



Big Easy Wing



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Membership Meeting/

September 17@ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings! The “Dog Days of August”

I know many of you dread the month of August, particularly August 29. Well, the good news is that the 29th came and went without a major disruption to our lives. I am not counting the almost daily thunder-

storms.

Big Easy Wing members have been busy. Over several weekends planes were moved, the floor cleaned, scrubbed, and painted with the leftover paint from the Kenner A4 and F14 painting project. We were able to get almost half of the North part of the hangar completed. Work is continuing to get

the other half cleaned and scrubbed before painting. We will not have enough leftover paint to complete the work. Efforts are being made to try to get paint donat-



ed or at a greatly reduced price to complete the entire hangar.

The Wing has several exciting events in the works. First will be on *Saturday, September 17* when we will hold another flight day. Chief Pilot Mike Scott will be flying the Stearman. We have a couple of rides already scheduled. If you know someone who would like to take a flight, please contact Shirley. Once again, we will be having an open house, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Also, we have one of our members, Jared Spencer, given us a presentation during our meeting. So join us on September 17. In the coming months, more activities will be conducted. Tentatively on **October 29**, the Hammond Wing hopefully will have their Bell 47 helicopter operational, and we have been invited to bring our Stearman to Hammond and offer rides. In November, the plans are to have the Stearman flown to Pensacola for the NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming and Air Show. Those dates are **November 10-12**.

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Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

Summer is finally coming to an end and with it, hopefully the hot weather, mosquitoes, and hurricanes. We have been fortunate this hurricane season has not been as active as the previous two, although we are not completely past peak season yet. As we have done with previous seasons, if we need to,

we will tow the aircraft and other valuables to the McDermott Hangar a short walk away, which sits a few feet higher above the waterline. Knock on wood!

Halfway through August, I was able to take advantage of some of the not so miserably hot weather to take three people up for Stearman rides around the city in the *N’Awlins Lady*. We are once again planning to do a ride event on Saturday Sept. 17th - please talk to Shirley and spread the word if you or someone you know is interested in flying! We also have the chance to do rides on a

Mike Scott and Amadeo Guerra



case-by-case basis, outside of the normal ride events.



Photo by Amadeo

On the horizon in November, the squadron is planning to take the Stearman and PX tent to the NAS Pensacola Airshow. Dates are Friday and Saturday, November 11-12th. Come out for a fantastic airshow and a chance to see the Blue Angels at their best and tightest for the last airshow of the 2022 season. I am writing from Cleveland, where we just finished a great weekend flying the *Bayou Militia* F-15C's at the Cleveland National Airshow. It was a thrill flying fast around Lake Erie and over the National Anthem for the Guardians (formerly Indians) baseball game.

Fly safe, have fun always.

August 13 –Back to School Flight Day

Once again, the BEW had a great day of flying, enjoying lunch, and meeting new friends. This is what our wing is all about. Here are a couple of pictures from that day. Don't forget to support and promote our **September 17 Flight Day**.

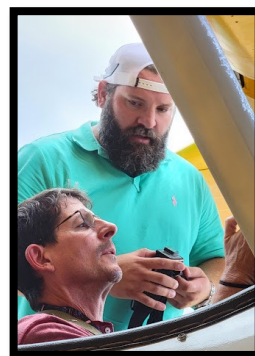


Photo by Amadeo

- In photo to left Stephen and Janis Lovecchio and CAF members Don Clausing, Bob Bates and Dewey Bell,.
- Thanks to Amadeo G. (standing right) for bringing his camera and lens that were attached to wings.



Photo by Amadeo



- In the MG is Susan & Tom McMillan

Join us Saturday, September 17 for our regular meeting (with guest speaker –Jared Spencer) and for Flight Day. Hopefully, it will be a cooler Saturday for flying over the city of New Orleans. Ask your neighbors, coworkers, or friends to book a flight (www.bigeasywing.org) or just ask them come out to see the planes, enjoy lunch and fellowship with other aviation enthusiasts.

Flight Day
September 17
Celebrate our Constitution
Flight Cost
\$270 till 9.16

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Wing Leader —continues

At this September meeting, a nominating committee will be formed to solicit nominations for leadership positions in the Wing. The nominees will be presented at the general membership meeting in October and the election will be held at the November meeting. We will install the officers at our annual holiday party on December 3. Only members of the Big Easy Wing in good standing (dues paying members) will be eligible to vote. So, if you haven't paid your dues, please do so. We are looking for 3 members to be on the nomination committee. Please let me know if you are interested at this month meeting or by phone (504-259-3014). We are looking for nominations for the following leadership positions: executive, adjutant, maintenance, and education officers. As far as I know, all officers are willing to continue their role.

I want to thank our CAF representative, Dewey Bell, for visiting our wing last month, for giving us some good ideas and for all his support.

Mark your calendars for *Saturday, December 3*. That will be the date of the Big Easy Wing Christmas Party. Also remember, the hangar is open mostly every Saturdays so come out and enjoy the fellowship.

PS-Don't forget to buy your challenge coin. They look great!



Safety Officer —Richard Wood



Greetings-I hope that each of you had a great Labor Day!

I have spoken with Airport personnel about their Hurricane Preparation ⑥. First, there is no set time when the flood gates are closed. This decision is based upon the wind velocity. Thus, the flood gates must be closed prior to the winds reaching above 50 MPH. And as you must know, this depends upon the size and strength of the hurricane. If it looks like a hurricane is heading in our direction, I will monitor the cone and path of the storm. If need be, I will contact Shirley, our communication officer, to send out an all call for volunteers. We will need members to help get the hangar ready and get the planes to a safe place. Let's hope this does not occur. So far, we have been lucky that no hurricanes have entered the Gulf. But we are not out of harm's way, yet.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

General Membership/Flight Day	September 17	10 am	hangar
General Membership/	October 8	10 am	hangar
Flight Day	October 29	8 am	Hammond
Pensacola Show	November 10-12	8 am	Pensacola
Gen. Membership/Election	November 12 ?	10 am	hangar
Christmas Party/Installation	December 3	5 pm	hangar

Maintenance Officer-Terry Clausing



Greetings!

The Stuka conditional inspection is still ongoing due to taking time-out for moving aircraft, chairs and equipment. Why is this occurring? Well, we had left over paint from our Kenner city aircraft project, and our leadership decided to paint the floors of the hangar. But, prior to painting the floors, objects had to be moved and the hangar floor had to be cleaned. I want to personally thank Bill Triay for helping us with the Wright 1820 engine. Boy, that would have been impossible without Bill's equipment.

I hope, we will be finish cleaning the North side of the hangar this Saturday, Sept. 10, however, we cannot complete the total project without additional paint. If you like, please come out and help this Saturday and see the difference the paint has made.



On a different subject, one of our members, Marcus Steinfelds brought his German speaking father - in - law, who was visiting him from Germany to our hangar on Monday, August 29. The father-in-law had limited English capabilities. Marcus used his phone to help translate my information. They were both completely captivated with our Stuka, the Stearman, and our hangar operations in general. They

took many pictures and stayed most of the day. It was extremely enjoyable for me to share all this history and knowledge about the planes with people that love aviation.



Membership Officer— Shirley Colomb



Greetings!

You never know what brings a member back to an organization. This time it was a family member. Welcome back Marcus Steinfelds! Thanks for rejoining. Marcus promises to be active this year. I am hoping to see him on September 17 and introduce him to fellow members. Please contact a member that you know that you have seen recently and invite them to join you on September 17.

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

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