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Leali - How he views CAP

(CC pg 2)

LITZ selected "Miss SE Region"



"PROUD" is an understatement when it is used to describe Bill and Brenda Litz that night in West Palm Beach. "Oh Boy!" and "WOW!" were used by a little sister. All of Florida Wing was proud too as Colonel Oscar Jolley, the Southeast Region Commander, placed the crown on Michele Litz of Miami Cutler Cadet Squadron and named her MISS SOUTHEAST REGION.

Col. Jolley described the type of questioning the five contestants went through. Poise, knowledge of CAP and personality all played a big part of the contest. He mentioned that only one of the five knew who the National Commander was. Was that Michele? Was that what tipped the scale?

We don't know that. But we do know that Michele was born in Nebraska and is a student at Palmetto Sr. High School, a member of the J. Honor Society, swim team and in Dade County's Motivation In Depth gifted science program. Her mother, father, brother and one sister are also in CAP. She has been in drill team competition for Wing, Region and National in '75 and '76. She is also a member of Explorer Post # 17 and in her "spare" time she works at McDonald's restaurant on I-275 and Dixie Highway. She has only been in CAP for two and a half years. Besides all that she's pretty too! We're proud too, Michele.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Michele Litz received congratulations from Col. Oscar Jolley, SER commander.

Gen. Robert Saber, former medical officer for Florida Wing, recently died at the Tampa Bay Pines VA Hospital. He was an active member of CAP until he went back to active duty Air Force and was transferred to Texas for duty. "Doc Saber" as he was called was probably most responsible for Florida's active part in the IACE program. He gave thousands of free medical exams to cadets and seniors while he served CAP. He was also an active member of the Orlando Chapter of the Air Force Association. He had a private practice as well as a prominent position on staff at the Orlando General hospital.

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Report: SER conference

The 1977 SER Conference was well attended and everything went quite well. That in great part due to the untiring efforts of our own LCol. Robert Croft and his able crew of workers. As usual the elevators kept getting stuck between floors and people got lost in the maze of corridors. Some I don't think have found their way out yet.

All the section meetings were well attended with representatives from National Headquarters to answer questions. Reba Williams from personnel was a welcome addition as well as Gordon Wier. But the talk of the conference was the I.O. section. Especially the closed door session for the wing commanders and region commander. LCol Breeze and LCol J. Stir headed this section. The presentation will be repeated at the Florida Commanders Call in Ocala.

Friday night was social time with a lot of informal exchange of ideas and an anniversary party to celebrate LCol. Leali's 20th anniversary in CAP. Unexpected guests were Ted and "Big Red" Limmer, a former Southeast Region Commander who now live in California. Howard Gelbman, the new finance officer gave the toast to LCol. Leali. He brought Dick into CAP. The real star of the evening was Mr. Leali LCol. Leali's father. He played the piano endlessly til two AM as the guests had a sing-a-long.



Well - it's on time and bigger than ever. Keep the news coming in. See my "Tec Specs" and give me some extra help. We need you to make this work. Thanks to all who have helped. The next deadline is Oct. 15. That will have us in the mail by Nov. 1. Read on - lots of important items in this issue.

Have

"Doc Saber" cont. from pg 1

Doc Saber died of kidney failure on a Doner Day was held recently at Orlando General to repay the more than 50 pts. of blood charged to his account. We hope CAP paid a small part of its debt back to our friend and to his widow Mrs. Saber.

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Thanks a million!!
 (well it seemed like that many)

Commander's Column



By: LCol. Richard Leali

There are several feelings that I have about our Civil Air Patrol program which I would like to share with you.

CAP VOLUNTEERS-- The most dedicated people on the face of the Earth. They are hard working, enthusiastic, pursuing a cause. What they lack in formal organization, they more than make up for in pure energy and devotion to duty. I am proud to be a volunteer and stand with my head held high in support of our parent organization, the US Air Force.

CADETS-- An outstanding group of young people who represent both the future of our organization and our land. They should be counceled, trained, and encouraged in their goal of learning to be aerospace leaders. Once they have developed their leadership skills, along with experience and training, they should be permitted to utilize them. Listen to our cadets. You may learn something.

SENIORS--They work long, hard hours in achieving the Civil Air Patrol mission. Some work in the cadet program; others work in emergency services; still others work to promote aerospace education. All have one thing in common other than their devotion to Civil Air Patrol. Their work in the CAP is in addition to the normal hours necessary to make a living, raise a family, tend a home, etc.. Too often our young cadet members are either ignorant or intolerant of the many demands for time upon our senior members other than Civil Air Patrol.

PROFESSIONALISM--A goal which must be achieved in order to accomplish the Civil Air Patrol program. Standards must be set and maintained to insure courtsey, appearance, discipline, administration, resource management, training, and safety. Professionalism is the glue which holds these standards together.

SQUADRON COMMANDER -- The most important assignment in the entire CAP organization. The squadron is where the action is. The CAP program either succeeds or fails at the squadron level. Steps must be taken to halt the erosion of the squadron commanders authority by higher headquarters. All authority permitted by regulation must be returned to the squadron commander. As wing commander, I will attempt to return this authority to the squadron commander.

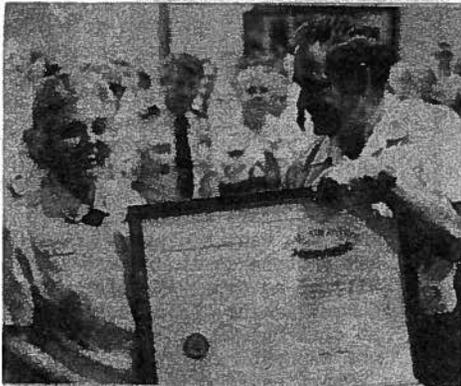
GROUP COMMANDER -- The least enviable assignment in the entire organization. Buried in paperwork with little time to participate in the operational activities of his squadrons, he almost has none of the resources which are available to the wing headquarters; however without the group commander it would be impossible to administer Florida Wing.

PERSONALITY CONFLICTS-- There is no room for these in the Florida Wing. They are non-productive and interfere with the advancement of our program goals. They should be placed aside and personnel at all levels must be allowed to work in their assignments based upon skill, training, experience and performance. This is not an easy thing to do, but nothing worthwhile is ever easy.

CAP EQUIPMENT-- This is issued to the member or unit for use in the Civil Air Patrol program. Over a period of time, the equipment usually requires expenditures to maintain in excess of its present value. Whether these expenditures are made by the individual or the unit, the equipment still remains the property of the Civil Air Patrol. Know this and accept it; otherwise, do not allow yourself to be issued any CAP equipment (aircraft, radios, vehicles, furniture etc.).

CAP RADIO --A useful tool in getting the word out. Commanders at all levels must place more emphasis on utilizing this means of communication. Our communicators have gone to a lot of personal expense and effort to develop one of the finest communications networks in the nation. Let's all take advantage of what is available.

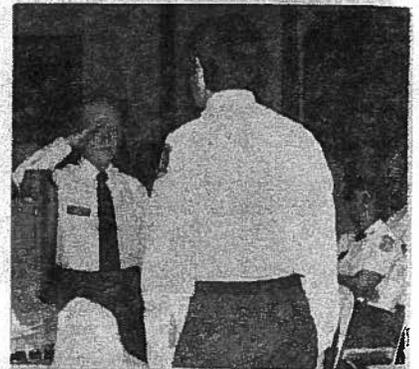
SQUADRON COMMANDERS SCHOOL -- One of the objectives which should be pursued in the near future with the coordination of the Wing Director of Senior Training. An outstanding training program to teach future squadron commanders would extend towards assisting Florida Wing in achieving the objectives of the Civil Air Patrol.



Awards were the highlight of the morning as many people from Florida took honors. LCol Ross Sedita and Col. Betty McNabb each received well deserved Exceptional Service awards. A Meritorious Service went to Lt. Dan Levitch. Colonel Henri Casenove and LCol Don Anderson received the 1976 SAR Award for Florida Wing. The 1976 CD Award went to Col. Wm Tallent for Tennessee Wing. Col. Tallent also received Exceptional Service for palceing fourth in the nation in the WEEP program.



The next order of business was the formal Change of Command. L Col Richard Leali accepted the position of interum Commander from Col. Henri Casenove. Col Casenove was then given the Distinguished Service Award for his serviceas Wing Commander for Florida.



The afternoon was free for fishing and swimming but the evening was greeted by bright Hawaiian prints and grass---skirts that is. Oscar was "roasted" and Henri was honored again as a gift of a certificate for money to be deposited with the flight service of his choice for his flying lessons. The gift was collected from all the friends and staff who wanted to give him something he really wanted. And they did. Over \$150 was collected.

With the crowning of Michele Litz as Miss Southeast Region the evening and the conference ended with Florida more determined than ever to move into #1 position in the region.



Honors for Boynton

08023...Holzhausen

Lt. Col. Bruce Boynton, medical officer of the Naples Composite Squadron was honored by the Naples Area Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding citizen of the year on Saturday June 11, 1977 at their annual banquet at the Marco Beach Hotel.

He has been an officer and Board Member of his church, his medical profession, and civic organizations too numerous to mention over the past 20 years.

He is a designated FAA medical examiner and with three other professional men co-owns and flies a Cessna 337, and has been an active member of CAP for many years.

PROJECT LAUNCH 1977

Project Launch is in progress. But at this time we can not tell you who your area coordinator is so contact Capt. Al Seechaaf for that information.

The recruiting program has been well planned by LCol Wm Breeze from Southeast Region. The film "Always Vigilant" is available in each of five areas in the wing. There will be prizes for the best results including a trip to Wright Pat AFB for the top 25 seniors and cadets. A Plaque to the top Group and much more. Contact LCol Breeze or Capt. Al Seechaaf for further information.

CADETS CORNER...

This is it CADETS... This page is all yours. You will even have your own editor. You can use cartoons, advise column, Activities, news...it's up to you. See the classified section for more information on WHO your editor will be. It may be YOU!

CAC report

The Cadet Advisory Council would like to recognize a person who has done more for the cadet program than anyone in quite some time. Maj. John Homzak is this person of whom we speak. He has guided the council through some of the hardest times.

At the same time the council wishes to recognize Capt. Angela Artemik, the present Wing D.C.P. The council staff wishes you the best of luck, as everyone knows you're going to need it.

The September Commanders Call is coming up very soon, we hope to see large representation at this activity. If any cadet has any agenda items or things that he would like explained, please send them to:

Wing Cadet Advisory Council
339 Greenvale Dr.
Tampa, Fla. 33615

No items for the council are too small. Remember, the council works for you!

STATUS REPORT

The cadet strength since the last edition of the Gator Capers has dwindled. Cadet that have taken the summer off are urged to get into the program. Also, all the inactive cadet officers in the wing are asked to return. The brand new cadet need someone to teach them that have experience.



THE CAPERS

The cadets of the Florida wing should thank LtCol and Capt. Kittendorf for the space that they allow in the Gator Capers for the cadets. Also as a key note, LtCol Kittendorf was the one who took those nasty shoots of cadet officers doing there job at encampment. I'm sure that when all the cadets catch up to him they can all thank him personally.

On the spot ●

Each edition of the Gator Capers this spot article will be published. It will consist of nick-names of cadets around the wing. People wanting to put peoples Nick-names in the paper sent them to:

Cadet Editor
339 Greenvale Dr.
Tampa, Fla. 33615

Now for this issues names:

Niecee-----Tampa
Stonewaller-----Tampa
Way-----Pompano
Weffa-----Pompano
Mom & Dad-----WPB & Miami
Cleo-----WPB

Cadet Calendar

The activities for this coming year for the cadet program are many so this article will touch among the few in the near future.
September Comm. Call, Ocala
Wing SAR CAP, 1,2 Oct.
National Convention, Atlanta, Ga.
Stay active in your wing, Group, and Squadron.

BOY! Do I have an Ed-ache

Prior Planning

Were some of you not able to attend an activity this year due to being broke? Well this year it will be no one's fault but you're own if you can't go somewhere. With Special Acts. six months away, maybe it's time to start to think about what you want and start saving towards it. There will be an type "A" this summer again. This year it cost \$45.00, next year who can estimate it?

Start saving now! If you do you'll be glad you did.

THE FAMILY IS WATCHING!!!

Rumor mill

It has been noticed that two certain people in the south like to be called mommie and daddy! The Florida Wing Salutes you mom and dad. No names will be mentioned Lisa and Andy!

Also in the south part of the state our special reporters report that there are an absence of BOFO burgers being but into production, I hope that this situation can be rectified.

Two cadets over the Tampa way are movie stars. Otherwise known as Starsky & Hutch. When ever you see this sign you can tell they were there. FLASH ***!! These two are wanted for questioning by the MacDill Cadet Squadron for purloining there squadron guideon and the mysterious return of it with the strange marking.



Cadets Visit Planetarium

08133...recently, the Orlando Cadet Squadron visited the John Young Planetarium.

Upon the squadrons arrival, the cadets were permitted to tour the area on their own. The most popular area was the "Discovery Room." The room was filled with interesting equipment and experiments to try like a sound wave machine, a pulse rate machine, and many others.

The squadron was called back together for a special showing in the observatory of how the skys in the 20th century have changed since the Egyptian times. Then they went up stairs for a sky watch.

Later, the squadron went back to the observatory for the public showing of the "Arabian Nights."

Brooksville Air Show

08301 Brooksville: For several weeks the BROOKSVILLE COMPOSITE SQUADRON worked, planned and talked about an air fair for the holiday weekend of July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Finally that weekend came and along with Col. McMahon we had a great fair planned.

July 4th, it was possible to have the planned flag ceremony. The new flag pole in the CAP area of Hernando County Airport, was dedicated to M/Sgt. Jesse Henry Foxworth, USAF, deceased, who was a native of Brooksville.

The Stearman took a few people for rides between showers, the bubble gum contest was completed and the parachutists found a few holes at the end of the day and did some beautiful jumps. The Jaycees did shoot the fire works just after dusk July 4th..

The rains spoiled our fair but CAP did break the drought in Hernando County, and we are expecting to see you at the CAP Hernando Air Fair in 1978 so don't forget to keep an ear open for it's date -- AND BE THERE!



Cadet Greg Chapman in the "Discovery Room".

Flag Day

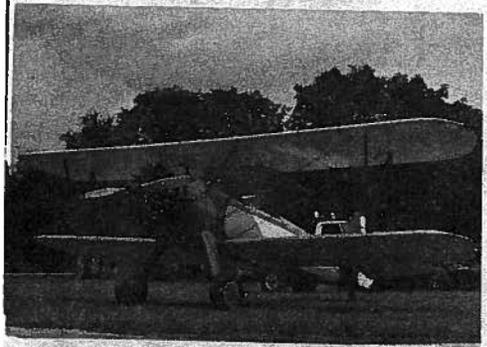
08309...Packard/Shortt

A Flag Day ceremony was sponsored by the Tampa Elks Lodge #708, and was assisted by Oldsmar Cadet Squadron, CAP.

Cadet Tech Seargent Deborah C. Shortt whose father is an Elks Lodge member was asked to sing two patriotic songs--"This Land is Your Land" and "You're a Grand Old Flag".

Other CAP members from the unit carried several of the flags used by the United States, such as the "Snake Flag" and "Old Glory".

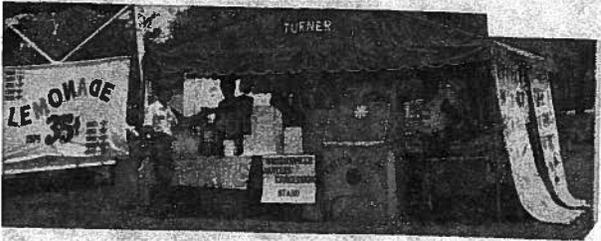
Oldsmar Cadet Squadron was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the lodge at one of their regular meetings.



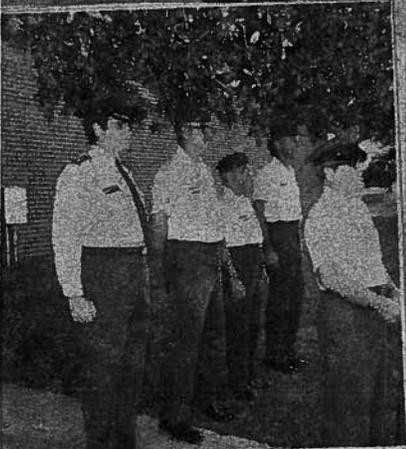
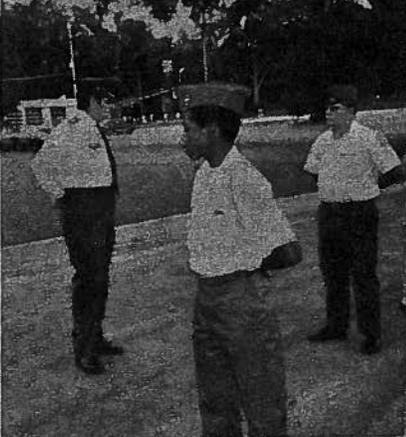
The Stearman was all set to take folks for rides over Brooksville.



Soft Landing...
The Queen of the parachutes

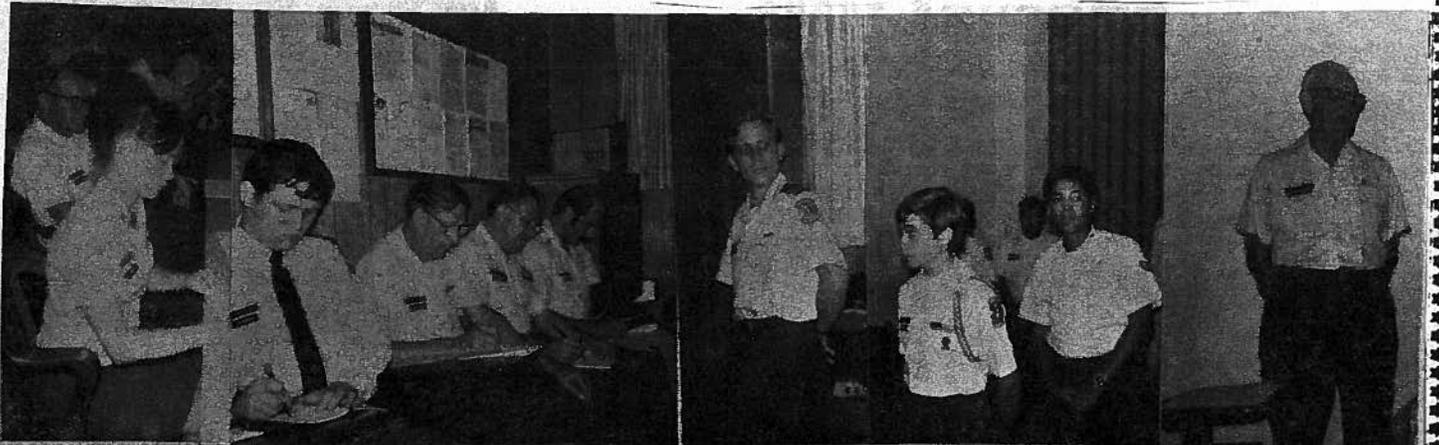


Brooksville Jaycees are staunch supporters of CAP.



I have just returned from a 4500 mile whirlwind trip of the Florida Wing. I am encouraged by the quality and the enthusiasm of our membership. Each unit was generous with its hospitality. With few exceptions the CAP program is actively functioning in Florida. I visited every group within the Wing and many of the squadrons. Seminole Cadet Squadron was the first unit I visited. The knowledge of drill and military courtesy demonstrated by the cadets of this unit was impressive; but I found that these same standards pervade all the cadets squadrons. At the Jacksonville SAR Composite Squadron I witnessed the competence and courage of Group 31 and squadron members as they rushed to aid the pilot of a downed aircraft at Craig Field. In Group 6 I attended "Anything Goes Day", which consisted of all day activities and a Commander's Call. At this meeting I presented my first General Billy Mitchell Award as Florida Wing Commander to C/WO Billy Sirikis of New Smyrna Composite Squadron. The quality of the meeting facilities was ideal at the Group 21 Commander's Call. Yet another Commander's Call was held for my visit in Group 8 at Fort Myers. Here LColonel Robert Pinney, Deputy Wing Commander, accompanied me. The penetrating questions and in-depth knowledge of these members impressed me greatly. As we flew back to Orlando, LColonel Pinney put his life into my hands when he permitted me to fly the Wing 172. The Base Commander of MacDill Air Force Base greeted me as I arrived at Group 3's Mac Dill Cadet Squadron. Also in Group 3 that same night I visited North Tampa Cadet Squadron where the cadets held a formal pass in review learned at the Patrick AFB Type A. A massive number of senior members came to hear my presentation of my new policies in Group 17. LColonel Robert Croft had gathered his staff and commanders at the Palm Beach County Civil Defense Center in Group 5. Finally I returned to Miami to visit the Southeast groups. In Group 18 the new group commander, Capt George Jackman hosted a dinner for his group to hear my speech. Next I visited Pompano Cadet Squadron in the largest cadet group in the Wing, Group 16. From there I went to Homestead Cadet Squadron just south of my home. Lastly I flew to the Panhandle Group 1. Through my visitation program I made many new acquaintances and renewed numerous old ones. I had the honor and satisfaction of presenting awards and promotions. I saw the best of the wing and in an isolated few instances the worst. I am encouraged by your quality, ingenuity, and enthusiasm. My purpose for this visitation program was to be reacquainted with the "Grass Roots" of the Florida Wing. This I have accomplished and I am extremely optimistic for Florida Wing's future.





"THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP"

Captain Al Seeschaaf, C.A.P.
Director of Information

Apparently there are some members of Civil Air Patrol who feel half a membership is better than no membership at all. I disagree!! Being a half-time member does little to aid those who are truly involved in C.A.P. activities. Every organization has those few people who are really the main-spring in getting behind our stated purposes, without these people nothing we do could become a reality.

The other side of the coin is a certain number of people who pay thier dues and do not become involved (other than to be legally a member without involvement). ACTIVE membership is the key word! It brings into play ability-- have you ever thought of the hundreds of unique talents we could call on (that is if EVERYBODY who has ability used it!) for the benefit of Civil Air Patrol? It brings into play loyalty to our precepts, beliefs, and activities within the community. Our membership is of value and on going!

Devotion is the result of getting involved. We are devoted to life and action, to making Civil Air Patrol greater. It shows in sincerity to our own beliefs, to our youth, and to CAP's purposes. It brings needed manpower to any problem, function, or assigned task. It makes for a life filled with enthusiasm. That may be the greatest gift of all!!

You might take a moment and ask yourself what YOUR membership means. Is it just a card in your wallet, and the knowledge that all that is required, is for you to pay the dues? As this writer sees it, part of your "dues" is to be an ACTIVE member of Civil Air Patrol. We need every single-ONE of you on an ACTIVE BASIS, not just as a member who is unwilling to make the contribution of service you pledged when you voluntarily joined our great organization.

Only YOU truly know what your membership means. Only YOU can make it meaningful.



COMMAND PILOT FOR BROOKSVILLE
L.to R..LCol Lill, Lt. LeMaster, Lt Dawson

Command Pilot for 17

08301...Foote

1st Lt. Tommy Dawson, a charter member of the Brooksville Composite Squadron was recently awarded his Command Pilot Wings by Lt. Joseph V. Lill, Group 17 Commander. Lt. Charles F. LeMaster is Commander of the Brooksville Squadron.

Lt. Dawson began flying in 1957 in Brooksville, where he has been a life long resident, and in the past years he has piled up 3500 hours. He holds a commercial ticket with instrument rating. He is qualified on single and multi-engine, land and sea and glider.

Tommy is a qualified search and rescue pilot and has been a Real Estate Agent and broker in Brooksville since 1952. His wife's name is Thelma and they have three daughters and two grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS TOMMY !!!

Words of Wisdom: Fuel Planning

Ed Gelletly, Richmond GADO Accident Prevention Specialist

How to determine the "Time in your Tanks"

Maintain accurate flight time, power setting and refueling records for each trip.

To be conservative, figure your flight time from startup to shutdown.

After a few flights under similar operating conditions, compute a reasonably accurate fuel consumption rate (in gallons per hour).

Refer to the Pilot's Operating Handbook to determine usable fuel.

Multiply the usable fuel by 75% and divide the result by the previously confirmed fuel consumption rate. This answer is your safe flight time limit for your airplane. Resolve never to exceed it.

If you are so familiar with your airplane that you know exactly how much time is in your tanks, then plan to land with at least 45 minutes of reserve fuel on board. Anything else could compromise safety.

borrowed from the Univ
"Aviation" NewsPAPER.



On the trail

08128 - Cadets from Group 31 take a break on a mountain top in north Georgia.

Each cadet participating in the week long hike on the Appalachian Trail covered a distance of 40 miles while carrying 30 pounds of food and equipment.

The activity demonstrated the requirement for team work, physical endurance and planning.

The sponsor, Capt. Jim Smiley said that the trail only "Ran Up Hill" but the team "Had A Ball".

The team members were, Chuck Behm, Jay Warwick, Butch Moore, Ted Ballard, Brian Thomas, and Jim Smiley (Leader-Follower).

Tech Spec

To assist your GATOR CAPERS editor in the preparation of this paper we use the following format:

Columns are 3-1/4 inch wide.

single space in paragraph,

double spaced between paragraphs.

Lead your article with your unit charter number, e.g.:

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SHORT SHORTS

On July 27, 1977 Cadet Warrant Officer Gordon Beattie, of Jacksonville East Duval Composite Squadron, entered the United States Air Force Academy. He has completed the Basic Cadet Training there and is presently a fourthclassman. While in Civil Air Patrol, he flew model rockets and aircraft. Thank you Cadet Beattie, for writing to Gator Capers. If anyone would like to write to Cadet Beattie, his address is: P.O. Box 6478, USAFA, Colorado 80841.

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The Wing Director of Aerospace Education, Paul Foster, is accepting invitations from units to speak on the Aerospace Education program. Contact him thru Wing Headquarters. Just a post card with when and where will get the ball rolling.

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If you are interested in attending the National Board Meeting in Atlanta, Oct. 20-23 See your issue of CAP News. If you are planning to attend the next Wing Commanders Call see the application in this paper for rates where and what to expect. Also see the application for the SARCAP, a Type B with Flight orientation rides that same weekend (1 and 2 Oct.) Briefing will be Friday night and Saturday night will have a social with Flight orientation for cadets who have not had their first, second, or third orientation ride.

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Thanks to the cadets who have sent me applications for the job of Cadet Editor. I have received three. I hope to interview all the applicants in the near future and make a selection hopefully by the Commanders Call (Sept. 16-17-18) in Ocala.

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Ever been on TV??? I know some cadets in the St. Pete, Tampa area have on Channel 44. But that uniform is NOT authorized for use. Learn about TV appearance and see yourself on TV at the Next C.C. in Ocala when we will have video tape equipment and a class conducted by LCol "Bill" Breeze from SER. LCol Breeze is also heading up project Launch.

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Director of Senior Training would like to know how many chaplains would like to attend a Level I training. He would like a count of how many from each squadron and then he will try to get one arranged ASAP. Drop a card to LCol David Mosley at Wing HDQ.

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Wing Headquarters address: 8850 Florida Rd., Orlando 32809

Staff Meeting: EVERY tuesday night...in uniform...8:00 meeting...

8:30 to --- work. Uniform means Lt. blue shirt, blue

slacks or skirt. NO jump suits etc. Wing CO will be there on alternate weeks.



SEPT. 17 & 18 ■ 16, 17 & 18

COMMANDER'S CALL

- I.O. SECTION TO FEATURE VIDEOTAPE
 - COMMUNIKATORS WORKSHOP- Adjust, Fix or Repair radios for only the
 - RAP SESSIONS for other Staff. COST OF PARTS.
- (MANDATORY ATTENDANCE By Wing STAFF.-including ALL GROUP COMMANDERS.) ALL members invited.

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CADETS: A CAC MEETING TO BE HELD.

NOT ME LORD

A ship lay battered by the waves
Where she had run aground,
Somehow she strayed from waters deep
Where ships are usually found,
I stood and gazed upon this wreck
And dreamed of days gone past
When this proud vessel plied the deep
And braved the stormy blasts.

How could it happen, this shameful end
Of vessel proud and brave,
Ah, better far, than ending here,
She'd sunk beneath the wave.
She looked as she'd been soundly made,
Her timbers still looked strong,
Yet here she lay, a hopeless wreck,
And I wondered what went wrong.

It seemed a still small voice then spoke
A voice I'd learned to know,
That told me ships don't run aground
Where ships are meant to go.
It's only when they stray off course
And sail the shallow strand
That they end up here, as this ship did,
A-bleaching on the sand.

I fell in prayer and cried, "Oh, Lord,
Oh hear me just once more.
May I not end a worthless hulk
Somewhere along the shore.
Oh keep me where the billows roll
Where there are souls of men to save
Till at the call, still under sail,
I sink beneath the wave.

F.E.Ockert

Civil Air Patrol Had Average of 2 Planes in Air Every Hour of '76

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) had an average of two planes in the air every hour of every day in 1976.

In reporting this, the Air Force Times also noted that the CAP conducted 395 successful searches and was directly responsible for saving 34 lives during the year. Be-

sides carrying out their search and rescue operations, the Civil Air Patrol responded to disaster assistance requests from national, state and local officials.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER Page 27



Civil Air Patrol volunteers fly three out of four of all Air Force authorized search and rescue flying hours within the continental limits of the United States.

New Faces at Wing

There have been some changes in Wing staff positions as well as some additions. Please note them in addressing mail and questions to Wing Headquarters. A new roster will be out within a month...Admin. promised.

- Plans and programs Director... Mary Leali.
- Wing Executive Officer...LCol. Jim Paxton
- Chief of Staff.....Col. Robert Owen.
- Communications Officer...LCol. Herman Slapo
- Group 20 Commander...Capt. Chuck Smith
- Group 31 Commander...Capt. Wilford Thompson
- Group 10 Commander...Maj. Jackman
- Group 14 Commander...Capt. McCoy
- Finance Officer...Maj. Howard Gelbman
- Wing Comptroller...Capt. Harry Lipscomb
- Director of Cadets...Capt. Angela Artemik
- Director Senior Training...LCol David Mosley
- Wing Maintenance Officer...2LT M. Handley
- Asst. I.O....LCol Del Kittendorf
- Asst. to Chief of Staff...LCol Sandy Owen

TH...THA..THA..THA.Thats all folks!!

SAR Test Reservation

DATES: Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2

Activity Location: Merritt Island Airport

Reservations for accommodations can only be made thru:

LCol. Ross Sedita

by radio: Sparrow 2100

by phone: 305-452-5401

or attach the application below to

a post card and mail to:

1660 Rochelle Pkwy.

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The 1977 SAR evaluation Test will be held Oct. 1 at Merritt Island Airport. The briefing will be held Friday night Sept. 30. LCol. Ross Sedita will be Base Commander at the prime location. To fulfill the requirements for the test a specific number of trainees for the various positions is needed. If you will be present please contact Col. Sedita so he can start his manning charts. All aircraft will be expected to fly in for inspection sometime during the test unless you have been otherwise notified.

Reservations can only be made thru Col. Sedita. This can be by radio or with the form provided at the left. If, due to weather the test can not be held Oct. 1 the alt. date is Oct. 8. There will be a social in the evening. The planes will be required for a Cadet Orientation Clinic to be held in conjunction with their "Type B".

Cadets attending the Type B will sleep in tents. They must bring tents. None will be provided.

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(will be on radio FM to direct you in)

Reservations for: Fri. & Sat.

(Oct 1) Sat only.

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Oct. 1 & 2 Cadet Application

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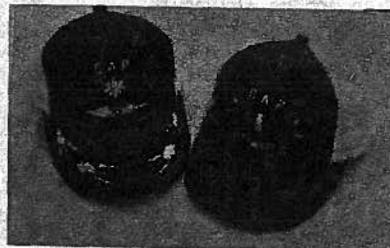
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\$7.00 enclosed fee covers food. (L+S Saturday) (L SUNDAY)

Bring your own tent. Tents will NOT be provided. Need 3 Type B for Mitchell. This is the first of 4 to be offered.

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1674 Bresec Rd.
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SM thru Major.....\$5.00
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Please order your caps thru your group commander.

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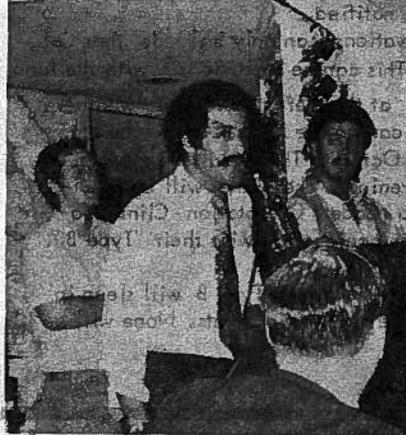
LCol. Lynn Lacey
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Allow three weeks for delivery.

Col. H. Casenove and LCol. Yonkers of Florida wing are talking with Lt. Jack Fulbright USN and Lt JG Lloyd Scott a chaplin from the Navy Training Ctr. At Dinner for IACE.

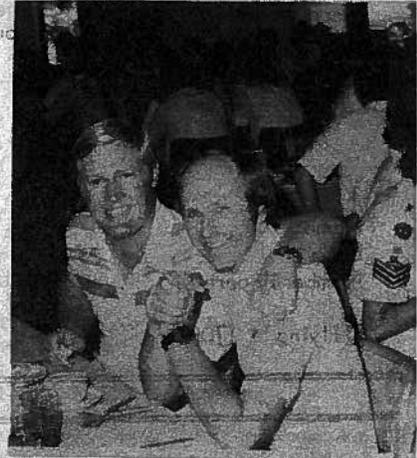


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Representatives from Emery Riddle give a presentation for the University.

IACE CAME TO ORLANDO THIS YEAR. ALL 198 of them. Not many Fla. Staff got to meet them, But Major Ryder will bring them back next year (we were \$10,000 under budget). And we'll be able to plan better for Fla. Wing to meet them.



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