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✈ RECORD 151 FLEW! Thanks to you.

08001- Merritt Island. IT'S GOT TO BE A RECORD! That was the cry when Florida Wing completed its 151st Cadet orientation ride in one weekend. On the weekend of October 1 and 2, Florida Wing was being evaluated for its SAR Test. But that's not all. They took on the impossible task of a Type "B" encampment and Orientation Flights for cadets. All at the same time. Capt. Angela Artemik, the new Director of Cadet Programs had her hands full as she directed the encampment with the able assistance of Capt. Linda Eddey from Group 20. Eighty-four cadets attended the encampment. They lived in tents and ate C-rations for three days. Other cadets were in attendance to assist ground team operations, flight line assistance, and message relays. In all over 100 cadets and over 227 seniors "invaded" Merritt Island.

Twelve aircraft were used for flight orientation. 122 Form 77 flights were completed and 29 other orientation flights. Twenty-three of those cadets got their ride in the new BEAVER that Florida Wing just aquired from National. The record number of flights could only have been accomplished with the great cooperation of the pilots and the expert coordination of the Flight line Officer, 2nd Lt. Howard Cumler. Lt. Cumler also said that the planes were kept on the ground a minimum time. A spare orientation pilot(Lt Ray Taylor) allowed the pilots a much needed break. Refueling was directed by Major Francis Dorough who had them refueled without much delay. Fuel was also monitored by the watchful eye of our own Sgt. Hugh Ulrich, USAF. Lt Cumler is the Commander of North Tampa Cadet Squadron. If he runs his squadron like he did that operation, we may be looking at another top ranked Cadet Squadron. (see Page 4 for more pictures.)



2nd Lt Ray Taylor, North Tampa Cadet and C/1C David Horowitz prepare for Orientation Flight. photo by LCol Kittendorf

Brown Flew Homemade to Oshkosh

08310- Bob Brown, 1st Lt in Hillsborough Sr. Sq. 1, Tampa, Flew his homemade airplane to the recent Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-in this past summer at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Bob was the first Commanding Officer of the Hillsborough 1 and still maintains an active status in the EAA.

The homemade plane has a skin of fabric, also an air driven generator to supply power for the radio and lights for night flying. The cockpit gives you the thrill and awareness of more than the 90 MPH cruising speed the small plane develops.

It took two days in this single seater, to fly to Oshkosh. The distance is 1300

miles from Tampa. Although he is qualified for night flying, after 10 or 12 hours in the air, map reading, watching for summer thunderheads and air traffic, it is a welcome relief to get a good nights sleep and rise with the sun the next morning.

With aviation's attention on the 747s and Concorde's there is still some "Bob Brown" flying the open cockpit highwing monoplanes with the rain and wind beating their face at the great speed of 90 MPH along with sunny days enjoying the freedom of flight, with everyday cares miles and miles away.

2Lt G. Schumacher, IO



1st Lt Bob Brown, Hillsborough Senior Squadron, making final check, before take-off to Oshkosh, Wisc.



Do you like "your" paper? We hope so. I'm getting more help each month but I want to know if you liked something in particular and want to see more of it.—let me know.

If you have an idea for a column, CARTOON or anything—write. Just a CARD. We hope you will continue to send us address changes. We want the paper to get to you ASAP. NATIONAL needs the changes. That's where we get your addresses.

Many thanks to the cadets in group 20 who help prepare the mailing each month. Without them you would never see your paper. That alone is a "BORACIOUS" job (as LCOL. MOSLEY would say).

Thanks.
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Commander's Column

The Importance of "ONE"

by: LCol. R. Leali

If I just had the ability to motivate each "one" of the cadets and each "one" of the senior members of Florida Wing to recruit "one" new member into the Civil Air Patrol program, the results would go beyond our most optimistic expectations. If each "one" of us recruited "ONE" new member in the next 90 days look at what that would mean:

- Membership--An additional 3,300 CAP members would enter Fla. Wing.
- Finance-----The Corporation, at all levels, would receive a combined total of approximately \$50,000, in additional revenues which would be used to support increased senior and cadet activities.
- Charters---- Approximately sixty new squadrons would have to be chartered to facilitate the increase in membership.
- Pilots and Aircraft--Florida Wing would gain in excess of 500 FAA rated pilots --Half of them aircraft owners.
- Activities and publicity--Working together approximately 7000 members of Florida Wing would generate a tremendous number of activities resulting in substantial publicity and added prestige for the Civil Air Patrol.

Of course, runaway growth, that quickly, would be a burden on the present membership. However, do not underestimate the importance of "ONE". The positive things described above could be achieved through the efforts of every "one" of us. When was the last time you invited a prospective member to your squadron meeting? Have you EVER invited a prospective member to your squadron meeting? Recruiting new members is not someone else's job; it is every "one's" responsibility for the improvement and perpetuation of our fine organization. A self-evaluation of "ones" contributions to the Civil Air Patrol might result in a long list of achievements for the good of our program. It is respectfully suggested that "one" should complete the list by the recruiting of "one" new member each year. The call goes out to support Project Launch, our wing-wide recruiting program. Where do you stand? What will you do? How about demonstrating your support by bringing a new "one" into our outstanding Civil Air Patrol Program.

RECRUIT "ONE"! YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID.

MAUNEY TO PILOT GROUP SIX

08019...Former DeLand Composite Squadron Commander, Major James R. Mauney has been selected to serve as the new commander of Group 6.

Major Mauney has been serving as Group 6 inspector during the past year. Both Major Mauney and his wife, Lt. Carolyn Mauney, are active in CAP. Lt. Mauney is deputy Commander for Cadets in the DeLand Squadron. In 1974 Major Mauney's DeLand Squadron received the AFA award for outstanding Squadron for the year. Major Mauney is president of Mauney Engineering, Inc. in Orange City and Lt. Mauney operates an antique Shop. Both are active in the Volusia Rose Society and the American Rose Society and win many awards for their roses at the shows around the country.

Gator Capers wishes Major Mauney "Congratulations as the new Group Six Commander.



MAXWELL AFB, Ala.--Approximately 275 CAP members attended 1977 National Staff College this year. The purpose of NSC is to prepare officers to better execute the responsibilities associated with command and staff positions in the organization.

Wm E. Greet of the Citrus County Squadron was one of those who attended. He is seen in the picture with the National Commander, Brig. Gen. Thomas Cassidy. Florida Wing sent members to staff school this year. Next year you can only go to National Staff school if you have attended Region Staff School, the first of which was held this summer.

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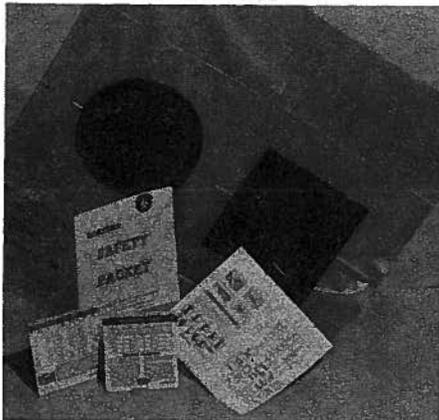
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Howard Showalter Sr. Squadron is helping Boaters stay safe, as many of our units are, with a sundown Patrol. This is also being aided by the sale of a Boaters Safety Packet (shown in Pix) for \$2.00 each. For further information contact; Capt. Robert Kinnie 4426 Rossmore Dr. Orlando, Fla. 32810 (305)293-3372



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SHORT SHORTS

CONGRATS !!!! To Group 20 Drill team who represented Florida Wing in the SER Drill Competition. And a special thanks to Capt. Chuck Smith for the fine job he did getting them ready. It was SO-O-O-O close...but Georgia won again. Our best wishes to Georgia as they go on to represent our Region at the National BOWL. By the way...the 1978 Florida Wing competition will be 15 April at West Palm Beach City Auditorium. Mark your calendar. Start Now..Drill, physical fitness, scholastic ability and SHOWMANSHIP.

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Another date for that calendar. March 17,18 and 19. Wing Conference/ Special Acts. Selection/ Miss Fla. Wing Competition. Special Activities Application Form 31 will have a cut off date of March 2. None hand carried. More on that later.

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Reverend P.W. Hayes, of Group 20 and Kississmee, Fla. was recently appointed to serve the Oseola County Commissioners as Honorary Chaplain. Chaplain Hayes is also the "On Call" chaplain for the Holiday Inn in Kissimmee. Congratulations to a good friend of long standing. (I didn't say "old Friend" cause he's not...old.)

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WING HEADQUARTERS INSPECTION!! NOV. 12

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An Emergency Services Training school will be held in the Group 21 area Nov. 5. Contact LCol. Ross Sedita for information.

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Belated Congratulations to Capt. Denmen for being our most recent graduate from the Air War College.

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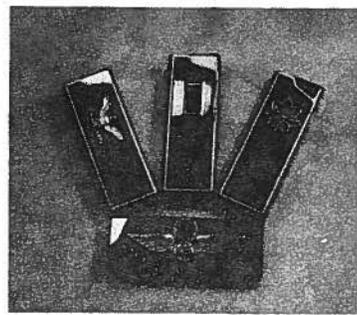
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CADETS CORNER...

WE FLEW!!!

Yes! The cadets actually flew at the wing type "B" weekend in Merritt Island. Some sixty-five cadets attended the activity, every one of them flew. (see the article on pg. 1 and pictures on pg.5) Over one hundred- fifty rides were given. One cadet from Mac Dill Cadet, C/Sgt. Blancett, flew four times !!!

Most of the activity was planned by the Florida Wing Cadet Advisory Council. The Council staffed, organized, and planned the majority of it.

The next flying activity that the wing puts on should be even better.

The food was good. It wasn't steak and eggs, but the cadets survived.

All the cadets who attended the classes received their ROPC and First Aid cards. There was also cadet programs class offered.

All the cadets would like to thank the pilots that flew them. From what the cadets tell, the pilots let most of the cadets do the flying. Also a special thanks to all of the other seniors involved.



2nd Lt Ray Taylor shows Cadets what keeps them up. C/MstSgt. Barbara Vola of Daytona Beach Composite Squadron and C/Staff Sgt. Mitch Hayes, West Miami Cadet Squadron take real interest.

photo by Kittendorf



RANGER

What ever happened to the ranger program of the past ?

Well it still exists. The only trouble is trying to find it. Further information on the ranger program will be published in later editions. Any cadets wishing immediate information, write Gator Capers- Cadet Section.



rumor mill

Starsky and Hutch were spotted recently at a group 16 picnic. They were also seen reconcooperating in West Palm Beach. Rumors also have it that they were present at the Type "B" weekend in Merritt Island. If any cadets have any information leading to the true names of these individuals, please contact the Wing Cadet Advisory Council.

On the spot ●

The names received for this month are:

Evey- West Palm
Boot Stomper- Naples
Big Red- Lakeworth
Mouth- Tampa

CAC report

We had a moderately successful meeting in September. We are still lacking in the attendance area at our meetings.

As was announced at the latest meeting, an award will be given to the group who has supported the wing council best administratively. The present top three squadrons are: #16 Group 16
Group 3
Group 6

A slim margin separates you from them. Try to take home a trophy in December. If any Group Chairman is interested to know how their group stands write:

Florida Wing Council
337 Greenvale Dr.
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As always the council urges you to get active within your organization and to support us by sending in your ideas. If cadets want to make more activities, write and say so. Use the same above address. Use your council wisely.

THE FAMILY IS STILL
HERE !!!

ARTICLES

Please send in articles to the Capers. We need your support.

EDITOR'S NOTE: the articles on this page are totally the product of the cadets. (Cadet Glen House has been doing a fine job.) A little "mechanical" help is sometimes needed but we don't plan to inhibit their eagerness and frankness. I presently have four cadets under consideration as editor. A choice will be made before the next issue. Ideas are still wanted for cartoons, columns, etc.

Capt. D. Kittendorf

One Commander's View

Games are for real. In the earlier years of Christianity, Christians were fed to the lions in the name of sport. Gladiators dueled to the death in games where the winner was usually the more fierce and cruel of the competitors. In medieval days knights battled to the death for the favor of a lady. In war times, men of every religion indiscriminately kill each other in the name of national glory.

Gradually, through a process loosely defined as civilization, games have taken a less fatalistic aura and emerged as various forms of pure competition, some for sport, some for profit, and some simply through a desire for self improvement.

We in Civil Air Patrol are playing games, not for sport or profit, but for self improvement necessary to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves. Our Cadets and Seniors go on bivouacs and play games. We search for airplanes and people that don't really exist. We administer First Aid to casualties that haven't been hurt. And we learn to do it right. Over and over again we play this game. And each time we do we become a little better at being able to do the things necessary for that time when the crash and the victims are real.

Think about it for a moment. If you were one of those persons waiting for someone to render aid, would you want to be helped by someone in a CAP uniform that you know has had the training that could save your life, or by someone who has had no training?

Yes, my friends, we in Civil Air Patrol play games. There's a little difference though, between the old games and ours. Instead of playing games to the death, we play games dedicated to the saving of lives.

Capt. Wm McCoy
Group 14 Commander

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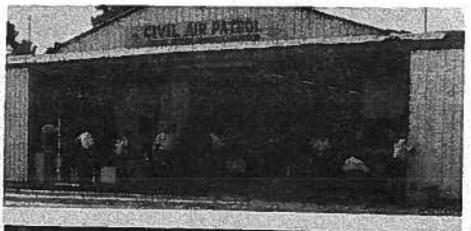
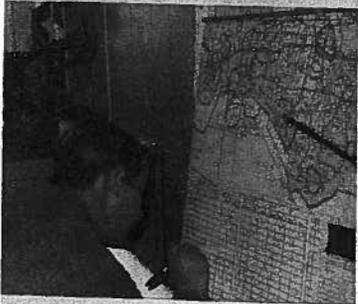
(from top Left to right)

Col. Henri Casenove with Air Force Lt. Col. Moore keep on top of the action.

Cadet Keeps chart updated for Mission Coordinator.

Lt. Sawyer and Lt. Col Nat Brittingham get names of next flight crew due for briefing from Capt. Sharon LaFollett.

Central Brevard Headquarters was well equipped in spite of overflow of personnel (227 Seniors 100 cadets).



SAR TEST in pictures

The Florida Wing SAR Test in October was well attended and well directed and well organized. Col. Henri Casenove was the Mission Commander and Lt. Col. Ross Sedita was the Base Commander (in charge of billoting, etc.). In spite of having over two hundred people show up instead of the predicted one hundred, everything went smoothly. Training films were seen by those who waited for assignment. Electronic locating instruction was given. We actually had more radios than we did people. The results of the test have not been revealed to this reporter yet but the pictures tell the real story.

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Capt. George Jackman gives briefing to VIP visitors from the Council General of Nigeria who were studying aviation education. (L to R) Daniel Umo and Kingsly Isreal.

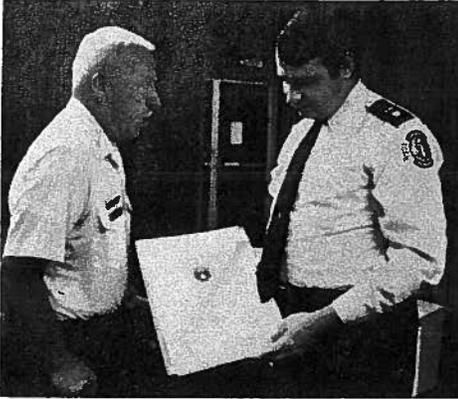
The latest in ELT locating equipment was demonstrated.

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The new "Beaver" was one of 37 aircraft at the mission. (all above pix by Kittendorf)

Lt. Larry Miller and Capt. Wm Anderson served as Security. (pix by Ken Rand.)

C/ Vola assists Mst. Sgt. Hill during inspection of the flight status board. (pix by Rand)



Fla. Wing Commander Lt Col Richard Leali presents to Major Robert Hampton, Group 8, Lee Cty. Fla., a certificate of appreciation and simultaneous promotion to Lt Col. on the eve of his retirement.

(photo by 1Lt Jack O'Connor)

HAMPTON RETIRES

FORT MYERS, FLA. -- Lt Col.

Robert H. Hampton, Group 8 officially retired August 8 from 21 years active service with Civil Air Patrol.

Hampton would have continued in a very active capacity had he not been incapacitated by a massive stroke. The incident occurred on or about 3 June 1975 while attending a Lee County Squadron meeting, in uniform, where he was on duty in an advisory capacity. The stroke left him in a crippled condition making it, at first, impossible to walk and difficult to talk. With sheer determination he now walks, not without difficulty and using a cane, has almost completely overcome his speech defect.

Lt Col. Hampton first entered CAP with the Massachusetts Wing on 22 November 1954 where he served as Adjutant, Executive Officer and Commander of Group II. In addition he held the rating of Mission pilot and Command Pilot.

While in Florida he has served in the following positions: 1965 Squadron Commander, Cape Coral Comp. Squadron (now inactive), 1970 Commander Group 8 and his last post was that of Emergency Services Officer, Group 8.

Lt Col. Hampton's certificate was presented "To a Member Who Has Faithfully Served and Recently has Acted Above and Beyond the Call to Duty".



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Greetings from the USAF-CAP Liaison Office. I wish to express thanks to Capt Diane Kittendorf, your editor, for providing this opportunity to introduce myself and communicate to you some initial thoughts about my job.

First, a brief word about my background. I have 24 yrs and 10 months of continuous active duty in the USAF. The majority of my career has been in TAC fighter outfits, primarily F-86's and F-100's. I logged over 350 missions and 500 combat hours during the Vietnam conflict. My tours of duty also included assignments in Civil Engineering, Forward Air Controlling, Education and Safety. This is my first exposure to CAP, and it's good to start with the best -- the Florida Wing.

My job falls into two major categories: representing the USAF and supporting the Florida Wing Commander. I consider the tasks inseparable and of equal importance in maintaining and improving the mission effectiveness of the Florida Wing.

I will represent the Commander CAP-USAF in implementing policies, directives and procedures established by Headquarters CAP-USAF. With the able assistance of MSgt Hugh Ulrich, I will provide liaison and control between CAP and federal government sources where facilities, services, equipment or funds are involved. But, in the way of direct assistance to you, I will act as field advisor on organization, administration and matters of technical nature.

Lt Col Leali has impressed me as a man of thought and action, with the best interest of the Florida Wing and CAP in mind. I will be working closely with him and supporting his policies and procedures. Although I have the responsibility of assisting Lt Col Leali, we must not lose sight of the fact that the sole responsibility for conduct of Florida Wing CAP activities rests entirely with the Wing Commander. My job will be to act as advisor in matters that help him achieve the Wing's primary goals in education, cadet programs and emergency services.

My limited observations of you in action have been very favorable. The professionalism and competence displayed during the recent SAR test was outstanding. Every participant worked hard and demonstrated enthusiasm and energy to overcome all problems and obstacles that arose. The thought that each person was volunteering his own time and money in pursuit of a worthwhile cause makes me indeed proud to be associated with the CAP.

During the coming weeks and months, I will be traveling to as many CAP activities as my schedule and funds will allow. I look forward to meeting all of you and assisting you and your commander in making this the best of the 52 CAP Wings.

LTC John G. Hanks

Lt Col. John G. Hanks, USAF
Florida Wing Liaison Officer

"But Commander...Your Fingers are Purple"

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. - It's approximately 1600 Hrs., a bright Saturday afternoon. We have just descended from 35,000 feet and have leveled off at 25,000 feet. Capt. John R. Green, USAF, is at the controls and his crew is alert and standing by. We look into the passenger compartment where sixteen uniformed men and women are setting. They are working in teams of two. Each team, consisting of one member with an oxygen mask in place and one without a mask working out some mathematical problems on a clipboard. We start to observe some strange reactions among the personnel without the mask.

One member, a flight instructor with several thousand hours air time, face flushed, is smiling ear to ear, laughing and enjoying everything and everyone near him, with not a problem in the world. The Squadron Commander is working away feverishly on his clipboard and after being advised by the Deputy Commander that his fingers are turning purple, laughs and continues working. An elderly Colonel, sitting in the corner, refuses to accept the assistance of a Medical Corpsman. A girl in her early thirties, complains of severe headaches and dizziness. Suddenly there is much activity and everyone goes on full oxygen. After several minutes the team members switch places and the whole process is duplicated, but with different reactions and different timing off the oxygen.

What is this? Some secret research project the Air Force is involved in? No! The members of Pinellas Senior Squadron and other members of Group 17, Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol, are taking part in a recent training session at the Physiological Training Center at MacDill AFB, Florida. The reactions we are observing are the effects of hypoxia - not having sufficient amounts of oxygen in the respiratory system. This is a session in the pressure chamber and the culmination of a ten hour block of instruction that started shortly after sunrise on a recent Saturday morning, and lasting to nearly darkness.

During the seven hours of classroom instruction, we learned the two greatest dangers in flight are hyperventilation and hypoxia, both displaying similar symptoms.

There were a few grumbling members who dragged themselves out of bed at laybreak and drove the thirty miles to attend the instruction but the experiences and vivid recollections of the instruction have made an everlasting impression on the students. As the day came to an end, not one member was heard, who did not think they had spent a most rewarding day in this program.

- Cpt. Jack N. Van Dyke, Commander
Pinellas Senior Squadron
Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol
(Photos by M. Penny Van Dyke)



Members of Pinellas Senior Squadron and Group 17, Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol, are preparing for their "flight" to 35,000 feet in the Altitude Chamber at MacDill AFB, Florida.

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The Marriott Hotel in Atlanta was the scene of a lot of activity this month. The National Convention/NEC was as usual, a great event. A new Southeast Region Commander was named. Colonel Lee McCormack was appointed by the NEC. We will give you more information about the new commander in the next issue. We will also attempt to tell you something about the new National Executive Officer to take B Gen. Millers place in November.



Col. Oscar Jolley, past SER commander. The New National Vice Commander. photo by Kittendorf

Col. Lee McCormack, The new Southeast Region Commander. Photo by: D. Kittendorf

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