



Big Easy Wing



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Poker Run
November 9th

**Membership Meeting/
November 9th
Election/Flight Day
Presentation**

Unit Leader—Harold Buchler



Greetings:

Weather wise, October was a great month. In early October, the Big Easy Wing participated in the Mississippi Aviation Museum's "Cruisin the Coast". Mike Scott took to the skies and flew to Gulfport, then to Ocean Springs and then back to Lakefront. He took the winners of the raffle that was held.

On October 26, the Big Easy Wing once again went to our neighboring state of Mississippi. This time it was to Stennis Airport for the Trick or Treat event hosted by Stennis. Phil Webb from the Flora Bama Wing drove in from Pensacola to fly our Stearman. Phil is also a member of our Wing. The Wing sold 5 rides that day. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Phil. BRAVO ZULU, Phil.



Katie Peterson

On November 9 the Big Easy Wing will hold it first Poker Run/Flight Day. Also, on that date we will have our election of the Officers and that will be followed by a guest speaker, Vincent Caire.

Mike will be leaving us for awhile so once again Kris has graciously agreed to fill-in.

Most importantly, **our annual Christmas Party is being held on Friday, December 6 at 5:30 pm.** It is a pot-luck dinner. All our friends (EAA, NOGE, CAP) are invited. We will need a lot of assistance with the set-up which is scheduled for Friday morning at 9 am. I know we will need extra chairs and tables. Please send a text to Shirley if can come out that morning to set up. It is always a great affair.





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Operational Officer—Mike Scott



Greetings Big Easy Wing!

It's been a bit since my last newsletter- I've been very busy with moving into my new place in Memphis and with still flying Guard and FedEx.

I was able to get re-current in the Stearman after I came back in town and we've been able to take advantage of some of the best weather of 2024.

Throughout October we've had a few purchased rides on beautiful, crisp days around New Orleans. The "N'awlins Lady" is running well, and you can tell it enjoys the cooler air. On Saturday the 12th, we had a wonderful day flying raffle winners to Gulfport for the "Cruisin' Down the Coast" event. I ended up flying our one and only Shirley there to Gulfport where we stopped and checked out the great little Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum. I had not known anything about the museum and was pleasantly surprised with all the great material in there about pioneering aviators and the foundation of several of the Air Force and Navy bases I've flown from in the area. After lunch I flew the winner, Charles Marsala, over the coast. About 5 of 6 airplanes flew down the beach in a parade of planes over the classic cars cruising the beach. The late afternoon flight home was Tom Slack.



On the horizon we have our fly in event coming up at Stennis Airport- Phil Webb will be the pilot for that. We are also anticipating other rides and flying events in November.

Fly safe,



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Safety Officer — Rick Wood



Good morning BEW!

Well, it is that time of year. We need to get ready for cold weather



- older gas heaters, that still have a pilot light, might have to be lit. And the heat sender sometimes needs to be replaced.
- new units have an electric igniter and needs to be checked out annually - replace if needed.
- run your unit now to burn off the dust from the off season (you will get a burning smell)
- on both gas and electric heaters the heat chamber need to be checked out. Gas heaters can cause CO2 to collect in the home. Electric heaters you vent the heat outside.
- change filters regularly.

Now for the upcoming Christmas Party—we will be setting up several food items with electric cords so do be careful. I'll address light safety in my December article

Let's have a safe and problem free warm home this winter. Take the time now to get ready.

Election Committee— James Mykris and Tom Slack

The nominations phase of the election process was completed during our last meeting on October 12, 2024. Here are the candidates:

Executive Officer: Bill Alvarez

Adjutant: Shirley Colomb

Maintenance: Terry Clausing

Education: Roger Jeffrey

Elections will take place at our next general membership meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2024. 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.



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Adjutant-Shirley Colomb



Happy Fall!!

Now is the time to renew your BEW membership. Please go online or see me at the November meeting. Dues are still only 50 dollars. As of this newsletter, only 7 members have renewed their membership. Please update your membership.

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

Checks mailed to: CAF Big Easy Wing
c/o Shirley Colomb, Adjutant
281-413-4525
1216 Brockenbraugh Ct Metairie, LA 70005

Ride Coordinator — Shirley Colomb

We have been very busy holding events. An I appreciate all our volunteers who help us at each of these events. We, as a wing, cannot survive without events and our volunteers. I am thankful that Phil was able to fill-in for Mike and Kris at our Stennis fly in. We are lucky to have great workers.



Curry Family listening to Phil story



Jim Heurtin

Having various events and participating at other events are our best way to produce revenue. Just our membership dues is not enough to pay our fees to the CAF, cover our hangar expenses and general aircraft maintenance.

At Stennis we were very successful with the sale of flights. I contacted the Pass Yacht Club and a couple of our members flew. However, our PX sales was not good. I must say that the Stennis facility is great venue and the



Poker Run/Veterans Fight Day

Veterans Day Flights – Saturday, November 9th 10:30 am till 4 pm
 Along with our Poker-Run Activities from 9am till 2pm



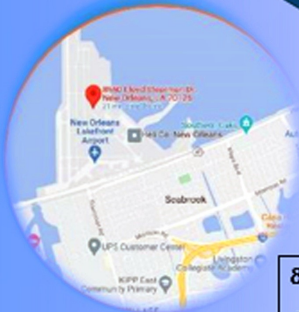
For an enriching life experience, book a flight with the CAF Big Easy Wing. The best view of the City of New Orleans landscape is from an open cockpit 1943 Stearman. Un-mistakenly named the N'Awlins Lady, because she is a beauty.

We offer a \$300.00 flight which is a 30-minute ride that provides the customer with spectacular views of the city. In addition, we offer a 20-minute ride for \$150.00 overlooking the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. Visit our website (www.bigeasywing.org) to purchase a ride or scan the Qcode below. We are a 501(c)(3). Through your generosity, we can keep this WWII plane flying.

WW2 Veterans fly for free, Korean and Vietnam Veterans fly for 50% off the shoreline and 25% off city flight.



This could be YOU!



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CAF Big Easy Wing
1st Poker Run
Saturday, November 9, 2024 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Please register by sending an email to info@bigeasywing.org or visit www.bigeasywing.org (events) & complete a rideable form and email it. We need your name to plan for this event. Participants (flying or Non-flying) can charge for the poker run by clicking on the Q Code. Please complete ahead of time but you will be able to sign-up and change this date @ night.

Home base is Lakefront-KNEW where there will coffee, juice and donuts!
 If you are not flying, there will be Cornhole competition and games to play!

Lunch will be available at the Big Easy Wing hangar from 11-1pm. Enjoy Lasagna, Jambalaya, Salad and Dessert (non-poker players cost is \$15.00 for lunch). Following lunch is presentation by Vincent Cavig on Aviation at 1:00 pm.

Participating Airports: Lakefront, Slidell, Stennis, Picayune and St. Tammany.

Cards will be in the FBO at each participating airport sealed in a white envelope. Non-flying participants will pick-up all 5 cards at Lakefront Airport. All 5 Envelopes need to be handed-in at 1:00pm to our resident Poker Player Terry Clausling and his committee. Drawing at 2:30 pm for:

Flying Best Hand - Free Stearman Ride + \$75 Gift Card	Non Flying Best Hand - Tickets for 2 WWII Museums
2nd Best Hand - \$50 Gift Card	2nd Best Hand - \$25 Gift Card
3rd Best Hand - \$25 Gift Card	3rd Best Hand - \$25 Gift Card



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\$40 Registration includes: Poker-hand, Breakfast, Lunch & Door Prizes

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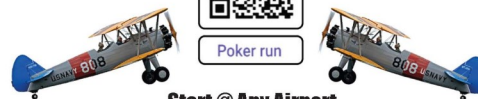


New Orleans Lakefront Airport	KNEW
Slidell Airport	KADS
St Tammany Regional	L31
Picayune Municipal Airport	KMJD
Stennis International Airport	KHSA

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Poker run



Start @ Any Airport
End @ KNEW





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Upcoming Events

Events

Updates about the events at August meeting

- November 9** **Membership meeting and elections**
Veterans Day Flight Day
Poker Run
- December 6** **Christmas Social/ Installation of Officers/Awards**
- December 8** Belle Chase Naval Base Holiday Season Christmas Day
- March 20th** Jewish Family Services of Greater NO Fundraiser

