



Big Easy Wing



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Membership Meeting/

January 14@ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings!

First: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As we start the New Year let us give thanks to what we have been blessed with this past year. The highlights were:

A remarkably successful and well attended Christmas party

A steady stream of new members

Approved Instructor/Check Pilot- Chief Pilot, Mike "Hansel" Scott

Continued hangar improvements

A successful Rides Program.

Right before Christmas, Mike took the Stearman up to maintain his currency. I had the opportunity to go along with him. As you can see from some of the photos it was a beautiful day (right before the big freeze).

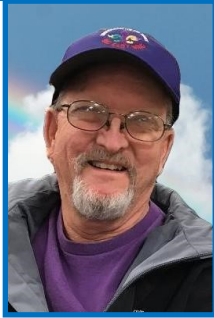


As many of you know, when you receive your notice from CAFHQ about dues renewal, do not be shocked at the dues increase. The annual dues will now be at \$225.00 per year. This is the first dues increase by CAFHQ in many years. This year we will once again be participating in the Hammond Air Show set for the fall. More details will be provided in the coming months. Also, we look forward to increased ride's weekends. Very soon we will be adding Jared Spencer as a "rides pilot" to assist the Wing and Mike. Boy, do we need him. Your board has lots of plans for this coming year.

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Safety Officer— Rick Wood



Happy New Year Everyone!

2023 is a new year and I am sure the wing will have another great flying year.

Each of us will have the opportunity to participate with events. So just a quick reminder of things to think about. Sorry to say but with each passing year all of us are not as young as we were. So, with that in mind remember this:

Lifting : when picking up something use your legs to lift not your back and better yet, get help.

Tools : when working with tools wear a good pair of gloves, cuts on our hands can be slight to needing stitches.

Chemicals : some of the chemicals in the hanger are harmful to the skin. So, when using chemicals remember to use rubber gloves

Ladders : falls from ladders happen too often. When using a ladder make sure the ladder is in undamaged shape and the ladder is firmly set. Ladders over six feet you should have someone to hold the ladder.



Let us make 2023 a safe and enjoyable experience.



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Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings and Happy Carnival Big Easy!

January 6th, the “Twelfth Night” kicked off the Carnival Season here in New Orleans and elsewhere. I hope you all have been taking advantage of this beautiful, unseasonably warm local weather. Two days before Christmas I was able to take our unit leader, Harold, flying in the *N’awlins Lady* for the last flight of 2022. It was a warm, calm day- perfect weather before the cold snap came through over the few days after. If we continue to have some nice flying weather, we will try to fly again in January or February and I would like to work toward training our newer pilots.



We may have an opportunity to showcase our Langhurst *Stuka* replica for an upcoming national tv show, filming next month. It will be a good opportunity to clean the airplane, run the engine, and showcase our airplane that is still on the market. Standby for more info! We also have our ground school coming up in March, so we will pass more info about that next month.



I recently had the chance to knock off another item on my pilot bucket list- my single engine seaplane rating. I was able to knock out the training in a Cessna 172 on floats over three days on a long weekend, right here in the New Orleans metro. I highly recommend “Southern Seaplane” in Belle Chasse for seaplane training- within the NAS JRB Class D airspace, a mere mile, and a half from where our F-15s are parked. Flying on and off the water is a new, fun challenge and the single engine add-on rating can be done for just under 2 grand. Check them out!

Enjoy Mardi Gras season and all of the parades, parties, and crawfish that comes with it. *Laissez le bon temps rouler!*



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Adjutant Officer— Shirley Colomb



Happy 2023!

Over this past year, we have recruited several new members. Now it is each of our job to help our new members get involved in meaningful activities. Please seek them out at the meetings.

Soon one of our members will be leaving us. Doug Webb will be moving . Doug was instrumental in setting up our Educational Library. If you go to our website under education, you will see a listing of all the books that you can check out and enjoy reading. Thus, we will be looking for someone to assume this position. This may be something that one of our new members would like to administer along side of Doug until he leaves for his new home.

As your Adjutant, not only do I address membership, but I am also assigned communication. Your board over the next 2 months will be developing its calendar of events. If you have any suggestion for an event, please see Harold or myself.

We are still missing some of our regular members dues. Returning members please pay your 2023 BEW dues. You can pay online (BEW website or on KAStrack.) I will be happy to take your dues for 2023 at any meeting or over the phone. Also, **Checks can be mailed to:**

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c/o Shirley Colomb, Adjutant
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Wing Leader—continues

I hope you and your families had an incredibly special Christmas and I want to wish all the members and their families an incredibly Happy New Year.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our *January 14 meeting*. We have an interesting guest speaker, Carlton Dufrechou, of the Causeway Commission and Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation. Please join us at our first meeting of 2023

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Gen. Membership Meeting	January 14	10 am	hangar
Gen. Membership Meeting	February 11	10 am	hangar
Ground School	March 11	9am-2pm	hangar
Gen. membership Meeting	April 1	10 am	hangar

Members,

Please send this pic out to any friend or co-worker that you think might be interested .



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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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