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Meeting

November 13 @ 6 PM

Lakefront Airport Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo,

Greetings from on High,

At our last meeting, the members of the Big Easy Wing were the guests of the FAA and were invited to tour the tower cab at KNEW, Lakefront airport. Divided into small groups, we rode up to the cab and were treated to a spectacular view of the airport and much of New Orleans East. We watched as the controllers guided various airplanes into and out of the

KNEW airspace. We also were able to enjoy a breath taking view from the outside catwalk around the tower cab. Thank you to our friends at the FAA for an amazing adventure.



If you haven't already figured it out, this is election season. We at the BEW are not immune to this regular time of year. At our next meeting on November 13, we will hold elections for five officer positions in accordance with CAF regulations. Nominations are in but also will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Please try and make your vote count by your presence.



Also at the next meeting, we will be discussing our plans for the upcoming year



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Operation Officer's Report - JD Olson

Ahh, a break in the long summer at last and yes, I know Fall started six weeks ago but it hasn't felt really like "football weather" until just recently. With the crisp, cool air comes clear skies and great flying weather. . . just in time for the long-awaited post Annual Maintenance test flight of our PT-17. As I'm sure 'Unit' has already mentioned, the Stearman's propeller finally got back to us and will soon be remounted on the plane where our trusty A&P-IA, Jim Shaw, will do the last checks on the engine and tweak a few things before he and BEW's Chief Pilot Jim "Batman" Helms take off from Shaw Field, wing it out, and then land at Hammond Regional where it will be hangared for the time being and flown as needed.



Batman and I are attempting to get those PT Aircraft Sponsors with prior time in tailwheel aircraft on a few evaluation flights out of Hammond that, based on each pilot's performance, will give us enough information on which to request waivers of at least some of the CAF's Herculean requirements - the infamous "30 hours and 80 full stop landings in the past twelve months" rule - that HQ has levied on all those who want to fly CAF tailwheel aircraft of any type. These particular pilots - four of the total of fourteen current Sponsors - will be needed when we enter the PT into CAF's Rides Program next Spring. Our fingers are crossed that we can get those waivers and start generating some income for BEW in the Rides program in order to "keep 'em flying" as the old expression goes.

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Along with that, we will need to acquire some much-needed equipment for the Stearman in order to keep it compliant with FAA regulations. The highest priority on our "wish list" (including a new radio suite, integrated seat harnesses, and a pneumatic tire for the tailwheel) is the purchase and installation of an ADS-B Out unit. Rather than go into great detail here as to what this vital piece of equipment does and why it's so important for safety-of-flight, go to Wikipedia and enter ADS-B, read and scroll down to ADS-B Out. The important thing here is that this is required by 1 January 2020 for us to be able to take our PT-17 "on the road" to airshows in Louisiana and neighboring states and give those who want to experience the thrill of flying in a genuine WWII primary trainer (ergo, the military designation of "PT") that student aviators of all services - Army Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard - first flew before going on to more advanced training aircraft, eventually "winning their wings" and going off to fight and win World War II as part of the "Greatest Generation."

Last, I want to say that I am looking for someone that, along with help from Jim Helms, I can work with to train as my replacement in the Operations Officer position. When I was asked last May by Unit, I agreed to take this job with the understanding that at my rather advanced age of 76 and with certain health challenges that I face, it would not be very long before I would need to turn it over to someone who: 1. Wants a job both challenging and rewarding (it really is, trust me); and 2. Currently flies and has at least a Private License (I do not...my last flight as PIC was 24 years ago in a U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet). For those interested, please contact me ASAP if you'd like to be considered as an apprentice to the Operations Officer position. In the meanwhile, everyone... Fly (and drive) safe, JD / Outlaw out

Membership



January 1, 2020 is less than 60 days away. BEW membership renews at the beginning of the fiscal year. The BEW thrives because of you. YOU are our most important asset. We hope that we are engaging you through our communication, activities, events, and socials. We are thankful for your membership.

Our Adjutant Officer, Harold Buchler, will be accepting membership dues at our next meetings. Please see Harold. We accept checks, cash or credit card. Full membership (\$50) Active military membership (\$25) Cadet membership for students between the ages of 13-23 (\$10)

Checks may be mailed to:
CAF Big Easy Wing
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Online Payment are accepted: BEW website [online store](#)



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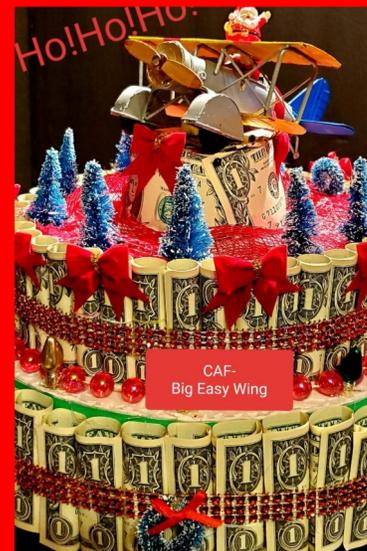


PX Report—Shirley Colomb

The PX has this unique money cake for raffle. The lucky winner will be announced December 7th at our Christmas Party. This cake is valued at \$125.00. Chances are \$5.00 each or 5 chances for \$20.00. You will have the opportunity to take chances at our November and December meetings. If you are unable to attend, you may purchase tickets online on our website. Just shoot me an email and I will complete the raffle card for you.

At the December Party, the PX will be selling door prizes raffle tickets. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. So far we have collected about 30 items. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please see Shirley.

The weather is starting to get chilly. We have BEW logo jackets available in both beige and black. Please visit the PX table.



Development Officer-Shirley Colomb

CAF 2019 12 planes of Christmas is under way. Please help with this fundraising effort. The funds raised will support our latest needs. As JD mentioned in his article, we need to purchase and install an ADS-B unit. FAA regulations require all planes to have one installed by January 1, 2020. If not our PT-17 will be grounded. Please help us so that our PT-17 will be soaring the sky at airshows in Louisiana and neighboring states. In the November Dispatch, our plane will be one of the featured 12 Planes. An article has been submitted and photographs by Shirley Colomb, Doug Webb, Patrick Quigley and Jeff Seigner were sent. The Dispatch editor will make the final determination on the featured article.



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Officer Elections

At our general meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6pm at the BEW hangar our Election of New Officers will take place. Floor nominations will be accepted as long as the nominees are present and affirmed by the Robert Rules of Order. Final voting will take place at this meeting. As a member of BEW it's your responsibility to vote. So please come to this meeting.

ELIGIBILITY TO BE ELECTED AS AN OFFICER OR TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION REQUIRES THAT YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE CAF AND THE BEW. MEMBERSHIP DUES NEEDS TO BE UP-TO-DATE.

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ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS 2020-2022

Officers serve a 2-year term starting in January 2020 and expiring December 2022.

THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE AS LISTED BELOW:

WING LEADER

DAVID CAPO (to be re-elected)

OPERATIONS OFFICERS

J D OLSON (to be re-elected)

FINANCE OFFICER

JEFF SEGNER (to be re-elected)

SAFETY OFFICER

DAVID CANTIN (floor nomination)

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

SHIRLEY COLOMB (to be re-elected)

Please bring your CAF membership card to this meeting. If you do not have your card be sure to have your BEW KAstrack card which can use to verify your CAF membership. A member of the election committee will be at the sign-in table to register you for this very important meeting.

Nominating/ElectionCommittee Members: Jeff Shaw,

Paul Cutrer

Mary Ann Clemons



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Members — Shirley Colomb

Welcome to our newest members Kelvin Contreary of New Orleans & Robert Phelps of Fredericksburg, TX

Upcoming Meetings

November 13—Wednesday @ 6 pm @ Lakefront Hangar—Election of Officers

December 7 –Saturday @ 5:30 pm @ Lakefront Hangar —Christmas Party

January 11—Saturday @ 10 am @ Lakefront Hangar

February 12-Wednesday @ 6 pm @ Lakefront Hangar

March 14– Saturday @ 10 am @ Hammond Hangar

Upcoming Events

[Blue Angels Airshow-Pensacola](#) Nov. 8-9

[Autogyro Fly-in](#)—Morehouse Memorial Airport-BQP, Bastrop, LA 71220, USA ([map](#))

[2019 Wing Staff Conference will take place February 28 - March 3, 2019](#)

BEW Holiday Party

Our Christmas Party was outstanding last year due to the number of members who attended, supplied food and helped with decorating the hangar. We need help again! Please sign-up at this meeting to bring a food item and if you can help with Saturday morning set-up—Saturday, December 7 at 9:30 am. We invited the Billy Mitchell Senior Squadron Civil Air Patrol to join us this year. They will be participating with food, drinks and decorations.

We will need tables, extension cords, chairs, plates, tablecloths, and plasticware. It would be great if we could have members to volunteer to help with organizing this event. Please see me

at the meeting about helping and about the food items. If you can not make the meeting, please send me an email. Bring your own liquor. BEW will have beer and water. This is a family event so children are welcome.



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REGISTERING YOUR ACCOUNT

For those VERY FEW 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

For 99% of us, this is where we start. 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://cafbe.w.kastrack.com>.



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Members Attend Wings Over Dallas /Wings Over Houston

WOW! What a trip. Austin and I helped at the Wings Over Dallas event by setting up the educational hangar on Thursday. On Friday, we had around 1200 students come through the hangar. There were several stations that students could visit thus, giving them an opportunity to learn through hands-on activities. I was assigned to the station for younger students making paper Rockets. Austin worked the flight simulator station.
By Richard Wood



Here We Go Again! Marshalling Texas Airshows—Dave Cantin

Well, the last two air shows of the year are history. The Wings over Houston WOH was first and bigger in both aircraft count and attendance from my perspective. WOH had the USAF Thunderbirds, an F-35 and a compliment of other non-WWII aircraft in addition to the WWII war birds. I spent my time on the war bird ramp working bombers. One day, I worked with the Tora Tora Tora crew and then the fighters and trainers. The F7F Tigercat was by far the most unique aircraft there although it was also the first time I marshalled the F4U Corsair, F4F Wildcat, F6F Hellcat and two F8F Bearcats.

Wings over Dallas (WOD) is the CAF HQ show. WOD had its WWII aircraft and the same Naval birds that were in Houston. There was a separate ramp for rides aircraft which is where I worked. It included 5 Stearman, a T-34, P-51, two C-45s and several T-6s and BT-13s. The five Stearman were booked for rides most of the time with the T-34 and others close behind. I'm looking forward to seeing the BEW Stearman out there next year.



This show coincided with the staff awards and election meeting which I attended and voted. Hank Coates gave a good speech highlighting CAF past successes and future goals followed by beer and BBQ. When in Texas, what would you expect! While Friday was a wash-out Saturday and Sunday turned out to be great show weather. Ran into the Woods, Good BEW showing!

Members, if you have any exciting flight news about yourself that you wish to share please send an email to: info@bigeasywing.org. It will be posted on our FB page and in our newsletter.