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Membership Meeting/

June 11@ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings!

This past month has been extremely exciting. Your Wing has seen great strides in show casing what our mission is about. It has been like a solving a puzzle, one piece at a time.

This first piece is a plane. Several years ago, the CAF assigned to the Wing our Stearman. The second piece, a pilot qualified to fly it. This took some time as our past pilots have moved to various parts of the country. The third piece, a pilot who is here and able to fly. We have that in spades with our Operations Officer, Mike “Hansel” Scott. He has been checked out by CAF and has the requisite hours to start flying revenue rides. Bravo Zulu, Mike.

The next piece of the puzzle, an event to get the Wing off the ground. That will come during Father’s Day weekend, June 18 and 19. The Big Easy Wing will be hosting Father’s Day Flight and Open House. On Saturday, Mike Scott will be doing the flying and on Sunday, our member, Phil Webb will be coming in from Pensacola to fly. We will also be having several classic cars and kids’ activities. See more details in this newsletter. I would like to see all our members at our first Hangar Day. I am looking forward to hosting more events.

Now for some exciting news. One of my fellow members of the Civil Air Patrol is building a Pitts Special from the ground up. I asked him if he would like assistance with his project and he agreed. It is possible that we will be able to move the project to the BEW hangar and assist in the construction of the plane. This will be a “hands-on” project. I would appreciate if you would let me know if you would be interested in participating in this exciting project.

At the time of the writing of this article, plans are in works to paint the F14 Tomcat and the A4 Skyhawk in Kenner. The paint has been secured and hopefully will be completed before the end of June.

See you at the hangar **on June 11** for general membership meeting. Don’t forget a food item for Second Harvest and, our **Father’s Day Flight and Open House June 18 & 19** (see page 5 for the official flyer)





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Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

Summer has officially arrived and with it plenty of opportunities for fun, fellowship, and flying. June 6th marks the 78th anniversary of the allied “D-Day” invasion of the beaches of Normandy in France during WWII that turned the tide and marked the defeat of Nazi Germany. If you ever get the chance to visit the Normandy beaches and surrounding area in France, I highly recommend it! I spent four days there during a “battlefield” study trip in 2015 with fellow Navy and Marine Corps colleagues and it was not enough time to see all of the incredible WWII history.



Coming up on Father’s Day Weekend, Saturday, and Sunday June 18-19th, we will be hosting a ride event here at our local CAF ramp. **Please spread the word** to get your friends to get out to fly our beautiful New Orleans with myself and Phil Webb in the *N’Awlins Lady*! Flights are \$300 or \$270 if booked by June 11th. We look forward to showing a unique view of the Crescent City from our flying piece of history.

I have submitted my request to become a CAF IP so that hopefully I can start flying with potential new pilots- still awaiting word from CAF HQ! Lastly the airworthy Stuka replica is being listed at reduced price if you know anyone who might want to own this one-of-a-kind aircraft!

I write this from the duty desk at Langley Air Force Base, VA where the 159th Fighter Wing “Bayou Militia” is deployed for “Operation Noble Eagle”, flying air patrols over the President when he and his family travel over the weekend. Today two of our F-15’s had to intercept an unaware Cessna 172 pilot that got very close to his Delaware beach house and forced the President and his wife to relocate to a secure location! This is your reminder to *always* check NOTAMs and TFR’s before you go fly- many of which can pop up on short notice. As cool as it sounds to be intercepted by me or one of my buddies in an Eagle, be-

lieve me that you will not want to deal with the fallout from that!

As always, fly safe.





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Adjutant Officer—Shirley Colomb



Greetings!

At our May meeting, Stephen Gerard, a gentleman that we met at the Belle Chasse Airshow joined our wing. Welcome Stephen Gerard of Metairie! Glad to have you involved. Also, Jim Duggan rejoined.

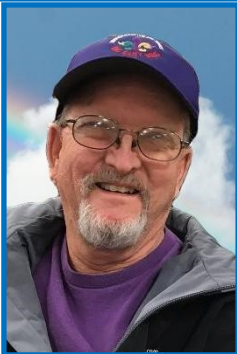
Thanks Jim! We look forward to seeing you soon at the hangar.

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

Checks mailed to:
CAF Big Easy Wing
c/o Shirley Colomb, Adjutant



Safety Officer —Richard Wood



Hello BIG Easy Wing

Just a few reminders about the Father's Day weekend coming up. Let's make the wing really shine. We may need a few guys to come our early to help us prepare but we can talk about that at the June 11 meeting.



Like I previously mentioned, this summer heat will be a concern for everyone. I can't stress the importance to keep hydrated. If you feel like you are having muscle cramps take the time to cool off and drink gator aid. Both are important.

The sun is going to be another problem. On a cloudless day 15 mins in the sun, you have already started on a sunburn. If not protected, PLEASE ask someone for their sunscreen. I will try to remember to have some at the hangar. The pilots and the cooks need to be extra careful.

Let us keep a close eye on each other and our guest. Let make this an event enjoyable for everyone.

Upcoming Meetings



General Membership	June 11	10 am	hangar
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

Maintenance Officer Terry Clausing



At last month's general meeting, I performed an engine run-up on the Stuka prior to the start of a Conditional Inspection. The Stuka performed well. Even her screaming dive bomber siren worked well.

As far as the Stearman, she is ready to go. I am looking forward to seeing her fly at our Father's Day Flight and Open Hangar Days. Also, at the Father's Day open house, maintenance will have a briefing on the Stuka history, and I will assist Harvey Burns with some educational demonstration with a rivet installation..

Upcoming Events



June 18 –19

Lakefront Airport



July 16

Kiln, MS



July 23

Lake Bruin, LA



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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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10:00 am till 6:00 pm

Father's Day Weekend

Saturday, June 18 & Sunday, June 19

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up to
June 11!



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in our
Stearman Biplane
Over the Superdome

*Flights Piloted by
Mike Scott and Phil Webb*



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