



## **SQUADRON CADETS AND SENIORS PARTICIPATE IN GROUP 8 POWERED AIRCRAFT FLY DAY**

### **From our Commander, Herman Slapo**

Well, here we are in June 2007 and the squadron has 97 members. Attendance at our weekly squadron meetings is 15 to 18 members. The squadron is working on training, training and more training. We are working on our pilot proficiency so the pilots are mission qualified, observer training/proficiency and UDF training. In the future there will be a power point presentation on CAP VHF radio, the DF unit and the operations of the communication system in the airplane. Bids are being received regarding the painting of the building and the building of a handicap ramp. The squadron is working to set up another funded mission for additional training.

I am very proud to be the Commander of this fine and hard working group of CAP members. Let's all pull the rope together and succeed. Have fun and enjoy.

I will be at our summer place in Wisconsin until September. Have a great summer and I can always be contacted on my cell phone: 727-417-4400.

**LTC Herman Slapo**  
**Civil Air Patrol**

### **Our Social on May 31, 2007** **Lt. A. Wynelle Deese, PAO**

Members of the Squadron met at King Buffet in the shopping center of 49<sup>th</sup> and Park Blvd on May 30<sup>th</sup>, the date for their regular 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday social. There were around 20 members who enjoyed the meal and interaction with each other. Major Wholley made the arrangements. Our Commander conducted a meeting and encouraged any member to discuss any concerns about the squadron. The restaurant was so appreciated that the next 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meeting will continue in this location, August, 29<sup>th</sup> 2007

The Group 8 Fly Day on Saturday April 28 was a big success. It was a short notice fly day because the funds only became available at the last part of the quarter. We anticipate more funding soon. Keep in mind that we try to hold a Group 8 cadet orientation flight fly day every other month on the third Saturday of the month. This is one of the reasons why our group typically flies more cadet orientation flights than any other Florida group.

St. Petersburg Composite Squadron supplied six cadets to the fly day. Cadet SSgt Abramo was the cadet in charge of the squadron cadets for the day. She also assisted with some of the off-line training at the Clearwater Squadron EOC. The CAP cadets who had never made a CAP Orientation Flight had first priority to fly. All of the cadets who wanted to fly got into the air. Except for the last two flights, all of the flights were Syllabus Number 6 flights that are the very first flight of the five powered aircraft orientation flight series. On this flight the pilot stresses safety, preflight inspection and airport procedures. After reaching a safe altitude, the cadet in the front seat has the opportunity to take the controls and actually fly the aircraft under the supervision of the orientation pilot. It is not surprising to find out that most of these cadets are quite smooth on the aircraft controls, We had only two CAP aircraft available so we elected to fly until after 1700 hours which is two hours later than the usual 1500 hours completion time.

The four orientation pilots put in a very busy day and we accomplished a total of 19 flights with two cadets in the aircraft that means that we accomplished 38 cadet flights. The flight for back seat cadet does not count against the total number of flights for the back seat cadet. Actually, some of the cadets got to fly a second flight.

As usual, the \$3.00 lunch was fine including hamburgers, hot dogs, chips drinks. All ready on time and served with a smile. These folks really help to make the day a success.

This was a short notice fly day because the funds only became available at the last part of the quarter. We anticipate more funding soon. Keep in mind that we normally hold a Group 8 cadet orientation flight fly day every other month on the third Saturday of the month. Cadets and Seniors, please mark your calendar and plan to participate whenever you can. Our Group does this better than any group in the wing. We do it better than most other wings. We always need help. Some of the areas are Administration, Finance, Transporting Cadets, Safety, Food Service, Logistics, Communications, Off-line preflight instruction, other areas of instruction. These fly days are fun and we accomplish a lot. Come and join us even if only for part of a day.

Capt. Pleasants

## " Cadet Fly Day Success" By 1stLT. Thomas Teamoh...

Better than expected...the Fly Day at Clearwater Park Airport , on April 28, 2007 . Many new Cadets were treated to a flight and tasty lunch during a clear day of CAP activity. Our Senior members assisted with operations and the event was enjoyed by all. CMSGT. Destiny Valentine attended pre-flight and safety instructions and later had a good flight with other Cadets.



Members attending a training session.

CAP is fortunate to continue to attract competent and talented individuals to our ranks. We have four new members who were willing to share information about them selves so we can get to know them sooner.

### **MARTIN HICKEY**

Martin joined CAP so that he could do more emergency services and do more for his community. He was born in Chicago, Ill and grew up in Hines City, Florida.

He has one child that was born in March. He has proudly displayed the child's picture on computers at our meetings. He has the MBA and BSEET degrees and is an electronics tech at Smith's Aerospace. He has traveled in Europe and was honorably discharged from the Army in 1998. He has an interest in history.

## ADRIAN CUARTA

He joined CAP because he wanted to be part of an organization that serves the community. He wants to learn, serve, and excel in doing missions. He feels that CAP can provide him with guidance in becoming proficient in the CAP missions.

He was born in New York and grew up in Tampa.

As a child, he enjoyed positive experiences of airline travel and was influenced by loving, hardworking and strong parents.

He achieved a BA degree in business administration.

He is married, has one child who is 21 years old and is a Director of a facility.

Adrian has traveled to Europe and to the Far East while in the military. Adrian has other interests in auto restoration, builds and races vintage cars, racing and airplanes. He has achieved some honors in Vintage auto racing in 2005 & 2006.

He feels he is a fortunate person with a great wife, family and country. He and his wife live in Tampa.

## Frank (Skip) Munn

He joined CAP to be able to utilize his flying skills. He was born in Verdun, France as part of a military family and grew up all over the world. He has a BS in Aerospace and Meteorology. He is married with one child.

He currently is a project manager and lives in Holiday, Florida. He has been a pilot for over 34 years and was with American Airlines for 5 of those years. He is now our Safety Officer and with all those years of experience, will be a real asset to our team.



Our members working hard on a mission

## ROBERT LOWERY

He joined CAP to be able to serve and to support aviation safety. He likes teamwork of CAP and is transferring from another squadron.

He was born in Colorado and has been all over the World in the Air Force. He was in the Army for 7 years and the National Guard 7 more years. He once owned two airplanes that he flew out West. He also flew the largest helicopter in the world and has many other adventures.

He stated that he had not flown for 18 years due to being overweight. He has lost much of that weight and is rewarding himself by resuming to fly.