



Big Easy Wing



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Unit Leader—Harold Buchler



Greetings

What can you say about July other than—HOT! HOT! HOT! How about WET! WET! WET! It seems like this past month has been nothing but heat and rain. Unfortunately, we did not get to fly this month.

We did host two events at the hangar. The first being host to the Golden Eagles campers. Over 38 campers attended. From young to older campers there was something for everyone. As you can see from the photos, there were plenty of smiles. I want to thank the BEW volunteers who assisted in this endeavor.

New Orleans Golden Eagle (NOGE) and Excite Summer Camp



The very next day, the BEW held its second Aviation Merit Badge Day for the Scout Troop 18 from Westwego. Six Scouts participated and earned the Merit Badge. I want to thank Roger Jefferies for his efforts in spearheading the event.

Troop 18 and Troop Leader Susan



Also, thanks to Bill Triay from bring his Baron to the event so the Scouts could fulfill one of the requirements to attain the Badge.

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Membership Meeting

August 10th



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In addition, I want to thank the members who helped with the Fly Culture event at the terminal building. It was a special event put on by the Essence Festival. There were not many people but I think it was good exposure for us.

Not related to aviation, I participate in the annual Running of the Bulls. I did not have to go to Spain to run with them. The Bulls were not the only ones to participate, the Rolling Elvi also made an appearance.



Our next general membership meeting will be on August 10. September begins the start of the election of officers' process. We are looking for members who want to stay or step up to leadership positions in the Wing. Please let our Adjutant, Shirley Clausing, know if you wish to serve on the committee or as an officer. We will be speaking more about this at this August meeting plus we will be discussing our upcoming events. Please join us on August 10th. See you at the hangar.

Upcoming BEW Elections

August meeting - Announcement

September meeting - 3-person committee formed with one assuming the role of leader who will write articles for September through December and send in paperwork to CAF. See adjutant or Wing leader if interested in serving on election committee.

October - Interested member please send me an email to committee chair prior to October general membership meeting. Email sent to CAF membership chair to ensure the nominees are in good standing.

October meeting - nominees will be announced.

November meeting – nominations taken from the floor - Elections held

December Social - Installations take place.

Positions needed for the 2025-26 term - description of the duties can be found in our CAF Unit Manual, a copy of which is always available on KAStack. Executive officer—Adjutant officer— Maintenance officer- - Education Officer



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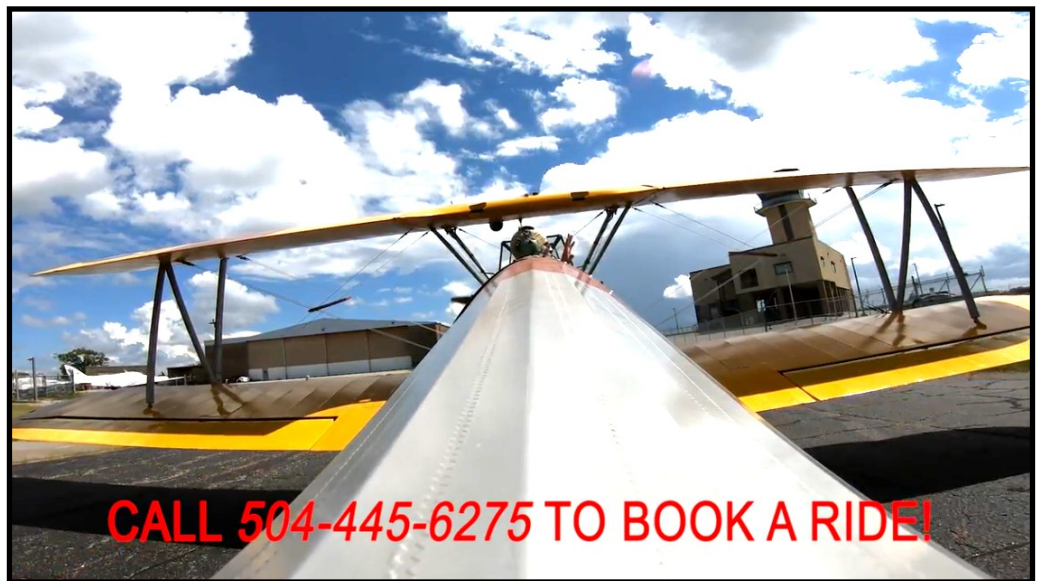


Upcoming Events—Save the Dates

Events

Updates about the events at August meeting

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| August 10 | Membership meeting |
| August 17 | National Aviation Day (8-19)—Bring a youth to hangar day |
| September 14 | Membership meeting |
| September 28 | BEW Fly-in in partnership with EAA / Flight Day |
| October 12 | Membership meeting |
| | Fly-in Gonzales - |
| | Participation in “Believe in Girls” event at Nicholls State University |
| October 26 | Trick/Treat @ Stennis Airport 1 pm- 4pm |
| | Flight Day |
| November 9 | Membership meeting and Elections |
| | Veterans Day Flight Day |
| | Possibility—Lap the Lake Poker Run Social |
| December 6 or 7 | Christmas Social/ Installation of officers/Awards |
| December 8 | Belle Chase Naval Base Holiday Season Christmas Day— |



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Educational News by Roger Jeffrey



Greetings!

We held our second Kaydet Training Course for Boy Scout Aviation merit badge on July 20, 2024. In attendance were 6 scouts from Troop 18 in Westwego, LA. It was a fun day with a group of very attentive scouts. There was a surprise extra activity when the airport Fire Engine pulled up and offered rides to the students. They held the “jaws of life” and I heard it was a blast to get to shoot the water cannon on the Fire Truck.



Fire Truck Ride



The Jaws of Life

In the classroom the students were very inquisitive and engaged Dave Capo in some interesting questions and answer moments.



Out in the hangar they learned about the principles of how a wing produces lift as air flows over it.

It is just over the wing!

Under the guidance of Harold Buchler, the students got to “fly” a course on the flight simulator that they learned to plot earlier.



Hold that heading!



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Educational News continues

Bill Triay handled the Aircraft Pre-Flight Checklist instruction in his own twin engine airplane. Students learned about pre-flight procedures.



Fun in the Tower



In between the rainstorms the class got a chance to visit the FAA Airport Control Tower with leader David Capo. Needless to say, they LOVED IT!

All the scouts did an outstanding job and received certificates that will allow them to apply for the Scouting Aviation Merit Badge! Congratulations!



Alex Boudreaux



Tyler Fuglaar



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Hosting Excite Allstars Campers

David Capo, BEW Unit Leader Emeritus

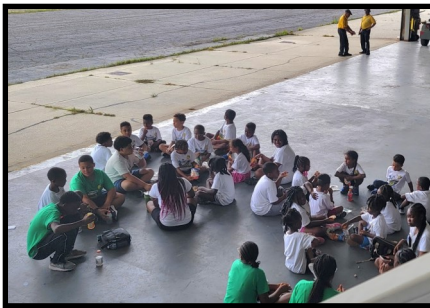
July 19, 2024 – The CAF Big Easy Wing (BEW) sponsored the Excite All Stars Summer Camp at our hangar for the second consecutive year. In association with the Golden Eagles, the BEW members hosted 38 youngsters aged 5 to 14 years old. We partnered with the FAA and the AARF to provide an exciting day for the youth.

The BEW hangar served as the base of operations for the day. While visiting the hangar, the young people got to visit with our staff, sit in real airplanes, work our aircraft carrier simulator, played aviation associated games, created artwork, and saw our flight sims all while enjoying lunch and surviving a powerful rainstorm. What fun!

A special thanks goes out to the Golden Eagles for inviting us to participate once again this year. This is becoming a highlight of the year for us. Thank you to Floyd Miles, Jr., and Vincent Simmons of Golden Eagles 29 for their generous support and preparations in making this happen. Let's see you folks again next year!



	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
10:00-10:15	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome
10:20-10:50	CAF	ATC Tower	Static Aircraft	ARFF	Orientation Flights
11:00-11:30	ARFF	CAF	ATC Tower	Static Aircraft	
11:40-12:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Static Aircraft	ARFF	CAF	ATC Tower	Orientation Flights
1:10-1:40	ATC Tower	Static Aircraft	ARFF	CAF	
1:50-2:00	Wrap Up	Wrap Up	Wrap Up	Wrap Up	Wrap Up





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Safety Officer –Rick Wood



Welcome to the hot, hot summer of August!

I know that I have talked about this subject before but with another system heading into the Gulf, I must address the topic again. This time, my concern is the effects of this system in relation to the lake. Not as much from wind damage but with the tidal surge. Water building up in the lake and over topping the wall.

It is still too early to say just where it will go but I will keep a close look at the news and stay connected with my Hurricane Hunter friends. If word comes, I will let everyone know and we can meet at the hanger to get things ready.

Hoping “Debby” stays on its same track but without causing much damage to our neighbors.



Adjutant-Shirley Colomb



Hi There,

With election coming up, I want to remind everyone to pay their dues prior to November. Also, be sure to check on your CAF dues..

The wing has several events coming up as well as general meetings so please make an effort to participate even if you have not been involved for awhile. You can find the list of events on page 3.

We are also looking for guest speakers. If you know of someone that will be of interest to the group or if you know someone who would like to be a supporter of one of our upcoming Fly-ins, please let me know.

As always...

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

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