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A SPECIAL INVITATION TO CADETS

Colonel William Bristow, Wing Director of Cadet Programs, invites all cadets to attend the conference even if they are not planning to apply for a special activity. This is a chance for you to meet people from other areas of the Wing and to attend section meetings to learn more about the program in general or about the sections that are of special interest to you. Just fill in the reservation form on page 7 and return it to Colonel Bristow as directed. The price listed includes room, meals, registration fees and admission to the Awards Banquet and Cadet Military Ball.

SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULING

600-0900	Cadet Registration	Room 216
730-1400	Senior Registration	Lobby
800-1000	Chaplain Meeting	English Room
800-1000	Cadet Council	Eola Ballroom
800-1200	Cadet Selection Board	French and Spanish Room
000-1200	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Eola Ballroom
100-1200	Cadet Luncheon	Ballroom
300-1500	Communications	English Room
300-1500	Emergency Services	Eola Ballroom
300-1400	IACE Applicants meet the Wing Commander	Presidential Suite
300-1700	Information	Spanish Room
500-1700	Cadet Program	Eola Ballroom
500-1700	Personnel/Admin.	Spanish Room
500-1600	Cadet Testing	Grand Ballroom
500-1700	Material(Logistics)	English Room
800-1900	Cocktail Party	Eola West
900-2130	Awards Banquet	Grand Ballroom
130-0100	Cadet Military Ball	Grand Ballroom

FLORIDA WING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Eleventh Annual Florida Wing Conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 February 1974 at the Kahler Plaza Inn (formerly the Robert Meyer Motor Inn) Orlando, Florida.

Uniform for section meetings will be 1505's or new blues for males and dacrons or new blues for females. This applies also to cadets participating in the Special Activities Selection. During the banquet senior males will wear winter mess dress, blues with white shirt and black bow tie, business suits or blazers. Cadets will wear 1505's or new blues if blues are not available. Female seniors or cadettes may wear uniforms or appropriate civilian dress.

Tickets for the Banquet and Military Ball will be \$7.50 per person and are available from Colonel Owen, PO Box 10388, Riviera Beach, Fla. 33404. Early purchase will be appreciated. Do not mail requests after 10 February. Checks should be made payable to Florida Wing, CAP. A limited number of tickets will be on sale in the lobby of the Kahler Plaza until 1300 hours on Saturday. Wing has to give banquet quotas

so please mail your requests in as early as possible. Cadet tickets are included in their fee and will be given them when they register. All cadets will register with CAP at the hotel.

The reservation form below is for seniors only. The Kahler Plaza will confirm back to individuals when they receive and process a request. It looks like a complete sellout so get your requests in as soon as possible. Monday is a legal holiday--time to visit Disney World!

Colonel Sandy Owen and her staff will man the registration desk in the hotel lobby--registration fee of \$2.50 will be charged to all cadets as part of the total fee). No one is allowed to attend conference meetings without having registered first.

Radio communication, airport transportation, information desk, etc. are all planned to make your stay more beneficial. An up-to-date bulletin board will be maintained. Let's all support this as the biggest and best conference ever!!!

SQUADRON SETS RECORD FOR FAST FIND

By 2Lt Barbara Annen, Sq 10

A new world's record in locating a signalling ELT was undoubtedly set on January 7 by Howard Howalter Senior Squadron members WO Harry Lipscomb, 2Lt Richard White, SM Nial Handley, and SM Dennis Wise. During a preflight of 14030F, these gentlemen turned on their receiver to 121.5 and heard an ELT. While the aircraft was still on the ground, they physically moved it around to locate the source of the signal--and found it was coming from a nearby hanger. The crew went to the hangar, informed the owner of the ELT that it was broadcasting, and the ELT was turned off. Total time from first discovery of the ELT signal to its location and shut off was THREE MINUTES!



ON STANDBY for last month's CDEX are members of Butler Cadet Squadrons Ground Search Teams. The personnel and equipment were assigned to the Lake County Civil Defense Emergency Operations Center during the exercise. (Group 10 photo)

Florida Wing CAP Annual Conference '74

February 16 & 17

SENIORS ONLY Reservation Request Form

Name(s) _____ Arrival Date _____
 _____ Arrival Time _____
 _____ Departure Date _____
 _____ Departure Time _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

ROOM DESIRED: Single (one person) \$16.00 per night _____
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WING COMMANDER'S COLUMN

THE "PAY OFF"

The proof of an organization's strength and purpose is demonstrated only in time of trouble and strife. The present crisis in energy fuels is an example. This combines a national need that must be solved by a combination of many factors: political, economic, and moral—and goes through all stratas: federal, state and local. This is the "pay off."



Colonel Robert Owen

How well has the CAP external information program functioned at all these levels? Have CAP leaders made themselves and the program known to the community? Did CAP integrate with local government emergency services such as Civil Defense, Federal Aviation Agency, etc.?

Just how effective our daily operational program has been over the last few years is going to determine CAP's worth to the nation and what priority we are assigned not only in rationing but in SARDA planning, use of our radio networks, space and facilities on airports. Are we a true emergency force and will be so considered by government planners? Will we get enough gas to be able to train our pilots in emergency actions or field ground teams? CAPers at all levels must be concerned in this and try to solve this problem facing our nation.

Civil Air Patrol went through such a period in 1941-1945. It rose to the occasion and had practically the only civil aircraft (outside of air carriers) flying. But that was yesteryear and old time leadership. Today we face different problems and different times—no longer a "popular" wartime—no longer the press coverage of a Jack Kossley strip, "Smiling Jack", in all the newspapers that made CAP a household name. Today's CAP leaders face the world of the 1970's and they need all the support and guidance the membership can give them to survive as a national organization. How well you have performed over the last few years will be the "pay off" of today.

HOW TO GRIPE LEGALLY

By 1Col Harvey Klein, Florida Wing Legal Officer

If you are a CAP member with a legitimate gripe but don't know how or where to present your complaint, here's what you do....

First of all, it is NOT proper to write direct to the National Commander, Region Commander or Wing Commander. The proper method for initiating a grievance is set out in CAP Regulation 123-2.

A grievance is defined as: "A real or imagined circumstance or condition thought to be unjust pertaining to other than termination of membership or suspension or removal from corporate office."

"Each grievance should be resolved at the lowest command echelon that is practical. Any member of Civil Air Patrol who knowingly makes untruthful, malicious, libelous, or slanderous statements is subject himself to loss of membership in Civil Air Patrol and may possibly subject himself to a civil law suit."

"Any member of Civil Air Patrol has the right to present a grievance for consideration by proper authorities without recrimination, retribution, or retaliatory action being taken against him."

"When a member of Civil Air Patrol feels he has been wronged or has a legitimate grievance, he should discuss the matter first with his immediate commander or the unit's grievance committee for resolution. If a satisfactory solution cannot be achieved at the local level, the individual may then forward his grievance to the commander of the next higher headquarters for consideration."

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GUEST COMMENTARY -----

Last June, Gordon Sinclair, a broadcaster from Canada aired his thoughts on America through the eyes of an observer from across the border. It is entitled "Americans" and in this first issue of the New Year we would like to print it as a hopeful start to 1974.

"The United States dollar took another pounding on German, French, and British exchanges this morning....hitting the lowest point ever known in West Germany. It has declined there by 41 percent since 1971, and this Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people in all the earth.

As long as 60 years ago, when I first started to read newspapers, I read of floods on the Yellow River and the Yangtze. Who rushed in with men and money to help? The Americans did. They have helped control floods on the Nile, the Amazon, the Ganges and the Niger. Today... the rich bottomland of the Mississippi is under water and no foreign land has sent a dollar to help.

Germany, Japan and....to a lesser extent.... Britain and Italy, were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of those countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956....it was the Americans who propped it up and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquake....it is the United States that hurries in to help... Managua, Nicaragua, is one of the most recent examples. So far....59 American communities have been flattened by tornados. Nobody has helped. The Marshall Plan....the Truman policy ...all pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in these countries are writing about the decadent war-mongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes. Come onlet's hear it! Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet.....the Lockheed Tri-Star or the Douglas 10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all International lines except Russia fly American planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy and you find men or the moon....not once....but several times....and safely home again.

You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even the draft dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets....most of them....unless they are breaking Canadian laws....are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the Americans get out of the bind....as they will....who could blame them if they said "the Hell with the rest of the world". Let some one else build or repair foreign dams or design foreign buildings that won't shake apart in earthquakes.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke....nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke. I can name to you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble.

Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

I hope Canada is not one of those. But there are many smug....self-righteous Canadians. And, finally, the American Red Cross was told at its 48th Annual Meeting in New Orleans this morning that it was broke.

This year's disasters...with the year less than half over, has taken it all and nobody....but nobody....has helped."

This commentary was delivered last June 5th by Gordon Sinclair, Canadian broadcaster, on radio station CFRB, Toronto.

A reprint was furnished us courtesy of Ralph Renick, Vice President in Charge of News, Station WTVJ-TV, Miami, Florida.

VIEWPOINT PAGE

EDITORS NOTE: In the November, 1973, issue of GATOR CAPERS an article was published entitled "Memoriam: The CAP Cadet Program".

In the writer's opinion, the cadet program faced serious difficulties as reflected in the tremendous decline in membership over the past three years (38,000 cadets in Oct. 1970 - 25,000 cadets in September 1973.)

He suggested that one of the problems of the program was the lack of leadership and responsibility on the part of National HQ specifically on the part of the NEC which has passed its policy making responsibilities in this area off to the DCS Aerospace Education and the Cadet Program. He also deplored the non-existence of any formal structure for making and reporting policy recommendations by the National Cadet Program Advisory Committee, and in the course of the article stated his reasons for these conclusions. He called upon National Board Chairman BGen William Patterson to look into these areas and to act now in seeing that CAP members once again might have a voice in the direction in which the cadet program is to go.

We understand that the DCS Aerospace Education was not pleased with the Viewpoint article and communicated his displeasure to Region and Wing. Although Gator Capers was not sent a copy of this letter, we were given copies of the responses and have printed them here verbatim. Gator Capers welcomes comments or response to any editorial viewpoint or article that appears on this page. We feel that problems openly discussed by the people who have accepted the responsibility of making CAP a viable organization--people from all levels, from National to the squadrons--can only help the program. People work best when they know what the score is and why it is so.

If you have a question or comment of general interest to the rest of the CAP membership, we will be glad to hear from you. We hope that if your comment is negative, you will also give your suggestion for a workable solution to the problem. All letters must be signed, and will be printed as they are written.

We would like to remind you that specific problems must be submitted through the usual channels as outlined in the article beginning on page two of this issue.

READER COMMENTS

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SERCC
SUBJECT: Gator CAPers Editorial
TO: Headquarters CAP (ED)

1. The enclosed letter from the Florida Wing Commander is forwarded for your information.

GRIBE LEGALLY Continued from page 2

"Grievances will be fully substantiated, documented, and presented in writing. The commander concerned will provide a written reply to each member who submits a written grievance."

All of the above quotations are directly from CAPR 123-2. The important points are that

...grievances should be presented in writing;

...should be properly documented; and

...should be presented to the immediate commander **FIRST!**



GATOR CAPERS
Florida Wing Office of Information, CAP

Gentlemen:

Congratulations on your viewpoint expressed in GATOR CAPERS (Vol. 11, No. 4, November 1973). It is heartening to find that someone has enough forethought to consider the youth of our country. As an ex-squadron commander, I have seen the apathy toward the Cadet program expressed on both National and lower levels. It appears, at times, that our cadets are considered to be devoid of any of the aspirations and feelings attributed to normal human beings. Their contracts and records can be lost. They can be required to wait what seems to be an interminable time for their next packet, contracts are returned due to minor discrepancies usually of no fault of the cadet, and they become witnesses, and often times, unwilling participants in "plays for power" on the part of their seniors. Seniors--which I might add--appear to be in Civil Air Patrol merely for the ego-enhancing rank which they hold. These cadets are expected to blindly follow the dictates of these so-called leaders without any conscious understanding that the administrative inadequacies which they are witnessing are acting to their detriment; personally, I have found that this is far from true. The cadet is well aware of which squadrons "help" them pass the achievement exams and which ones expect them to pass them based upon their own knowledge and abilities. He is also aware of the lack of coordination existing when it takes three weeks or better for his achievement packet to be returned to him--and heaven help the cadet who fails to send the latest price for a packet--he may be ready for his social security before he ever gets his next packet. And we wonder why the cadet population dwindles? Would you remain active under these conditions?

In so much as a part (major or minor, depending upon who you talk with) of Civil Air Patrol is allegedly oriented toward one of our biggest natural resources, our youth, can we really place their welfare and future aspirations at a lower priority than our own? Are we unable to compete on an equal footing with a 13 to 18 year old? or do we feel it's necessary to handicap him so that we can be assured of winning this race for attention and prestige?

James R. Hanley, Jr.
Jacksonville, Florida

LCol Richard Leali
c/o GATOR CAPERS

Dear Dick,

At the National Board Meeting in Las Vegas, Col. Dick Damerow (New Mexico Wing Commander) proposed to the National Board the use of qualified older cadets as flying observers on missions.

It is generally accepted that the Cadet Program is in poor shape and losing ground. I think, in the best interest of CAP, Dick's proposal is correct.

We offer flying to cadets--then do not come thru. Our record for orientation flights is poor and pilot training is no better.

WE NEED OBSERVERS. Given half a chance, most of these kids would be terrific.

The cadets are adults at 18 and for the most part, damned capable at 16.

Let's make Airmen from our cadets, it just might hold the program together.

Sincerely,
KEN FREEMAN

All Editorial or Viewpoint comments are presented as the personal opinion of the contributor and should not be considered as official policy of the Florida Wing.

2. This Headquarters wishes again to apologize for the unwarranted statements made in the subject publication. As stated in the Florida Wing Commander's letter, Lt. Colonel Leali wrote the editorial and does not reflect the feelings of Southeast Region membership.

OSCAR K. JOLLEY, Colonel, CAP
Commander

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: FWC
SUBJECT: Gator CAPers Editorial

TO: Commander, Southeast Region
National Headquarters (ED)
In Turn

1. The Gator CAPers is an official Florida Wing Publication. The only "official" policy is reflected in my personal articles or articles stated as official Wing policy by one of Wing Staff with my approval. Almost all Wing policies are in the form of our numerous Wing Bulletins sent out to units monthly.

2. I do not censure or attempt to censure opinions printed by either the newspaper staff or members' contributions of items or letters to the editor types. Discussion is freely encouraged in this paper. The first time I, personally, see the paper is when it is delivered to my door by mail.

3. The Editor of the Gator CAPers is LColonel Richard L. Leali, CAP, who wrote this editorial.

4. I apologize for the two weeks delay in answering your letter received here 7 December 1973 but like you, I took time to reflect and remember details of the referenced meeting in question.

ROBERT C. OWEN, Colonel, CAP
Commander

If the above procedure is followed by CAP members in Florida who feel they have legitimate gripes, these gripes should be resolved in an expeditious manner so that we can all cooperate and move forward to fulfill the objectives and activities of Civil Air Patrol in Florida.

Any questions that any members have about the manner of presenting grievances should be addressed to the unit commander, unit legal officer or as a last resort to the Wing Legal Officer.

This article is in no way to be construed as an attempt to "muzzle" or to stop grievances from being filed, but only as a request that they be filed properly.

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I.O. --- YOU ?

Have you ever considered taking the job of Information Officer for your unit? This month we begin a series of articles to help you decide if IO is for you.

Introduction

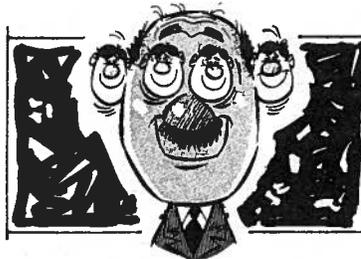
What's a unit IO?

First off, it's not just another run-of-the-mill duty which requires a lot of time but provides little recognition and even less personal satisfaction. You will have a chance to broaden your experience, develop hidden talents, and see your efforts on behalf of your unit appear in print or other media form.

Do you have an inquiring mind, a more than casual interest in people, and an ability to use words?

These are necessary qualities but they don't automatically make you a good unit Information Officer. The most important attribute you can possess is a genuine desire to do a good job.

Some direction will be provided by your commander and the Wing Information Officer but no one will be standing over your shoulder dictating your every move. Thus, the degree of success of the CAP Information program in your unit will be determined by your performance.



The Job

You are the eyes and ears of the Wing Information Office. Without you, and others, much that deserves visibility and recognition might go unpublished, unrecorded—unknown.

What do you do?

First, contact the Wing Information Officer, the editor of the Wing newspaper, and representatives of your local news media. Find out what their interests are, what their problems are (news deadlines, acceptable photos) and what type of stories they're looking for. Then consider the events in your unit and see where they tie in with the needs of the media.

Certain events are always good subjects for stories and the media will be happy to receive them. In some cases, a phone call may provide all the facts needed for the story. In others a written release with all the pertinent facts will do the trick.

You are the expert in the field. You can point out areas of interest and importance about which the Wing IO might not be aware. Assume he knows everything that's happening in the Wing.

Don't be discouraged by the fact that you have had no previous experience in Information work. No one expects you to become an expert overnight. You can develop your abilities at your own pace and receive plenty of assistance in the process from the Wing IO and his staff.

NEXT MONTH: What is News? Where to Find It?

(This series is based on the Air Force booklet "Guide for Additional-Duty Information Officers" 1970)

Each quarter the Wing Information Office is required to send to National HQ a report on squadron and group information activity for a three month period. The activity monitored includes news and photo releases to local and CAP newspapers; contact with media representatives; published releases and photos; participation in radio or TV programs; speeches or other presentations to non-CAP groups; unit bulletins or newsletters; releases to CAP News; and special information activities.

The Wing Information Office realizes that all those required reports do take up a lot of time and often fall due when unit staff people are busiest. For this reason we are trying a new method of reporting for information staff officers. Rather than a formal report due monthly, activity may be reported as it occurs. Send copies of stories as they are released, and clippings as they appear. Send postcards or letters describing other types of activity. If it is more convenient a summary may be sent monthly, as long as all reports are in by the end of the quarter. The first quarter 1974 ends March 25.



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GROUP 17 SENIOR MEMBERS ASSIST IN HOSPITAL DRILL

By 2Lt William Warner, Group 17 IO

It is not uncommon for CAP members to assist in disaster relief, but it is not often that they help to create one. Recently five members of Group 17 helped to do just that.

2Lt. William Warner and WO Ed Lorette, Group 17; WO Mary Warner, Pinellas Sr. Sq.; M/Sgt. Jean Kiefer and Sx Florence Teepell of Sun-coast Sr. Squadron applied moulage (cosmetic injuries) to 28 high school students who were posing as victims of a simulated bus accident. This was a planned disaster preparedness test for the staff of the Mease Hospital in Dunedin.

The CAP volunteers spent three hours applying the moulage and over three hours more as observers, as the hospital staff treated the "disaster victims". Their reports were turned over to the hospital's administrator of training and education to be used in the follow-up critique.

INSPECTION SCHEDULE '74

The inspection schedule for the first half of calendar year 1974 is as follows:

- Group 20 - 10 February
- Group 16 - 25 February
- Group 3 - 14 March
- Group 5 - 20 March
- Group 10 - 10 April
- Group 6 - 28 April
- Group 31 - 8 May

Group Commanders and Inspectors are reminded that the schedule for inspection of their subordinate units should be published immediately if this has not already been accomplished and that copies of the inspection report of each of these units are to be presented to the chief of the inspection team upon arrival.

LColonel Earl J. Pilcher
Inspector General
Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol

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January 25-27 -- FT. PIERCE, FLORIDA -- Second Annual Sandy Shoes Aerobatic Contest/air show. For further information contact Tinker Thomas, Contest Chairman, PO Box 1056, Ft. Pierce 33450. Phone 464-4650.

February 17 -- LABELLE, FLORIDA -- Swamp Cabbage Festival Air Show, 1:30 p. m.; Sponsored by LaBelle Jaycees. Contact: Sherri Craichy, PO Box 693, LaBelle, Fl. 33935. Phone 813/675-3661.

Graduation Ceremonies Held

By 1Lt Wayne Whelchel, Group 31 I.O.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- The final ceremonies of the Type "B" Encampment sponsored by Group 31 was held 16 December at the CAP Building, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville.

According to LColonel William Bristow, forty-one cadets from Northeast Florida attended the encampment for three weekends during the past three months. They followed a very tough schedule and did an outstanding job. The first encampment consisted of a completion of the first seven achievements in the cadet program and drill and ceremonies.

An inspection was held during the graduation ceremonies by LColonel Joseph F. Behan, USAF, Florida Wing Liaison Officer and by LColonel John C. McDonald, CAP, Florida Wing Deputy Commander. After a "Pass-in-Review", awards were presented to the best male and the best female cadet.

Lorraine Smith, a cadet basic from the East Duval Optimist Composite Squadron was selected Best Female Cadet. Best Male Cadet award went to Patrick Thompson, also a cadet basic, from the Orange Park Cadet Squadron.



CHOW TIME at the North Miami Cadet Squadron's Type B Encampment which was held at the Miami Beach Boys Camp under the command of Major Kay Cunningham. Forty-four cadets from Miami area squadrons participated in the Leadership training course. (N. Miami Cadet Sq. Photo)



WO Mary Warner and the other CAP volunteers are experts in the application of moulage and often are asked to assist community organizations who are planning exercises of this type. (Photo by 2Lt William Warner, Group 17 IO)

LETTERS...

TO: All CAP Region Commanders
All CAP Wing Commanders

1. The Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard both have a humanitarian search and rescue mission. As the two primary civilian volunteer organizations with this mission, there have been some isolated cases of close coordination and cooperation in the past. The leaders of the two organizations feel that closer work at lower levels and a better understanding of each other's capabilities would enhance our total humanitarian effort and service to our communities.

2. Please request your commanders to encourage contact, coordination, and cooperation with U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary units within the limits of our directives. The U.S. Coast Guard is making the same requests of your counterparts within the Auxiliary.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

James W. Shattuck, Colonel, USAF
DCS/Operations

Did You Know ???

By LColonel Earl J. Pilcher
Inspector General Florida Wing

When reporting "saves" or "finds" to local news media, you should send a copy of your release to your congressman and the mayor of your city to let them know what CAP is doing.

The revision of CAPR 77-1, dated 7 November 1973, deletes the red, white and blue striping requirement on corporate vehicles. This will help reduce the cost of compliance. Let us get the remainder of the vehicles properly identified.

Cadet members 18-20 years of age may be permitted to operate general purpose vehicles provided they have written authorization of their unit commander, written permission of the parents or legal guardians and are properly licensed.

Prior to the use of a CAP vehicle, it must be inspected by a responsible senior member to insure a safe condition.



ON THE AIR...Cadet 2Lt Betty Davis of Clearwater Composite Squadron is interviewed by George Kay of WLCY-TV Channel 10. The 30 minute show "Involvement 10" featured the CAP International Cadet Exchange program and the CAP film "The Young Ambassadors". (Photo by 2Lt William Warner, Group 17 I.O.)

Newsletters we have received or have on file for the past year are listed below. Not all of them have been received recently. If you are publishing a bulletin or newsletter, copies should be sent to Florida Wing OII at the GATOR CAPERS address & to the National Office of Internal Information (OII) at National Headquarters CAP, Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112. When the Wing Quarterly Reports are evaluated credit is given only for those unit publications on file at National.

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| Palm Beach Cadet Sq | Newsletter |
| University Cadet Sq | Newsletter |
| Maples Composite Sq | Sky Notes |
| Pompano Beach Cadet Sq | The Updraft |
| Group 5 | Newsletter |
| Pensacola Comp Sq | Newsletter |
| Pensacola Comp (cadet) | Panhandler News |
| Group 31 | Information Bulletin |
| Sojax Comp Sq | Flite Lines |
| N. Miami Cadet Sq | Cadet Echo-o-o-o |
| Charlotte Cnty Comp Sq | Newsletter |
| St. Petersburg Cadet Sq | Dreaming of Diamonds |
| Lake Wales Cadet Sq | Falcon Facts |
| E. Duval Optimist Sq | Information Bulletin |
| Jacksonville SAR Sq | Information Bulletin |
| Group 6 | Group Bulletin |
| Palm Beach Sr. Sq | Bulletin |
| Group 17 | Bullhorn |
| Miami Lakes Cadet Sq | The Big Red "S" |
| Hollywood Cadet Sq | Newsletter |
| Group 16 | The Reporter |
| McCoy Cadet Sq | McCoy Flyer |
| Senior Sq 3 | Newsletter |

Please don't hesitate to send in your publication, even if it's only a one page dittoed sheet. They're not judged on quality of the printing or the skill of the writer or typist. We would just like to share your unit's news.

SHORT STUFF



And now, here's some SHORT STUFF from the last batch of newsletters received.....

The DAYTONA BEACH COMPOSITE SQUADRON has had such a success with their paper drive that they decided to continue it until further notice. For people in the area with papers to donate, call 767-6177 for pickup.....Also in the squadron news are four new members. One senior, Richard Mulford who is from Louisville, Kentucky and works for Eastern Airlines; and three cadets--James Mulford and Wayne Morris who are students at Campbell Jr. High, and David Coates of Ormond Jr. High.

MIAMI LAKES CADET SQUADRON Cadet Commander CWO Hank Rhodes is to be congratulated for earning his Mitchell Award.....The squadron is continuing to give a one hour orientation flight to all new cadets joining the unit--and that's one hour in the air, they add, not counting taxiing.....Some of the money for orientation flying as well as for books, bivouacs, uniform insignia, etc comes from their once a month donut sales.(There's another fund raising idea that some other units might want to try.)

A DART team is in the works at the SOJAX OSITE SQUADRON to be conducted by SM Frank Wood.....Cadet Lt. Keith A. Volkman passed the Information Officer Achievement and Cadet James D. Younan has been promoted to Cadet SSG.....A new cadet, Jerry Lockamy, briefed the unit on the North American Rockwell B-1 bomber -- Sounds like an interesting talk.

ST. PETERSBURG CADET SQUADRON headquarters is brighter these days. Cadets Haertel, Rhoden and Michels along with seniors MacMahan and Ibaugh put in about four hours of work installing some new fluorescent lights.

PALM BEACH CADET SQUADRON has a new Commander, Major James B. Cogswell and a new Leadership Officer, Captain Bobbie Sue Cogswell. Both have served on the Wing Staff and bring many years of valuable experience to the unit.

By the way, the MYSTERY AIRPLANE in the last issue of GATOR CAPERS was a 1927 Curtiss-Wright Jr. Sorry the picture didn't print more clearly. It's a beautiful aircraft.

Until next month,

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I. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		CAP GRADE	SEX	CAP SERIAL NUMBER/SSAN
ADDRESS (Number and Street)		(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
SQUADRON	CHARTER NUMBER	WING		
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE	MARITAL STATUS
SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH SCHOOL _____ YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE _____ YEARS	TITLE AND DATE OF HIGHEST AWARD (Spence, Earhart, Mitchell) OR NUMBER OF PHASE II ACHIEVEMENTS		DATE ENTERED CAP	
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FAA STUDENT PILOT AND FAA CLASS II MEDICAL CERTIFICATE NUMBER AND DATE (Airplane) _____

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II. SQUADRON COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE, AS SPECIFIED IN NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DIRECTIVES, WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE REQUIRED DATES. THE CADET APPLICANT IS THE (Number) _____ CHOICE OF (Number) _____ CADETS IN THIS SQUADRON APPLYING FOR (Name of Activity) _____

DATE _____ SQUADRON COMMANDER _____

RELEASE BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the benefits (Full name of applicant) derives by participating in the activity referred to above, I, as parent or guardian of said minor child, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators release, release, and forever discharge the Government of the United States of America; Civil Air Patrol, Inc.; all officers, directors, employees, and agents, acting officially or otherwise, of both the United States of America and Civil Air Patrol, Inc., from any and all claims, actions, or causes of action on account of the death or on account of injury to the applicant which may occur by reason of the activities referred to above, in addition by my signature below, I certify the applicant:

However, in case of injury, disease or other illness, permission is hereby granted to treat the applicant as required, and if the applicant is released from the activity before recovery from said injury, disease, or illness, further treatment will be provided by myself.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the undersigned has (have) set his (her) (their) hand to the foregoing this _____ day of _____ 19____

(MOTHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)	(FATHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)
(ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	(STREET)
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DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS
 Send application to **PO. BOX 14726**
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ROOM REQUEST FOR CADETS ONLY — SEND REQUEST WITH APPLICATION

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_____ Arrival time _____

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_____ Departure time _____

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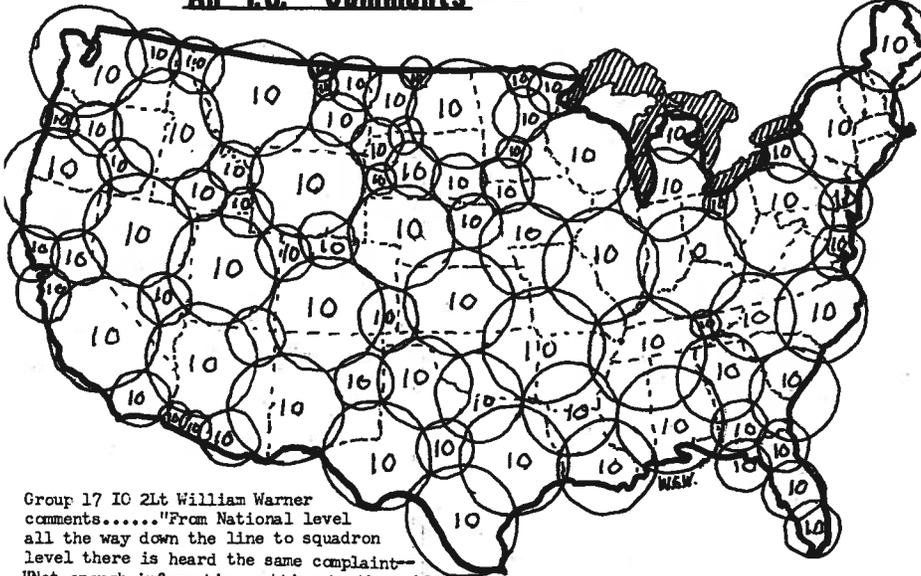
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Cross-Talk

INFORMATION OFFICERS.....Do you have questions, comments, or ideas to share on the CAP Information Program? Write to Cross-Talk c/o GATOR CAPERS. We'd like to hear from you!

An I.O. Comments - - -



Group 17 IO 2Lt William Warner comments....."From National level all the way down the line to squadron level there is heard the same complaint- "Not enough information getting to the public". If every squadron and group and wing information officer would sit down and seriously consider his part in the national program and then produce just one bit of information the resultant publicity would cover the country."

GROUP 20 AWARDS PRESENTED

By Maj Dave Moseley, Group 20 Cmdr

Eighty-five CAP members and their guests met at a local motel and enjoyed a prime roast beef dinner and listened to Mr. Bill Horan of ACA talk on the meaning of leadership.

Most valuable senior member awards were presented to Lt. Dale Beebe, West Orlando Cadet Squadron; WO Gene Hitchcock, Seminole Squadron; 2Lt. Richard White, Howard Showalter Senior Sq; Major Joe Capiel, Ocala Squadron; and 2Lt Renee Bailey, Lake Squadron.

Cadet Captain Susan Mundy received recognition as the outstanding cadet officer for Group 20. C/Sgt Mike Collins received a certificate in exchange for his Sergeant Rock Award, the Rock going to Cadet Lt Richard Brinkman of McCoy AFB Cadet Squadron. He will be required to produce the Rock upon all occasions while in CAP uniform, guarding it from fire, theft, or other occurrences.

Best Cadet nominations from the units resulted in certificates to cadets from each squadron and Major Genaw and Lt. Ben Douglas received plaudits for their outstanding support of Group 20 during 1973.

LColonel Casenove, Wing Chief of Staff, presented Find Ribbons for Mission 29-170 to Major and Mrs. Genaw, SM Marge Bogucki, SM Alan Saunders, WO Harry Lipscomb and Major Lynn Laeg



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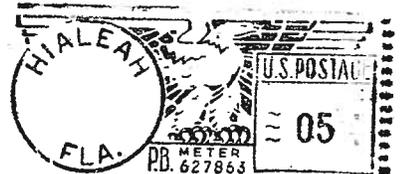
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