



# Big Easy Wing



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## Membership Meeting/

**November 12 @ 10 am**  
**Lakefront Hangar**



## Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings!

October, what a beautiful month for many reasons. Generally, the weather is ideal with a small touch of autumn thrown into the mix. This past month was no exception. At the hangar, the work parties took on the task of cleaning and painting the stairs and platform that leads into the office. As you can see from the photos, it looks 1000 percent better. Thanks guys.



One thing of note that took place happened on October 15, my birthday by the way. Between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock a.m. an electrical fire took place on the meter panel attached to the vault between our hangar and the tower. The Big Easy Wing lost power for approximately 3 hours. The fire destroyed the meter that controls the tower gate. The airport electrician was



able to restore power to us. Additionally, he had to connect the gate power to our meter until repairs are completed by Entergy. As you can see from the photos, we were lucky that our meter was spared.

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## Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the gorgeous fall weather and a respite from the heat before it really begins to cool down here. The past month since my check ride I have been busy flying with the Guard. Our squadron spent a week and a half at Tyndall AFB in Panama City where I got to shoot a Sidewinder missile and shoot the gun at a towed decoy. Most recently, I was able to fly to the CAF Wings over Houston Airshow where my wingman and I flew flybys and patterns in the Eagle on Saturday and Sunday. It was great to



see so many CAF warbirds airborne—from the “Tora” Japanese WWII attack recreation (complete with pyro!) to the B-17, Mustangs, and plenty of other warbirds.



Our last ride day of the year in the *N'Awlins Lady* will be on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and tell your friends if they would like an open cockpit Stearman experience! Hopefully this fall weather continues to cooperate and we can get a good group of riders done. We will also hopefully get our newest ride pilot qualified in the airplane before the end of the year and before the plane goes in for its annual inspection.



We look forward to participating in events in 2023 and continuing to grow the unit and bring in more revenue via rides, PX sales, and donations.

Fly safe,



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## Holiday Social—December 3



Saturday, December 3rd make plans to be at hangar for a fun night.

At this November meeting, I will be signing members up for their specialty food item. Rick Wood already signed up for his fabulous gumbo. The party social hour begins at 5:30 pm followed by installation of officers, award presentation and then, a fabulous meal prepared by you, our members.

We will have a set-up committee. Setup will be on the morning of the event starting at 9 am. We will need tables. For the food, I am looking for volunteers to be servers. Donald Allen and his wife, Wanda, has already signed up but we will need a few more.

As usual, the Billy Mitchell Senior Squadron Civil Air Patrol will be joining us.

This year each person will receive door raffle ticket for a chance to win an amazing gift donated from Shirley's casino gifts. In addition, we will have a 50/50 drawing. The funds raised from this drawing will help offset the hangar's electric bill.

We are celebrating a great year of Flying! Please join us.

## Wing Leader continues—Harold Buchler

November will be a busy month. At our general membership meeting on November 12, we will hold the election for Executive Office, Adjutant, Maintenance, and Education Officer. The Nominating Committee has met and will present a slate of candidates for those positions. Please remember that to vote you must be a current dues paying member of the Big Easy Wing.

On November 19, we will have another flight day. This will be a repeat of previous flight days with food and drinks and other activities. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come out and see what we do. Tell them that if they purchase a ride prior to November 12, there is a discount. For the kids, we should have our flight simulators up and running for them to enjoy.

Looking further down the road, do not forget our Christmas party set for Saturday, December 3. See you at the hangar.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Pensacola Show	November 10-11	8 am	Pensacola
Gen. Membership/Election	November 12	10 am	hangar
Christmas Party/Installation	December 3	5:30 pm	hangar
Gen. Membership Meeting	January 14	10 am	hangar
Gen. Membership Meeting	February 11	10 am	hangar





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## Election Chair— James Mykris



It is election time again. The following positions are available for anyone interested in serving: Executive, Adjutant, Maintenance, and Education.

A description of the duties can be found in our CAF Unit Manual, a copy of which is always available on KAStrack. I will need to submit a slate of nominees to CAF-HQ prior to our November election so if you are interested in running for any of the above positions, then please send me an email prior to our general membership meeting on October 8, 2022, at the following address: [jamesmykris@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmykris@gmail.com).

Nominees will be announced at the October meeting. Elections will be held during the November meeting. Installation will take place at the BEW Christmas Social in December.

For those of you who are not interested in running for a position but are generally concerned about these positions being filled: Please rest assured that I have received word that all of the incumbent officers are willing to serve additional terms.

Your nomination committee consists of me, James Mykris, and William Triay. You can contact either of us if you have any questions. Thanks so much.

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The nominations phase of the election process was completed during our last meeting on October 8, 2022. Thankfully, the incumbent officers were all willing to serve again and thus were duly nominated during that meeting, as follows:

Executive: Robert Claypool

Adjutant: Shirley Colomb

Maintenance: Terry Clausing

Education: Jim Buchler

The elections will take place at our next general membership meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Nominations can still be made from the floor during that meeting.

In order to vote and/or run for office you will need to be in good standing with both CAF HQ and the Big Easy Wing. Please double-check that your dues are paid and join us at the meeting. Thanks again.



## Safety Officer— Rick Wood



Good day to everyone!

I would like to remind everyone about things to look out for and take precautions for the upcoming chilly weather.

Chimney: Fireplaces need to be inspected for cracks. Birds tend to build nest in chimneys in the spring. If you do not have screens to block them the nest can catch fire. Hiring a Chimney sweeper to maintain and clean your fireplace is a clever idea.



Central heating system: Electric heaters need to be turned on to burn off the dust collected on the heating element during the summer ( this is what causes the burnt smell)

Gas furnaces: Heating chamber needs to be checked for cracks to eliminate CO2 getting into the house. It is a good idea to install CO2 detectors in the house. Also **CHANGE THE FILTERS** for best heat exchange

One big problem we have every year is people misusing space heaters. Most house fires are caused by people running them off power stripes or placing them to close to furniture or drapes.

I hope this reminder will help keeps you safe during our upcoming winter.



## Adjutant Officer— Shirley Colomb



Happy Thanksgiving!

Welcome to our newest member, Amadeo Guerra

List of candidates were sent to the Commemorative Air Force for approval. All of the candidates are in good standings. Now, it is time for you to check on your BEW and CAF dues. In order to vote, you must be up-to-date on both.

I will be happy to take your dues for 2023 at anytime. Please see me at any meeting or you can pay online (on BEW website or on KAStack.) Thanks!!!

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## Flight Day—November 19

Please download image and email to friends and coworkers. We would like to have a full day of flying to end off the year.

They can sign up online by clicking on “Purchase a Ride” on the front page of the website.

Promote!

Promote! Promote!



**Give Thanks  
Flight Day  
November 19**

**Only \$270  
till November 18**



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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.

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