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Membership Meeting/

July 8

10am



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings!

The month of June started off with our Stearman getting a new pair of “shoes”. Our Maintenance Officer, Terry Clausing and I took the wheels and new tires over to Duckworth Tire on Metairie Road. The owner, Jimmy Duckworth, had his

workers remove the old tires. On inspection of the wheels, it was noted that they needed a good cleaning, Jimmy graciously allowed Terry and I the use of his cleaner. Once the new “shoes” were installed, Jimmy proclaimed that his shop could “change any type of tire, including airplanes”. Bravo Zulu, Jimmy.

As you all know, we held our Father’s Day Flight on June 19. In addition to the flights we sold, Mike took up Emmet Bartholomew who hopefully will become one of our Stearman pilots. In addition to the flights, we had members of the British Automotive Club and their vehicles. As you can see from the pictures, the cars were really something. Also joining us on the 19th were members of the Carrollton Rotary Club. Their scheduled meeting days are Mondays. Since our flight day fell on a Monday, they held their meeting at the BEW hangar. The Safety Office, Rick Wood, gave them a talk about his time with the Hurricane Hunters. Thanks Rick.



A big thank you goes out to our member Tom Slack. He donated to the Wing a computer that was rebuilt and has more than enough power to make our flight simulator really take off. Thanks Tom.

On **July 7th**, we will have a limited flight day. Mike Scott will be available to fly folks in Stearman. If you have any friends or family that want to take a flight, please let Shirley know as soon as possible. We will have a general membership meeting on Saturday, **July 8**. I am arranging for a speaker.



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Chief Pilot—Mike Scott



Greetings and Happy Independence Day!

The month of June brought some good weather and the early bits of summer heat to New Orleans. On June 19th just after Father's Day, I was able to fly 7 rides in the "N'awlins Lady", despite some challenging wind conditions. All riders seemed to walk away happy and enjoyed the ride. One special rider was Diane Moore, the daughter of one of the last un-recovered American POW who went MIA. Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Moore of the USAF was captured by the North Vietnamese in the Vietnam War in 1965 and never found. It was special to fly his daughter while wearing the POW/MIA bracelet that she gave me.



Mike and Diane



Jared is pilot Mike in front

On the 29th I was able to fly a training flight with one of our new prospective pilots, Jared Spencer. We flew over to Slidell for a few landings, Diamondhead Airport for some cheaper gas, and then to Stennis Airport for lunch. I am hoping to get a few new pilots trained and qualified in upcoming months in order to have more people available to fly rides and help generate revenue for the unit.

Speaking of rides, we will be flying a few rides on the morning of Friday, July 7th. Stand by for more ride opportunities when weather allows. We are also looking forward to potential fly in events in the local area, so stay tuned for those. I hope you take this time to celebrate the patriots who founded our great nation. Enjoy this time with family and friends.





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Maintenance Officer— Terry Clausing



Hi!

AFHQ has a new Maintenance Director, Matt Jackson. He has been active in the warbird industry since 1979. He is an A&P/IA with 40 years of experience working on all types of warbirds. He is also a Commercial Multi Engine Instrument pilot with 32 type ratings and over 14000 hours of flying with 5000 hours in warbirds. He should be a great asset to the

CAF.

As many of you already know, new tires were put on the Stearman. After removing the tires and rims from the Stearman, Harold and I had the old tires removed at Jimmy Duckworth on Metairie Road. A shout out to Jimmy for letting us assist in this job!

Everyone who was at the Father's Day Flight Day was impressed with our painted wheel hub caps. They now have Blue, White, and Red color matching the wing insignia. Thanks, Shirley, for giving me another job.



Wing Leader report continues

Note: On Sunday, **July 16** on the Smithsonian Channel—Air Warriors -Episode 9 about the Stuka will air at 9 pm. Presently, you can go to the Smithsonian Channel and see previous shows.



On **July 21**, members of the EAA and Excite All-stars kids will be visiting the hangar. David Capo, who heads up our Cadet program, will oversee this event. Please make every effort to come out that day. It will be a short day from 11 am till 2 pm.

As we approach fall, there are events that we must prepare for. Foremost is the upcoming Airshow in Hammond in October. The Big Easy Wing has been invited to participate again this year. We will need members' assistance with crowd control, PX and other duties.

More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date but for now mark your calendar with these dates - **October 21st & 22nd**

See you at the hangar!





Happy Fourth of July!

I would like to thank our members who came out to assist with our second annual Father's Day flight day. We couldn't do it without your assistance. Specifically, Roger for having several members from the British Car Club join us. You talk about some beautiful cars. Their members were surprised how nice it was and is looking forward to joining us again.



Also, a big thanks to Kevin for cooking. It was a hot day and being by the grill had to be extra hot.

We sold 5 flights. We met one of our rid-

ers, Diane Moore, at the Keesler Air Show. Diane is Gold-Star daughter. Her dad, Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Moore, is one of 24 MIA from the Vietnam War from the state of Louisiana. Diane's had an emotional day but a good day. She thoroughly enjoyed her flight. Diane brought a good friend, Claudia, to join her on her first Father's Day celebration since her dad died. Glenn assisted me in setting up a Missing Man Table. Diane was moved by our efforts to honor her dad.



Phil Templet



Wes Goodman



Aida Albegova



Brenden Duxworth



Danny Weil



Emmet Bartholomew

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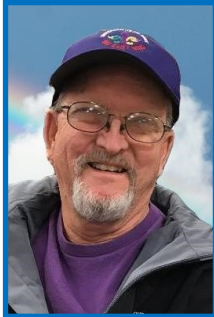
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Safety Officer— Rick Wood



Happy 4th of July everyone!

This past flying day I had a great opportunity to talk with the Rotary club about Hurricanes. Harold invited me to be their speaker since they were having their Monday meeting at the hangar. The reason was to give them an overview of the how and the why for the Hurricane Hunters which I was a member of prior to my time at the fire station.

With the 4th upon us, here on some tips to consider when using fireworks:

Set fireworks out in the open.

Check on community restrictions.

Do not point fireworks, especially Roman candles toward people.

Instruments used to light fireworks needs to be check prior to tossing in the trash.

Be conscience of the winds.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!



Ride Coordinator continues

Advertisement works—The BEW social media page (FB, Instagram, and web-site) helps with advertising our events. However, in addition to our own media pages, LaAviator repost our pages giving us a wider audience. Thanks, James Riviere. Every member can help by reposting FB or Instagram posts and by posting notices at your work site and sharing the poster with friends. Perhaps, you can invite your company or organization to join us on our flight days like rotary did.



British Car club members



Carrollton Rotarians

Please look at the [Big Easy Wing website gallery](#). We have some amazing photos. The website provides lots of information and has photos from past events. As your webmaster, please let me know what updates are needed.



Greetings!

Excite All Stars Students to Visit The Big Easy Wing

July 21, 2023 - The Big Easy Wing will host the Excite Allstars kids along with the EAA Chapter 261 at Lakefront Airport (KNEW). Some of the older students will participate in Young Eagles Fly Day. Col. Floyd Miles of EAA Chapter 261 is coordinating the activities along with the Excite Allstars coordinator. Thanks to Floyd, our unit is once again able to participate in another amazing community event. We welcome these youths to view our hangar, ready room, training facilities and the opportunity to sit in some of our aircraft. This time, the event is scheduled to last from 11 to 2 pm and will involve approximately 48 kids and their sponsor Mrs. Penny Williams. Shirley Colomb has arranged for the hangar to be set up so that the participants will visit various stations to explore our related STEM activities. We will need volunteers who are CAF Youth Protection certified to help that day. Please let her or me know if you are available. Should be fun for all. I can be reached at 504-416-4917. Thank you for your interest in promoting our wing throughout our community.

For more information about Excite All Stars please visit their website www.exciteallstars.org



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