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Citrus County Composite Squadron Plans New Headquarters Building

*by **Marion E. Hess**, CAP*
Citrus Co. Comp. Sqdn. PAO

With 150 people in attendance, Citrus County Composite Squadron 08315 held ground breaking ceremonies for their new headquarters building at the Citrus County Airport.

The unit has negotiated a twenty year lease with the Board of County Commissioners for the land and plan to erect a one story building which will serve as headquarters, meeting place and mission headquarters. It will also provide a waiting room and bathroom facilities for the pilots and users of the airport.

The squadron anticipates the cost to be in the vicinity of $25,000, of which a third has already been obtained. Most of the labor will be donated by the squadron personnel. An intensive campaign is planned to obtain donations and fund raising activities are planned.

Dignitaries who attended the groundbreaking ceremonies included **Col. Harvey Klein,** National HQ; **Lt. Col. Howard Cumler,** Fla. Wing Commander; County Commissioners **Wayne Jordan, Jean Grant** and **Catherine Rooks; George Allen,** Director of Disaster Preparedness; **Capt. Lee,** President of the newly-formed Retired Officers Assn; representatives of VAC-CO; **Frank Koziuk,** President of Highlands Civic Assn. and **Capt. Coley Campbell,** Citrus Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Music was provided by the Citrus Co. High School Band. The program included **Col. Cumler,** who spoke on the distinguished history of CAP; **Col. Klein,** who brought greetings from **Brig. Gen. Patton,** USAF, Director, CAP, and **Brig. Gen. Johnny Boyd,** National Commander, CAP and **George Allen,** who spoke on Citrus County and CAP. **Lt. Col. Fred W. Hess,** Deputy Chief of Staff, Congressional Squadron, acted as master of ceremonies.

At the conclusion of the ground breaking, refreshments, presided over by **Mrs. Betty Raymer,** were served. □

Left to right: ***Lt. Col. Fred Hess, Lt. Robert Smith,*** *Cmdr. CCCS,* ***Lt. Col. Howard Cumler,*** *Fla. Wing Cmdr,* ***Wayne Jordan,*** *Chmn. CC Board of Comm.,* ***Jean Grant,*** *Comm. and* ***Catherine Rooks,*** *Comm.*

ELT Search Ends With Find

*by **Capt. Edgar B. Bergman**, CAP*
Group 5 PAO

A day-long, troublesome ELT search mission was successfully completed on March 24 by Group 5 ground teams in the early hours of the following day.

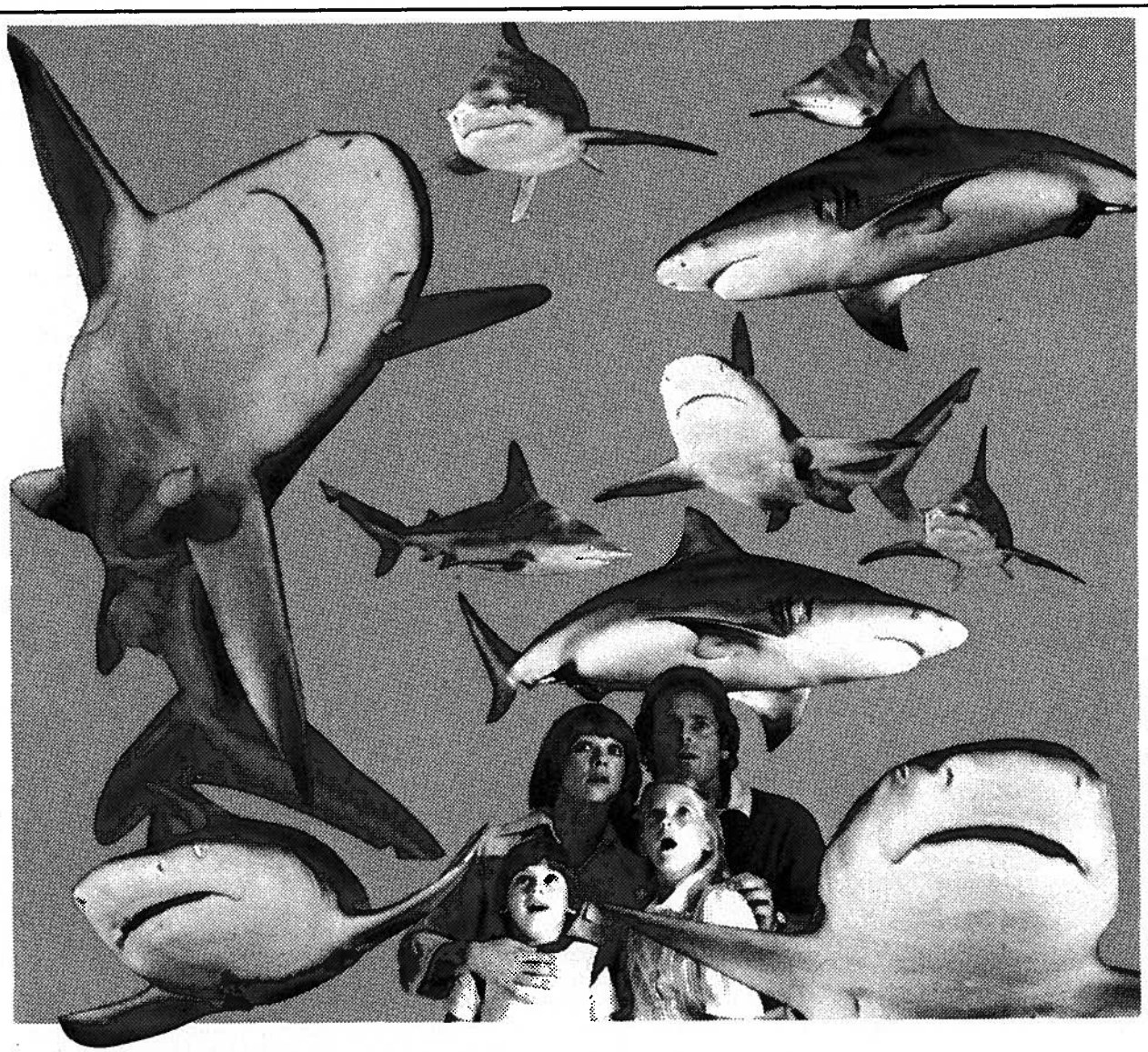
First to be notified, **Capt. Ed Bergman,** with hand-held gear, swept the three airports in the area with negative results. About that time, the FAA reported that the signal had gone.

When the ELT signal was again reported by high-flying planes that afternoon, **Lt. Col. Robert Croft** took to the air briefly. Heavy storm cloud activity prohibited further flights.

Later that evening, with threatening storms off shore, Group Commander **P.E. Denton** called for a flight mission. **Capt. Clint Wing** and his wife, **SM Ruth Wing,** offered the services of their well-equipped Cessna 172, N80322. The Pilot-In-Command was **1st Lt. Ben Myers** and **Capt. E. Bergman** filled in as second pilot-observer.

Due to the absence of an ELT signal locating unit, the crew was briefed by **Cmndr. Denton** in an effective signal tracking method using signal duration time and heading information that required only the VHF receiver. Finally, after 1½ hours of flight time, it was determined that the signal eminated from the dock area in North Palm Beach.

Ground units dispatched from the Lantana Airport finally zeroed in on a boat tied up at the Sailfish Marina dock. The owner was aboard and when awakened, he said he was not aware of the situation. He had recently purchased the ELT and had it laying on its side. The unit, a marine type, is activated in that position. □



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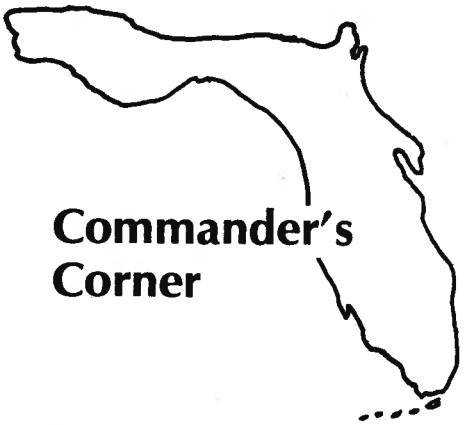

Commander's Corner

by **Col. Howard R. Cumler,** *CAP*

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Sarasota Comp. Sq. Offers Red Cross Training Course

The 8th of March began a 72 hour comprehensive four part Red Cross course with training in Advanced First Aid, CPR, Vital Signs Module I (pulse, temperature and respiration) and Vital Signs Module II (blood pressure). The classes are held twice a week for three hours each and will continue until the end of May.

The class of 25 members is being taught by **Maj. Dennis McCoy,** commander of Sarasota Comp. Sq., who is a licensed Red Cross instructor. Of the 25 members, 10 are from Sarasota Sq. They are **Majors William & Dorothy McCoy, Lts. Max & Shirley Beane, Lts. George & Shirley Rodermond, Capt. Shirley Tulacz, 2nd Lt. Richard Stover, C/Lt. Col. Sharon Beane** and **C/MSgt. Johnie Johnson.**

This is only the second time this course has been given. The pilot course, started by the Manatee County chapter of the American Red Cross three years ago, was also taught by **Maj. Dennis McCoy.** □

Major Dennis McCoy *demonstrates the proper way to administer CPR.*

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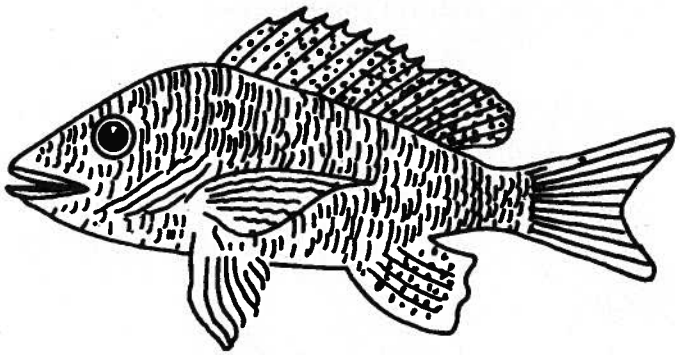

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From the Editor's Desk

*by **Maj. Diane Kittendorf**, CAP*
Interim Editor

Sincere apologies to all for delay in *Gator Capers*. I was asked to take the job, and was then overtaken by business and personal problems.

I only took it as an "interim" replacement because my squadron and other community activities have my time fully booked.

Thank you for your patience in waiting. To all who have submitted articles, sorry we could not print them all — but keep supporting your Wing paper. Some news will be old due to only putting out a paper quarterly. Some are current, and I hope you find it **all** interesting and worth waiting for. □

Now It's Lt. Col. Doris Anderson

*by **Capt. John R. O'Connor**, CAP*

Doris Anderson, presently commander of Group 8 (08006) based in Ft. Myers, recently received promotion to the rank of Lt. Col. in ceremonies conducted in Fort Myers. The presentation was made by **Lt. Col. Ben Douglas,** Florida Wing Staff, acting for CC Florida Wing, **Lt. Col. Howard Cumler.**

Anderson joined CAP in 1966 and became a member of the Lee Comp. Sqdn. 08040. While attached to that unit she assumed the duties of Squadron Finance Officer.

In 1969 she was assigned to Group staff with duties of Administration and Personnel. While still on group staff in 1975/76 she assumed additional duties as Florida Wing Emergency Services Officer.

In 1979 **Anderson** was appointed by **Col. Richard Leali** as CC Group 8. □

***Lt. Col. Ben Douglas** is shown congratulating **Lt. Col. Anderson** on her promotion. (Photo by Capt. John O'Connor)*

Guadalcanal Campaign 40th Memorial Tribute

Civil Air Patrol units have been invited to participate in the Guadalcanal Campaign 40th Anniversary Memorial Tribute on Saturday, 7 August 1982.

CAP units have the option of participating in one or both of the following events:

—Parade, Saturday morning, 7 August, Winter Haven

—Memorial Tribute, 1930 hours, Saturday, 7 August, Denison Stadium, Winter Haven

Marching units, Color Guards and vehicles may be entered in the parade on Saturday morning. Marching units and Color Guards are invited to participate in a 2½ hour ceremony Saturday evening including a military tattoo, Massing of the Colors and presentation of wreaths.

The format of the Memorial Tribute will be an amalgam of the pomp and grandeur of the Grecian Olympics combined with that of the martial and resplendent Edinburgh military tattoo. Also to be honored are those surviving Medal of Honor recipients from this campaign. Participating will be Bands, Troops, Color Guards (massed) and leading dignitaries of government. The Governor of Florida will issue a proclamation declaring this date to be "Guadalcanal 40th Anniversary Memorial Day." In addition to the above, representatives from the allied nations in this campaign will be present — Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain and the Solomon Islands.

A documentary film of the events will be made and a list of participating organizations will be sent to the White House.

Participation in this activity, documented by a copy of Travel Authorization, will earn credit in the 1982 PACE program.

Many units from the Wing have contacted **Capt. William Warner** to register their participation. Civil Air Patrol is proud to take part in remembering history. □

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Public Affairs

*by **Capt. George Reed**, CAP*
Public Affairs Officer (Internal)

I have been appointed to the Wing Staff as Internal Public Affairs Officer and am looking forward to meeting each of you and working with you.

Your monthly reports are a very important part of the Public Affairs program so I would remind you to send them to Wing HQ promptly.

I have noticed that not all PAOs are using the Florida Wing Form 17, dated January 1982. If you do not have a supply of these forms, please let me know and I will send you some.

If I may be of assistance to you, please write or phone.

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PAO Promoted in Seminole Cadet Sq.

*by **Capt. Elaine Marie Pavone**, CAP*
Seminole Cadet Sq. PAO

1st Lt. Elaine Marie Pavone, who is the Public Affairs Officer for the Seminole Cadet Squadron 08116 in Altamonte Springs, has been promoted to the rank of Captain. She has been an active member of CAP since June 4, 1975. In addition to her promotion, she has also been awarded the Search and Rescue Ribbon, the Disaster Relief Ribbon and the Senior Member Recruiter Ribbon.

Capt. Pavone is an Emergency Medical Technician and assists other EMTs in the squadron in teaching cadets and seniors emergency medical procedures and evacuation techniques. Medical education taught emphasizes the care and treatment of aircraft accident victims.

As the Public Affairs Officer of the squadron, she is responsible for all information disseminated to the news media with regard to her squadron and the CAP in general.

In private life, she works for a private duty nursing service and plans a career in Aviation Medicine as a nurse. □

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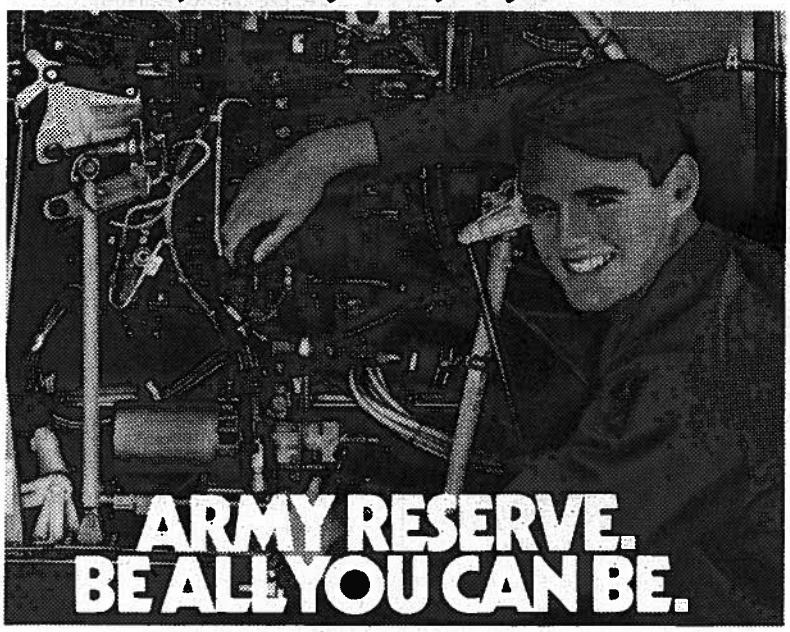

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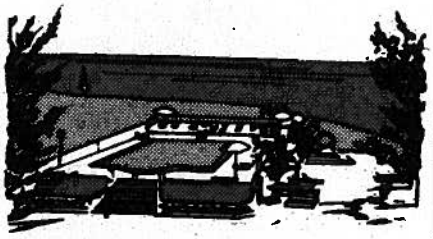

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★CADET CORNER★

Lantana/Lk. Worth Cadet Sq.

The following Lantana/Lake Worth cadets and senior members wish to thank **Mr. James Shaw** of Pan American Airways for hosting an all-afternoon and early evening tour of the International Flight Academy:

Attending Cadets

Auld, James
Deringer, Charlotte
Johnson, David & Steve
Romagosa, Christine
Simon, Mark
Solana, Flora
Thurber, James
Yorgenson, Rich

Attending Seniors:

Deringer, Norma & Thomas
Dickmann, Wesley
Gray, John
Westfall, Don
Wing, Clinton & Ruth

On Sunday, 24 Jan 82, seven Squadron Senior Members, led by Aerospace Education Officer **Capt. Clinton Wing,** escorted the nine cadets from Lantana to Miami, Florida.

Mr. James Shaw, Pan American instructor, and his son **Tim Shaw,** graciously worked for over five hours to give each squadron member a turn in the pilot's seat of one of their B235 simulators (727) to T.O., fly and land under computer-visual night flight conditions.

Afterwards, Mr. **Shaw** and his son conducted a tour of the facilities.

All of the cadets reported that the trip was a big success and really enjoyed the opportunity to fly a BIG JET simulator.

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The following cadet members of the Seminole Cadet Squadron 08116 have been promoted during ceremonies held at squadron headquarters:

Matt Sharkey to C/2nd Lt.
James Grady to C/2nd Lt.
Jeff Heberling to C/Airman
Greg Lockner to C/Airman.

The following cadet members of the Seminole Cadet Sqdn. have been issued their Basic First Aid cards from **1st Lt. David LaMontagne,** CAP (EMT) who is an instructor for the American Red Cross. **Michelle Rucker, Pam Rucker, Scott Keller, Matt Sharkey, Eric Sheen** and **Greg Lockner.**

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Group 17

Group 17 had a recent CAP Cadet Orientation Flight day at Albert Whitted Airport in St. Petersburg. Cadets from the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron and the Pinellas Park Cadet Sq. were given flights by orientation pilots **1st Lt. Wilbur Holzapfel** and **Maj. Arthur Trinque.**

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C/MSgt. Greg D. Faltin and **C/TSgt. William P. Witzig** have started dual flight instruction in Cessna 152's. Both cadets were awarded squadron flight scholarships and have passed the FAA Airman's Written Exam.

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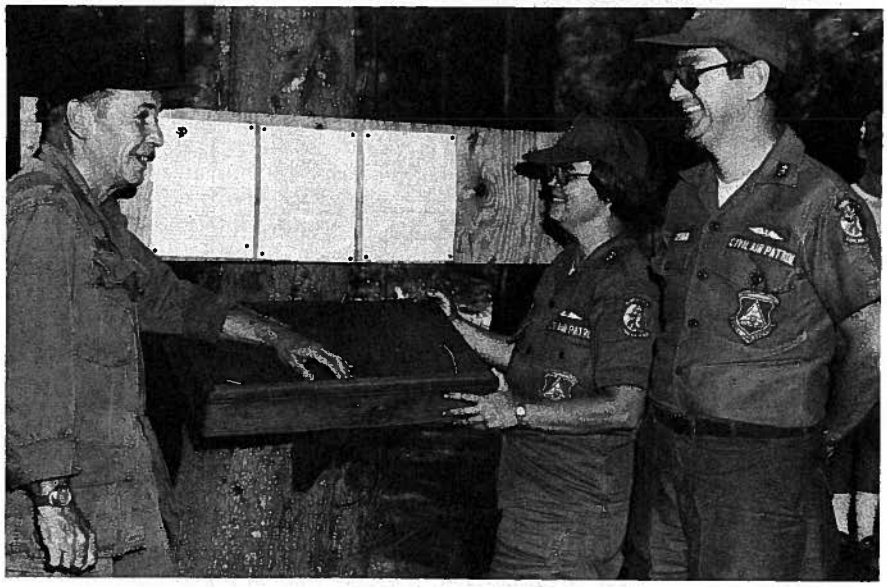
***C/1st Lt. Marty Nichols** and **C/2nd Lt. Donald Dalrymple,** North Tampa Cadet Sqdn., had the privilege of getting their shirt tails collected by their instructor, **1st Lt. John Baylogh,** after completing their solo flights. Both cadets earned solo scholarships at the Wing Special Activities Selection Boards in 1981. Wing Commander **Howard R. Cumler,** a past commander of North Tampa Cadet Squadron, presented their solo wings.*



*Some two dozen cadets from the South Brevard Composite Squadron participated in a two-day bivouac near the Sebastion Airport. **Lt. Col. Robert Reynolds** discusses training and activities with **Col. Ralph Gwinn,** Group 12 commander, and **Lt. Col. Nancy Gwinn.***

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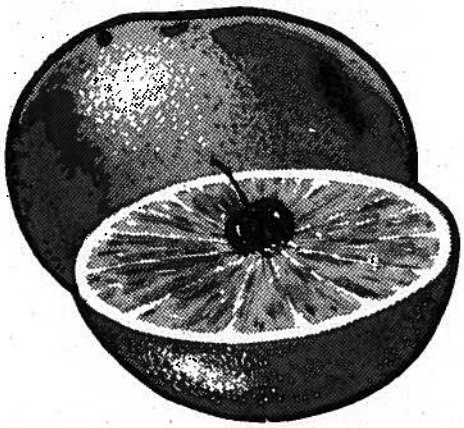

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★CADET CORNER★

Cadets Embark on Continued Flight Simulator Course

Cadets of Everglades Cadet Sq., Group 9, have started a basic flight simulator course under the direction of **Capt. Robert Sarnow,** AEO and through the cooperation of Hollywood Flying, Inc., North Perry Airport, Hollywood, Fla.

Each cadet receives a minimum of 3.0 hours of GAT I Flight Simulator time during the course. The course will last approximately 30 weeks; the cadets meeting once a week; five cadets weekly.

The 3.0 hrs of training includes the following procedures:

Cockpit orientation, pre-starting, starting and warm-up procedures. Pretakeoff Flight Checks, basic attitude flying (VFR); basic maneuvers including S&L, climbs, turns, descents, slowflight & stalls. Also included are basics of Radio Navigation, Basic Instrument Attitude Flying and Radio Communications Procedures.

Capt. Sarnow is a Certified Flight, Instrument and Simulator Instructor. He has been teaching at North Perry Airport for the past 15 years and hopes all cadets will benefit from their experiences in the Flight Simulator, as part of their Aerospace Training Program.

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C/2nd Lt. Steven Salinsky has been named Cadet Commander of Tamiami Cadet Squadron. **C/2nd Lt. Salinsky** is a charter member of the unit and was Outstanding Cadet of the Year for 1981. He replaces **C/Capt. David Horowitz.**

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Cadet **Rick Cowgill,** Sarasota Composite Squadron, was presented his Earhart Award by **Maj. Henry A. Prine,** commander of Group 11 at a recent Group Commanders Call.

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2nd Lt. Leonard T. Williams has donated an American flag to his squadron, Marion Oaks Cadet. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary donated a sling, staff, eagle and cover. The squadron recently received a donation of $150 from the American Legion.

Pictured here are cadets and senior members at Patrick Air Force Base during a Type B Encampment recently. These members are from four different squadrons in Group 12. Left to right are: ***Lt. Col. Nancy Gwinn,*** *Ti-Co;* ***Lt. Col. Leslie Cooper,*** *Group 6 Chaplain;* ***SM Robin Moran,*** *Ti-Co;* ***C/Lt. Col. John O'Neill,*** *Patrick;* ***C/Maj. Tim Phipps,*** *Patrick;* ***C/MSgt. Dan Trombly,*** *Patrick;* ***C/MSgt. Darin Hopkins,*** *Central Brevard and* ***C/A1C Herbert Missick,*** *Ti-Co. There were about twenty-five members attending the encampment and various types of training sessions.*

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C/Capt. David A. Horowitz was recognized by the Miami Beach Police Athletic League for outstanding citizenship and awarded a $500 college scholarship. **C/Capt. Horowitz,** who recently earned the Earhart Award, serves as Aerospace Counselor for the Tamiami Cadet Squadron. He is a charter member and past Cadet Commander of the squadron, solo pilot, observer, and Red Cross First Aid Instructor. He was the unit's Outstanding Cadet of the Year and Group 10's Outstanding Cadet of the Year.

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C/1st Lt. John Holloway, former Cadet Commander of the Marion Oaks Cadet Squadron, has enrolled at the Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, VA.

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On 26 December 1981, former **C/Maj. Barbara Vola** and **Paul Janak** were united in marriage at the bride's parents' home. Chaplain **Leslie R. Cooper** performed the ceremony. **Barbara and Paul** met in CAP; her parents, **Betty** and **Mel Vola,** also met in CAP and her sister, **Liz,** met her husband in Civil Air Patrol.

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The following members received Group Seven Awards:

Best Cadet — **Chris Taylor,** Orlando Cadet Sqdn.

Best Senior — **Craig Rader,** Orlando Cadet Sqdn.

Best Squadron — Orlando Cadet Sqdn.

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Group 17 has received five trophies at the Florida Wing Drill Team Competition in Orlando, Fla. **C/Lt. Col. Paul Griffith,** drill instructor, led cadets of St. Petersburg and Pinellas Park Cadet Squadrons, resulting in awards for their efforts.

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Ti-Co Comp. Sqdn.
Promotions—Jan/Feb

Ronald Rabaut to C/1st Class & Arnold Ribbon. 6 Jan 82.

Shawn Krug to C/TSgt. and Lindberg Ribbon 10 Feb 82

Kenneth Camp to C/SSgt. and Rickenbacker Ribbon 10 Feb 82

Herbert Missick to C/1st Class and Arnold Ribon 10 Feb 82

Ronald Rabaut to C/Sgt. and Wright Brothers Ribbon 28 Feb 82

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Notes From The Liaison Office

by ***Lt. Col Richard E. Read****, USAF*
Florida Wing Liaison Officer

1. First of all we would like to extend our congratulations to you for the EXCELLENT RATING on your recent Inspector General inspection and evaluation. These congratulations are to all Florida Wing members. It is through the efforts of Squadrons, Groups and Sectors that reflect the spirit of teamwork which in turn makes the wing look good but also reflects proper management and support of its number one resource—its people.

2. Wing personnel handling the paperwork for reimbursements are still finding problems with the submission of mission paperwork. This office requires and must have the necessary support documents before we can submit your claims for reimbursement. We suggest the following procedures for the mission coordinator to follow and submit forms referenced:

a. Ensure that all participants are clearly signed in on the CAP form 103, check 101 Card qualifications — qualified or trainee for assignments.

b. Request and ensure you receive a copy of CAP Form 104 properly prepared for flight to mission base and copy of same on the flight for return to home base.

c. Ensure **all** vehicles and aircraft are properly logged in on CAP Form 121. A copy should be used for each day of mission activity.

d. Initiate a point to point log, CAPF 110, that will explain the activity as it takes place. This information is too important to try to reconstruct after the mission or end of the day.

e. Ensure a CAPF 106 is completed properly on activities of Ground Interrogation if used.

f. Ensure a CAPF 107 is properly completed on all flight activities of mission.

g. Ensure a CAPF 109 is used and properly completed if Ground Team is used.

h. Ensure a CAPF 122 is used for your closing information.

i. If you have news coverage relating to your activity, clippings from paper should also be included with your package.

3. Now, I would like to address the importance of proper completion of your CAPF 108. First, I would request that the participants that have *valid* claims send their CAP Forms 108 along with receipt attached to the mission coordinator within ten (10) days. You are to ensure that the claim is realistic, e.g. not fifty gallons of fuel for a one hour flight or excessive claims for short distances driven. As you know when called to a mission you should have sufficient fuel to get you to the mission base. Your claim should be only to the base, your activity during the mission, and return home.

a. In completing the CAPF 108, since Florida Wing uses a credit card on most of its missions (a convenience for you), when using corporate aircraft, the block (item H) should reflect the word "Wing." This will be a flag for Wing personnel to figure the amount due for maintenance based on gallons used.

b. If you used privately owned aircraft you need to complete item H, based on the following: $1.34 times the number of gallons; this would be your maintenance due.

c. Ensure all items pertinent to your claim are completed whether it be for your vehicle or aircraft, exception being there is no maintenance reimbursement for your vehicles. Include any facts that should be known, if there is no room for explanation on the CAPF 108 a separate sheet explaining details should be used.

d. Phone calls pertaining to the mission. Although we know it is almost impossible to get a copy of your bill within ten days most of the time, it is still required for reimbursement, so as soon as you get your bill, attach it to a CAPF 108 and forward to your mission coordinator. All calls that *are not applicable* to the mission, draw a single line through that particular call or calls.

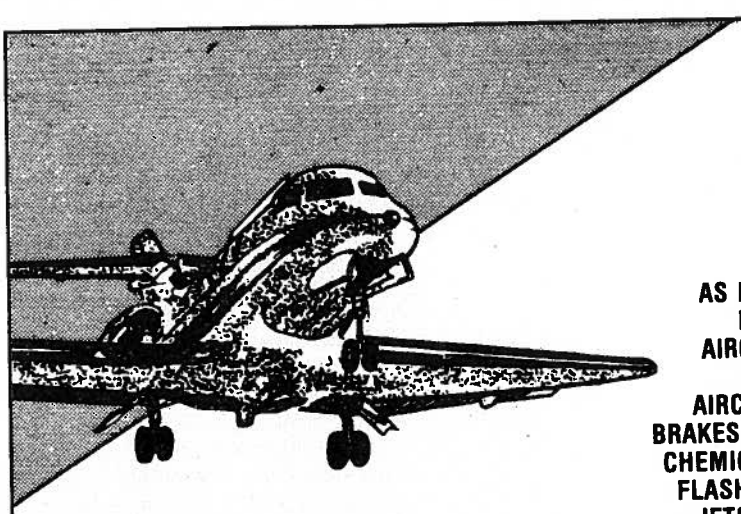
e. All receipts should be legibile with proper date and completed properly. Ensure attendant's complete receipts with correct date, amount, cost per gallon, etc. All receipts will have the mission number printed legibly.

f. All CAP Forms are to be completed in ink. Pencil entries will not be accepted.

4. As you can see, there is a lot of paperwork included for the mission coordinator to ensure completion of. Your cooperation with him/her is absolutely necessary for a mission package to be complete. These mission coordinators have been trained to follow procedures and it's your job to make it run as smoothly and professionally as possible.

5. Ensure that all referenced paragraphs above are considered when you submit to Wing for processing. It will not be processed by the Liaison Office unless it is proper and complete. Your cooperation will be appreciated. □

Pictured here on the right is ***Lt. Col. Nancy Gwinn,*** *CAP instructing cadet* ***Adam Troup*** *on how to log aircraft in and out at TICO Airport. 36 cadets and 8 senior members participated in this mission assisting the FAA in traffic count. This took place during the launching of the Columbia on Nov. 12, 1981. Over 200 aircraft were logged in and out of the airport on Nov. 11 and 12. They helped the visitors with their flight plan and logged their arrival, departure and destination.*



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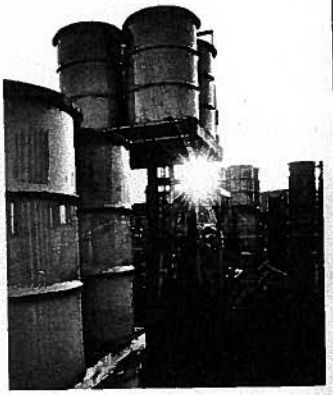
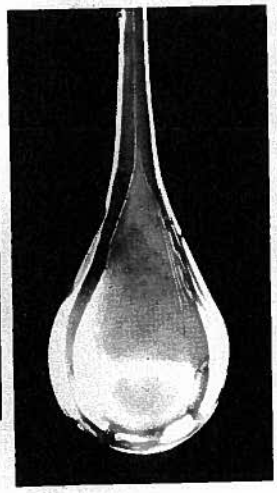

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ACROSS THE WING

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SM Anson Raymond, Jr., recently appointed commander of the Lee County Comp. Squadron based on Fort Myers, has received a promotion to 1st Lt., Air Force Active Reserve.

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Homestead Senior Squadron has been assigned new facilities at the USAF Reserve Building at Homestead AFB. The new headquarters are larger with more office space.

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Palm Beach Senior Squadron's **Capt. Frances Newman** and **Maj. B.R. Sypiewski** of Indiantown provided orientation flights for six cadets from Indiantown Cadet Squadron.

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Ten members of the Gators Senior Squadron 08334, Group 17, recently handled parking and security at "Aviation '82" held at the St. Petersburg Clearwater Airport. The two day affair had an attendance of over fifteen thousand people. **Wendy Hoffman,** the show coordinator, thanked **Commander Richard Collins** and gave him a sizeable contribution to the Gators' treasury.

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The commander of Group 17's Central Pinellas Comp. Squadron has been promoted to Captain. Captain's bars were awarded to Sqdn. Commander **David Rennie** by Group Commander **Maj. Arthur Trinque** during a recent visit to the Squadron meeting at the Clearwater Airpark Squadron Hqs.

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Group 18

The activities of Group 18 have been many and varied. Included was participation in FEAT Exercise in which 56 members took part. Next came CDEX with 80% participation. A REDCAP resulted in the call-out of ground search & rescue teams as well as pilots and observers. A Hurricane Evacuation Drill in cooperation with Civil Defense and other emergency service groups was also on the activity list.

Several members have attended Squadron Leadership School, Squadron Staff School and Wing Conference. Six members have completed Level II.

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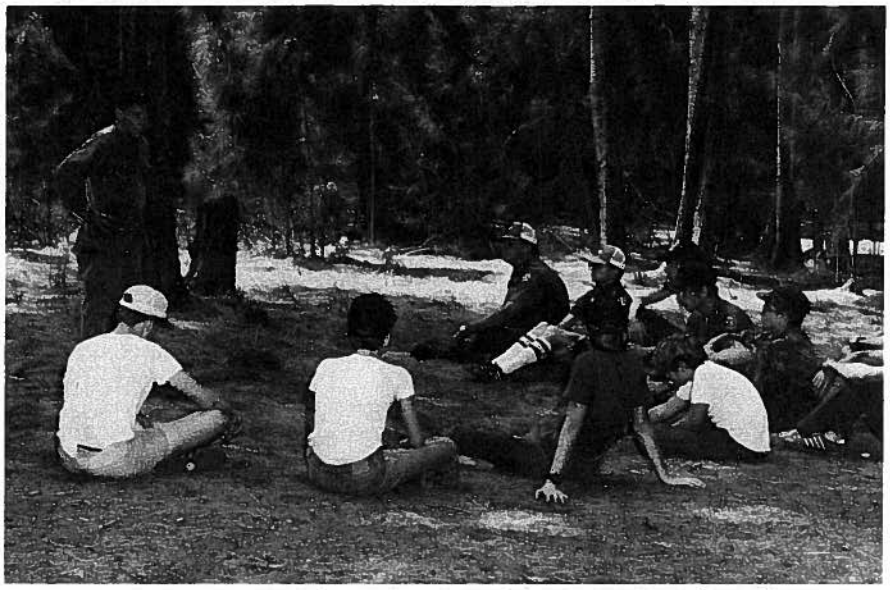

The Sarasota Composite Squadron held a bivouac at the YMCA Camp Hamilton. Sixteen cadets and nine senior members participated.

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Group 17

Five Group 17 mobile radio stations, under the coordination efforts of Group 17 communications officer **Capt. Oliver Thigpin,** have assisted the area hospitals in their walkathon for the March of Dimes in Pinellas County. These mobile units supplied mobile radios at check points along the eighteen kilometers walk route to keep communications with the start-finish point in Seminole City Park. The mobile units reported assistance needs to the start point so stragglers not finishing could be picked up and returned to the park. At the conclusion refreshments were served and the park had entertainment too.

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Three members of Group 17 have received a Commander's Commendation award for outstanding duty performance from the Florida Wing Commander. **Maj. Arthur Trinque,** Group 17 commander, **Lt. Col. Kenneth McMahon,** Deputy Commander and **Maj. James Webster,** Group 17 Personnel, Administration and Supply Officer were the recipients. The awards were presented at the Group Commander's Call in May by our past Sector Commander **Maj. Richard Leighton.**

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Group 17

Group 17 has tracked down and shut off another ELT Friday, 4 December. Mission Coordinator **Maj. James Webster** requested the group aircraft to fly an ELT mission. **Maj. Arthur Trinque** and **1st Lt. Gary Cox** departed Albert Whitted Airport and, using direction finding equipment were led to the Venice, FL airport where a plane in a hanger had a defective ELT operating. It was removed from the aircraft and the mission closed.

Members of Group 17 manned a recruiting and CAP information booth at the St. Petersburg boat show recently. Cadets and seniors volunteered their time to cover four days of activity here. Of special interest to boaters was the hour and routes of the Group's two Sundown Patrols. Much CAP PA material was distributed.

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DeLand Comp. Sq.

1st Lt. Marvin Lane, DeLand Sq. Aerospace Education Officer, will assume **Capt. Chellis'** duties until his return and will be assisted by new Senior Member **John R. Armstrong, Jr.**

In other news, Cadet **Debra Clark** made Warrant Officer, and Cadet **John Taylor** received his 1st Stripe (Curry Ribbon).

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Ocala Comp. Squadron

The Ocala Squadron was host to Sector "C", Florida Wing over the weekend at Jim Taylor Field. This was a U.S. Air Force supervised search and rescue test.

Twelve aircraft were scheduled to participate and resulted in 40 sorties being flown. (A sortie is described as one aircraft and crew leaving its base of operation on an assigned search area for a prescribed amount of time and returning to its base.)

89 adult members and more than 30 cadets were on hand to manage the operational end of the exercise. This included personnel control, logistics, communication and air traffic control.

Air Force judges were on hand to evaluate and grade the exercise which was under their direct control and carried an official Air Force mission number given from the Air Force's Continental Command in Colorado. An Air Force spokesman stated that they were well pleased with the way the test was conducted.

Television coverage was provided out of the Gainesville area and local radio stations were provided transcripts.

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Group 17 has celebrated the 40th anniversary of CAP by sponsoring an emergency services equipment display at Albert Whitted Airport in Pinellas County. This display, lasting two days on the 5th and 6th of December, was arranged with the idea in mind to show the public emergency services resources available in the county, and develop a relationship and cooperation between different emergency services organizations.

Besides many CAP Air and Ground displays, the following organizations joined in and displayed equipment too. American Red Cross, Civil Defense, Coast Guard, CG Auxiliary, ECK-SAR (Eckard College Search & Rescue, a marine search & rescue organization based in St. Petersburg), Pinellas Co. Sheriff's Dept., REACT, St. Petersburg Fire Dept. and the St. Petersburg Police Department. A cadet bivouac was the weekend security and a field church service and cadet orientation flights were also available and participated in by many.

Homestead Senior Sq.

Homestead Sr. Sq. 08116, while on Sundown Patrol Saturday, 2 Jan 1982, found a private outboard boat dead in the water approximately four and a half miles southeast of Turkey Point. Close investigation revealed that there were four people aboard and that the boat's engine was inoperative.

The Coast Guard was notified through Homestead AFB tower at five PM. CG authorities later advised that the found boat had been conducted safely to shore.

Homestead Sr. Sqdn. conducts regular sundown patrols from Key Biscayne to Port Largo every Saturday and Sunday during the last two hours prior to sunset. This "FIND" was the first for the squadron in 1982.

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Group 17

Group 17 gave a presentation on CAP to 50 members of the Eckerd College Rescue Service. The CAP film "Always Vigilant" was shown and a detailed discussion of Group 17's two sundown patrol routes was eagerly received by these Rescue Service personnel. The evening's program was presented by **Maj. Arthur Trinque,** commander of Group 17, **Capt. Frank Hensel,** commander of Pinellas Senior Sqdn. and **1st Lt. Wilbur Holzapfel,** Pinellas Sr. Sqdn's maintenance officer.

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Group 7

New Public Affairs Officer for Group 7 is **2nd Lt. John Byrne. Cadet Chris Taylor** of Orlando Cadet Sqdn. was most outstanding cadet in Group 7.

Special Acts were held March 6-7 at NTC Orlando.

Do you know the name for the FEAT Bulletin? There is a new name. Did you miss that Bulletin?

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Capt. Robert W. Howard, Aerospace Education Officer and Chief Flight Instructor for the Tamiami Cadet Squadron, has been appointed an official FAA Accident Prevention Counselor by FAA General Aviation District Office Five at the Opa-Locka Airport in Miami. **Capt. Howard** holds CFII and IGI ratings and has also recently been appointed Check Pilot for Group 10.

Sarasota Comp. Sq.

The Sarasota Comp. Sqdn. held a successful yard sale and car wash to raise funds for cadet activities.

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Members of the Sarasota Comp. Sqdn. assisted with security at the National United Cerebral Palsy Telethon in January. Fifteen cadets and 14 senior members helped man telephone and assisted security. Two members of the squadron dressed as clowns for the event, televised by WXLT Channel 40. The largest single sum collected was $300, raised by **C/WO Roberts.**

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Showalter Senior Sqdn.

Capt. Thomas N. Locke has been appointed commander of Howard Showalter Senior Squadron 08259 in Orlando. **Capt. Locke** replaces **Lt. Col. James A. Grady** who has been commander of the unit for the past four years.

Capt. Doug Horn, Group Commander for the seven squadrons serving the central Florida area, thanked **Lt. Col. Grady** for his dedication to CAP and called on everyone to support **Capt. Locke** in his new position.

Capt. Locke may be better known to you as **Tom McCloud,** who does the traffic reports for WKIS radio.

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Group 13

Twenty cadets and thirty senior members, representing every unit in Group 13, participated in Air Crew Training at Ocala Comp. Squadron's headquarters at Taylor Field in Ocala. The course was conducted by **Lt. Col. Nat** and **Maj. Mary Lou Brittingham.**

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Compliments to: **1st Lt. Gwen Trinque** for the most releases sent to *Gator CAPers*. (Gp. 17—08346) and

SM "Skip" Whitman for most informative Squadron newspaper. Truly Aerospace Education (The Enterprise, Fla. International Cadet Squadron 08318.).

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CAP Honored

The Space Flight 6, Order of the Daedalions honored Civil Air Patrol and Jr. ROTC on 30 Jan 82 at a formal banquet at the Patrick AFB Officers Club. **C/TSgt. Shawn Krug** represented the Ti-Co Comp. Sqdn. Other cadets from Group 12 were **C/WO Gene Malone** from Central Brevard Comp. Sq., **C/MSgt. Cindy Riggan** of Patrick Cadet Sq. and **C/MSgt. Robert Jordan** from South Brevard Sqdn. These cadets received plaques and a free dinner. The Junior ROTC members who were also CAP members were **C/MSgt. Robert Reynolds,** South Brevard Sqdn. and Melbourne High Jr. ROTC and **C/2nd Lt. Celia Porter** from Central Brevard and Merritt Island High School Jr. ROTC. They got a medal and ribbon and a free dinner. Parents and CAP members that also attended were: **Col. Ralph Gwinn, Lt. Col. Nancy Gwinn, Lt. Col. Robert Reynolds, Mr. Howard Krug, Mrs. Barbara Malone, Mr. Robert Jordan, Mrs. Potter, C/Lt. Col. John O'Neill,** and **C/MSgt. Patrick Spencer.**

Authorized CAPF-75 Examiners

by ***Capt. Rand D. Reynard****, CAP*
Wing Transportation Officer

The following personnel are authorized examiners for personnel requesting CAPF 75 (Vehicle Operator's Permit). This list will be added to as needed and re-published as required.

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by ***Lt. Col. George J. Rennard****, CAP*
Florida Wing Chaplain

Florida Wing's Weakest Point!

Actually, what I want to talk to you about today should be helpful in many ways, for if we will really strive to attain this one virtue that we are so short on, we would all be much better off.

I'm talking about encouragement! It came to my attention recently that Florida Wing has more successful recruiting campaigns than any other Wing, but we lack *retention*, so we don't grow. We recruit them, then *forget them!*. We ought to be enthusiastic encouragers at all times to all other CAP members and keep reminding them of the goals and worthy purposes of our great Organization.

We are tempted to get discouraged at times, but not all at the same time. Aren't you glad for this?

If you miss a member at a meeting, give them a call or drop a friendly card and let them know how much you appreciate them regardless of their rank, age or creed, and they will bless you for it. If some member seems lonely or withdrawn from the rest at a meeting, strike up a conversation with them. See something good about them and tell them so! Let's quit losing good members because they *feel we don't care. Let's show them we do!*

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Being the happiest person in Florida Wing just suits me as I relinquish the high post of Wing Chaplain in what I have come to regard as the Number 1 Wing in the nation.

Like any good mother or father who looks upon their own offspring and sees beyond the blemishes, the soil, the handicaps; viewing only the potential for growth, for good and for fulfilling the purposes for which they were created; and thanking God for the privilege of having a part in the forthcoming harvests which were so carefully and laboriously sowed and nurtured, I gratefully thank those who have been my partners in this great venture.

Chaplain's Corner

Hello, I'm the New Chaplain

by ***Maj. Dave Denslow****, CAP*

My wish for all is that Civil Air Patrol continues to function well in emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education.

The cadets we train will be leaders in the United States twenty years from now. They need stamina and skill to handle the problems that will face them. That is why the Moral Leadership program is so important; unless we provide foundations of morality, ethics, philosophy and religion, they will be overwhelmed when confronted by situations where decision making is difficult. They will be unable to function unless they receive Moral leadership training. That is why we need a chaplain in every cadet squadron.

Adults, too, need the presence of a minister in times of severe crisis, and Civil Air Patrol was designed to work in times of severe crisis.

Our first emphasis, then, is to continue to work toward having a chaplain in every squadron. To those commanders who have chaplains, I say, "Use your chaplain, encourage him, and do what you can to assure that he has supplies and program time to do the work of a chaplain." To those commanders who do not have a chaplain, I say, "Try to get one. Invite a minister or rabbi of your choice to attend a squadron meeting; tell him you need him as a chaplain." Give him a chaplaincy application and help him complete it. Then send it in. You could even enroll him as a senior member so he can begin at once, doing good work while his chaplain's appointment is being considered by the many boards and committees.

To present chaplains, I say that it is with humility that I attempt to carry on the work that **George Rennard** has been doing so well. I rejoice that he will be available as Wing Chaplain Emeritus to advise and help me.

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May God bless you, guide you, and strengthen you. □

ELT's Go Off Like Popcorn

by ***Capt. Jay Underwood****, CAP*
PAO, West Orange Comp. Sq.

Some people can't wait for the weekend, and some emergencies can't, either. At approximately 4 pm on Friday, May 7, members of West Orange Comp. Sq. were alerted to search for a distress signal from an ELT. The ELT signal can be triggered by an impact to the aircraft in which it is installed. While an aircrew was enroute to the St. Cloud area, a West Orange ground team went to the scene of a crash on a private airfield near Geneva and determined that no ELT signal was coming from that location.

A second ground team was directed by the search aircrew to a private airfield on the northeast side of Lake Tohopekaliga where they found an ELT activated in a plane which was under repair. Another ELT was deactivated at Kissimmee Airport within minutes after it was accidentally turned on by a passenger in a plane which had just landed. The ground team which was about to depart Kissimmee found the second unit before moving toward the Lake Tohopekaliga area after the aircrew reported a strong ELT signal interfering with the signal originally heard.

Saturday, May 8 was much the same as Friday. Shortly before 9 pm a CAP member reported to a statewide CAP radio net that an ELT was being heard at Ormond Beach airport. The member further reported that a portable ELT direction finder was not available in that area. A West Orange aircraft was dispatched to carry a portable direction finder to Ormond Beach. History was repeated at Ormond Beach where not one, but two ELTs in aircraft parked on the airport were deactivated.

Group 17 Has ELT Activity

by ***1st Lt. Gwen Trinque****, CAP*

Group 17, Florida Wing found and caused to be shut off two active ELTs on a recent Sunday. **Capt. Ruth Hubert** and **Lt. Col. John Parris** determined the ELTs to be at Clearwater Airpark and Albert Whitted Airport. Group ground personnel then using Lil Elpers found both and frequency 121.5 was again quiet and available for emergency use. □

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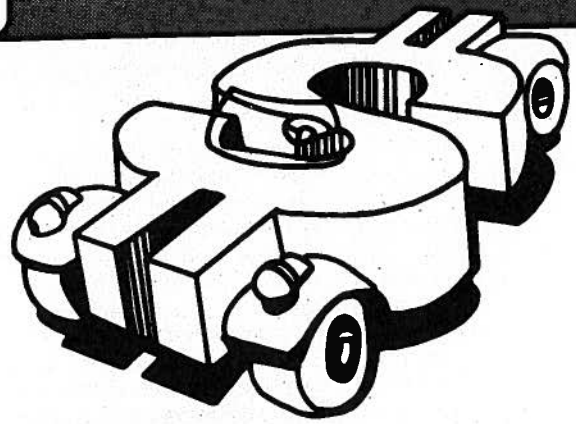

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Indiantown Cadet Sq. Holds Model Rocket Launching

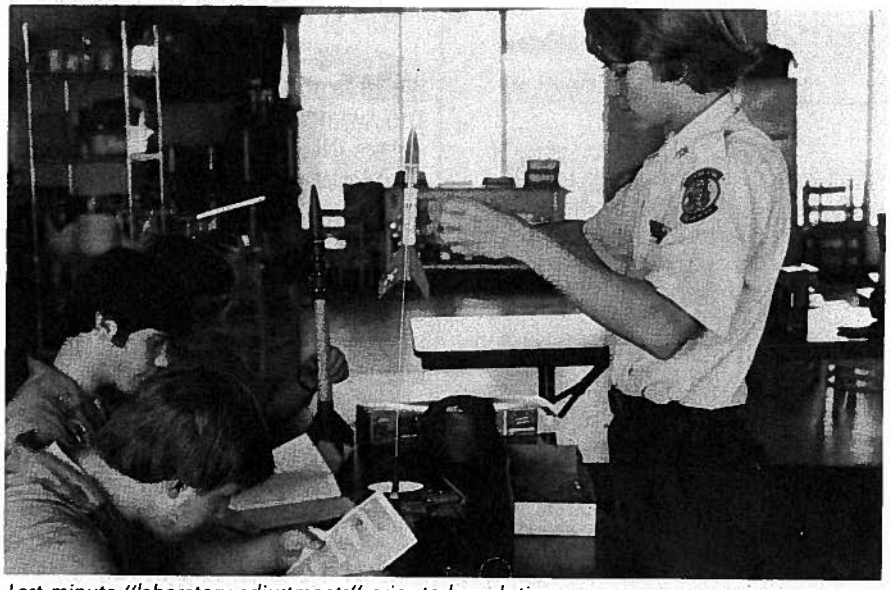
*by **Maj. Bernard R. Sypniewski**, CAP*

It was blast-off time at Indiantown, Florida on 13 March when the Indiantown Cadet Squadron, Group 5, successfully launched six model rockets of the Skill Level I category.

Cadets **Alan Cole, Luke Guerin, Eric Guerin, Mark Pierce, Dodie Cole** and **Ricky Gonzalez** each took turns firing the rockets which shot to a height of approximately 500 feet and were then returned to earth after their parachutes automatically deployed. **Maj. B.R. Sypniewski** acted as Range Officer and Safety Officer.

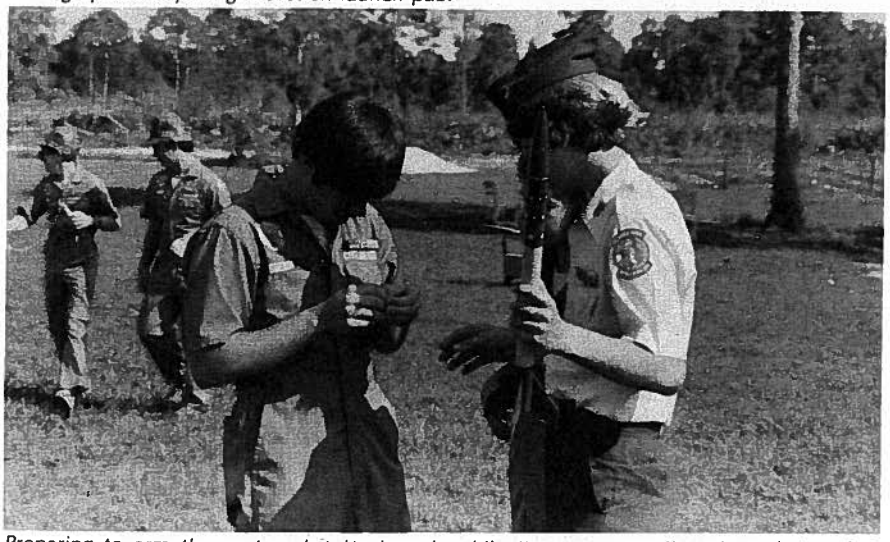
Previous to this launch program, these cadets were presented with certificates for having satisfactorily completed the programmed learning exercise in Rocket and Missile Identification.

Actually, the cadets were one jump ahead of the program because they were experienced "Rocketeers" at the time they joined the squadron. The next step is for the cadets to work their way up to Skill Level VI and attain higher altitudes with more sophisticated model rockets. They will then look forward to competition with other squadrons of Group 5. □



Last minute "laboratory adjustments" prior to launch time.

Setting up and adjusting rocket on launch pad.



Preparing to arm the next rocket for launch while "recovery crew" retrieves last rocket launched.

Nominee for Safety Officer Of The Year

*by **Lt. Col. Russell F. Holdren**, CAP Wing Safety Officer*

Lt. Col. Michael E. Bozzi, CAP, Deland Composite Squadron, Group 6-08060, joined CAP 1 August 1960. He served as reservist advisor attached to the Deland Comp. Squadron. Job assignments included: Senior Programs Officer, Safety Officer with squadron and Group VI, Operations Officer and Squadron Commander, 1971-74.

Military service included: 4 years active duty with the U.S. Air Force and 29 years Active Reserve duty with the U.S. Army.

He is an FAA supervisory air traffic control specialist located at Herndon Airport, Orlando, with 27 years service.

His flying experience includes over 5,000 hours flying time. He has a commercial pilot rating and is single, multi engine and instrument qualified. He is also a command pilot in CAP. □

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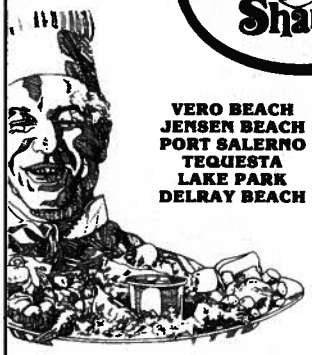

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Aerospace Education

by ***Maj. Ray S. Taylor****, CAP*
Director of Aerospace Education

Wing Conference

We had two lively AE sessions at the May Wing Conference with a total attendance of 80 people. **Mr. Ken Perkins,** Director of Aerospace Education, SE Liaison Region, USAF-CAP discussed the new Senior Member Program at both the first session and the opening general meeting.

Other topics covered were the June AE Seminar at the Homestead AFB Squadron Staff School, covered by Project Officer **Bill Farnham,** the AE Handbook, and a Feedback Survey which was filled in by attendees and discussed with active audience participation.

More on this next issue! □

Falcon Force Kits Available

Florida Wing has purchased four Falcon Force Kits from National CAP's Center for Aerospace Education Development. These kits have been distributed, one each, to Sector Commanders for check-out and use by units.

The Falcon Force Kit is designed to support Aerospace Education in the grammer school classroom. It contains complete materials for student study as well as support for the teacher. The contents cover a broad range of aerospace subjects; e.g., principles of flight, weather, airplanes and the world community, spacecraft, aerospace art, etc. The kits have been thoroughly field tested with excellent feedback from the 4th, 5th and 6th grade teachers who have used them.

As you know, an important part of CAP's Aerospace Education mission is the exposure of members of the general public to aerospace and its significance in our society. This exposure is the responsibility of all CAP members, not just those directly involved with Aerospace Education.

To check out a Falcon Force Kit, contact your Sector Commander. □

Safety

by ***Lt. Col. John E. Cannaday****, USAF*

More On Crosswind Landings

If partial or full flaps are used during crosswind landings, the FAA advises that they should be raised immediately after landing. Since the flaps are located behind the main wheels, a crosswind acting on the flaps increases the weather-vaning tendency of the aircraft when on the ground. In addition to the weather vaning, the wing will also tend to rise on the side from which the wind is blowing, which further contributes to control problems. The air being deflected downward due to flaps also reduces rudder effectiveness at low speeds. All combine to create a complex situation which often results in a ground loop, especially in taildraggers. Just be sure you don't get the flap handle and gear lever confused when you attempt to raise the flaps or you might have another problem, namely taxiing.

Ground Safety

Did you know that auto crashes kill 1,000 Americans every week on the average? Motor vehicle injuries are a major health problem, second only to cancer in economic burden. You are more likely to die or be injured in a crash in a small car than a larger car and your chance of being killed in a Japanese-built car is generally greater than in a small American-built car. (From a report in *Aide*, the USAA insurance magazine.)

Taildragger Trends

A recent article in the *Aviation Consumer*, a publication designed to advise pilots regarding how to buy aircraft, stated as follows: "The two-seat taildragger is the most dangerous type of airplane." Our 1981 statistics regarding CAP mishaps certainly seem to bear this out. Of the 26 corporate accidents/incidents, 13, or half, occured in the two-seat taildragger, yet it makes up only a very small portion of the corporate fleet. Although this type aircraft sometimes makes a good investment and even a very good search aircraft, its relative vulnerability during the landing phase of flight may offset its advantages and should be considered prior to purchase. □

Communications

Repeater & Simplex Usage

More and more, I receive complaints from around the Wing of improper repeater usage. Specifically, stations using repeater when they are within simplex range of each other, or one station on simplex and the other on repeater. *If it isn't necessary, don't use it!*

Crane Calls

I continue to hear the increasing usage of Crane call signs on the air from what are ***obviously*** Sparrow stations. DO NOT use a Crane call on a base station antenna. The *only exceptions* are on a REDCAP or a Communications Exercise, per CAPM 100-1.

Lightning Hazards

June is the start of lightning season. Don't think it can't happen to you—it can. The leading edge of most thunderstorms contain lightning discharges that carry thousands of amperes of current looking for a place to discharge. It could be ***your place.*** Unplug your equipment AND unscrew your antennae. The discharge can come through either source. Don't forget your TV set, while you're at it. Also, don't use your phone during a storm. Remember, you won't have a second chance.

Pass It On

The catchphrase this year refers to message handling. Don't let messages die with you—Pass Them On!! □

Attention All Members

Listed below are the deadline dates for editorial material for the 1982 issues of the magazine. In order to meet our publication dates, it is imperative that we have your material by the deadlines indicated below:

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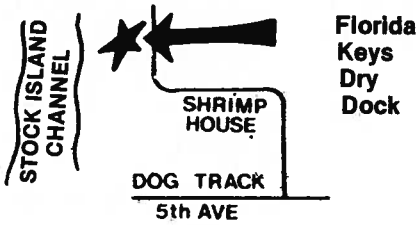

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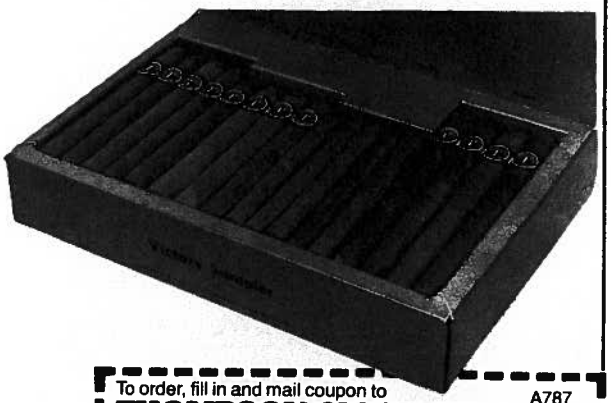

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