

T.F. I, II, III - REDCAP

by Bud Jenkins.

More than 120 seniors and 60 cadets from Task Forces I, II and III participated in a 2-day Redcap for a missing private aircraft containing a pilot and two passengers. The mission was officially completed when the bodies of the three men were found in Lake Okeechobee. The plane wreckage was not located.

Eastern Air Rescue alerted Major Alan C. Altwater, Florida Wing Operations Officer, Tuesday 7 July at 10:30 pm that the brown and white Cessna, N3104Y, was overdue on a routine flight from Marianna to Pompano Beach with Stanley K. Parrish, 50, his brother and Pompano Beach Postmaster Warren, 48, and their uncle, a former postmaster, Tom J. Nables, 72, on board. Stanley, a flying vetran of six years was at the controls.

The trio had left Marianna after attending a funeral, at 5 pm and filed a flight plan that would carry them over Tallahassee, Orlando, Vero Beach to Pompano Beach. They had fuel for six hours.

Parrish checked in over Cross City and again southeast of Lakeland at 7:56 pm. No further word was received.

Task Force I and III were put on alert. At 5 am 8 July, Task Force II, under Mission Co-ordinator Major Von Daimler, sent nine aircraft search crews into the air from Winter Haven Headquarters on EARC Mission 42. Seven other aircraft from other task forces joined in fringe searches.

At noon Task Force I Commander Lt. Colonel Norman Fisher activated his force with Lt. Lynn Payton as mission coordinator at headquarters at Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Eight air search crews made an intensive search up to the southern tip of Lake Okeechobee, working until dark.

Sunrise of July 9 found 17 aircraft from Task Force I joining 23 planes from Task Forces III and II in the air. Heaviest concentration was over the Lake Okeechobee waters and surrounding shore areas.

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Pilot & Aircraft Questionnaires Mailed

ORLANDO AFB ---- Lt. Col. Ray L. Kraemer, Wing Deputy for Administration, announced that a special questionnaire has been sent to all units seeking a complete listing of all FAA rated pilots and member-owned aircraft.

The questionnaire must be sent to the Wing Commander's office in Miami for tabulation prior to August 10th, so that additions and corrections can be made to the Wing Master List, prior to submission to National Headquarters later this month.

As of 17 July, the Wing List showed 689 FAA pilots and 211 member owned aircraft. Both figures, while slightly above the 1964 quota



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WING GETS 15 STEWARDESSES!



John M. Herring, President of National Air Space Academy, welcoming Colonel duPont and Major Barnard to the Florida Wing Fly-In, held at the schools campus. Story and more pictures on page 2.

COL. DUPONT CONFERS WITH COL. MASON

ELLINGTON AFB --- Colonel duPont, Wing Commander, has just returned from a series of meetings with Colonel Ashworth, the retiring National Commander, and Colonel Mason, newly appointed National Commander as of the first of August.

The head 'Gator' pledged Florida's continued support of the National Programs and policies. "We have always stood directly in line with Ellington's thinking and I feel as the largest and best Wing, it is up to us to lead the way for the rest of the nation," said Col. duPont.

Colonel Mason has tentatively agreed to speak at the Cadet Selection week-end in Orlando next January.

UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

Numerous violations have been observed recently. Some of the most obvious are unauthorized: shoulderboards, female cadets in male fatigues, long sleeve olive drab uniform, cowboy boots, baseball caps, multicolored socks, brown shoes and many others. There

FORM 13's ON WAY TO FLORIDA SENIORS

ELLINGTON AFB --- The personnel section of National Headquarters announced that the Florida Wing Form 13 renewal applications were being mailed out to all Florida Senior Members this week as Ellington braces itself for the beginning of the 1965 renewal program.

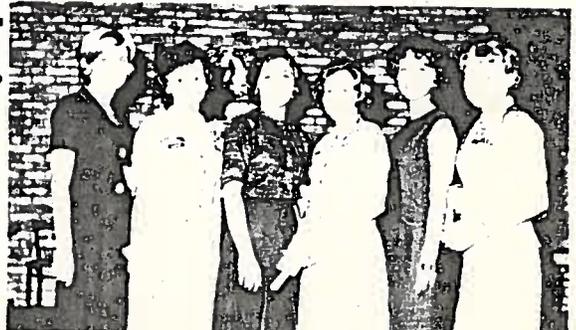
The 1965 renewal program will be about the same as in years past, with two exceptions. The first will be that this is the first year that the squadrons will send the senior renewal applications and a check for National dues directly to National Headquarters, just as they have been

doing for new applicants since last March. The second exception will be that the Florida Wing dues will be \$2.00 for the year 1965, an increase from last year. Squadrons are asked to be sure that their Form 44's contain a control number beginning with 65 for all renewals to prevent confusion at National.

Wing Headquarters asks each member to renew early and beat the end of the year rush that we always have that delays all other paperwork. Various renewal goals are being prepared and will be distributed in the near future.

WILL THE REAL BETTY MCNABB PLEASE STAND?

On 27 July the first woman ever to fly faster than sound appeared on the "To Tell the Truth" program. Lt. Colonel Betty McNabb, who was also the first woman to graduate from the War College and the only one who ever graduated with a perfect score, stumped the panel on the CBS-TV show. Deputy for operations, Southeastern Region, Col. McNabb made many friends



MIAMI SPRINGS --- The Florida Wing graduated fifteen new Cadet Stewardesses in close cooperation with Eastern Airlines in an impressive ceremony on July 17th.

This is the second year in a row that Eastern and the Florida Wing have teamed up for an excellent special activity for the female cadets. The cadets live at the Miami Springs Villas for the weeks duration of the special course and live and eat with the regular Eastern Airlines Stewardess students.

During their training the cadets took regular stewardess exams and the same field trips to inspect and learn more about the jets Eastern uses, as well as the formal ditching and survival training that is so important for all stewardesses.

Those cadets who pinned on the CAP Stewardess Wings were: Sharon Chisolm, Mary Felter, Nancy Fisher, Barbara Frank, Micky Hearsh, Judy Henderson, Mary Kennedy, Connie Kostyra, Gail Le Grand, Sally Newman, Paulette Ross, Sandy Smith, Donna Taylor, Pat Tierney and Kathy Vaingot.

In addition to the CAP Stewardess Wings, the above named cadets and five senior escorts received National Special Activities Ribbons.

Speaking at the graduation Colonel duPont sold of the tremendous role Eastern Airlines was assuming not only in the annual sponsoring of the Stewardess School, but also the sponsoring of several Squadrons throughout the Wing that the airline did as part of its continuing public relations program.

Mrs. Winnie Gilbert, Manager of the School and Mrs. Jeannie Whitehead, her assistant, both had high praise for the conduct and the spirit which our girls showed throughout the course.

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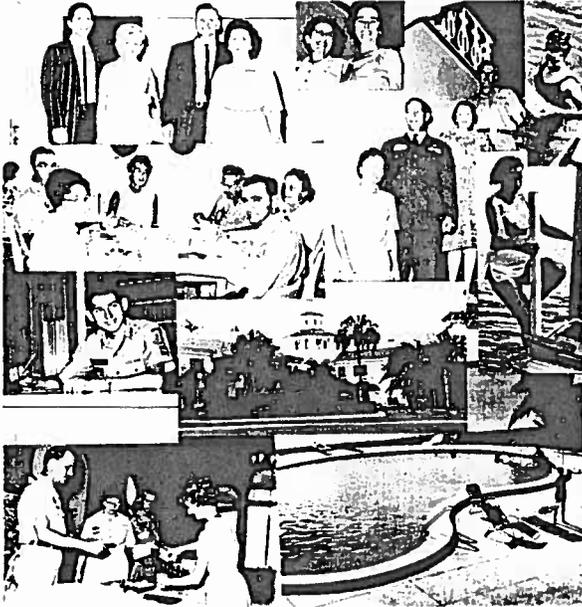
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Members of the Florida Wing 'never had it so good' as when they relaxed in the luxurious comfort of the Pinecrest Hotel, an exclusive Resort Hotel located on a 150 acre site just south of Avon Park.

The occasion was the regular monthly Wing Fly-In, and the site is the new home of the National Air Space Academy. The Academy will be unique in the continental U.S. in that all its students will become cadets in CAP and its military program will be supervised by CAP officers.

More than 200 CAP members registered, many arriving on Saturday afternoon 18 July, to spend the weekend, others arriving Sunday morning to spend the day. Group XIII Commander, John Bodle, his wife and daughter were on hand to greet incoming guests, to see that they got registered, had a room assigned, etc. Colonel Bodle will head the Social Science Department at the school, and Mrs. Bodle will be the head nurse.

The 'Open House' weekend gave CAP members the opportunity of seeing the school's facilities and meeting the staff. Swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts etc. were all turned over to CAP for its use for the weekend. Hotel rooms were furnished and dinner and breakfast served, even a water show was staged on the school's private lake, all at no cost of any of the guests.

John M. Herring, President of NASA, says he looks forward to the day when the CAP cadets of NASA walk off with all the CAP honors in the wing.

AUGUST FLY IN... The next fly-in is scheduled for Sunday, 16 August. A normal, breakfast fly-in, it will be held at Herlong Air Field, Jacksonville. Host will be Group III's Duval Senior Squadron. Breakfast will be served from 0900 until noon, and as usual, trophies will be awarded for the longest distance, oldest pilots, etc.

CADETS PASS 3,400 MARK

COCO---The Florida Wing has just passed 3,400 cadets for this year. This places Florida only 300 cadets behind the National Leader, Puerto Rico and about 500 ahead of third place, New York.

Of the total 3,247 are 1964 cadets, and the rest are new 1965 cadets. Colonel Bass has opened the books for the renewal program for all cadets who are 1964 members. The renewal dues for 1965 will be \$3.00 for all cadets in the wing that are not already 1965 members. This is a slight increase from last year due to the higher costs of operating the cadet office and the fact that all cadets will automatically receive the Gator CAPers and their copy of CAP Times.

Colonel Bass reports that his office is receiving cadet applications for the year 1964 from those units that have not reached their 1964 quota. For the rest of this month those squadrons will have to pay only \$1.50 for the rest of the year 1964.

On August 26 the membership rolls will be closed for the cadet year, and all cadets applications arriving after that date will have to be for the year 1965. Those squadrons that have already passed their 1964 quota have been able to send all additional cadets in as 1965 members for the price of \$3.00 each. Florida hopes to exceed 3,500 cadets before the end of this month and the cut-off date for the final strength report for 1964.

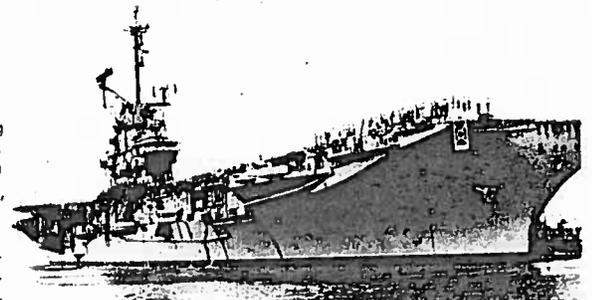
Fla. Advances to Ninth Place in Chaplain Standing

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS---The office of the National Chaplain has just announced that Florida has advanced from the 18th spot in the National rating to the ninth spot.

Wing Chaplain, Lt. Colonel Farmer, said that this was due primarily to two important advances that the Wing has made. The first is an increase in the reporting of Chaplains, and the second is an increase in the number of Chaplains assigned to the units.

National and Chaplain Farmer were very quick to point out however, that Florida only has forty-seven Chaplains covering 144 units, and out of the forty-seven Chaplains only thirty-seven of them submitted the required Form 34 reports for the second quarter of this year ended 30 June.

Colonel duPont has served notice that charters for Cadet and Composite Squadrons would not be renewed for 1965 unless these Squadrons had recruited a Chaplain that would be able to handle the moral leadership portion of the Cadet Program. Despite this warning, made many months ago, there has been little increase in the Chaplain recruiting field.



N. W. Florida Group IV cadet and senior members are hosted on training cruise aboard aircraft carrier USS LEXINGTON.

GROUP IV PARTICIPATES IN 50th ANNIVERSITY

by Helen Kerr

Twenty cadets, Group IV Commander Capt. James P. Kerr, Group IV I.O. Mrs. Kerr and Mr. and Mrs. George Netterfield of Hagler Squadron attended the US Naval Air Station's 50th Anniversary 'party'. The festivities started with an air show at Chavaler Field where the Chuting Stars, the Navy's famed Parachute Exhibition Team and the "Flying Professor" performed.

A pre-flight parade and graduation ceremonies were conducted under the command of Capt. Q.C. Crommelin. Jet carrier landings, known as the "Golden Eagles" and T-28 carrier qualifications were presented the diplomas to the class.

The destroyer Tweedy and the aircraft carrier USS Lexington, both homported at Pensacola, were open to the public for inspection. Jet launches from the carrier deck at dockside were featured, and the

Navy Steel Band played Calypso music. The "Blue Angels" climaxed the celebration.

Late in the afternoon 30 more cadets joined the group representing Pensacola-Corry, Pensacola-Hagler and the Milton Cadet Squadrons with their squadron commanders, Lt. Lewis, Lt. Randow and Group Chaplain Sterns, to watch the parade.

Sixty cadets and seniors were hosted on the USS LEXINGTON under the command of Capt. Q.C. Crommelin. Jet carrier landings, witnessed by the group. They were given a complete tour of the ship and arrived back at dockside at 1730 after a memorable day.

Since ladies are not allowed aboard during the cruise, twelve cadettes from four squadrons were met at the gate at 0600 and went to the home of Capt. and Mrs. Kerr for a pool party "brunch". Afterwards they returned to the Naval Air Station for a tour of the base. Points of interest included the Aviation Museum, the historic Fort Barrancas, a peek at the Space Monkeys, and the School of Pre-Flight survival unit. All the cadettes were at dockside to greet the squadron co-members as they disembarked.



N. W. Florida Group IV Cadettes from Pensacola - Hagler, Pensacola - Corry, Eglin and Tri - County Squadrons splash in Commander's pool.

It Happened at Encampment

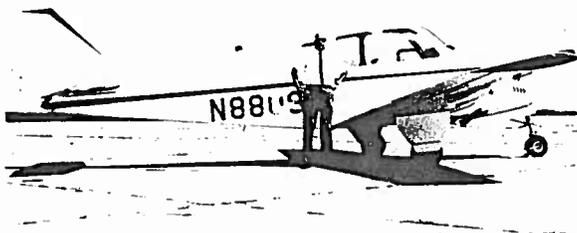
Did you hear about the 'dooly' that wandered down the corridor of the administration building? As he approached a group of officers, he hesitated before THE COLONEL who was leaning against a wall that was holding up a broom... the dooly, saluting clumsily, whispered "Pardon me Sir, but may I have your broom?"

And then there was a certain Captain who had offered to accompany Lt. Keetley, W/O Marshall and W/O Kerr...

twice!

Maybe you heard about a certain very efficient Commandant of Cadets who during Sunday cadet registration sauntered off to lunch with the Spirits of Ammonia bottle in his pocket. Cadets were passing out all over the place... seniors were running around looking for Mr. Sepe and the aromatic.

And then there was the TIGER. He was the most frequent resident of the CAPETER...



JACKSONVILLE, FLA. --- Jun. 15 -- CAP 2/Lt. Billy M. Taylor, Operations and Training Officer of Jacksonville Search...

C.A.P. ACTIVITIES AIRED

VENICE --- The CAP Youth aerospace program, advancement system, search and rescue, assistance in local and national emergencies and the need for more seniors was discussed by 2nd Lt. H.M. Place on Sunday 5 July over radio station WAMR.

Lt. Place was the subject of an interview by Dr. Luther Luck who conducts the weekly question and answer forum sponsored by the Venice Kiwanis Club. Also discussed was the little-known fact that a youth active in all phases of CAP may obtain a Certificate of Proficiency which entitles him to one stripe if he later enlists in the US Air Force. Emphasis was placed on the fact that membership in the

CAP cadets doesn't mean that a cadet must go into the Air Force or any other branch of the service, nor does it change his draft status. According to Place, however, it would give him an invaluable background if he later decided to enlist.

Asked by Dr. Luck whether the CAP airplane still flies the Sundown Patrol, he replied that the plane is currently grounded for repairs and the patrol is being flown by 1st Lt. Stanley Lavins, squadron executive officer, in his own plane, and by Sgt. Nick Nichols, aircraft maintenance officer, in a rented plane at their own expense.

Place urged interested persons to visit the Squadron "to see what our youth and a dedicated group of seniors are accomplishing".

Celebrates Second Anniversary

Recently Russ Holdren's "Come Fly With Me" television show featured once a month on 'front desk' hosted by John Fournier on Channel 3 WEDU in Tampa, observed a 2nd birthday with the cutting of a huge cake on the show.

Mr. Roger Jones, of the FAA General Aviation Office at Clear-

water-St. Petersburg International Airport, was a special guest. He presented a jet age action outline of FAA facilities available now to promote general aviation activities in this area.

The program features flying activities of all branches of the service and people from all walks of life.



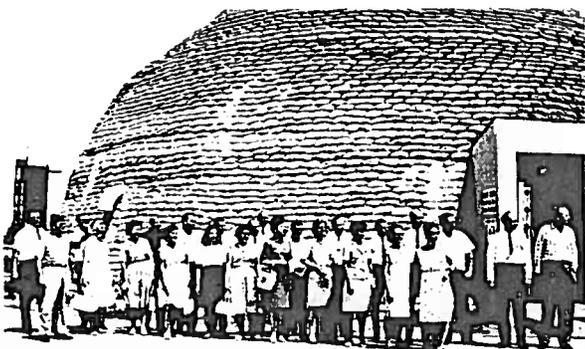
AEROSPACE EDUCATORS VISIT THE CAPE

Nearly thirty participants of the University of Florida-CAP Aerospace Education Workshop Program visited headquarters Air Force Eastern Test Range and Cape Kennedy AFS last week.

Traveling by C-119 military aircraft the group arrived at Patrick AFB at 10:30am and were greeted by Lt. Greg Copeland, Information Officer, their escort for the day.

The orientation tour began with a briefing on the mission and operation of AFETR, highlighted by motion pictures of some recent launches from the Cape.

Later they drove through the industrial area and along ICBM road and at Complex 31 Captain H.L. Filby gave the Florida U group a detailed briefing on the USAF Minuteman. They also saw the Titan III complexes now under construction.



Cadets Earn Flying Money

PALM BEACH --- Palm Beach cadets wanted to fly badly enough to work for it so with the help of Lt. Napierkowski, the squadron commander, and other senior members Sgt. Kennedy and Sgt. Silnutzer, they sold 440 boxes of candy.

To give the cadets something to look forward to it was announced that the cadet selling the most candy at a dollar a box, would have a choice of summer encampment being paid for by the squadron or a class A uniform complete with everything worth about \$17, or \$17 in cash.

The squadron was divided into groups of 4-6 cadets with a team captain in charge of that group. There were five groups. Each group had to report nightly on their progress. The group selling the most was put on the top of the flight orientation list. The winning group was James Black's team, Charles Koplin, Terry Carroll and Richard Grenfell.

Koplin was top cadet in sales with a total of 85 boxes and chose cash since he had already paid for his encampment.

The overall profit for the squadron was \$130.



Lt. Col. Jack O. Crooke, former Squadron Commander of the Canaveral Composite Squadron, was given a surprise going away party recently. Col. Crooke, an Air Force officer has been transferred to Andrews AFB. Lt. Col. Ralph T. Gwinn, Group VI Commander, on behalf of Group VI, presented Col. Crooke with a briefcase.

HOLDS GROUP-WIDE GRADUATION

A combined CAP graduation exercise was held recently at US Navy Corry Field auditorium. Participating in the exercise was Corry Field Base Commander Captain John Lehman who welcomed the cadets and parents. Guest speaker for the evening was USAFR Colonel Nick Pchelkin who spoke on the technological advancements and associated changes in our living habits and customs and looked into the world of tomorrow. The need for a college education was strongly emphasized and the graduating class was urged to plan for college. A comparison of European and American educational systems was given by Col. Pchelkin.

The US Navy Corry Field Judo Team under the direction of Commander W. Armstrong and instructor Lance Corp. Ken Beattie furnished

CAPTAIN RICHARD L. LEALI COMMANDER GROUP XVIII

FROM CADET TO
GROUP COMMANDER
IN SEVEN YEARS!

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PENNA RANGER SCHOOL
& ENCAMPMENTS

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UNIVERSITY CADET SQ

HOBBIES



YOUNGEST
GROUP COMMANDER IN
FLORIDA WING
(21 YEARS OLD)

REDCAP continued

Soon after noon, with sheriffs and deputies from Okeechobee and Glades County, the Florida Highway patrol, local fisherman and hunters joining the CAP in ground search and diving teams, the first body was spotted floating on the lake by a quartet flying with Task Force I from the Pompano Beach Aero Club, of which Stanley Parrish was a member. The quartet signalled a fisherman nearby and led him to the body.

R.D. Davis, the fisherman, stayed with the body until Okeechobee Sheriff Jack McPherson, arrived by helicopter and led a department boat to recover the battered body of Tom Nobles, identified by club members in the plane that spotted the oil slick and the body. Landrum Blount, Walter Schull, Bud Garner and Haydon Hole made positive identification through a garment worn by Nobles.

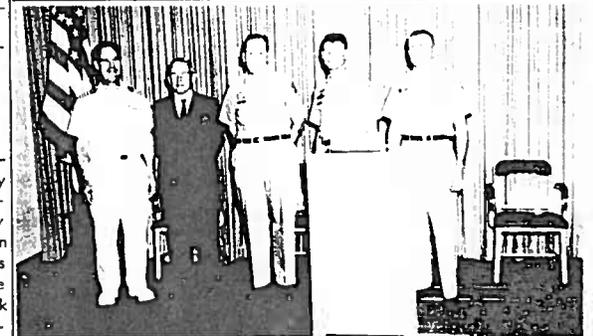
Later in the day the body of the pilot, with the antenna of his Narco Mark II wrapped around his arm and torso, was found just under the surface by Joe Johnson, a fishing camp operator after the body had been sighted from the helicopter of Sheriff McPherson.

Only a seat cushion, that may have come from the ill fated plane, was sighted about 12 miles from the western shore of the lake. The wreckage is presumed to be in about 12 to 18 feet of murky, black water.

The third body of Warren Parrish, was found the following day by a sheriffs deputy diving near the sight of the oil slick.

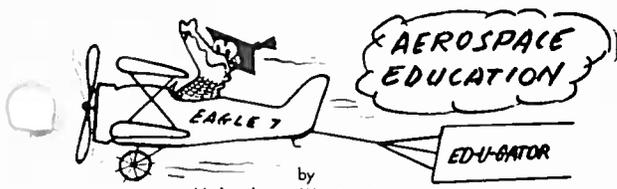
CAP crews were called off the search after the bodies were found.

Taking part in the mission were 55 aircraft, three helicopters, 120 senior members, 60 cadets, 15 mobile radio units, 15 base stations, 35 land vehicles and three boats. Air crews flew 194 hours in 98 sorties.



Pictured left to right are U.S. Navy Corry Field Base Commander, Captain John Lehman, USAFR Nick Pchelkin, Colonel, Group IV Commander Captain James P. Kerr, Hagler Field Squadron Commander, Lt. Ernie Lewis, and Corry Field Commander Lt. Joseph Randow.

...of course I'm
a TIGER...
wanna see my stripes?



by
Major James W. Sanderson
Wing Deputy for Phase Fun and
Aerospace Education...

DID YOU KNOW THAT.... During the past year nearly three billion pieces of non-air mail were delivered to post offices by air some 62 billion hours faster. The airlines are flying first class mail on long-distance hauls on a space available basis. As a result, about 10% of all intercity first class mail now goes by air even though air mail postage is not affixed.

From what little we know about the training of Soviet cosmonauts, none of them has the equivalent educational background demanded of the men who have been chosen as America's space pilots and explorers of tomorrow. If the horsepower of all Boeing jet airliners engines in service could be pooled together, it would be equal to three times the power produced by the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River.

A breeder of hunting dogs shipped more than 400 dogs by air-express within a 30-day period at Mt. Vernon, Illinois. During that time more dogs than people used the airport as only 375 passengers enplaned within the same number of days.

About 80% of all Europe's air traffic flows through airports lying between Shannon, Copenhagen, Rome and Lisbon - an area about one fourth the size of the U.S.

It's a fact: when a cadet is average, he is as close to the bottom as he is to the top.

To better serve you, please address all letters to: Box 54, Shendoah Station, Miami, Florida.

AROUND & ABOUT

Members of Group 1's North Dade Composite Squadron attended the Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-in held on 12 July. The event took place at Ft. Meyers Old Buckingham Air Strip, now known as Lehigh West.

New aircraft, as well as some old classics were on display, and with permission of the FAA, Bill Lumley Jr., one of North Dade's Flying Lumleys, put on an aerobically show in his clipped wing Cub. He thrilled the 300 spectators to cheers with loops, spins etc. and finished the exhibition with a dead stick landing.

Trophies, awarded for such other events as spot landings, message drops, and short field take-off, were won by the Lumleys Bill Sr. Bill Jr. and 'brother' John.

The affair ended with a dinner dance at 'Lehigh Acres Country Club, made specially enjoyable by the humorous reminiscences of 'Ace' Corben, designer of the 'Baby Ace'. Corben, a huge man, spoke of the early days in aviation when he could fit into his creations.

VENICE --- Fred Van Patten, immediate past cadet commander of the Venice Composite Squadron will attend all five encampments this summer at Tyndall AFB.

The 18 year old Van Patten, a 1964 graduate of Venice High School, presently has been elevated to the temporary encampment rank of cadet second lieutenant and has been made flight commander.

Normally a COP is required for officer grades at encampments but the requirement was waived due to his ability and past experience.

Fred is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Van Patten of Nippino Trail, Nokomis, and has held the rank of staff sergeant with the Venice unit.

His squadron believes that he is the only cadet in Florida attending all five encampments.

Van Patten has been in CAP for three years and held the post of cadet commander of the Venice squadron since last September. He resigned the post following graduation from high school.

DELAND --- Cadet Milissa Lee of the Deland Composite Squadron, entered her dog 'Four Paws' (a mixed breed), in the Hound Dog Derby Club on Sunday, July 5th.

'Four Paws' broke slowly from the starting box but gradually moved up on the leaders. Cadet Lee would have had herself a trophy but 'Four Paws' stopped to bark a few times at the crowd and also to smell the flowers. The other dogs went right by.

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TO CAPTAIN:
Kobos, Wm. SJC
Peters, B. MON

TO 1st LT.:
Kicklighter, E.G. SUN
McLaughlin, R.D. GBC
Seiler, W.N. MSI
Phaup, C. WOC
Hull, M.J. DUV
Scheuffler, C.M. PAX
Frank, C.N. BPC
Smith, H.E. TPC
Carnes, D.O. MSC
Rother, K.J. CAN

TO 2nd LT.:
Place, H.M. III VEN
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Hardway, E.E. HWS
Peppin, C.W. HWS
Zahn, G.J. MSI
Bridges, E.V. MSI
Williams, J.E. XVIII
Perry, G.L. CLW
Genaw, G.F. ORC
Miller, D.V. HFB

Lt. Col. Ray L. Kraemer,
Wing Deputy for Administration

VENICE --- H.M. Place, commandant of cadets, spoke on the activities of the Civil Air Patrol at a meeting of the Venice Lion's Club at Fisherman's Wharf.

He outlined the patrol's work in search and rescue, national and local emergencies and the youth program.

When 'Chuck' was asked if he thought his speech was a success he said "yes, I just repeated myself three times and only put one Lion to sleep!"

PALM BEACH --- Sunday June 28 ten cadets and two senior members of the Palm Beach Cadet Squadron went for their first flight in a sea plane. The sea plane belonged to the newly appointed Group V commander Captain Bob Owens. Capt. Owens is the owner of the Honey Chile Fleet which consists of two fishing boats and one Republic model RC-3 sea plane. He made 4 flights of 20 minutes each with three cadets each flight.

One cadet rode in the co-pilot seat on each flight, and was given a chance to pilot the sea plane.

After the last flight the cadets all pitched in and washed down

TIPS to IOs

Squadron information officers are not being fair to their squadron fund raising programs when they don't take full advantage of every new medium to publicize the event.

Many recent projects have actually lost money because sufficient news announcements in advance of the event were not furnished.

To make any event 100% successful, try notifying your group commander first to see that no other squadron has a scheduled event for the same day. Ask him to request any other squadron proposing an event to change the date so as not to conflict with your event.

Second contact GATOR CAPERS at Wing Headquarters at least six weeks in advance to get proper announcement spread to the entire wing. Two months advance notice is even better. If enough squadrons do this we can carry a "Coming Events" calendar in the 'Capers'.

NEXT contact your local news paper, radio and TV stations. Just give them a paragraph or two announcing the event. A week before give them a full account of the program on tap. The day after the event issue a full account with all full names of winners of any prizes and tell who was in charge... what happened... who did what... and when the next event will likely be.

The easiest way to get an editor mad at you is to have him print a coming event notice and then not get a full story immediately after the event. Don't use the papers, the radio and TV as advertisers for your squadron. Let them perform their real function as reporters of all that happens in your area. Write the story... don't phone it in... **WRITE IT** and include **FULL** names. Mr. Smith or Mr. Jones doesn't mean anything to the news paper reader or radio, TV listener.

The Florida Wing CAP is one of the most active in the nation, yet many squadrons are financially embarrassed. If all will contact the group commanders and the Gator Capers and make an effort to space the various events, the coffers of the 'gung-ho' units will swell and allow many more operations. Start this month. We're anxious to hear from you.

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