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Membership Meeting/

September 9th

10am



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings!

Hopefully cooler weather will get here. After these last several months, anything below 100 degrees will feel like air conditioning.

Upcoming we have two events scheduled. On Saturday, September 16 we will be having a flight day at the hangar. If you know of anyone looking for a flight in the Stearman please let Shirley know. On September 30, we are scheduled to have a fly-in with the Quiet Birdmen and the Ninety-Nines. Please make every effort to attend both events.. Seeing the fliers for these events at the end of the newsletter.



On October 20, 21 and 22, the Hammond Air Show will take place. This year's event promises to be bigger than past years. As far as the Commemorative Air Force is concerned there will be four (4) Wings taking part. The Bayou State Escadrille, the Big Easy Wing, The Mississippi Wing and the Flo-Bama Wing will participate. Each will have aircraft at the show. It is important we have a strong showing at the Air Show. The Big Easy Wing has been asked to have some of our members assist the Bayou State Escadrille with the loading and unloading of passengers in the Bell 47 helicopter. The working shift would last approximately one and one-half hours. For those who wish to volunteer for this assignment while attending the Air Show, you will be rewarded with a ride in Bell 47 and a one year membership in their wing.. If you wish to participate, there will be a training day on Saturday, October 7 in Hammond. Let me know if you wish to help so I can let them know. This is a great chance to get involved and help a fellow Wing and meet other members from the different Wings. I have been told that the 4 Wings will have a prime spot on the field.

Election of Officers is also around the corner. Please see James Mykris article in this newsletter about the details.





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Chief Pilot—Mike Scott



Greetings Big Easy,

As you all know the weather over the past few months have not allowed for much good flying. With our shorten flight days we have had only a few riders but they all have enjoyed their rides.



Teresa



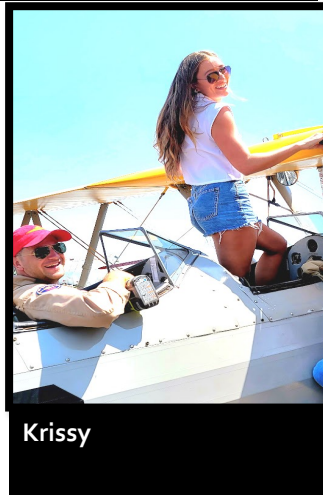
Henrick

Unfortunately, I will not be your pilot for the September 16th flight day. Pilot Phil Webb, of the "FloriBama" Wing, will be joining us that day. Phil has flown for us a couple times. Thank you Phil for lending us a hand.

Please invite your family and friends to come out and buy a ride! There will also be other opportunities to buy rides in October at the Hammond Air Show so please reach out to Shirley if you are interested.

Fly safe!

Mike



Krissy



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Maintenance Officer— Terry Clausing



Showtime is approaching!

As of this date, I will not be attending the Hammond Air Show so I will need to rely on my co-workers to lend a hand. I have prepared a checklist to be used. At the next two general membership meetings I will go over these items with airshow volunteers.

Looking after the Stearman while it is in Hammond.
Please use the following checklist of items, daily.

1. At end of day place cockpit cover. This cover is stowed in baggage compartment. It needs to be used to cover cockpit for overnight storage especially if rain is projected.
2. Check oil **level daily** with engine cold, Hot oil is foamy and gives inaccurate high reading. Remove the **Red cap** and use **Yellow cap** with dip-stick. The oil level should be at or above the 4 Gal. mark. Bottles of 1Qt. Shell W120 is in trailer. Reinstall the Red cap. Stow the Yellow cap dip stick in the baggage compartment.
3. If allowing people into the cockpit, remind them to step on the black non-skid surface. If fabric is damaged, temporarily repair using 2-inch black Gorilla tape stowed in trailer. Also, remind them about *not touching the GLASS*.
4. **Disconnect the battery negative cable. 9/16 nut** (Kids like to flip switches; they could flip the master and start switch.)
4. Prep plane before engine starts:
connect battery negative cable,
verify magneto switch off,
fuel switch on,
pump primer 5 to 6 times,
pull propeller through 8 blades.
5. Tow bar will be in trailer.





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Safety Officer—Rick Wood



Greetings!

Reminder! All members must be up-to-date on their CAF and BEW dues in order to Vote. Elections are November. Please check your expiration date for CAF. See James article about Elections. I will be happy to take your dues for 2024 at anytime. Please see me at any meeting or you can pay online (on website or in KAStrack.) Thanks!!!

Dues may be 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
1216 Brockenbraugh Ct
Metairie, LA 70005



Elections—James Mykris

It is election time again. The following positions are available for anyone interested in serving:

Wing Leader
Operations Officer
Finance Officer
Safety Officer
Development Officer

**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**



A description of the duties can be found in our CAF Unit Manual, a copy of which is always available on KAStrack. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, then please send me an email prior to our general membership meeting on October 14, 2023.

Nominees will be announced at the October 14 meeting. Elections will be held during the November 11 meeting. Installations will take place at the Christmas Social in December.

Please contact me at this email address: jamesmykris@gmail.com.

Of course, you don't need to be an officer to impact the BEW in a positive way. All forms of participation are valuable.

Flight Coordinator—Shirley Colomb



I think we are all ready to Welcome Fall!

Our last couple of flight days were short but sweet. All of the riders appeared to enjoy themselves. How can I tell? The smiles on their faces. Mike does a great job assisting his passengers with a thrilling and enjoyable ride.

I am looking forward to **September 16** which will be our first full flight day since May. Also, I am please that Phil Webb agreed to fill in for Mike for this flight day. Please share this flight day flier with your friends. We need to sell more rides. As you know this is our number one fundraiser for our unit.

Also, we will need some help with the food that weekend. Kevin may have another obligations with the scouts that weekend. So if you can help out, let me know at the September 9th general membership meeting. We are also having a **“Fly-In” on September 30**. It should be another fun day.

Listed on page 6 are workers for the **Hammond Show**. If anyone else is interested in working please let me know at this up coming meeting.

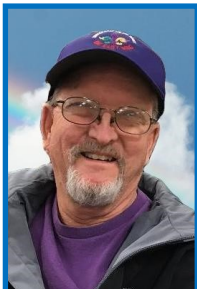
Check out both fliers at the end of newsletter.



Krissy

Mike

Safety Officer— Rick Wood



Hello Everyone in Big Easy Wing.!

Well as you can tell Hurricane season is here and we are just getting into the worst part of the season.



But I want to talk about the state fire ban. The drought is so bad in parts of the state that the farmers have even been told they can't burn the fields after cutting the cane.

Something for you to think about:

- In most yards, the grass is not growing, it is dying. If you must cut the grass dont let the mower run in one place too long . Depending on your mower the exhaust is behind you close to the ground which may cause the tall dry weeds to catch on fire. If they catch on fire with a little wind, the flames will move fast so be careful around your house.
- If you BBQ this weekend, make sure your pit is on concrete away from the grass.

Note—From my days with the fire department, one of the biggest problems was grass fires along the highway from cigarettes. This is still an issue so if you are with someone who smokes remind them of the fire potential of a cigarette.

Let us have a pleasant Labor Day weekend! I will see everyone at our September 9th meeting,



Hammond Airshow

At this time the plan is: On Thursday, Mike will fly the plane to Hammond. Kevin will bring the trailer up on Sunday Oct. 15 if no one can bring it up on Friday Oct. 20. Kevin will bring the trailer home on Sunday. Mike will fly the plane home on Monday after the show.

Friday, October 20

Plane and Tent set up.

10:00 AM- *Rick Wood/Harold Buchler Glenn Metzger/ Shirley Colomb/Don_Clausing
Karl Shearer*

Saturday, Oct 21

	Plane Sentries	PX Sales/Raffle/Membership
8:00 AM-1:00 PM	<i>Rick Wood/Jeff Segner David Capo</i>	<i>Glenn Metzger Warren Spears/ Roger Jeffrey</i>
1:00 PM-5:00 PM	<i>Harold Buchler</i>	<i>Glen Metzger/ Jeffrey Segner</i>

Sunday, Oct 22

	Plane Sentries	PX Sales/Raffle/Membership
8:00 AM-Noon	<i>Rick Wood/ Bill Alvarez Kevin Duxworth/Jeff Segner</i>	<i>Glenn Metzger/ Karl Shearer David Capo/ Dawn Duxworth</i>
1:00 PM-Close	<i>Harold Buchler/David Capo</i>	<i>Karl Shearer /Bill Alvarez</i>

Passes for workers—1-Harold Buchler, 2-Shirley Colomb (Dawn Duxworth) 3-Rick Wood 4-Glenn Metzger 5-Jeff Segner 6- David Capo 7- Karl Shearer 8. Donald Clausing (Kevin Duxworth) 9. Roger Jeffrey 10 Warren Spears (Bill Alvarez).

**** Sale items need to be repacked at the end of the day—Check with Glenn

Please help us out with ride sales by emailing this flier to friends, coworkers and family. So far we have only sold one ride. We are bring Phil Webb from Pensacola to fly for us. We need to get some rides sold.

Promote! Promote! Promote!

Welcome to Autumn



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September Fly-in — Shirley Colomb

There will not be any rides sold this day. We are hosting our first fly-in. All planes are welcome. Join us for lunch and camaraderie. Also, there will be entertainment.

Please send flier to other airports and groups



September 30th Lakefront Airport KNEW



Pilot FLY-IN

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH 9 AM - 4 PM



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