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Membership Meeting

June 12th @ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Summer Greetings!

Thank You Karl Shearer! At our last general membership meeting, our own Karl Shearer made an amazing presentation on emergency medical procedures we (hopefully won't) need around the hangar. He made a brief but impactful presentation on CPR, emergency wound care and methods for basic life saving techniques.

As important and interesting as his talk was, he only hit on the surface. After the meeting, many of you expressed interest in having Karl teach a life saving CPR course in which the participants would receive a CPR card and be certified in basic lifesaving skills. If we have enough interest, Karl could teach the course to our members and guests at our facility at Lakefront Airport. If you are interested, I will have a sign-up sheet at the next couple of meetings for those interested. The cost will be minimal and financial aid would be available to those in need of it.



Night Meetings Again?

As the summer gets into full swing, busy Saturday schedules, weekend trips with the family and the heat are becoming issues which are starting to affect attendance at our monthly meetings, the staff is suggesting that for the months of July and August, the unit will switch our meetings to the second Wednesday of the month with a start time of 6:00 pm. The meeting would still take place in the hangar, but the idea is that the facility would be cooler and the day and time more convenient to you, our membership. I will propose this to the membership in attendance this Saturday.

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Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

Summer is starting and our next event on the calendar is the Stennis Airport fly-in on Saturday, June 26th. Phil will be back to fly rides in the N’Awlins Lady all day for \$250. **Military veterans who purchase a ride ticket between now and Father’s Day are eligible for 20% off.** Please visit our website at www.bigeasywing.org in order to book a ticket. If you or someone you know who wants to ride that day is a veteran, please email me at mmsscott86@gmail.com with proof of your veteran status in order to receive the 20% off code for booking. Thank you, Phil for stepping up to fly!

Also, participating at this event will be EAA Chapters 479 and 697. Some of you might be interested in learning about EAA Chapters and joining them.



Stuka replica update: we are awaiting the arrival of a new ignition wiring harness in order to satisfy the engine run and pre-flight requirements for the airplane. We plan to get it flying this summer once that is complete.

From the pilot side of the house, we are still working to re-qualify our current instructor and potentially another one to continue growing our active pilot fleet. We have had several new members join who are pilots. Please contact me if interested in becoming a Stearman pilot. More to follow on this topic.

Fly safe!



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Unit Officer's report continued

EAA Fly-In at Stennis International Airport

Saturday, July 26, 2021, the Big Easy Wing will participate with two local chapters of the EAA in Stennis, MS with our Stearman and Px tent. At the invitation of airport director, Chance Watson, we will support the EAA with our presence and will be making our Stearman available for rides from 10 to 5 that Saturday. The EAA event is a Young Eagle celebration and will run from 9 -1. A member of the Stennis aviation community will receive his 50-year FAA Wright Brothers Award at 9 that morning inside the terminal. The balance of the event will take place on the ramp in front the terminal. We have plenty of opportunities for those members interested in participating. Contact myself or Shirley Colomb for more details.

If Chance's name seems familiar to our long-time members, it is because he was the airport manager at KNEW, Lakefront when we started the wing here. Chance is great friend the BEW and we really appreciate his support and friendship. Thank you, Chance!

See you this Saturday, June 12 at 10am for our regular meeting.

Proposed Runway Closer

Proposed runway closure of Lakefront's Crosswind runway, 9 / 27 is still an important issue. The airport authority has proposed closing this runway, which is our only crosswind option at this airport. This is of VITAL importance, as on many occasions we would not be able to fly at all with winds out of the East or West. Not only would this hamper our ability to fly these historical aircraft, but it would also greatly affect all of the general aviation aircraft based at Lakefront and keep people from visiting.

Feel free to contact to the Airport Management authority, the FAA, and the Mayor, and call any one of these people listed below. Please let them know how important Lakefront Airport Runway 9 / 27 is to local flight operations and insist to them that it cannot be closed!

Contact:

Wilma Heaton, Chair
Lakefront Management Authority
6001 Stars & Stripes Blvd., Suite 219
New Orleans, LA 70126

Mr. Lacey D. Spriggs, Manager
Federal Aviation Administration
Southwest Region, Airports Division
Louisiana/New Mexico Airports Development Office, ASW-640
10101 Hillwood Parkway
Fort Worth, TX 76177

Mayor Latoya Cantrell New Orleans
1300 Perdido St 2nd Floor
NOLA 70112
(504) 658-4900

Contact:

Matthew Willard, House of Representatives: (504)-283-4261

Senator Karen Carter, State Senate: (504)-568-8346

Senator Bill Cassidy, US Senate: (504) 838-0130

Senator John Kennedy, US Senate: (504) 581-6190

Governor John Bell Edwards of LA: (225) 342-0991



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Safety Officer --Wayne Breaux



Summer Greetings!

I want to start off by saying that last month's presentation by Karl Shearer was outstanding. I really appreciated him agreeing to be part of my Safety-First program. This was the second presentation on Safety. If you recall, the first was on fire extinguishers. We also have Richard Wood, who has offered to do a presentation, more on that later.

Summer is here and it is hot so let us all remember when we are working to drink fluids and stay hydrated. If necessary, take breaks and try to do your work in shaded areas. Especially this goes for anyone working at the hangar. The high humidity can be dangerous.

When at airshows or events, either participating or attending, please be mindful of the heat. It is helpful to wear light breathable clothing and stay in the shade. Be mindful of your coworkers and other attendees. Remember Safety First!



Membership

Welcome back Earl Weiser. Thanks for rejoining! Hope to see you at our next meeting.

To all our recent new members, do not forget to join the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). That membership is required. To all our members, KAStrack sends out a notification when your CAF dues are due. Note: the CAF are sending membership cards once again with your renewal.

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](#). **Meetings are usually the 2nd Saturday of the month.**

Checks mailed to:
CAF Big Easy Wing
c/o Colonel Harold Buchler, Adjutant
3014 Metairie Rd Metairie, LA 70001



Development Officer—Shirley Colomb

I am asking for your help. Please assist in promoting BEW events. If you or a family member has a social media presence like a Facebook page or an Instagram page, please ask them to like our page and then share. It is important that every member works to promote our organization and our events. It is only by your help that our wing can grow, and our events become profitable.



Upcoming Events

June 26	Stennis International Airport Fly-In	Kiln, MS
July 10	Blue Angels Pensacola Airshow	Pensacola, FL
July 26-Aug. 8	EEA Airventure	Oskosh, NE
Oct 9-10	CAF Wings Over Houston	Houston, TX
Oct. 16-17	Hammond Air Show	Hammond, LA
Oct. 23	SHAF Warbird/Carshow	Vicksburg/Tallulah, LA
Nov. 5-6	Blue Angels Homecoming Airshow	Pensacola, FL



Upcoming Meetings

General Membership	June 12	10 am	hangar
General Membership	July 10	10 am	hangar
General Membership	August 11	10 am	hangar



Meeting Dates May Change see Unit Leader's article

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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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