library, please bring them in and let me know. Storage space in the ready room is extremely limited however, so if anyone has any suggestions for other locations feel free to send them in. The next chance I get I will be making a list of all current titles we have and have them posted somewhere (Kastrack?) or emailed out. Perhaps we can eventually even include member reviews and/or summaries to help others in choosing a title.



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## Membership



Dues!



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

## WLAE Celebrating Culture

Hopefully, you had an opportunity Easter Sunday to see the first of three videos about the Big Easy Wing. I am very proud of our wing and all that we do. Please check out the next two Sundays for the other BEW airings on "Celebrating Culture."

Next week a ten minute segment on the BEW titled "**The Big Easy Wing flies First Responders, Veterans & Religious Leaders to inspire the Community**". will be aired—Sunday, April 11. Then, on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>, the "**Texas Raiders B-17 Flying Fortress of the Commemorative Air Force** Sponsored by the Big Easy Wing" will air. This video includes an interview with WWII Veteran, Ubert Terrell.

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](#).





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## PX Report—Shirley Colomb

With the B29 DOC coming to New Orleans at the end of this month, we need to get ready with sale items. I know that Glenn Metzler has been reorganizing items and getting the trailer ready. I will be ordering sale items soon. However, it is important to have workers available for the PX tent. I will be reaching out to you this Saturday. According to Doc's website and FB page they will be having tours April 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and fight Experience rides from 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, followed by ground and flight deck tours on those days from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. [www.b29doc.com/rides](http://www.b29doc.com/rides). Our Stearman will be out and selling rides so volunteers are needed. Preparation for this event will be discussed at the meeting on April 10th. Please try to attend.

## Great Field Trips

In 2020, Donald Allen designed a trip to Charlie Hammond's Airfield. Unfortunately, covid 19 appeared on the scene. Coming soon, there will be an open house at his facility. So if you are interested, just show up. Charlie has a great museum and I know it will be a fun time. Check his [FB page](#)



Just recently, the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum opened in Gulfport. It is a great place for the entire family. There are many youth activities as well good displays and aircraft history to see. This would be a fun road trip for the entire BEW family. Many of the youth activities could be implemented at our hangar. Please visit there [FB page](#). They are planning a special event during Cruising the Coast for all our car and aircraft enthusiast.



## Kudos—BEW wants to say Thank You

Pat Power, a fire fighter instructor at Delgado, gave an informative presentation at our March meeting.

Donald Allen who found us an Oreck vacuum cleaner on the street. With a lot of work, Donald has the vacuum working great.

## Upcoming Events

April 13-18	Sun N' Fun	Lakeland, Fl
April 29-May 2	B29 Doc	Lakefront Airport
May 4th	Give NOLA Day	Lakefront Airport
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	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



## 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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