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## "WE LOVE IT" SAY EXCHANGE CADETS



Fish, Bears, Elephants, Dogs, Lions & Giraffes  
 All Part of Canadian, German Florida Tour

"We loved it, every minute and we can't thank you all enough!" was the phrase most often heard during stay of 10 Canadian and 15 German cadets as they toured Florida's top attractions and lived with FWG members throughout the state.

The Exchange cadets began their trip at Patrick Air Force Base with a tour of Cape Kennedy and a beach party at the Officer's Club beach highlighting the visit in that area.

Next was a bus ride to Orlando and with the assistance of some lovely and gracious local girls, the cadets spent the day at the greatest fun house ever, Walt Disney World, Cinderella's castle, flying elephants, and talking and dancing bears stirred the imagination of even the most stolid troop.

In Tampa with Maj. Herman Slapo as the area project officer, there were marvelous dinners and tours and more parties. (See story on page .) They were reluctant to leave the hospitality of the West Coast, but it was on to Miami.

In Miami, the Exchange Cadets got a first hand look at a CAP Group bivouac in action and went to many of the great area attractions. The visitors stay in the CAP homes must have been most pleasant indeed, because there were tears in everyone's eyes as the cadets said goodbye to their hosts and went to West Palm Beach for the finale of the tour.

Even though Berlin has one of the World's largest zoos, the cadets were impressed and amazed at the freedom of the animals at Lion Country Safari, where a pair of friendly giraffes tried to get a closer look at the Florida guests by poking their heads in the big bus that took them through the park. The cadets and escorts were also treated by a local Palm Beach bank to a deep sea fishing trip, their first ever, with a large catch of bonita and assorted game fish rewarding their efforts.

At the final banquet at the Colonnades on Singer Island, there was an exchange of

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## NEW COMMANDER PLACE TAKES OVER 14

The Wing Commander, Colonel Robert C. Owen, has announced the appointment of Captain H.M. Place as the new commander of Group 14, which includes Sarasota Cadet, Mannasota Senior, Sebring Composite, Lake Wales Cadet, Imperial Cadet, and Polk Senior Squadrons.

Captain Place replaces Captain Phillip G. Carter as Group Commander. A former cadet, Captain Place has held positions at all levels of the Wing including Sarasota Squadron Commander, Group 14 Director of Cadet Programs, and has been for two years Cadet Programs Development Officer for Florida Wing.

Captain Place is married to the former Lynn Kennedy, an ex-cadet who serves as Administrative Officer for Sarasota Cadet.

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IACE VISITS DISNEY--Ten Canadian and 15 West German cadets toured Walt Disney World recently as part of their international exchange program. Hosted by the Civil Air Patrol in Florida, the cadets spent a day in the Magic Kingdom touring the Hall of Presidents, Haunted Mansion, America the Beautiful, If You Had Wings, It's a Small World and many other Disney attractions. Here the cadets pose with their escorts in Fantasyland under "Dumbo, the flying Elephant"



COL. OWEN

# "VISITATIONS"

The Florida Wing definition of "visitations", especially at Wing level, is not the casual or planned dropping in that the name implies. Most units meet on weekdays; many group commanders hold their commanders calls (the easiest way to meet all the commanders) on weekdays, so with my home in West Palm Beach it makes it impossible to make all the commanders calls. However, there is Wing Staff located all over the wing who can attend for me. So when you are planning a general meeting and would like wing representation just ask.

And to take this down a notch, I recommend to the group commanders and their staffs to visit and become familiar with the squadron people. Only by getting out into the field can a CAP commander or staff really begin to understand the problems and work toward solutions. Visitations generate good will and companionship at all levels.

At the squadron and group general member level I suggest visitations upwards - attend group and Wing, Region and National Functions - only then can you understand and appreciate the time and effort expended in making CAP the great organization that it is and to further the CAP ideals and goals. Being a living part of a great organization is a great feeling and adds another "reason for being."

And in between visitations, the next best thing is a unit bulletin going to all your members and letting them know what is going on. So get the word out and watch the weekly attendance grow.

COL. ROBERT C. OWEN, CAP

# POSITIVE THINKING

Thomas A. Edison once said: "The purpose of the body is to carry the brain around." The great inventor knew that it is in the mind, working in nonoverheated fashion, that we get ideas, not impulses, and with these sound ideas we solve problems.

The most necessary element in solving any problem is a positive mental attitude toward it -- thinking and believing that the problem can be mastered.

Attitudes are more important than facts and attitudes teach us how to look at facts. The negativist is likely to be defeated by the fact, while the positivist will probably handle it creatively. It is not so much the fact as the attitude toward the fact that determines the outcome.

How you think about a problem is the issue of paramount importance. You can think yourself to success, or you can think yourself to failure; you can think yourself to victory over your problems or you can think yourself to defeat by them. The kind and manner of your thoughts determine the eventual results you will finally experience. Thoughts of a kind have a natural affinity.

A negative thinker sending forth negative thoughts, stimulating the world around him negatively, draws back to himself negative results. The positive thinker on the other hand sends out of his brain positive, optimistic, and affirmative thoughts. He activates the world around him positively; he draws back to himself positive results.

One must discipline oneself to be calm and positive in his thinking. He must cool it. The mind cannot think when it is hot; only when it is cool will it produce rational factual concepts which lead to solutions. So do not allow yourself to emote. THINK and be POSITIVE in your thinking.

Lt. Col. Joseph Behan, USAF  
USAF-CAP Liaison Officer

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## Letters To The Editor

Lieutenant:

Greetings from above the Arctic Circle in the land of the midnight sun. Am having a great time, staying mostly at Air Force Bases. Have ridden a tank, visited a glacier by helicopter and even had whale for lunch. In my group are 10 U.S. cadets, 3 Israeli, 3 United Kingdom, and 2 Canadian cadets.

Regards,  
Mike Fisher

(Ed. Note: Cadet Fisher was one of the Florida cadets who was selected to Go on International Air Cadet Exchange to Norway.)

Lieutenant:

The aircraft in question is a Convair XB-32. It was designated the dominator. The photograph shown is probably the prototype. I say this because the production model had chin turrets and a different cockpit arrangement. Did you know that there was a twin tailed version of this aircraft?

Sincerely yours,  
David D. Allyn

Colonel Robert C. Owen, CAP  
Commander, Florida Wing

Dear Bob

The response of the Florida Wing to the flood disaster created by Hurricane Agnes was magnificent. Every member of the Wing can be proud.

I am certain that the entire citizenry of Florida appreciates, as much as we do here at National Headquarters, the humanitarian accomplishments recorded by your Civil Air Patrol units.

The many acts of selfless dedication and outright heroism performed by CAP personnel in this disaster are a source of great pride to me. I feel fortunate indeed to be associated with people of this calibre.

Please accept my warmest congratulations on the outstanding performance of your units and pass on to each and every member of the Florida Wing my personal commendation for a job exceptionally well done.

Sincerely,  
RICHARD N. ELLIS  
Brigadier General, USAF  
National Commander

## "WE LOVE IT" . . .

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mementos and souvenirs and a dance with everyone joining in the fun. Final farewells were difficult and accompanied by promises to meet again sometime and to exchange photos.

Lt. Col. Paul Potter, Wing Project Officer, summed it up by saying "They were a fantastic bunch, it was a memorable experience for everyone." He also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all CAP members in Florida who worked so hard setting up the tours and a special thanks to all those parents and members who took the cadets into their homes and their hearts.

Col. Robert C. Owen, FWG Commander, congratulated everyone for proving that Florida Wing is still the tops and reprog-

## A Little BS

When in the course of human events and very busy summer you have to cut your column short because there are so many activities to report, you are fantastically happy. Thank you to all the people who helped me put this issue together by taking great photos and writing all those stories. It's just what I've always wanted.

FWG News in Brief. . . Encampment is over and the doolies are doolies no more. Stories and pix will be in the Sept. issue of GC. . . Numero Uno! Florida leads the nation in unit newsletters. There have been some really great ones come out this summer, Clearwater, Eglin, Sarasota, Hollywood, Lake Wales and lots of others. If we keep going at this rate, National Headquarters has got to be impressed. Let's saturate them with stories and pictures. Let them know we will NOT be outdone by anyone. . . We know we are the greatest, so let's prove it to them. For those who are not yet producing a newsletter, don't be left out. This is the perfect time and be sure and send a copy immediately to NHQ-OII and of course to me.

Two new Falcon awards for Florida. Barbara Reshke and Charles Pfeiffer are the latest recipients. Presentations to be made at a later date. . . Major Lee Barnett says thank you to all who surprised him with the birthday bash at the Senior Training Clinic in Tampa. How many Lee?

South Brevard Cadet Sq. zapped it to em by earning \$183, holding a car wash and a spaghetti dinner. . . maybe it should have been a "Getty" dinner considering hey're so rich now. Promotions that missed he last issue. . . To Lt. Col. . . Group 31 commander, Joseph Cresembeni, and to 1st Lt., D.K., McManus from Howard Showalter Co. A whole bunch of people are currently attending National Staff College. Full report ext time. . . but we're well on our way to being the best trained wing in the nation. And of course we must not forget the South-eastern Region Conference and if you haven't made plans to do so be sure you attend the National Convention in Dallas. . . GC as inside information that Florida will pick up a BIGGIE this year in the way of an award. Like I keep telling you, Florida is 1st, tops, best, and every other superlative you can think of that means great.

And that's a lot of B.S.

## CAP HITS BACK AT AGNES

MERRITT ISLAND. . . Hurricane Agnes spawned tornadoes which did much damage to Brevard County. CAP was on the scene. One of the hardest hit areas was the Merritt Island Airport, where damage was estimated in the millions of dollars. Group 21 personnel helped with clean up support work. They utilized their emergency generator to provide needed power. Police, emergency personnel, clean up crews worked for hours: leaning up the mess, making repairs, and preventing looting. CAP served coffee and donuts as a courtesy to them as they worked long hours in the pouring rain. By the way Central Brevard's L-16 was untouched by the tornadoes.

## FLORIDA SALES TAX ON CAP PURCHASES

By Lt. Col. Harvey Klein  
FWG Legal Officer

This article is an attempt to advise you under what conditions and circumstances Florida sales tax is to be charged or paid on purchases of Civil Air Patrol supplies.

The following are the general principals and guidelines pertaining to Florida Sales tax.

a. An individual member of Civil Air Patrol must pay 4% Florida sales tax on any purchases he makes including items for Civil Air Patrol use such as uniforms, insignia, radios, supplies, etc.

b. Civil Air Patrol and its Wings, Groups and Squadrons are exempt from the payment of sales tax on purchases made for Civil Air Patrol use by the units themselves such as purchases of corporate owned aircraft, radios, unit stationery or unit supplies.

c. Civil Air Patrol units must pay Florida sales tax on those items which they purchase and resell to their members. This includes uniform and insignia purchased by the units but resold to members. If a unit purchases items and lends them to CAP members to be returned at a later date, such items would remain the property of the unit and therefore be exempt from sales tax.

If there are any questions or clarifications needed, they should be addressed to Lt. Col. Klein, 232 Legal Center, Ocala, Florida, 32670.

## SAR-CD BIVOUCAC

In its latest effort to upgrade its members' qualifications, Southeast Florida Group One held a three day bivouac for the express purpose of instructing the Group's cadets in Search and Rescue and Civil Defense. The class of thirty-five was conducted by Capt. Robert J. Miller. At the completion of the course, the cadets were tested on the material and those that passed need only the first aid and ROP cards in order to obtain the Emergency Services (101) Card.

The bivouac senior staff was composed of CWO Roxy Elliot, commander; CWO Douglas R. Maymon, deputy commander and commandant of cadets; 1Lt. Larry Kirkland, base commander; WO Larry Dinkin, safety officer; and 2nd Lt. James M. Webster, training officer.

The cadet staff had C/1Lt. Gary Pride as its commander; C/WO Robert McDonald and C/MSgt. Alyne M. Talbott, flight commanders; C/SSgt. Stepheny Parker, first sergeant; C/WO Jerry L. Wells, safety officer; and C/WO D.J. Levitch, training officer.

One of the highlights of the bivouac was the visitation of several International Air Cadet Exchange personnel. The IACE people were from West Germany and Canada and were very impressed with the way the bivouac was run. Other visitors included C/Capt. Andre Dallau, Area A CAC Coordinator; C/Capt. Kitty S. Hannon, Group Ten CAC Chairman; and Lieutenants Marvin and Claire Mitchell. A successful bivouac all around.

## AS THE WING TURNS

By DOUGLAS R. MAYMON

Sooner or later you will meet one. You could have one in your unit already. If you do have one, he is either very helpful or very distracting and disrupting. He is the CADET TURNED SENIOR MEMBER.

Cadets that have chosen to become senior members fall into four basic categories, the first being the cadet that has gone all the way through the cadet program (up to the Spaatz Award) and simply cannot progress any farther. Still wanting to advance, he becomes a senior member. The second is the cadet that outgrows the program by turning twenty one. In most cases he has the Earhart Award and for one reason or another never quite got to be a cadet colonel. The third is the cadet about nineteen or twenty, who has his Spaatz or Earhart Award, and is offered such a good position at the squadron, group or wing level that he cannot refuse. The fourth kind is the one that will be elaborated upon. He is the one that becomes a senior because he cannot make it as a cadet.

It goes either way as to whether or not he has his Mitchell Award, but most likely he doesn't. He DOES however, have great expectations of the senior program. He thinks he has finally found his niche in CAP. All of the cadet officers that he once saluted will now have to salute him. He won't have to worry about having his uniform as sharp (if he ever did in the first place) and he won't make an effort to get the weekly meeting on time. He will find that he has quite a surprise coming to him in the first six months that he is a senior member.

He will discover that the people that did not listen to him when he was a cadet will listen to him even less as a senior member. His anticipation of being able to go to all of the senior member parties is cut short when someone remembers that he is not twenty one and the rest of the seniors use that as an excuse to ask him to leave. He is out with the cadets because they never wanted the guy when he himself was a cadet and want him around even less now that he is a senior member.

At the Wing Conference or Drill Competition the new senior member will be seen hanging around the cadet rooms for the entire weekend. (NOTE: There is a marked difference in seniors and cadets socializing OUTSIDE of an actual CAP activity.) This particular senior usually winds up sitting with the cadets at the back of the room at the awards dinner.

That is pretty much the way it goes for these people. If they don't get discouraged as a senior member and eventually drop out (a good many do), then they continue in their ways almost throughout the rest of their CAP career. There will always be individuals like this, but some of them can be changed. Here is where the unit commander comes in. With proper guidance the senior member of this type can turn out to be very useful. The smart unit leader will get his new member into the actual functions of the senior program as soon as possible, rather than let him hang in limbo for an undetermined time. He should, if possible, be put in a position where he will not have too much direct contact with the cadets. This makes it easier for the senior to

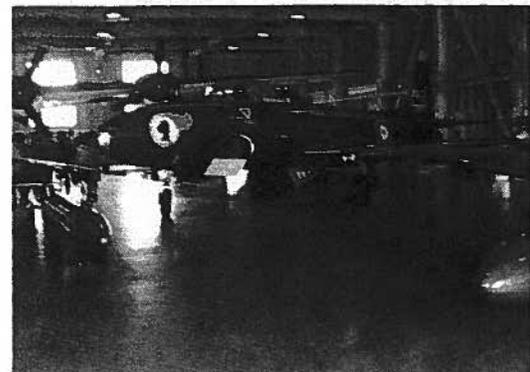
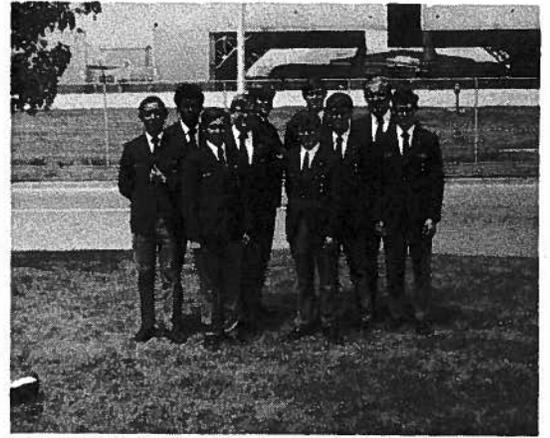
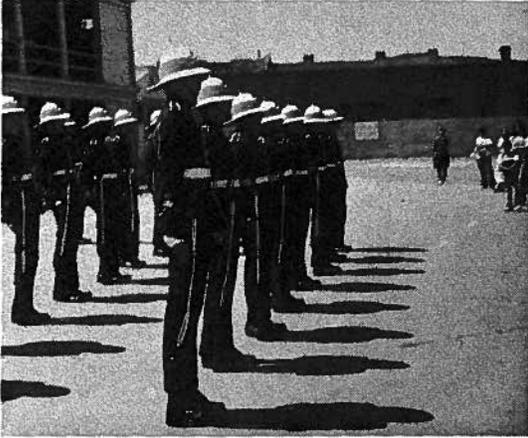
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# HOW FLORIDA CAP REMEMBERS CANADA

Florida cadets Rick Hill and George Nelson and senior member Major Del Kittendorf, three of our IACE representatives have recently returned from Canada. They reported having such a fabulous time that GC thought everyone would enjoy sharing some of the memorable moments with them via pictures. Included are photos of The Washington Monument a Canadian cadet squadron with their distinctive drill, the picturesque and beautiful Hall of Justice, tours of aviation

museums, in fact, everything from rural railway stations to the most modern and tallest office building in Canada and all in between. Hope you enjoy this abbreviated tour and that you will apply next year during the Special Activities Selection and then GC can print your pictures of Great Britain, Norway, Germany, France or Spain or Hong Kong or maybe even Canada again.

Photos by Rick Hill



# CAP GROUP 3 HOSTS CADETS IN TAMPA

By Capt. W.R. Blake,  
CAP GROUP 3, I.O.

Thursday, July 27th, brought an exciting new experience to many CAP members, and Tampa, as they acted as hosts to a fine group of Canadian and West German visitors participating in the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) program.

Arriving via bus from Orlando, the twenty-six foreign cadets, their escorts and USAF-CAP personnel, were greeted at The Hawaiian Village by various government, civic and business leaders; United States Air Force, Civil Air Patrol Florida Wing, Groups 3, 14 and 17 Headquarters Staff representatives; plus officers, senior members and cadets from local CAP Squadron Units; and interested parents.

Some of the notable personalities attending the "Welcoming Luncheon" at The Hawaiian Village were: The Mayor of Tampa, Dick Greco, Jr. Col. Chas D. Schwaliner, Base Commander of MacDill Air Force Base, E.J. Simmons, Hillsborough County Commission Chairman, Chas. Loe, Jr., Tampa Chamber of Commerce, R.F. Pitman, V-Pres., The Tribune Co. James Buzbee, Sr. V-Pres, 1st Nat'l. Bank of Tampa, Bob Contrell, Eastern Airlines, T.H. Sims, Sims Crane Services, Malcolm Beard, Sheriff Hillsborough County, A.H. Wainwright (Capt.) representing Tampa Police Chief Lt. Al Ford, Air Patrol -- Tampa Police Dept., Lt. Col. Paul W. Potter, Jr. JSAFR, Fla. Wing Project Officer, Lt. Col. N. Brittingham, CAP Task Force II Commander, Lt. Col. E.J. Pilcher, Lt. Col. Russell Holdren, and Lt. Col. Preston C. Daniel (Chaplain) CAP Fla. Wing staff members, Lt. Col. Robt. Pinney, USAF, Lt. Col. Joseph F. Behan, USAF LO Fla. Wing, Capt. Chick Svoboda, USAF, MacDill I.O. Master Sgt. Jack Philpot, USAF LO Office, Major Lynn Lacey, CAP Group 3 Commander, Major Herman Slapo, CAP Group 3 Deputy Commander/Area Project Officer, Lt. Col. Leo Tyson, Major Jon Bender and Capt. Bud Koehler of CAP Group 3 Staff. Plus, many others to numerous to mention. On the spot news coverage was provided by The Tampa Tribune-Times and WFLA-TV (Ch. 8) and WFLA radio.

After luncheon, the guests were "whisked-off" to The Tampa International Airport where they toured the internationally-acclaimed Passenger Building Terminal complex and other airport facilities. From there, the party traveled to MacDill Air Force Base for a thoroughly comprehensive conducted tour. A great deal of interest was given to the training techniques and live-demonstrations at the Sentry Dog Compound, one of the stops during the tour. Here, the Sentry Dog Instructors gave generously of their time as they graciously answered the many questions asked of them.

At 1700 hours, the Exchange Cadets separated to retire to the homes of their U.S.A. counterparts for a typical American Home dinner and a restful evening.

At 0800 hours, Friday the 28th, everyone assembled at Tampa Cadet Squadron Headquarters. After a short bus trip, the cadets viewed the fascinating attractions of Tampa's Busch Gardens and stayed on for a leisurely luncheon at the Garden's famous Glass House.

The afternoon brought a change of pace. The Cadets visited, browsed and shopped at West Shore Plaza, one of Tampa's largest, most complete indoor Shopping Mall. Later, an informal "get-together" was held with Tampa Cadets for casual conversation and exchange of ideas.

Friday evening was real fun-time when all got together for a 'farewell' Beach Party and Cook-Out Supper at MacDill Beach. Over 148 people attended, and all enthusiastically feasted and appeared to have a tremendously enjoyable time.

Saturday morning came much too quickly when everyone, again, gathered at CAP Group 3 Headquarters at MacDill AF Base. Good Byes came rather reluctantly as new-found friends boarded their bus for the next leg of their journey - Miami!

I believe we can say, without reservation, the experience was a stimulating and rewarding one for all who participated. It is heartening to see the human response... the better understanding that unfolds as we see those whom we have imagined as so different from us - really are not! Their attitudes, interests and desires appear not to be so much different than ours. Yes! We enjoyed our visitors. We've learned something - hopefully! Perhaps, our guests, too, have left with a better understanding and favorable impression of us - hopefully!



Hey! He's not so tough! IACE Exchange Cadets, from Canada and West Germany, find the attack dog is a pretty friendly fellow at that. But sure looks as if he has his eye on the photographer! Credit photo: W/O R. Whitecar, N. Tampa Cadet Sqdn. CAP (submitted by Group 3 Info. Office)



Protected by chain-link fence, Canadian and W. German exchange cadets watch attack demonstration at Sentry Dog compound during tour of MacDill Air Force Base - Tampa.

Photo Credit: W/O R. Whitecar, N. Tampa Cadet Sqdn. CAP (submitted by Group 3 Info. Office)



Here IACE Exchange Cadets, from Canada and West Germany, listen to instruction for the next phase of their tour while in Tampa. Americanization appears to set in...dig the western headgear.

Photo credit to: W/O R. Whitecar, N. Tampa Cadet Sqdn., CAP (submitted by Group 3 Info. Office)

# COMM. CORNER

CWO KEN RAND  
Wing Engineer

In this column we will attempt to peer into a crystal ball and paint a picture of how CAP Communications is changing and what the possibilities could be for future modes of operation.

## RADIO TELETYPE:

RTTY has been sorely neglected. In past columns we have outlined the usefulness of RTTY and how it could provide hard copy of messages and search data. There are individuals within the Wing who have RTTY capability and should be encouraged to apply for licenses (on the authorized RTTY frequency) and put this mode to a trial use. Teletype machines have been screened and are presently available from locations in Orlando, Tampa, and St. Pete. Many of these machines are complete with tape perforators and senders. Contact Col. Lewis, KIG-444 or Major Kittendorf, Sparrow 66 for assignments and processing of form 37. You will still need a good receiver and a teletype converter. In this respect I would advise contacting Col. H.C. Williams, Sparrow 1033 -- I feel Col. Williams is probably the best qualified of all of us when it comes to RTTY.

## VHF REPEATERS:

Our experience with airborne repeaters indicates that the two way back to back concept for complete cross channel operation (143.9 mhz/148.15 mhz) is workable and could provide the basis for a repeater network covering most of the State of Florida. After rehashing many ideas I feel we have come up with the most flexible and ultimately the best of many alternatives. The following is as brief a technical explanation as possible.

(Neophytes read on - 'tis not that indigestible)

Each repeater site will consist of two transmitter receiver combinations, 143.9 mhz -- to be called F-2, and 148.15 mhz -- to be called F-1. The F-1 receiver will key the F-2 transmitter. Each pair of receiver/transmitters will be identically tone coded so that a discrete tone code would access each repeater site. Access being defined as detecting the tone and connecting the receiver carrier operated relay to the keying circuits of its paired transmitter. In other words, a detected carrier with the proper tone burst on either F-1 or F-2. Total activated time of each repeater would not exceed 10 minutes unless there is one minute of silence, or unless the repeater is remotely turned off and recycled by means of another discrete tone. Each transmitter will not radiate power unless there is an actual carrier present at its paired receiver. This is to allow back to back cross channel operation. In summary, tone coding each repeater pair "unlocks" that particular repeater site for a period of one minute and if there are any signals present on either F-1 or F-2 they would be repeated cross channel. (Are you still with me?) These tone codings that we speak of can be generated with standard telephone touch tone encoders. CWO John Nicholson, Sparrow 2103 has kindly furnished us with pertinent data regarding phase locked loop decoders which promise to be a simple way to tone code our repeater sites.

Now that you understand repeaters, let's

# 8 IN 21

Eight Group 21 cadets have completed their solo flight training and become the first cadets to do so in 1972, in Florida Wing. The encampment was held at Green Air Park in Rockledge 10-28 July.

The cadets commuted daily to the encampment site and each cadet received a total of thirteen hours dual and two hours solo time.

At the graduation banquet held at the NCO Club at Patrick AFB, Group 21 Commander, Captain Frank Bixler congratulated the cadets, their parents, and Lt. Glen Farnum, project officer for a successful and safe activity.

The highlight of the awards dinner was the presentation of the solo wings by Brig. Gen. F.I. Vidal, USAF (Ret.). General Vidal reminisced about his days in flight training and concluded that although the methods and aircraft have changed, the thrill of flying is still undiminished. He also expressed his hope that the cadets would continue flying and that some of them should consider the Air Force as a career.



Brig. General Vidal

At this time solo-flight training is also being conducted in Groups 3, 17, 5, and

31.

Let us, for example, consider the now proposed repeaters in Lakeland - (No. 1), Melbourne - (No. 2), and West Palm Beach - (No. 3). These repeater sites would each be accessed by the touch tone pad digit indicated above. Further, the "O" on the touch tone pad would be the master off tone disabling repeat functions at all sites.

A station on F-2 in St. Petersburg keys his transmitter, depresses digit 1, activating the Lakeland repeater. He can then talk to anyone on F-1 within the Lakeland repeater range. If he were to then depress digit 2 while the Lakeland repeater was still on, he would then talk to the Lakeland repeater on F-2, be retransmitted from Lakeland on F-1, be picked up in Melbourne on F-1, be retransmitted back to F-2 and would be able to talk to another low powered F-2 station by means of both repeaters. This same technique could be used to access repeater No. 3 in West Palm Beach or up to nine repeaters with existing touch tone pads. Any F-2 station could depress 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 digits in sequential order and turn on five repeaters and practically blanket the State. The "O" button would then be depressed to turn off all repeaters in the system. Example 1-0, 2-0, etc.

The "O" button could also be used during atmospheric conditions when repeaters could turn themselves on due to inversion or skip. The ten minute time out feature would also stop the condition from being permanent.

As you can see from this, believe it or not, brief description, a system of carefully placed repeaters would be as good as HF, and since they are simplex back to back would not discourage point to point VHF operation as they would only turn on with a tone burst.

As we said in the beginning of this column,

# DRILL COMP. SET FOR OCTOBER 7

By C/Major Skip Ellsworth

Drill Competition has been scheduled for the 7th of October at Patrick Air Force Base. Competition will begin with team registration at eleven a.m. Saturday morning and the judging to be in the afternoon. Cadets and seniors wishing to stay over through the Sunday (8 Oct.) events will be housed in the Transit Airmen quarters.

There are two categories of competition, the nine-man team held for standard drill only and the 18-man team which will be required to do both standard and precision drill.

Team DP's are instructed to notify the Wing Director of Cadet Programs if they wish to enter their team.

All judging will be done by CAP personnel. A first and second place trophy will be awarded to both categories of competition to the team commanders. In addition the winning 18-man team will wear for one full year the gold shoulder cord recognizing their performance.

Every Squadron in the Wing should be able to enter at least one team and two if you have the members. So start the training and practicing now.

## CHAPLAINS' CHANGES

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Carl Driscoll

A number of changes have been made recently in the chaplain program. Appointment procedures include a new Form 3 and routing through the unit commander to Wing Commander to the National Chaplain. The book entitled "The Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy" which included a listing of church endorsing agencies has been replaced with a new one called "WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT." Your Wing Chaplain will provide a single page of instructions for appointment procedures.

Another change brings the requirements for promotion in line with the new CAP Reg 35-5 extending the time in grade to 18 months to Captain; 3 years to Major and 4 years to Lt. Colonel.

Level I training is required for all new chaplains. The Senior Member Handbook comes with appointment and is included in the \$16.00 application fee.

Chaplain George J. Rennard's photography appeared in the July-August issue of the national "Chaplain's NEWSLETTER" and in the publication of the Military Chaplains Association. Seems he was the only qualified and equipped photographer at their annual convention in Santa Monica. CAP chaplains are once more eligible to membership in the Association. More information is coming on this item.

An innovation by Wing Chaplain is a printed summary of each chaplain's quarterly report for distribution to all chaplains and units. At the beginning of the third quarter, we had 57 chaplains, and bright prospects for more.

however, this system with a little more engineering and a lot of work could be a reality.

If you wish any specific questions answered in this column, contact me directly by radio or letter and we will attempt to answer your questions in a manner that everyone

# LEVEL ONE COMES TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA

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Civil Air Patrol senior members, representing Group 3, 8, 14, 17, and 20, met at MacDill Air Force Base August 12th and 13th. This gathering of almost 70 CAP Members participated in the presentation and testing of Level I of CAP's new Senior Member Training Program.

The presentation was made by Florida Wing Staff Members under the direction of Major K. Freeman. Joining and assisting Major Freeman were: Lt. Colonel I. Casenove, Major Lee Barnett and Lt. Sue Freeman.

All sessions were conducted informally with the floor open at any stage for questions and discussion. The material given was so pertinent, interestingly prepared and directly to-the-point that all was readily understood and easily absorbed. Any apprehension that may have been felt by members, when arriving, soon dissipated. All comments from those attending were enthusiastically favorable, ranging from "terrific," to "I feel we all are NOW

going in the right direction," and "I'd like to see the same idea carried out in other areas!"

One of the highlights of the weekend was the appearance of Colonel Robert Owen, Florida Wing Commander, who addressed the members, and, later joined them for luncheon at the base dining hall. In Colonel Owen's address, he, in part, stressed the continuing need for knowledgeable, qualified individuals to fill staff positions at all levels.

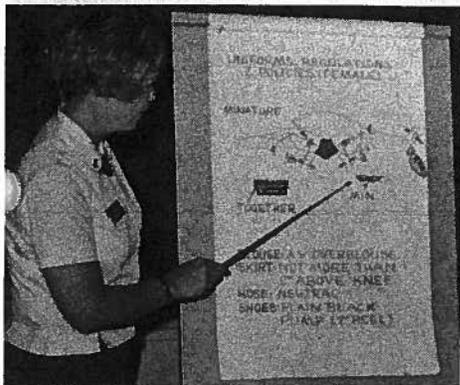
All was not work, however, for Saturday evening found most of the members enjoying an informal dinner at the unique Swiss House at Tampa's famed Busch Gardens.

Sunday, Major Lee Barnett, Wing Safety Officer, was surprised at a "Birthday Break," which included Birthday cakes and flaming candles, in celebration of his birth date.

Group 3, Major Lynn Lacey, Commander, hosted the meeting. Group 3 Deputy Commander, Major Herman Slapo assisted by other Group 3 members arranged for the facilities and coordinated the meeting.



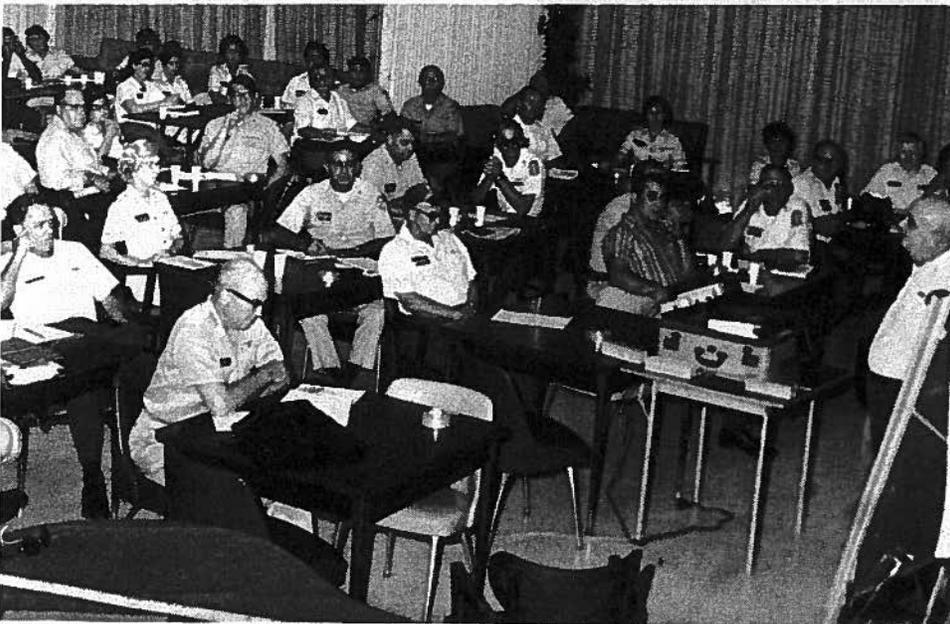
Can't guarantee every Level I - CAP Senior member training program will have a "birthday party break" as pictured here at MacDill AFB, Major Lee Barnett, FWG Safety Officer and Instructor at this session is the birthday celebrant.



1st. Lt. Sue Freeman, CAP Florida Wing Staff, covers regulations dealing with CAP female senior member uniforms and devices during Level 1 - CAP Senior Member Training Program seminar at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.



Refueling at luncheon, MacDill Air Force Base Dining Hall and then back to books.



"Gentlemen, the Commander." Col. Robert Owen, CAP Florida Wing Com-

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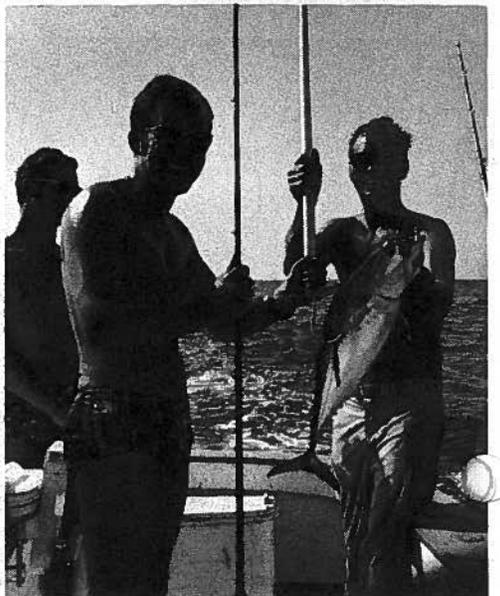
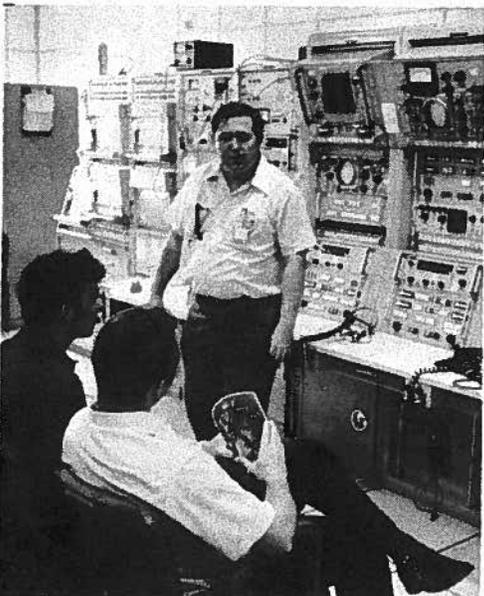
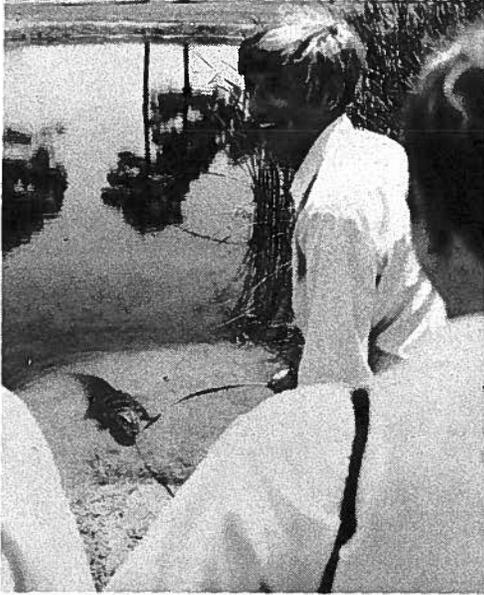
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serve his ties with the cadets, and the cadets with him.

With the new senior program the way it is, the person will be able to go through it better than the senior that has been in for ten or fifteen years. It is up to the unit commander to get him started on it. On group and wing activities, the new senior member should be encouraged (without over doing it) to mingle with other seniors. There is always someone around who will talk to him for a while. There are many other things and common sense will, for the most part tell you what they are.

Remember, now that you have the ball going, don't fumble it; follow up and criticize and praise when deserved. It's your team, you need to build it any way you can. Do it right and you're on your way to a touchdown.

# FWG-CAP SUPER SUMMER



It was another Florida wing Super Summer and one of the events that helped make it that way was hosting 25 foreign exchange cadets. (See stories on Page 1 and page 5.) It was truly a sublimated tour but the cadets did manage to catch a little

sack time on the bus between stops. Sentiment most often expressed by FWG CAP, "We wish they could stay longer, we love them all."