



# Big Easy Wing

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## Membership Meeting

October 9th @ 10 am  
Lakefront Hangar

## Interim Unit Leader—Harold Buchler



Greetings from the BEW!

No one has to tell that this past September is one we would like to forget. The hangar suffered some minor damages that are being addressed. The good news is that the aircraft were untouched.

The best news is that our Operations Officer, Mike “Hansel” Scott has been approved by HQ to fly our



Stearman. After he obtains the required hours, the Wing will be in a position to sell revenue rides to the public. This is something that we have worked for a long time.

For the past two Saturday's several members have helped with the clean up and repairs. I want to especially thank Glen Metzger and William Mattheessen for their contributions. William Triay brought to us several new ceiling tiles and insulation to replace the ones damaged in IDA.

The Hammond Air Show is quickly approaching. The dates are October 14-16 at the Hammond Airport. The BEW will be there showing our colors. Mike Scott will fly the Stearman there to be a static display. The PX will be set up to promote our Wing as well as sell our merchandise. I am asking that anyone who wishes to volunteer to assist in this effort contact Shirley Colomb and let her know what day and time you can help.



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## Nomination of Officers —Donald Clausing & Mike Williams



As we approach the end of 2021, it is time for us to address election of officers. At the October meeting, we will review the nominees for the open board positions. *The Nomination Committee will introduce the nominees* that they have selected. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October meeting. If for some reason you are unable to attend your **Nomination** can be sent to the Nomination Committee by text to Donald Clausing @ 504 250-0870 or to Mike Williams @ 504 377-2029 until October 15. We are texting instead of emailing at this time due to the problem many are having with Cox and ATT. Thank you for your understanding.

### THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE :

**Wing Leader** **Harold Buchler**

**Operations Officers** **Mike Scott**

**Finance Officer** **Jeff Segner**

**Safety Officer** **Richard Wood**

**Development Officer** **Shirley Colomb**

NOTE: These officers are elected to serve a 2-year term starting in January 2022 and expiring in December 2024.

Please visit this website [https://commemorativeairforce.org/caf/documents/10\(\(in unit manual section 2\)\)](https://commemorativeairforce.org/caf/documents/10((in%20unit%20manual%20section%202))) for each officer's responsibility). Job descriptions for each position are on pages 2.8 to 2.14.

ELIGIBILITY TO BE ELECTED AS AN OFFICER OR TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION REQUIRES THAT THE 2022 DUES ARE PAID AND YOU ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE CAF.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

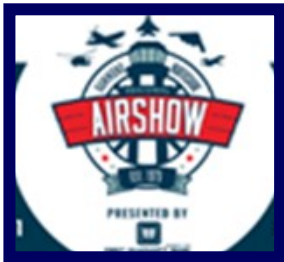
- Oct. 6- Announcement of positions and interested candidates in newsletter
- Oct. 9- Introduction of the Nominating Committee Candidates
- Oct. 15- Final day to text your nomination for these position to the nomination committee –Donald Clausing or Mike Williams
- Oct. 22- Last day to Request Absentee Ballots from Austin Wood [slpkntmggt06@gmail.com](mailto:slpkntmggt06@gmail.com) or Richie Gray [stikjok70@gmail.com](mailto:stikjok70@gmail.com)
- Nov. 13- Election 10 a.m. at general membership meeting
- Nov. 17- Absentee Ballots mailed to those requesting one
- Nov. 29- Last date to return Absentee Ballots
- Dec. 11- Election results announced at Social/Installation of officers

## Interim Officer Report continued

On **October 9** we will have our general membership meeting. At this meeting, a slate of **officers** up for election will be presented. On November 13 the election of **officers** will take place at the meeting. For more details, see the Nomination Committee's report. On December 11 at the BEW Christmas Party, the installation of the **officers** will take place.

I want the members to know that the BEW hangar will be open each Saturday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. until noon, unless otherwise indicated. I invite all members to stop by. We have several projects that need addressing. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Airshow Volunteers —Shirley Colomb



The Hammond Airshow will be held the following weekend at KHDC Hammond Airport Friday through **Sunday, October 15-17**. We will need volunteers to man our PX tent. We will have the Stearman on static display only. We will need 4-6 volunteers for each day. Glenn Metzger will be in charge of tent set-up, and he will need about 4 guys to help him. For Friday, we will need only 2 people for the morning shift and four for the afternoon shift. For both Saturday and Sunday, we will need 4 volunteers for the morning shift and 4 for the afternoon. Please see *Shirley or Glenn*. If you can not make this meeting, please send an email if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

## Maintenance Officer Report –Terry Clausing

As Mike stated in his article, the *N'Awlins Lady* had some issues last month. I will be receiving a new battery on Tuesday and installing it. Hopefully on Saturday, the Stearman will be checked out to make sure the generator is charging and there is a good indication on the volt meter. Looking forward to seeing how the *N'Awlins Lady* performs.



## Lending a Helping Hand — Shirley Colomb

**Helping Our Neighbors**—St. John, St. Charles, Terrebonne, Jefferson and many more parishes were devastated by Hurricane Ida. This hurricane was severe and impacted our neighbors and many of our members. It would be great if you could make a donation at this October meeting. Please help our neighbors! You can bring cash or make you're a check (made out to **Second Harvest**). If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute, please mail your check to *Karl Shearer at 7303 Westminster Dr, Harahan 70123*. Your coordinator, Karl, will not be at this meeting either but he will bring our group contributions to **Second Harvest**. See Shirley to make your donation. The Big Easy Wing has always and will continue being an active participant in our community.



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## Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Mike S & Jimmy Page



Greetings Big Easy Wing,

Great news from Lakefront Airport- the crosswind runway (9/27) will be staying open! The Airport Board received enough objection from concerned users and outside entities that they have decided to keep the runway open. This is huge for our operations, as we would be unable to operate from the North-South runways with a significant crosswind. Thank you to all of you who reached out to key influencers to maintain this vital resource for us!

At long last I was able to get my Stearman training accomplished, while on a Shreveport FedEx layover. Finding IP's somewhat close by to train me and other pilots has been a significant challenge, so the best option was to travel to get the training done soonest. Thank you to *Jimmy Page* and the Lonestar Wing out of Marshall, TX for the excellent instruction in their beautiful Stearman! We would like to continue to plus up the ranks of our pilots. Our first priority

are those candidates (some who we have already talked to) who have a good amount of tailwheel time and are available to travel for potential training in the Stearman.

The *N'Awlins Lady* flew the last week in September during the few weeks each

Mike S. & Kevin D.



year of perfect weather in the area. I had the chance to take up aircraft sponsor Jim Dugan and Kevin Duxworth, who works with Terry on the plane. Both had never flown in an open cockpit biplane and their smiles showed it! As it hadn't flown all summer, there were a few minor maintenance issues. The battery died and is being replaced and the brakes were recently serviced. The Stuka replica is essentially ready to fly, but will not be flown by us prior to being sold.

We look forward to events this month around LA, with our participation as a static display with booth sales at the Hammond Airshow and static display at the “Warbirds, Wings, and Wheels.”

Fly safe,

Jim Dugan





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## Holiday Social—Shirley Colomb

Every year our Christmas Party is an outstanding event due to the number of members who attend, supply food and help with decorating the hangar. Once again, the Billy Mitchell Senior Squadron Civil Air Patrol will be joining us. Their group will assist with food and drinks as well as participate with set-up day. I need everyone to mark their calendar for *Saturday, December 11th*. I will have a list at both this meeting and the November meeting for you to sign up for food items. More information will be in our November newsletter. Also, there will have door prizes.



It has been a rough year. Not only with COVID but also with many of our members suffering from the effects of Hurricane IDA. We need this!

## Membership —Shirley Colomb



January 1, 2022 is approaching. The BEW thrives because of its members. *YOU* are our most important asset. We hope that we are engaging you through our communications, activities, events, and socials. We are thankful for your membership.

Your dues are important to us. It is our number one revenue source. Please pay your dues for the 2022 year, now. Just go to the BEW [webpage](#) and click on the propeller picture. Then follow the instructions. You can also see me at the meetings. I will take checks, cash, or credit card. For those of you who use KAStrack, you can pay your dues there. Your *2022 dues are a requirement* for voting in the 2022 Big Easy Wing election.

Full membership (\$50) Active military membership (\$25) Cadet membership for students between the ages of 13-23 (\$10) Online Payment are accepted: BEW website [online store](#)

### Checks mailed to:

CAF Big Easy Wing  
c/o Shirley Colomb Acting Adjutant  
1216 Brockenbraugh Ct. Metairie, LA 70005



## Upcoming Events



Oct 9-10 CAF Wings Over Houston Houston, TX

Oct. 16-17 **Hammond Northshore Regional Airshow**  
Hammond, LA



Oct. 22 & 23 SHAF Warbird/Car Show  
Vicksburg/Tallulah, LA



Oct. 29-31 CAF Wings over Dallas

Nov. 5-6 Blue Angels Homecoming Airshow Pensacola, FL

## Upcoming Meetings

General Membership	October 9	10 am	hangar	Nominations
General Membership	November 13	10 am	hangar	Elections
Holiday Social	December 11	5:30 pm	hangar	Installation

## KAStrack



### 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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