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JOLLY NAMES NEW FLORIDA WING COMMANDER

Col. Oscar Jolly, Southeast Region Commander Named LCol. Richard Leali to succeed Colonel Henri Casenove as Wing Commander of Florida Wing. Colonel Casenove will remain in command until July 31 1977 at which time LCol. Leali will assume command. The change of command will take place at the Region Conference on July 29 and 30. (see the registration form on Pg. 7)

Florida Wing has consistently been among the top wings in the nation under the able leadership of Col. Henri Casenove. Now Colonel Cavenove, who will be honored at the Southeast Region Conference, will relinquish command to LCol. Richard L. Leali, Sr. LColonel Dick Leali will assume his new position on 31 July 1977. "Luck and success in your new venture" has been expressed for him by Colonel Casenove.

LColonel Leali has a long and enviable record in CAP. He is the holder of a meritorious service award and two exceptional service awards. He began his twenty years of service to CAP as a cadet in Florida Wing. The University Cadet Squadron of Group 10 was one of three units organized by LCol. Leali. Under his leadership University Cadet Squadron was the number one squadron in the wing with a cadet membership of over a hundred. At various times Groups 1, 10, 12 and 18 have been under his command. He has held various wing staff positions including Deputy for Cadets and Wing Executive officer. As Deputy for Cadets, LColonel Leali organized Florida Wings First flying encampment. At National Headquarters CAP Colonel Leali served as the Chairman's Advisor for the Cadet Program and Chairman of the National Cadet Program Advisory Committee. In addition he was selected as an escort for IACE to Austria and has served as project officer for IACE, SE Region Girls Exchange and Eastern Airlines-CAP Stewardess School. Numerous summer encampments and Type B's have been commanded by LColonel Leali. He is a mission qualified observer with an interest in search and rescue. He is employed by Citizen's Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami where he is vice president and treasurer. In addition LColonel Leali is the Vice president of the South Florida Financial Managers Association. He is the "Chief" of his local Indian Guides Tribe and this past season was a winner as a coach of a Khoury League team. His wife, Mary, also is an active CAPer and former cadet and together they have five children.

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Col. Henri Casenove has sent letters to his staff with thanks for their efforts in supporting him and Florida Wing. He also urged their continued support of CAP and LCol. Leali

By: LColonel R. Leali, Sr.

It is with tremendous respect and humility that I approach the begining of my service to the Florida Wing as your new commander. While I feel confident in my ability, experiance, and knowledge of the Civil Air Patrol program, I cannot help but reflect upon those whose footsteps have preceeded mine in this most important task. Some were "legends" in their own time; the rest were just hard workers like most of us, but all tried their best to serve the Florida Wing and advance the highest ideals of Civil Air Patrol. At the end of my tenure as your wing commander, if it can be said, " He tried his best: he worked long and hard. Although we didn't always agree with him, his decisions were fair and impartial." Then I will have contributed in some small way to the continued success of Florida Wing.

The task of commanding the Florida Wing is not an easy one. It can only be accomplished with the assistance of each of you. The importance of each of your contributions to the program cannot be overstated. With your assistance and cooperation, I will endeaver to continue to add to the long list of achievements which the Florida Wing has accomplished for the advance ment of Civil Air Patrol.

Kitty's quill

Here we go again!
Hope you enjoy getting two Capers at once. Printing and distribution on #2 had an unfortunate delay - and this issue was urgently awaiting mailing - due to the Conference information.

Next Deadline
Aug. 15th
(hopefully mailed by Sept 5)

We'd appreciate questions and letters to the editor. We want to serve you.

Thank you
Diane "Kitty" Kittendorf
Capers Editor

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THANK YOU ALL .

In issue #2 of the Gator Capers we show a new cap which is authorized to be worn with the new jump suit. We also promised a better picture. Well, here is the picture and since you are recieving both issues at the same time read the article and send you your orders to LCol. Lynn Lacey
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Tampa, Fla. 33616

LCol Pilcher posts inspection schedule

08001...

A Team from Florida Wing Headquarters will be scheduled to inspect Group Hqs. on the dates as follows.

LCol. E Pilcher, Wing IG

Group	Date	Team
3	23 Oct 77	B
6	4 Sept 77	C
8	4 Dec 77	A
14	20 Nov 77	B
17	17 Sept 77	B
18	6 Sept 77	A
20	14 Aug 77	B
21	9 Oct 77	C
31	24 July 77	C
42	14 Aug 77	C

(Note that Group 42 is now designated as Group 1. This change was authorized after the schedule was made up.)

LCol Leali to visit also.....

To all Wing Staff and Group Commanders:

I will be conducting a Wing-Wide visitation program during August. This will be for the purpose of getting out into the field and reaquainting myself with the "grass Roots" level

units and personnel at the "grass Roots" level. All Wing Staff personnel are requested to make arrangements to meet with me when I am in your area. My schedule is as follows:

DATE	Location	Responsible Officer
1Aug.	Sem. Cad. Sq. VFW POST-Cass.	L/Col Mosley

(Leali visits...cont.)

2 Aug.	Fla. Wing Hq. Orlando	
3 Aug.	Orange Pk.Cad Lions Club-Jax.	L/Col Ilg
4 Aug.	E. Duval Opt. Army Res. Ctr.-Jax	LCol Ilg
5 Aug.	OPEN	
6 Aug.	Gp. 21 CC Bldg. 800 PatrickAFB	LCol Sedita
7 Aug.	Gp. 6 CC CAP Bldg. Deland	LCol Reid
8 Aug.	Group 8 HQ CAP Bldg -Paige Field	LCol Zaloudak
9 Aug	N. Tampa Cdt. Sq Army Rsv. Ctr. -Tampa	LCol Tyson
10 Aug	Pinellas Sr. Sq CAP Bldg. Whitted AP	LCol Lill
11 Aug	Hardee Cty Comp. County Court Bldg -Wachula	Capt.Hanley
12 Aug	Fla. Wg Hdq.	
13 Aug	Fla. Wg Hdq.	
14 Aug	Group 5 CC CAP Bldg -W.Palm BCH	LCol Croft
15 Aug	Homestead AFB Cad.	Mj.Miller
16 Aug	N. Dade Cad. Opa Locka Apt.	Mj Levenson
17 Aug	Pompano Bch Cdt. CAP Bldg-Pompano	LCol Welch
18 Aug	OPEN	
19 Aug	Group 1 (formerly 42) Panama City	LCol Milner

DECEASED

08420...

On July 1st Florida Wing's Group 42 died. However the group died in name only, for on that same date the units and members of that panhandle forest empire under the command of Lt Col. John Milner, CAP became Group 1, Florida Wing CAP.

WEEP--What is it???

Wing
Effectiveness
Evaluation
Program

It is the way that we all are graded by our National Headquarters. It was formerly known as the National Commanders Evaluation.

We are being graded on the basis of the reports that we submit to National HQ describing our efforts as well as the results of the efforts themselves.

Example: Let's say that you go out to a local civic club to talk about Civil Air Patrol in your community and how they might assist us. While there, you talk one person into coming to a meeting with his/her family and they join. The recruiting effort is evident in the statistics on membership provided by National and thus the points are almost automatic for recruiting. The points for the I/O program are not. Here is one place that your spending another 2 minutes to drop a note to your unit I/O to use for their report will help a lot.

Safety reports are even easier. Just answer a couple of questions and return the form to the Wing Safety Officer. We can earn max points by reading his bulletins at a meeting and checking it off on his form.

Get all of your fellow members active, and achieving. Level 1,2,3,4 for seniors, Mitchell, Earheardt, Spaatz for cadets. And above all, report the activities that you are using to get and keep your members. The key word for WEEP is REPORT.

Tech Spec

To assist your GATOR CAPERS editor in the preparation of this paper we use the following format:
Columns are 3-1/4 inch wide.
single space in paragraph,
double spaced between paragraphs.
Lead your article with your unit charter number, e.g.:
"08001 Florida Wing announces..."
Photos, Black & White, glossy, high contrast, larger than 3x5". Cartoons/sketches likewise 3x5, B&W, High Contrast.

Short shorts ----

IACE will be in Orlando, August 7,8,9. The entire group of approximately 200 cadets and escorts will be staying at the Quality Court's "Big Q". Activities include Disney World, The Cape and Swimming, etc.

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NATIONAL BOARD MEETING & CONVENTION, October 20--24. Marriott Hotel (downtown) Atlanta, Ga.

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Next Commanders Call, Sept 10,11 Ocala, Ramada Inn(US27 & I-75)

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Next Promotion Board(Fla Wing) 20 August, Wing Headquarters.

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COMM. VAN SHOWN

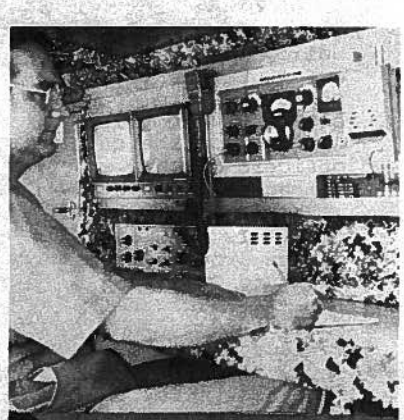
08001...

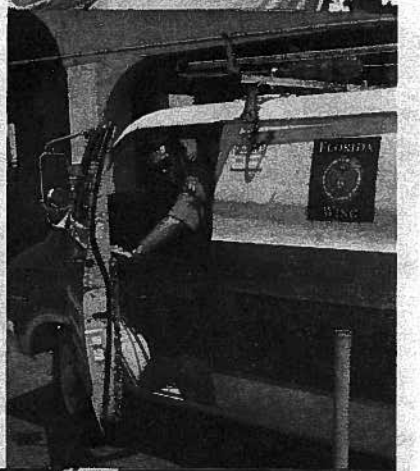
Capt Ken Rand unveiled an emergency communications van at the Florida Wing Conference in St. Petersburg last month that features just about every electronic means of passing a message available.

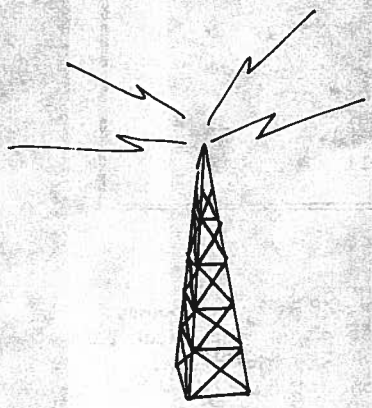
The van, built by Capt Rand and a number of his associates during the past 12 to 18 months, has HF, HF-SSB, 26.620, CB, VHF-FM, Radio Telephone, and TV. The unit comes complete with mounted/erectable antennas for all of this plus three modes of power (external AC, internal inverters & mobile generator in a trailer). Power modes also switch automatically.

When Capt Rand was asked how much it cost he replied "I haven't added it up!"

Congratulations Ken and Associates for a job well done.







CADETS CORNER...

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

CAC report

Our Cadet Advisory Council has made many advances toward a more productive cadet program in the Florida Wing. One such advance is the approval of closed-book testing as a uniform policy throughout the wing. One of the objectives the Council hopes to accomplish is to up-grade the cadet officers quality of command.

Some of the other proposals that are in the process are, Standard Operating Procedure for the Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council, three months between rank contracts, and authorization of the Emergency Services Patch on the fatique uniform. These above proposals are still under consideration by the Wing D.C.P. and Wing Commander.

Remember that the Council represents YOU and it is YOUR job to support it !! If any cadet wants something put on the agenda send it to:

Wing C.A.C.
339 Greenvale Dr.
Tampa, Fla. 33615

Type "B"

The Florida Wing type "B" held this year once again at Owsa-Bauer was a hudge success. The staff was choosen from a Cadet Command Staff School to insure the absolute finest in the cadet staff.

The Project Officer, LtCol Kay Cunningham, planned the encampment with the usual flawless percision. The encampment commander, LtCol Tom Welch, also was at his peak efficirncy coupled with the cadet staff made the encampment a hudge sucess.

A special thanks should go to Lt. Mike Handrahan who headed the CCSS so brillantly.

STATUS REPORT

The cadet strength in the Florida Wing is 1380+. Good job ! Let's keep the ball rolling and recruit.

For all of you members that are not active in the cadet program, get back to it, and stay with it !

If you cadets do not like something, change it ! Do it properly and through channels that are designated for such purposes. Better results will always follow.

Type "A"

The type "A" held once again this year in Patrick A.F.B. was an overwhelming success. Headed by LtCol Ross Sedita, the senior Encampment Commander, the cadet staff was able to preform at a high level of efficiency.

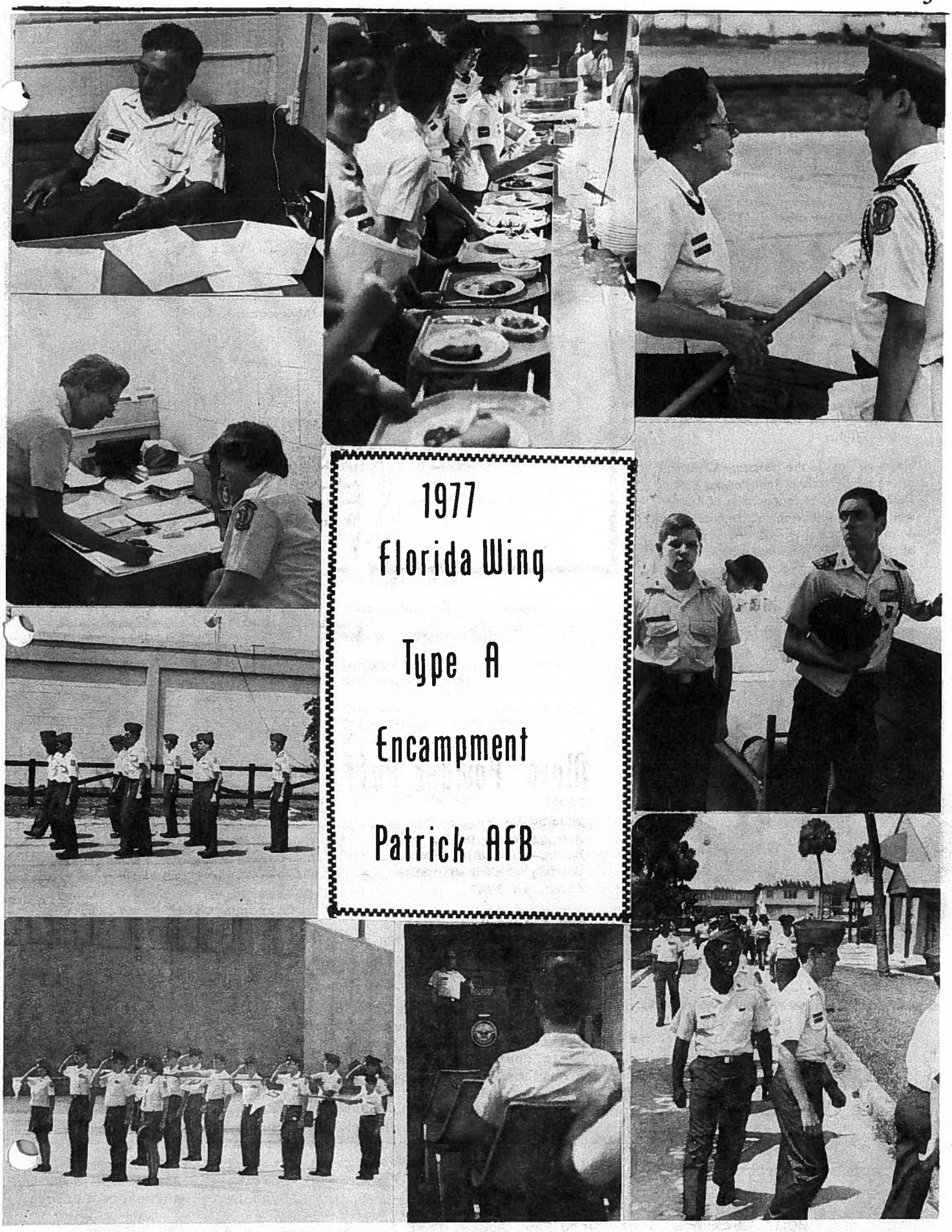
Some of the activities that were included this year that was not last year was the tour of the V.A.B. building on the cape and a more in depth look of the space program.

Maj. John Homzak, Director of Cadet Programs, did his best this year to keep the rising price of the type "A" down.

CADET EDITOR

The Gator Capers is still looking for a cadet editor. This entire page is for the cadets of the Florida Wing. I (Glenn House) am the temporary cadet editor. I really don't have the time to devote to the paper that I should. There again, it's up to you! Yes, you ! To get behind the paper and send in articles. As well as have someone volunteer for the job as cadet editor.

Scenes from the McDill AFB Open House. L) Sgt. Hill, USAF, discussing technical lab procedures with C/1c Eric Savelle. R) C/1c Shane Blancett and Lt Larry Miller prepare a report.



1977 Florida Wing Type A Encampment Patrick AFB

POWDER PUFF CHAIRMAN—HUBERT

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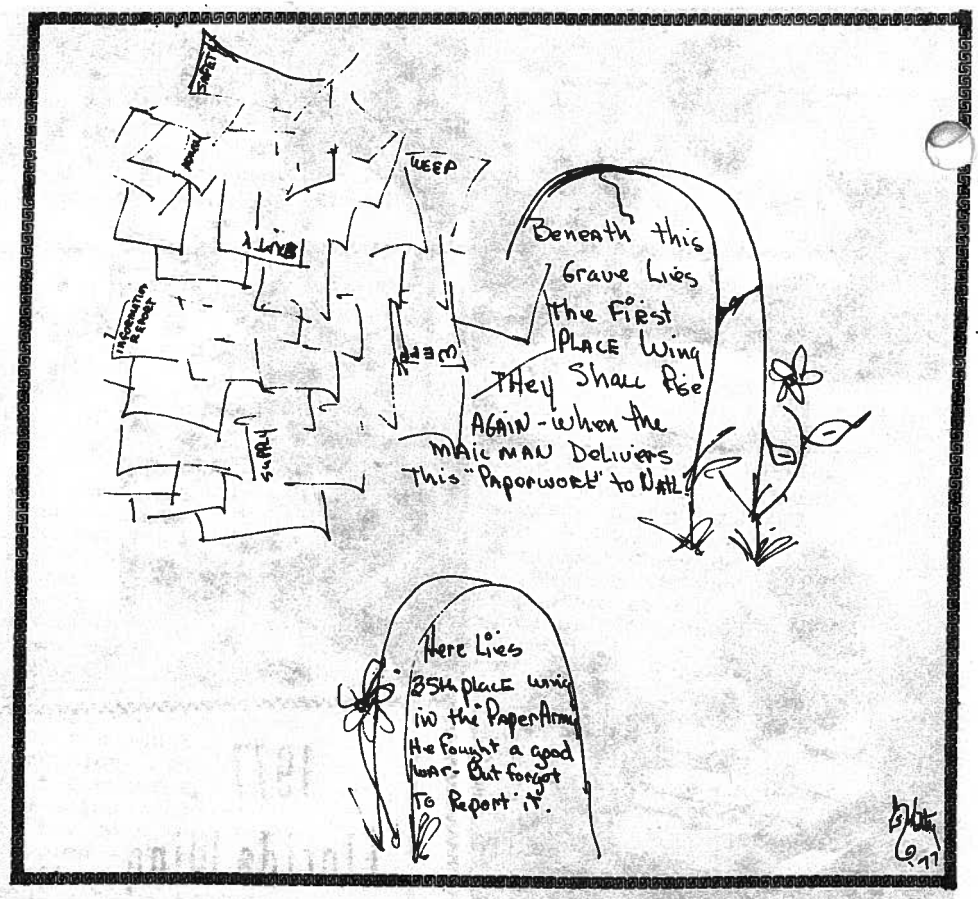
ILt. Ruth Hubert recently received her Senior Pilots Wings. This award is further evidence of an interest in flying which extends over thirty years.

A native of Lakeland, Ruth became in volved with aviation and Civil Air Patrol at about the same time. For the first two years of WW II, as a charter member of Polk County Sr. Sq. she took part in such activities as Search and Rescue, bomb alerts, and dropped Armed Forces recruiting leaflets throughout the county.

In 1974she rejoined CAP, with the Pinellas Senior Sq. She is a Mission Pilot and puts her training and expertise to good use on Cadet Orientation Flights.

This year Ruth is the Honorary Chairman of the thirtieth and final Powder Puff Derby. This is in recognition of her work at the first Women" Intercontinental Air Race in 1947. As Chairman of the 99's, she helped promote and produce the first of a series of events which came to be known as the Powder Puff Derby and which the Smithsonian Institute calls, "their milestone in flight."

1 Lt Ruth Hubert conducting Cadet orientation for Cadet Lt. Ray Anthony, Gulfport Cadet, and Sgt. Tommy Ludwig St Pete Cadet.
Photo by: ILt E. Van Dyke



REMINDER

Accidents Are Unsafe ! !

More Powder Puff....

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Thirty years of the Powder Puff Derby will be re-enacted this year taking the original route flown in 1947.

The flight is being considered a 'MILESTONE OF FLIGHT', by the Smithsonian Institute.

The female pilots will leave from Palm Springs, Calif. July 1st, and reach their destination, Peter O'Knight Airport, Tampa Fla., by July 4th.

Florida participants are, Thelma Ann Dawson, Brooksville; Jerrie Cobb, Moore Have; Evelyn Howren, Fort Lauderdale; Marilyn Taylor Burch, Fort Lauderdale; and Kay Moore, Fort Pierce.

Some of the planes being flown are, Curtiss P-40 Model N.
Perth - Amboy Kinner 1928
Beachcraft G-18-S
Navion -A
Aeronca Chief -65CA.

CAP Cadets and Seniors have been asked to participate directing aircraft parking, night aircraft patrol and fire watch.

Cadets & Seniors will have a bivouac area and a central control operations area. There will be a communications base set up with all frequencies.

Group III, Fla Wing, will be hosting the event with Col. Lynn Lacey as Project Officer.

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Cessna 150 Standard:

Range max fuel 75% power	579nm/5.5hr.
Range max fuel 55% power	734nm/7.7hr.
Gross Weight	1600lbs
Payload max fuel	344lbs
Cruise 75% power	105 kts
Cruise 55% power	96 kts
Stall clean	46 kts
Stall w/flaps	42 kts
Fuel	135/210 lbs.
Fuel Flow 75%	34 lbs/hr
Fuel Flow 55%	25 lbs/hr

Piper Cherokee Cruiser:

Range max fuel 75% power	597 nm/5.0hr
Range max fuel 55% power	702nm/7.0hr
Gross Weight	2150 lbs.
Payload max fuel	546 lbs.
Cruise 75% power	118 kts.
Cruise 55% power	101 kts.
Stall clean	49 kts.
Stall w/flaps	41 kts.
Fuel	288 lbs.
Fuel flow 75% power	50.4 lbs/hr.
Fuel flow 55% power	37.2 lbs/hr.

Figures from 1977 FLYING ANNUAL & BUYERS GUIDE.

ELTs and Illegal Drugs

From the Colorado CAP Flyer;

The Drug Enforcement Administration reports that persons engaged in the distribution of illicit drugs are using emergency locator transmitters (ELT) as a part of their operations. During an exclusive interview with James Burke, acting Regional Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Burke told the CAP Flyer that Civil Air Patrol members must be aware of the dangers they face while tracking ELTs.

During the past few years the DEA has been attempting to educate persons living in rural areas and airport operators about the use of aircraft in illegal drug operations. Apparently the airport operators were successfully educated because the DEA began receiving reports of suspicious operations around aircraft at airports. After a few dealers were apprehended at airports the word got around and they began using remote stretches of roadway. This mode of operation soon became known to local law enforcement officers and the DEA. Soon these dealers and their employees were being arrested and convicted. Just recently a large operation involving aircraft was broken up in New Mexico. The bandits even went to the trouble of removing road signs from the side of the road to prevent the aircraft's wings from contacting the road signs. With the pressure once again on, the bandits had to find another mode of operation.

This most recent mode of operation involves the ELT and parachutes. Burke says the bandits are now parachuting their illicit drugs to ground. The chutes are equipped with ELTs and the ground crews equipped with DF equipment. The operation is an obvious one, the ELT is activated, the chute and package is dropped and the ground crews DF their way to the package of illicit drugs. Burke says the bandits apparently can't be bothered with changing the frequency of the ELT so it goes off on 121.5 and 243.0.

Burke says most of the drops the DEA is aware of are taking place in the Four Corners area near Cortez and over the eastern Colorado plains. Thus far only one group of people alledgedly using ELTs have been arrested, but Burke says he's sure the use of the ELT is widespread.

Chances are that an ELT in a dropped package would not be on long enough for CAP to be activated by the AFRCC, but the possibility does exist. A strong possibility exists that CAP members could come in contact with these bandits if the ELT were inadvertently activated inside a car or structure after the bandits returned to an urban area. Burke warns that the danger to CAP ground personnel tracking an ELT in the possession of an illegal drug dealer is extrenely high. "Many of the dealers are users and could be very unstable people; Burke warns. When a CAP member comes in contact with these people they may think he is a DEA agent or other law enforcement officer. Burke points to the incident west of Limon where a Colorado state patrolman innocently stopped a pickup truck containing two drug dealers. The patrolman was murdered.

When CAP ground personnel come close to locating an activated ELT off of an airport they must contact local law enforcement authorities for further assistance. This is not to be construed as a law enforcement activity. The presence of law officers is strictly to provide safety to CAP members should the ELT be tracked to illicit drug dealers.

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