



Big Easy Wing



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Membership Meeting/

August 13@ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings!

July certainly was challenging. First the heat, I hope it doesn't get any hotter. Second, the power outage at the airport. Through no fault of our own, power to the east side of the airport was out for over a week. The Tower, T-hangars, McDermott hangar, the Firehouse and the Big Easy Wing hangar were dark. The Tower and Firehouse as well as runway lighting was on generators. Thankfully the power was restored.

According to Murphy's Law, the power was out when the Big Easy Wing was scheduled to be at the Stennis Airport Fly-in. Bill Triay was able to bring his Stearman to Stennis as a static display. For that to have happened, Joey Madere was once again called in to work his magic. He was able to "hot wire" power from the generator to the door control box and allow Bill to get his Stearman to Mississippi. Bravo Zulu Joey.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 13. We will have a tour of the tower as well as a guest speaker. We are scheduled to do a "**Back to School Flight**" also this weekend. Mike will be present to fly. We need everyone to promote this so we can have several paid participants. Please send a flier out to your friends, coworkers and family members. If you know anyone who would like to take advantage of this, please contact Shirley. We will have Chef Kevin cooking burgers for us.

Also, the **challenge coins** have arrived. The coins look great. Remember, we are selling 5 coins for \$80 through August 31. The price of a single coin is \$20. The coins will be available this weekend.

Early this month, Mike Scott was able to fly in our Stearman several individuals. Scottie Burge, who works for the FAA, has many hours of tailwheel time took a flight. Not only did he take a flight, but he joined the CAF, our Wing, and became a sponsor of the plane. Hopefully, Scottie will become one of our pilots soon. Scottie is also a member of the Civil Air Patrol. Welcome aboard!



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Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

I hope this finds you all enjoying your summer. July was a great but very busy month coming back to New Orleans from our TDY to Langley AFB. On the 25th I was able to beat the ominous weather growing over the city and fly three rides: our member Karl who has put in a lot of hard work with squadron operations, Linda who had previously purchased a ride, and new aircraft sponsor and potential new pilot Scottie Burge.

The last week of the month meant the greatest event in aviation: EAA's AirVenture Oshkosh. I was to travel up in the F-15C for static display, but my jet broke on the ground, so I ended up flying up commercially and meeting our Bayou Militia squadron mates and member Jim Dugan for a few days of fun. The weather was phenomenal, and the people and planes were incredible as always! OSH '22 set record crowds, with approximately 650,000 people and over 10,000 planes

visiting throughout

the week. I *highly* recommend going up for this aviation pilgrimage if you ever get the chance! Here are a couple of photos

I have submitted required forms to become an CAF Instructor Pilot in order to train a few potential new Stearman Pilots and requalify two previous pilots. We are also pursuing other avenues to train new pilots with IP's from out of the local area.



On the horizon we have a few potential events we might potentially be able to attend as a Wing, hopefully with the “N’Awlins Lady”. One event is the 41st annual Stearman fly-in in Jennings, LA the first weekend in October which should draw dozens of Stearman and other aircraft in the air and on the ground. The other event is the NAS Pensacola Homecoming Airshow on the weekend of November 11-12th, featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. If we have people to support, we will try to do one or both events.

I am planning to be at this month's meeting, and I will be happy to fly customers. Please let Shirley know if you have a friend that is up to purchasing a flight.

Stay cool!



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Safety Officer —Richard Wood



Good day everyone!

Summer is almost over, and kids are getting ready for school. But we cannot forget about the heat, humidity, and school zones. Please drink plenty of liquids, protect yourself from the sun and watch for those kids.



Now, let us prepare for winter. Those of you who have fireplaces need to make sure the chimney is clean and there are no cracks in the bricks. Chimney fires are nothing to play with and can start a fire in the attic. Fighting a fire in a chimney is very difficult. The cracks in the bricks (if there are any) can increase the likelihood of the fire getting into the Attic. This makes getting access to the fire more troublesome for firefighters.

Another thing is to remember that smoke detectors batteries need to be replaced. First Alert detector requires a 9-volt battery, which should be tested, and battery replaced 2 times a year. Kidder mod # 19010 has a sealed battery that last 10 years. It is the one that our fire department is installing for qualifying households. Houses that have a gas furnace and stove should have a CO2 detector - one in the kitchen and the other by the furnace

Stay safe everyone.

Wing Leader —continues

On a positive note, the A4 Skyhawk and F14 Tomcat painting project has been completed. My sincere thanks to members of the Big Easy Wing who put a lot of hours into the effort. Hats off to Terry Clausing and Glenn Metzger as well as several other Big Easy Wing members. We couldn't have completed this without all the hands on deck.

Lastly, as everyone knows, we are in another hurricane season. I pray that we will be spared this year. If we are threatened and a storm approaches, please be available if we need help in securing the hangar and plan to secure our items and equipment.

See you at the Hangar.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership	August 13	10 am	hangar
General Membership	September 10	10 am	hangar
General Membership	October 8	10 am	hangar
General Membership	November 12	10 am	hangar

Maintenance Officer-Terry Clausing



Greetings!

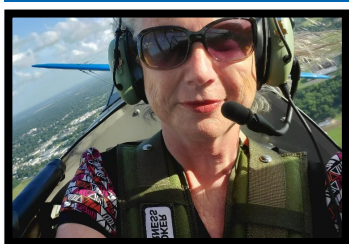
I installed two new Strobe lights on the Stearman wing tips. They were both failing intermittently and needed changing. The Stuka conditional inspection is ongoing and I am currently working on the engine #4 & #6 cylinder compression.

At this time we have had no offers that I am aware of on the Stuka. Also, I have not heard of anyone contacting us about the propeller or the engine that has been listed on Trade-A-Plane.

I have to agree with Harold that I am please to say that the A4 Skyhawk and F14 Tomcat painting project has been completed. It was a lot of work but I can safely say that the project turned out great.



Membership Officer— Shirley Colomb



Greetings!

Since last month we had one new member. Welcome Scottie Burge! Scottie was given his membership and sponsorship by his wife, Susan. It was a birthday surprise. How neat!!! They reside in Belle chase. Looking forward to seeing you both more often at our meetings.

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

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Member– Jim Riviere Receives Award



Congratulation Jim!

The Big Easy Wing is pleased you are an active member. Jim was honored by the International Organization of Women Pilots, the Ninety-Nines, Inc. because of his years of service and dedication to Louisiana Aviation through his LaAviator.com webpage, his Facebook group and his biweekly emails to over 1700 subscribers.

We thank you Jim for all that you do to keep the aviation world informed about upcoming events as well as advertising the BEW information. We are pleased to call you a member!

Pictured is 99's Award Chairman Kathy Fox and 99's International President Corbi Bulluck (photo courtesy of the 99's)



Jim Riviere

Members

Join us this Saturday. It is expected to be a beautiful Saturday for flying over the city of New Orleans. Ask your neighbors, coworkers, or friends to book a flight or just ask them come out to see the planes, enjoy lunch and fellowship with other aviation enthusiasts.

Back to School Flyin
August 13
contact- 504 445 6275

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12th



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