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Membership Meeting/

January 14@ 10 am
Lakefront Hangar



Unit Leader—Harold Buchler

Greetings and Happy Holiday Season!

As we begin the Christmas season, let us all give thanks for the many blessings we have been given. We started the month with our annual Christmas party.

Once again, we were blessed to have many members in attendance and their spouse from our group as well as from the Billy Mitchell Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. We also had a few members of the Lakefront Management Authority Commissioners in attendance. It was the first time for these commissioners to see the hangar and the improvements that have been added.

At the Christmas party, we installed the Officers for the upcoming year. One of our members, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Paul Tibbets, IV swore in the Officers and presented the Wing awards. The first award, The Ubert Terrell Award went to Mike “Hansel” Scott, and the second award, David Oreck Award went to Glenn Metzger. I had the honor to present the William Mattheessen Award to Ed Daroca and Chuck Armbruster. One recipient who was absent was Joey Madere.



Chuck, Ed and Harold

In September CAF Headquarters announced a new revenue model. The current method that is used by headquarters to collect money from the wings has been in place for about 30 years with no change. The new model transitions from a Fee based model to a Revenue based model.

WHAT	
Old Model	New Model
Description	Description
Aircraft ANUAC	9 % Revenue Fee – based on income
Ride Fees	Admin Fee/Unit – (Audit, Quickbooks, Tax Prep)
Unit ANUAC	
Quickbooks Online	

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Operation Officer—Mike “Hansel” Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

As you all know the weather over the past month has not allowed for much flying. Sadly, our last planned rides day of the year was cold and rainy, but the dreary weather did not

prevent us from getting together in the hangar for food, coffee, and fellowship!



Speaking of hangar events, we also had a great night at the Christmas Party on the first Saturday of December. I know everyone enjoyed the food and drink

and door prizes. I was also honored to receive an unexpected award named in memory of Ubert Terrell – a recently deceased local WWII veteran. I do not feel worthy of such an award, but I appreciate it nonetheless! Thank you to all who made the Christmas Party a success, especially to the energetic Shirley Colomb.

The Christmas event also gave us a chance to pause and remember the lives of those pilots and aircrew that were lost in the B-17 / P-63 midair collision in Dallas last month. While I do not want to speak to exactly what happened until the final report is concluded, this mishap should give all of us pause in what we do. We must always have a safe plan and stick to that plan, especially in something so dynamic as an airshow. May the souls of those departed see blue skies and tail winds!



Jared Spencer and Mike
Scott

As far as local operations go, we are still waiting on schedules and weather to align for us to continue flying the *N'awlins Lady* and train new pilots. If it is not unbearably cold, we will continue to get in the air whenever we can prior to the plane's annual inspection in February. On an unrelated note, I recently elected to sell my own personal experimental airplane, the red and white F-1 Rocket that you may have seen in the hangar next to the Stuka. While it will be sad to part with it, new opportunities are always potentially on the horizon!

Fly safe.



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Wing Leader continues—Harold Buchler

Our main fee paid to headquarter has been ANUAC (Annual Unit Activity Charge). We pay one for the airplane and one for the unit. We also pay an annual fee to use QuickBooks accounting software and a fee for PX. The other large fee paid by some units is a ride fee of \$75.00 per seat sold on Experimental/Exhibition aircraft like the B-29 and the B-24.

The Stearman operates in the ride program in the Normal category so it must be in the FAA drug and alcohol program. This means that anyone who flies or maintains the aircraft must be in the FAA drug program. We pay headquarters a fee to be in the Drug program.

Under the new revenue plan, we will pay (be taxed) 9% of all revenues that we collect. Only a few items like Aircraft sponsorships, Unit Dues and in-kind donations are not taxed. This is why it is important for us to have ride days and other fund raising events so that we can pay for all of these charges.

Note-the CAF headquarters basic Colonel annual membership fee is going up to \$225.00 annually after no increases for many years.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you at the hangar.



Election Committee Chair—James Mykris

Big Easy Wing Election of New Officers 2022-23

At the November General Membership meeting four officer positions were filled. The floor was opened for nominations for these offices. Since no nominations were presented, the nominations were closed. The following were elected.

Adjutant - Shirley Colomb

Executive Officer - Robert Claypool

Maintenance - Terry Clausing

Education - Jim Buchler

Please congratulate and support our returning officers.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Gen. Membership Meeting	January 14	10 am	hangar
Gen. Membership Meeting	February 11	10 am	hangar
Ground School	March 11	9am-2pm	hangar
Gen. membership Meeting	April 1	10 am	hangar

Safety Officer— Rick Wood



Happy Holidays Everyone!

Christmas is just around the corner. And here are some safety tips if you choose to purchase a live tree. Live trees are extremely attractive and gives your home that nice fragrance. However, having a live tree in your home requires additionally responsibilities.

- A live tree will dry out quicker depending on the day that the tree was cut. The warmer the temperature is, the quicker the tree will dry.
- Place a live tree in a bucket of water as soon as you get it home. This will get moisture back in the tree.
- Place the tree far away from any heat producing sources. Everyone loves to show off their tree and usually place it near a window which is a heat source. Therefore, remember to water the tree more often.
- Lights are another thing to think about because lights can create heat. With the new LED lights, there is less heat given off as compared to the older lights. Light Strings need to be inspected every year for exposed wires because exposed wires and the sap being released from the drying out tree can create a fire.
- Power strips should not be used with a live tree.
- As presents build up remember to leave access to the tree stand so water can be added.
- Absorption products are on the market to help with the issue of a drying tree

Again, a live tree is beautiful and lovely in a home, however, please be aware of these points if you choose to purchase one.

Wishing everyone a **safe** and Merry Christmas!

Adjutant Officer— Shirley Colomb



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Welcome to our newest member, Bill Alvarez. We look forward to introducing you at our January meeting.

Flying events have been very advantageous. These events have helped us obtain new members as well as brought in needed revenue. I encourage each of you to support our flight days and to participate in them. I look forward to many more flying weekends in 2023.

Please remember to pay your 2023 BEW dues and your CAF dues. I will be happy to take your dues for 2023 at anytime. You can pay online (BEW website or on KAStrack.)

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Holiday Social—Shirley Colomb



It always boggles my mind that setting up for an event takes twice as long as the tear down process. I can tell you one thing—we have a great group of guys who volunteer on a regular basis. You know who you are and I want to say Thank You. I want to give a special thanks to our greeters, our food servers and to those who hung around to assist with pick-up.

It was a special event this year because it was the first time our wing recognized any of its members. Both Mike Scott and Glenn Metzger received awards for their service to the wing. We were very pleased to have USAF Brigadier General (Ret.), Paul Tibbetts IV to present the awards and the installation of officers.



It was important to us as a unit to recognize those who recently “Gone West.” We took a moment of silence while Robert lit a candle for each of our fallen fellow CAF members who recently died at the Wings Over Dallas Airshow.

It takes a village to create something wonderful and our social is always a great event. Not only because of the workers, but the wonderful food that is always brought and those who come out to enjoy the camaraderie. Not only did our membership turn out but we had several members from the CAP as well as a few members from the Lakefront Management Authority Commission. I am convinced that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves even the little ones.

Marshalling Detachment Honors Richie Gray



The Marshalling Detachment utilizes the Wings Over Dallas Airshow as the event to recognize Marshaller trainees who are ready to be officially “Patched.” Being Patched is the detachment’s way of recognizing someone as a fully qualified Marshaller. The detachment seldom Patches more than one trainee each year. Congratulation to Richie Gray of the Big Easy Wing!

Richie’s Marshalling career started in the Spring of 2020 when he attended the BEW ground school Marshalling class. The first chance that Richie had to employ his skills was at the Opelousas airshow working along veteran Marshallers. Later, Richie led the BEW ground school class and in November 2020 Richie received a BEW Marshalling Certificate of Achievement . Over the next two years Richie worked 15-20 shows building confidence and getting experience working with different aircraft in different scenarios.

Dave Cantin, Marshalling Detachment Adjutant, stated that “Earning a Marshalling Patch is not an easy accomplishment, and many trainees never make it. Two years with a dozen or more shows is about as fast as it will happen. Along with picking up the various aspects of Marshalling, Richie’s positive “Can Do” attitude makes it a pleasure to work with him.”

Richie is a great asset to the Marshalling Detachment and to the Big Easy Wing. The Big Easy Wing and the Marshalling Detachment is proud to have Richie Gray as a member. We both look forward to working many more shows with Richie. Once again, Congratulations Richie!



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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.

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