

## CAP CALENDAR

18-19 MAY ORLANDO, QUARTERLY  
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21-22 JUNE PANAMA CITY, S.E.  
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## Florida Cadets Selected to Attend Summer 1974 Special Activities

### CADET OFFICERS' SCHOOL

Robin MacNeil  
Ralph Clark  
Walter Kraujalis  
Timothy Watkins  
James Goodale  
Barbara Stack  
Jose Carrizalas  
Harry Greenway  
David O'meara  
Jerry Stawser

Alternates  
Gary Baird  
Rick Taylor  
Jeremy Pearson  
Keith Volkman  
Charlotte Sandwick  
Mark Camerino  
Dennis Smith  
Ronald Geroux  
Kristin Glaff

This course is designed to produce more effective Civil Air Patrol cadet officers and to prepare them to assume additional positions of leadership in CAP programs. The curriculum includes both academic and field training exercises designed to develop the leadership capabilities of the individual cadet to the fullest extent. Subjects covered include: problem solving, the officer's role in parades and ceremonies, communications skills, physical conditioning, and a confidence building problem/obstacle course. Recreational and social activities are scheduled, and cadets receive certificates of completion at the conclusion of the course.

### AIR FORCE ACADEMY SURVIVAL COURSE

Erik Whitehead  
Jeff Hancock  
David Duguid  
Erik Haertel

Alternates  
Michael Shumacher  
Samuel Mackey

This tough, adventurous course, six days in length, is designed to train male cadets in techniques of survival which someday may save their lives—or that of someone else—should they ever be subjected to extreme emergency situations. The course is taught by veteran Air Force survival experts and the curriculum includes theory as well as practical application in field demonstrations. Firebuilding under adverse conditions and shelter building, both necessary for survival in winter conditions, are included in the course as well as care and proper use of equipment. Other areas to be covered include such things as the use of the compass, how to find and prepare food from wildlife sources, aid, and movement discipline. Cadets will spend a good portion of the time in a wilderness area where they will put the things they have learned to practical use.

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## Brooksville Composite Squadron ... + 1

Brooksville Squadron was chartered just over one year ago and already it is the proud owner of an Aeronca L-16 aircraft which the members keep busy with training flights for CAP and community service projects such as environmental ecology overflights and Civil Emergency Preparedness Agency exercises. The plane is also used to give orientation rides to prospective squadron members.

The unit's ten senior members and ten cadets are commanded by 1Lt Glenn Chase. Three of the seniors are pilots and one cadet, Robert Robbins, is about to solo in the L-16.

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Squadron commander Glenn Chase demonstrates the correct position for propping the L-16. (Photo by 2Lt Carl Hartley)

## 1974 Special Acts. (continued)

### COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS COURSE

Karan Krna Alternate  
Thomas Hoffman  
John Frontera Guy Osborn

This two-week course planned and conducted by USAF communications instructors includes communications principles, radio operator training, tours and practical laboratory exercises involving the latest types of Air Force electronics equipment and systems.

### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CADET ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Maria Held Alternates  
Jaqueline Rosch Lorne Whiting  
Thomas Lewis  
Randall Cole

This course is designed to acquaint cadets with the history and organization of the FAA and to develop an understanding of the functions and responsibilities of its various units.

Cadets are split into three groups to facilitate their study of the three divisions of the FAA--Air Traffic Training Division; Air Navigation Training Facilities Division; and Flight Standards Training Division. They are instructed in air traffic control operations and equipment and receive simulated instrument flight indoctrination in a Link Trainer. They are briefed on the overall responsibilities of the FAA including general operations, air carrier operation and aircraft facilities flight check. They also receive an orientation flight in FAA aircraft. The course lasts one week.

### SPACE FLIGHT ORIENTATION COURSE

Charles Davis Alternates  
James Cox Kevin Morrill  
Erik Feyer  
Norman Schweizer

This one-week course is designed to further the aerospace education of cadets and to motivate them toward careers in aerospace and its allied sciences. The course consists of classroom lectures and seminars covering the history, philosophy, and objectives of space flight; propulsion and structural design of space vehicles; and guidance, navigation, instrumentation and communication of space flight, with the remaining time devoted to other points of interest in the area. The course is given at the Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama.

### AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Cheryl Homsak Alternate  
Randall Cason  
Michael Shapiro Mary Anthony

The one-week course is designed to familiarize cadets with the nature and purpose of the Air Force Logistics Command. Cadets will have an opportunity to observe airframe maintenance, component repair and overhaul. They will also have the opportunity to observe AF Logistics Command actions in the receipt, teardown, repair, and return to service of various items of equipment used in all support areas. This may include instruments, radar, communications, engines, and a multitude of other basic support items. Visits to warehouses, stocking procedures, etc., in great detail will also be available at this program.

### SOUTHEASTERN REGION GIRLS EXCHANGE

Joyelyn Hancock Debby Cheston  
Karan Budzinski Kitty Lewis  
Jaqueline Pearson

### AIR TRAINING COMMAND FAMILIARIZATION COURSE

David Graham

This one-week course is designed to provide orientation training at Air Training Command undergraduate pilot training installations and to stimulate an interest in making the Air Force a career. The course includes briefings on mission and operation of a training wing, academics, visits to control tower, maintenance, propulsion, parachute and aero repair shops, air search and rescue indoctrination, and physiological training.

### MEDICAL SERVICES ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Carlos Roque Alternates  
Richard Brinkman Thomas Shedd  
Michele Ciaburro Ronald Page  
Joe King

This one-week course is planned and supervised by USAF instructors and is designed to acquaint cadets with the various fields of medical services both in the Air Force and in civilian life. Those selected for the course will receive briefings on the role of the flight nurse, space medicine, and veterinary services. They will also tour the hospital facilities and participate in a disaster exercise while in a bivouac. At the conclusion of the studies, a graduation ceremony will be held and certificates of completion from the USAF Medical Services School will be awarded.



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08023	Stant, Fred E.	LTC
08029	Morse, Richard E.	CPT
08040	Schnabel, Warren C.	MAJ
08049	Vola, Cesare M.	MAJ
08058	Turnham, James N.	1LT
08058	Bond, Vernon D. Jr.	1LT
08058	Hartson, Joanne A.	2LT
08084	Noppenberger, James A.	CPT
08084	Vojtek, Richard J.	2LT
08103	Ilg, Richard C.	LTC
08122	McClintock, Willie N.	1LT
08160	Heine, Jill S.	1LT
08160	Sims, Floyd E.	MAJ
08165	Grindrod, Larry F.	CPT
08237	Coates, Anna R.	CPT
08259	Lipscomb, Harry D.	2LT
08259	Annen, Barbara A.	1LT
08001	Smith, Dorothy J.	CPT
08013	Smith, Charles A.	1LT
08050	Joiner, Donald J.	2LT
08050	VanWinkle, Duane F.	1LT
08058	Tobin, Sherman J.	2LT
08058	Brewis, William R.	2LT
08058	Gibson, Alec S.	2LT
08058	Sclafani, Michael A.	1LT
08058	McNair, Nelson E.	1LT
08058	Fresneda, Heriberto E.	2LT

08058	Albury, Nancy G.	2LT
08058	Barnhart, Marvin T.	1LT
08060	McWhorter, Walter R.	1LT
08060	Mauney, Carolyn W.	2LT
08060	McPherson, Althea L.	2LT
08076	Belote, Edward T.	1LT
08076	Berry, Rodney C.	2LT
08076	Ventimiglia, P.B.	1LT
08103	Nulf, James A.	2LT
08159	King, George S.	CPT
08176	Rosner, Henry C. Jr.	2LT
08181	McLoughlin, Edith	1LT
08181	Leeds, Everett A.	2LT
08190	Saunders, Alan K.	2LT
08190	Bogucki, Marjorie A.	2LT
08259	White, Richard	1LT

### a note from



the editor

We hope this new format will save some of our senior members the price of a stronger pair of reading glasses. Your comments would be appreciated.

Also please note the new address for GATOR CAPERS. We may be moving in the near future and would not want anything to get lost in the process. Please send reports to that address also. — Thanks.

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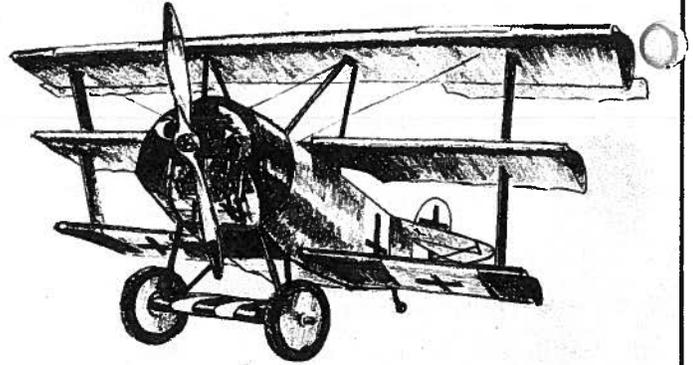
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**IO - YOU ?**

One of the duties of every CAP Unit Information Officer is to get the activities of his unit publicized regularly in the local newspapers. You don't have to be a professional writer to write a good story. Just remember to be honest and accurate and double check the facts before you send out your release. Following are activities that can be developed into newsworthy releases. You can probably think of others.

**Awards or decorations**

- Bivouacs
- Change of command
- Community activities
- Dinners and dances
- Drill competition
- Flight scholarships
- Field trips
- Members who join the Armed Forces
- New meeting place
- Nominations to service academies
- Open house
- Orientation rides
- Aquisition of aircraft or equipment
- Promotions
- REDCAPS
- SARCAPS
- Special Activities
- Training sessions
- VIPs or guest speakers

Reread your release. Does it promote enthusiasm? Do you enjoy reading it? Does it make you glad you attended the activity or sorry you weren't there? Does it give you a feeling of wanting to be a part it?

**A NOTE FROM THE WING OFFICE OF INFORMATION.....**

We hoped that we would have more of you reporting IO activity this past quarter but weren't really prepared for all the reports that were sent in. We went from 36% reporting to 54% and that doesn't count the ones who didn't get here before the report was sent off to National. We're going to rearrange our file system but will have tallied all the points in time for the Quarterly Commanders Call May 19. Hope we'll see many of you there.

**Local Student Nominated  
To U.S. Naval Academy**

Robin P. Needham of Port Charlotte, cadet commander of the Charlotte High School Naval Junior ROTC, has been nominated for the U.S. Naval Academy by Rep. L.A. "Skip" Bafalis.

Needham, formerly cadet commander of the Charlotte County Civil Air Patrol and

presently a member of the CAP Cadet Advisory Council, has been a resident of Charlotte County since 1971 and has spent three years in the NJROTC and five years in the CAP.

He is the first Charlotte cadet to win an Annapolis nomination and one of only

two or three Charlotte Countians ever named to the institution.

Robin, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Needham. His father is editorial page editor for the Daily Herald-News.

In addition to his high school activities and his membership in CAP, Needham is an assistant scoutmaster in Punta Gorda Scout Troop No. 5

Young Needham was particularly appreciative of his selection by Congressman Bafalis.

"He's enabled me to realize a lifetime dream," Needham said. "I only hope I can meet him and thank him in person."

The new Academy appointee also had high praise for local officials who have helped him on the way, especially C. Dana Burke, chairman of the county School Board, and Capt. Stephen Archer (USN-Ret.) the Naval Academy's local representative. Retired Rear Adm. Rowland Groff of Punta Gorda Isles also gave counsel and advice to Needham.

"With this kind of support, you can't lose," he said.

Young Needham's principal advisor and counsellor has been Lt. Cmdr. Leonard Owen (USN-Ret.) who commands the NJROTC at Charlotte High School.

During his career at Charlotte High School, Needham has engaged in a variety of activities. He now is treasurer of the high school student council and is on the track team.

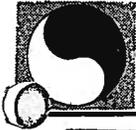
He has served as representative to the Florida American Legion Boys' State and as volunteer radio officer for Charlotte County Civil Defense.

In his Civil Air Patrol activity, he has received 27 ribbons and four awards.



**Robin Needham**

(Story and photo courtesy Daily Herald-News)



# VIEWPOINT PAGE

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.

"28"

I realize that the title of this article may be a little strange but if it has encouraged you to read this far then it has accomplished its purpose, so read on.

I have started this article many times. I thought in the beginning when LCol Leali said write an editorial and we will print it, that there would be nothing to sitting down and jotting off several volumes on the Cadet Program, good or bad, for the title of this article "28" is the number of years I have spent in the Cadet Program. But a large question arose in my mind. Should I write of the new "old" program or of the old "new" program, because in my opinion, GAP has been running in circles. The program lacks a continuity in that every few years the powers that be from squadron to national headquarters undergo an evolutionary change of people, and the program changes with them. As an example, a commander at any level may say cadet flying is the thing and during his tenure of office cadets fly. Then he is gone and his replacement says no, cadet flying is hazardous, with the rules and regulations to prove his point.

Administration at best is so lost in red tape that the "once-a-week" member of GAP doesn't stand a chance. Although I don't like to use personal reference in an objective editorial, it helps to prove a point. I waited eagerly for of my children to be old enough to join GAP and at the time vowed not to have any direct connection with their CAP careers as I have seen too many parent-officer/cadet problems arise. So finally in October of 1972 my eldest daughter joined the cadet program. It is now March of 1974, 17 months later. She has been through three commanders. I have personally paid for her second achievement contract twice, once by check, once in cash and now receive a letter from National Headquarters that they have no record of Curry Achievement completion or receipt of monies. Regardless of who is at fault, can we really expect teenagers to wait? Isolated instance? I think not. And National Headquarters wants to know why cadet membership is failing?

Since the changeover in people in this program is astronomical, you can't very well blame the individual member whatever his capacity. So that leaves us with the program.

LCol Donald Hayes, the Director of Cadet Programs NHS, did a survey of the program which he completed and published in March 1973 and I assume like everything else in this program was filed in some dusty corner. I will say that I think he and those who assisted him did a tremendous job and I would say that I agree with 85% of his findings, which is more than I can say of CAP cadet programs today.

So now we come to the moment of truth. Do we care enough for the program to correct its ills, or does each officer in charge of whatever go off in his corner obsessed with his or her own importance. Does anyone remember Col. Earle L. Johnson?

I have been taught that criticism should be followed by a constructive suggestion. I therefore offer the following 5 points which based on my experience with the program and people involved I believe would place this program back into the area for which it was intended—motivating youth to be the better citizens of tomorrow—and you can't motivate what you don't have.

- 1) Separate the Cadet and Senior Programs;
- 2) Train seniors for command before appointment;
- 3) Upgrade the activities program to #1;
- 4) Return to the system of squadron enlistment, ID issuance, grading of training and most important, squadron promotion and demotion of cadets (eliminate those seniors who compromise the program);
- 5) Stand back and watch the program grow.

For you see, the thing that GAP never wants to realize is that it is the SQUADRON COMMANDER who makes this program live and grow, and over the years we have increased his responsibility and lessened his authority and we are gradually paying the price—oblivion.

But of one thing you can be sure—this program would probably never be adopted anyway. Why? It is too simple, that's why.

HOWARD GELMAN 219001  
L/COLONEL, CAP

Editor  
GATOR CAPERS

My name is Kandi Howell and I was once a member of the Ft. Lauderdale Composite Squadron (08206).

I joined Civil Air Patrol because I wanted to learn to fly. I also wanted to go on bivouacs and I got much pleasure out of watching the strict and orderly way it was run. I was encouraged by the five girls in it already and Lt. Peck. I joined and my first bivouac was to be in two days. I went and enjoyed it very much.

After a period of two months all the other girls dropped out except me. I wasn't about to quit a goal I had set out to accomplish. That goal was to make something of myself in CAP.

I finally got my friend Janet to join. I started neglecting my uniform and my attitude was really getting apathetic. I defied the officers and made fun of them behind their backs.

I got my other friend Julie to join and that was when things went down hill all the way. I stopped wearing my uniform regularly and took advantage of everything.

The whole time I was in CAP it was so strict and orderly until about the last two months I was in it. Kids started quitting, work wasn't getting done. There was a lot of goofing around and cheating on workbooks and tests.

Finally I realized if I didn't change my attitude and try and help the squadron soon, there wasn't going to be one. So I changed my attitude and tried to talk to my cadet commander. He wouldn't listen to me. He said everything was fine. I tried to help everyone and especially change the attitude of my commander. But nothing happened. Finally, things just broke and I quit.

I realize I should have stayed with the squadron and helped them out through this bad time, but I didn't.

The purpose of this letter is to try and let the squadrons know that an open mind is important in CAP and that every cadet should try and help in every way possible. If the squadron starts to fall apart, talk about it and try and put it back together. Don't duck out the back door as I did. Friendship and respect is only strong when everyone works together.

KANDI HOWELL

Discussion of topics of general interest to the membership is welcomed by GATOR CAPERS. Your opinions and suggestions can help to build a stronger organization. Remember though that specific grievances must be processed through channels outlined in CAP Regulation 123-2.

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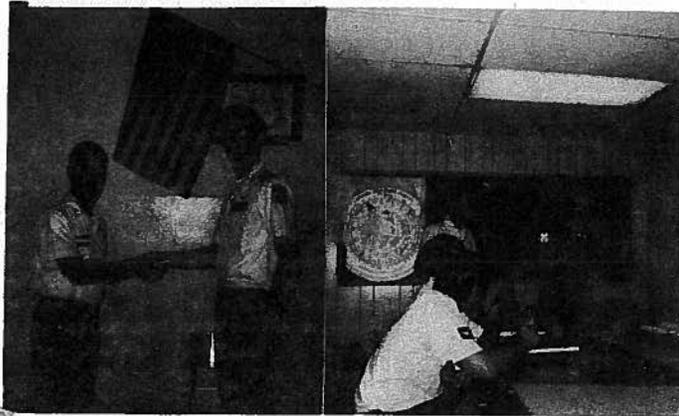
POMPANO BEACH CADET SQUADRON reports the results of a model rocketry contest attended by six seniors and seventeen cadets, along with three prospective cadets. Winners were "Best Rocket" Kalfred Crus, "Accuracy Flight" Barry Knedel "Duration Flight" Jeffrey Greis, "Highest Flight" Paul Emerson.....



Forty cadets, seniors, and guests attended an awards ceremony held at GROUP III headquarters. Major Lynn Lacey representing Wing Headquarters presented the Amelia Earhart Award to Cadet Captain Robin MacNeil and the Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2Lt Kevin Morrill. Both are members of the CLAIR-MEL CADET SQUADRON.



CLEARWATER COMPOSITE SQUADRON cadets recently completed a ground school course held by the unit. Instructor was Mr. Jack St. Arnold, manager of the Clearwater Airpark. Senior members assisting were 2Lt Calvin Sutton and 1Lt Charles Frazier. Cadets attending the class were G. Graber, J. Tong, D. Tong, R. Moeller, R. Diets, C. Homsak, M. Anthony, E. Haertel, N. Castrinos, J. Mundale, and Johnson..... Clearwater is also proud of their Cadet L/Colonel Glen Wheelless who has received an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1978.....

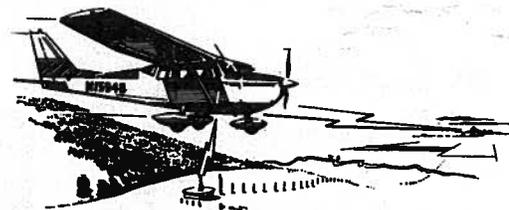


Sq Commander Sutton (left) Isn't computing time-speed-distance problems fun? | says-Congratulations, Glen!

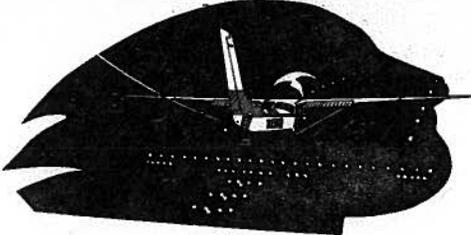


Captain James A. Noppenberger, USAFR is now Captain James A Noppenberger, CAP. Formerly listed as a senior member, the Captain received a CAP promotion during a ceremony conducted by LCol K. R. Mc Mahon (above right) at the regular meeting of the GULFPORT CADET SQUADRON.....

POMPANO BEACH CADET SQUADRON has been very busy the last month. They visited the Pompano Beach Fire Station #3 at the Pompano Air Park to learn about emergency and fire-fighting procedures; collected over one and a half tons of newspaper and added \$90 to their encampment fund; and on the fun side attended a picnic at Lake Ida in Delray Beach with skiing, boating, swimming and lots of food. On April 17, nine cadets and 3 seniors participated in the first night orientation flights given to cadets as part of the squadron's orientation program. Through out the month of April, cadets and senior members have been donating their time and materials to build a float for the upcoming Deerfield Beach "Cracker-Day" Parade to be held in May.....

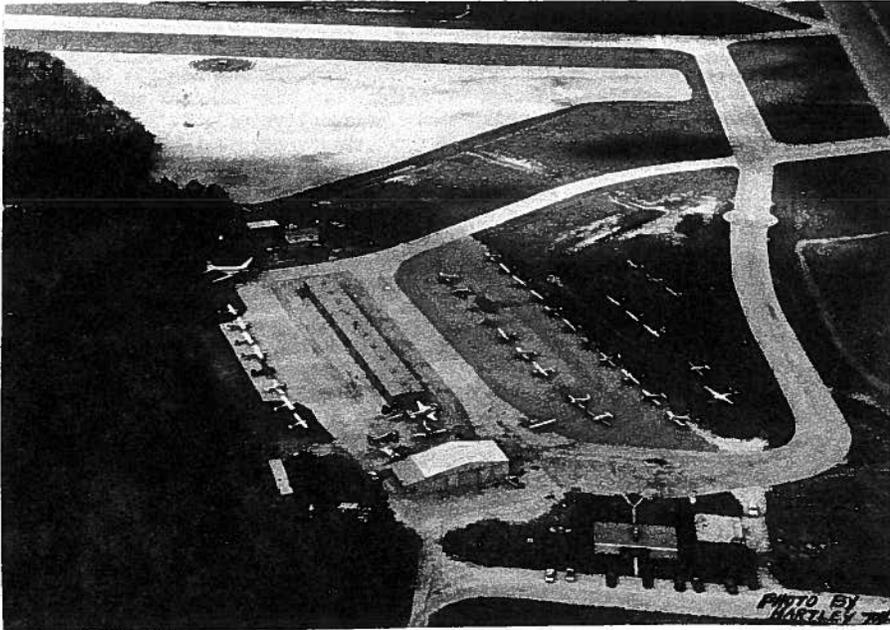


GROUP EIGHT reports a CAP sponsored FAA Flight Clinic was held April 20. A talk on safety was given by Mr. Hubbard from the FAA. Flight Service was represented by Mr. Ralph Allison who spoke on local flight conditions. Mr. Andy Bray also from the FAA gave a slide presentation on reporting aircraft parts defects and showed films on crosscountry flights and on wake turbulence. New FAA rules were also discussed. The presentation was attended by 24 non-CAP people and 17 CAP senior members.....



Lt Wesley Clement, Communications Officer for the HOLLYWOOD CADET SQUADRON is justly proud of his son Lt Robert Clement USAF who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in aerial flight as a B-52 navigator near Hanoi, North Vietnam on 20 December 1972. He displayed outstanding airmanship and personal courage after his aircraft received severe battle damage by navigating to a friendly area where a safe and controlled bailout could be conducted and the aircrew recovered.....

CORRECTION to last issue of GATOR CAPERS page eight column three.....Cadet Walter Kraujalis of Gulfport Squadron was reported to have been appointed to the Air Force Academy... We have been advised that he was "nominated" to the Academy by Congressman Young.



LEFT - Brooksville Squadron meets at the Hernando County Airport at Brooksville, Florida on US Hwy 41.

BELOW - Squadron members were recently called upon to assist their local USAF recruiter TSgt M. W. Averette. The Air Force booth at the Hernando County Fair was manned for six days by senior and cadet members. Posters, films, and brochures were used to bring the Air Force and CAP message to the public. Some of the volunteers are pictured below. (Left to right) Sq Deputy Commander 2Lt. Carl Hartley, Cadet William Phillips, 2Lt Lewis Moss, and 2Lt Thelma Moss.

## Brooksville Composite Sq. . . . +1

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In addition to flying, the squadron members are interested in communications and most of the senior members have radios and mobile stations. Many of the cadets are also active in the AFJROTC based in the local high school and hold the majority of staff and command positions including squadron commander. CAP activities for Brooksville cadets include working in communications and survival training in addition to their required studies in drill and ceremonies and aerospace education. At present they are involved in a recruiting and fund raising drive in the local area, part of which will be a 50's style dance.

The major goals of the squadron at this time are to get their area at the airport in good shape, to recruit new members, and to participate more in group and wing activities.



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