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Membership Meeting/

July 9th @ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings!

June-what a month it has been! First, it is the 78th anniversary of the Operation Overlord. The D-Day Landings where members of the Greatest Generation showed the world what they were made of. All of us are eternally grateful for their sacrifice.

On the home front, we had an outstanding Father's Day Flight and Open House weekend. By my count, the Big Easy Wing flew twelve passengers. One of those was my neighbor's 93-year-old mom. Bravo Zulu, Mom. I cannot thank enough our Chief Pilot, Mike Scott for all that he did to make the weekend successful. Thanks Mike!



Kitten Buckhaults

I would be remiss if I did not thank the members who participated on the planning committee. We met many times to produce our plan of action. Thanks all for your efforts. Also, I want to thank all who gave up their weekend to assist in this endeavor. Thanks to: Terry Clausing for getting and keeping our Stearman in top condition; Dawn and Kevin Duxworth for their cooking skills; Don Clausing, Tom Slack and Bill Triay for getting us cars; Shirley and Bill Triay for the advertisement and organization; Glenn Metzger for the drinks and set-up; Doug Webb and Steve Gerard for their modeling display; Richard Wood for ice and acting as loadmaster along with Karl Shearer; Jeff Segner for marshalling, Austin Wood and David Capo for demonstrating our new flight simulator program; and finally Harvey Burns and Terry Clausing for their riveting demonstration; and finally, Jim Buchler for obtaining the porta-potty.

All of this could not have been possible without all our members and their friends who came out to support us. I appreciate all the challenging work and dedication of the previous administration. Thanks David.

Please see Shirley's article on the recap of the success of Father's Day Open Hangar Day. We all need to be committed to promoting all our events.

One of our ongoing community projects is the painting of the F14 Tomcat and the A4 Skyhawk, which is located at Kenner City Hall Complex, the painting part of the project is now completed, and we are presently decaling the planes. This entire project should be completed soon. See you at the hangar.





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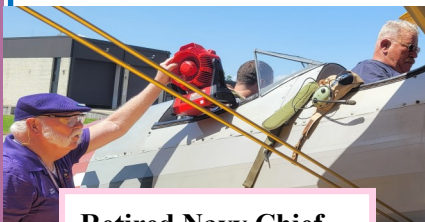


Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

I hope this letter finds you well and not too hot. Our June Open House and Ride Event turned out to be a huge success! Fortunately, the weather cooperated (although it was HOT!) and I was able to come back in town to fly rides all weekend out of Lakefront. Both days had favorable winds and weather and we were able to knock out max rides for those who wanted to go up. It was truly a pleasure getting to share WWII history and the joy of aviation with so many new people. All of the volunteers kept the operation running and rides flowing (and yours truly cool with fans and water) during quick turns between passengers. Nice work all-outstanding job! Among the highlights of the weekend were flying several good friends of wing members, the Commanding Officer of VFA-204 (the local F-18 reserve squadron), a retiring Navy chief from the same squadron, and not one but *two* passengers in their 90s!



Retired Navy Chief



Commander



Kitten Buckhaults



Ed Fraiche

If you know of anyone who wants to fly on another day, please let Shirley know and we can arrange for a time to get airborne for a flight over the city. We are also looking forward to planning another ride event in the near future, potentially in September, if not sooner. My paperwork is enroute to become a CAF Instructor Pilot and we have a pilot from CAF HQ who is willing to do my instructor checkout. So hopefully we can soon get some of our old pilots across the lake re-current and also train new some new ones. Stay Cool!



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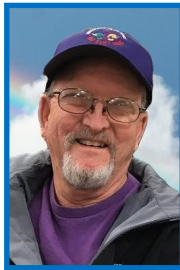
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Safety Officer —Richard Wood




Good day everyone!



It is that time of year-Hurricane season. Here are a few reminders of what to do:

Generators: when hooking it up remember to turn off the main breaker to the house so that you don't back feed to the pole. It could cause injuries to the lineman restoring the power

Gas:  top the tank off in all your vehicles. Gas cans should be filled a few days before the hurricane hits. I fill them up when the hurricane enters the Gulf. Each person should know the amount of gas his Generators use.

Food: electric stove don't work without power. I suggest a propane stove are even a gas grill. Things that need to be kept cold should be used as soon as possible. Your freezer will keep things cold a few days without opening it. Stock up on cans goods.

Evacuation routes:

You should know your area and which roads flood in a heavy rain. Some roads floods early due to tidal surge, which can happen hours before the hurricane makes land fall. If you can move vehicles to a high point-plan to do so early.

Contact numbers:

Plan to have a few people that you can get in touch within case of emergency. Remember land lines and cell phones might not work. Texting is better. Be sure to carry your charge cord.

With proper planning we can make the best things happen when a hurricane occurs

Note—Hurricane alert may require us to implement our Hurricane preparation procedures. This requires our leaders to call on members to help out with the hangar pick-up and removal of items. Our hangar is at the lowest point of the airport. Depending on the storm most items can be lifted and the plane moved to another hangar further up. This always needs to be done prior to the flood gates closing. However, depending on the category and the direction, the plane may need to be flown out of the city. Mike Scott is looking into possibilities.

Stay safe everyone.



Upcoming Meetings

General Membership	July 9	10 am	hangar
General Membership	August 13	10 am	hangar
General Membership	September 10	10 am	hangar
General Membership	October 8	10 am	hangar

Membership Officer— Shirley Colomb



Greetings!

Since last month we had one of our past members rejoin. As you know, membership is the heart-beat of any organization. I cannot say it enough. You are important to us. Please let me know how I can help make this organization more viable to you. If you find your association with the wing rewarding, then please spread the word with co-workers, friends, and family. Word of mouth is our best recruitment and advertisement that we have.

Dues may be paid *Online* by going to our BEW website [online store](#) or you can mail me a check.

Checks mailed to:

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Father's Day Hangar Open House – we did exceedingly well. The food went over great. We paid for the cost of the food items on the first day. On Sunday, all food sales were a profit. I was great that we introduced the Tower personnel to the hangar. They are excited about coming over for lunch more regularly. Kevin and Dawn did a phenomenal job. There is no way we could have done it with their assistance. Overall, we grossed more than \$3000. However, when we do this again, we need all of our members to strongly promote it. The people that bought flights were all friends of members. We are all part of this organization, and we all need to promote our events by sharing and talking about it to family, friends and co-workers. Please see the last page for photos of the event. Thanks to Doug Webb for taken photos on Sunday.

On another note—the metal and copper from the light were sold to a recycling place. We made on the Aluminum \$ 123.10, on Metal \$ 73.93 and on the Copper \$ 652.05. Thanks to all our workers.

Thanks to the Shannon and Mark Ferketish for their donations and thoughtfulness.

I met Shannon and Mark at the WWII Museum Award Dinner and invited them to visit our Father's Day Open Hangar Day. They stopped by and brought their son and daughter-in-law. They stated that they had an enjoyable time. A couple of days later, they called and offered us a motorized tank, some models and books. Since then they have contacted me and sent me the contact person for the British car club. Hopefully, the British Car Club will be available to participate at our next Open Hangar day event.

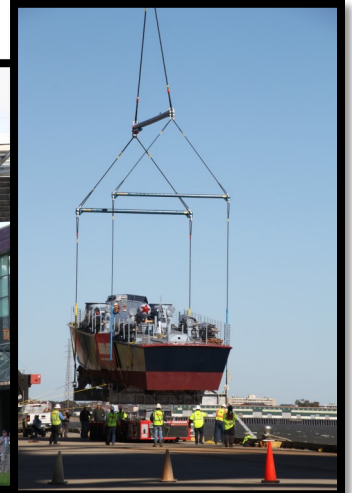
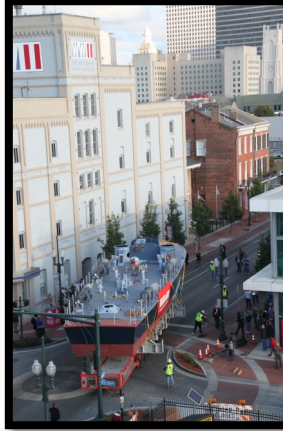


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Pt 305 returns to National WWII Museum

Thursday July 7th – Around 9 am the 305 will travel by barge to the Mississippi River/Erato St. Terminal. I do not know the time that it will get there. On Saturday, the 305 will begin to move from Erato Street/Mississippi River at approximately 7:00 AM and is expected to arrive at KRP around 10:00 AM. I saw the 305 travel down conventional Blvd and Magazine street. It was neat to see. Get out there early to check it out and then back to the hangar for our 10 am meeting. It was something. Here are pics from several years ago when it left the WWII

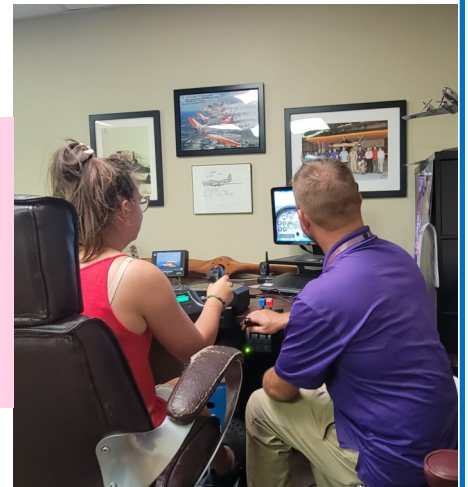


Educational Activities

Both Stephen Gerard, and Doug Webb was on hand to instruct both adults and kids alike in aircraft modeling. Our riveting project was not only interesting to the youth but also to the adults that came out. David and Austin was able to get the simulator program up and running. It was fascinating and challenging to those who tried it.



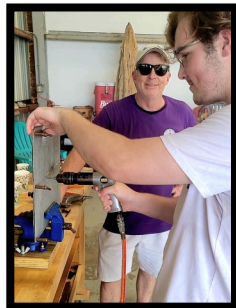
Shannon Ferkeish





Greetings!

The Stearman performed beautifully at our Father's Day Hangar Open House. She didn't give Mike any problems or concerns. And the riders, were impressed with that radial engine sound. We had a family stop by that saw and heard the airplane flying over Gentilly. The day pick up an application and may join.



Kader Dunn

My job at the open house was to talk about the Stuka and to assist Harvey with the riveting demonstration. My riveting skills were more on target, so I probably did most of the instruction. On the first day there was not much demand but on Sunday I had several people enjoying the demonstration and participating. Shirley was even present a couple of time giving her talk about Rosie the Riveter and how this began the female movement. Also, a few neat antique cars showed up. To me, Father's Day Hangar Open House seemed to be success.



Colleen Ferketish/Mark Ferketish

The Stuka is getting its conditional inspection. At the upcoming meeting, I will do an engine run-up on the Stuka. She is still FOR SALE. Hopefully, a WWII enthusiast or a movie studio will need a German aircraft. Also, we have posted on Trade A Plane the McCauley propeller and the Wright Cyclone engine.



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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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Father's Day Hangar Open House



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Kitten Buckhaults



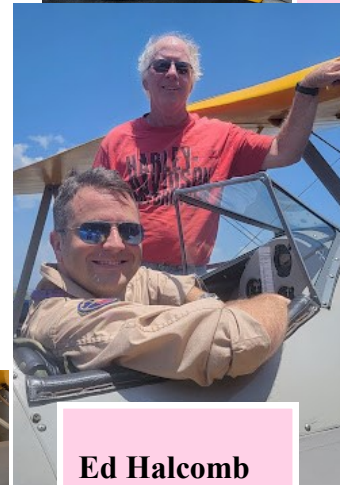
Conrad Buchler



**Gen. Paul and Angelle Tibbets
(foreground) Kali and Josh Schick**



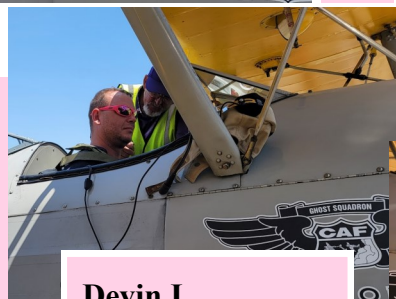
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