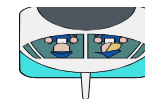


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The PropWash has been reporting for years, activities and missions of the Pinellas Senior Squadron. It is now produced on a two month schedule. Previous and current copies can be seen on our website. So support your reading it, giving feedback either good or bad, and writing articles for it will benefit the organization.
1Lt. Wynelle Deese, PAO

2Lt. Thomas Teamoh standing in the huge exhibition hanger next to a Russian built 1960's Fighter-Bomber, known as the Sukhoi Su-15 and later named P-1 for the Chinese Air Force, as he visited the Aviation Museum in China.



NEW MEMBER

Craig Johnson joined the CAP to serve his community and to provide disaster relief. He wants to advance his knowledge through training and safety.

He was born and raised in New Jersey as he enjoyed traveling with his parents. He is married with some college. He is currently an artist and business owner. He enjoys sailing and flying. He has achieved some honors in US Naval Electronics and US Naval Interior communications.

We are glad to have him join us as his knowledge in electronics can help us as he grows in his knowledge.

New Members Sal Valentino & Kathy Valentino

Sal was born in Rochester New York and moved to Florida with his parents in 1972. Kathy was born in Clearwater, Florida and has lived here all her life. The two meet during their High School years and have been together ever since. Married for over 28 years with three children, (all girls) all grown and out of the house. They now have 2 grandchildren (one girl and one boy).

Sal became interested in aviation after his daughter decided to take aviation-engineering classes at collage. He purchased flight lessons for her but she changed her collage career studies to mechanical engineering and did not have time to take flying lessons. After talking with several friends who knew pilots, Sal found out that one of his long time customers from when he and Kathy ran a computer and network service shop was also a pilot and instructor. His name is Robert (Pete) Crawford.

Pete Crawford introduced the Civil Air Patrol to them. Sal and Cathy thought this seemed like a good way to use their skills that were acquired both from their computer and aviation experience to help the community and others.

Today, Sal has his pilot's license with an instrument rating and close to 200 hours flying time logged. Kathy and Sal now fly to Orlando to visit their daughter attending UCF.

Sal is currently working for Smiths Aerospace as an electrical design engineer, helping to bring new Flight Management Systems to the aviation industry. Kathy works from home and manages all the family needs. She also makes the best Cheese Cake in the world, Really!

And both have already taken on various jobs in CAP, having contributed to our administrative services and gaining respect of other members.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION

By LtC Vivian Olson

The 38th annual National Conference on Aviation and Space Education convention in Arlington, VA 19 – 21 October 2006. Guest speakers were Dr James Garvin, NASA chief scientist; Robert (Hoot) Gibson, former NASA astronaut; Ken Hyde, president of the Wright Experience; Thomas Crouch, curator of the National Air and Space Museum; and Buzz Aldrin, former NASA astronaut and a second person to walk on the moon along with Neil Armstrong.

The conference was dedicated to the memory of the late Scott Crossfield, test pilot, engineer and aerospace education advocate. Three of his six children were present to grant the annual Scott Crossfield Award of \$1,000 to the selected teacher of the year. The winner was Ricardo Soria from Ft Walton Beach, Fl.

Mary Feik, aviation pioneer participated in the Hanger Talk which centered around memories of Scott Crossfield. Two Florida educators received special recognition for their intense work in aerospace education. 42 concurrent sessions were

offered for elementary, middle, and secondary levels with objectives of math, science, technology, language, and social studies. Space computer programs, model rocketry, math related to science and space, satellites, and CAP Aviation Education Officer guidelines were presented.

This conference, hosted by the Civil Air Patrol, was smaller than in the past with 455 registrants. It was suggested that the conference should meet alternate years instead of annually.

Attendees from Florida included National Commander Maj General Tony Pineda, Wing Director of Aerospace Education LtC John Lynn, audio/visual engineer LtC Bate Blair, Maj Gene Olson, LtC Vivian Olson, Tampa Bay teachers (AEM) Marie Grein, Jeri Antozi, and Lynn McDaniel.

VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006

OPEN HOUSE AT THE COLISIUM 12:30 TO 3:30 p.m.

OUR OWN MAJOR WHOLLEY SUGGESTED THE EVENT IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS FOUR YEARS AGO.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE. A SIXTEEN PIECE BAND WILL PLAY WHILE SNACKS ARE PROVIDED AS DRAWINGS AND DANCE EXHIBITIONS ARE PERFORMED BY MAJOR WHOLLEY AND FIVE OTHER DANCERS. THE EVENT WILL HONOR THE VETERANS IN UNIFORM AND OTHER CURRENT MILITARY SERVICES INCLUDING CAP MEMBERS.

DAVID TUCKER received this message from David Thompson, President of St. Petersburg Airfest Inc., concerning last week's Airfest. He wanted to share it.

Still waiting for the final numbers, but I feel confident in releasing the following info...

All of our goals for attendance and income were either met or exceeded.

Estimated attendance for the 2 day event is something over 20,000.

Immediate income from that attendance exceeded \$100,000.

It appears that we will have some modest profit, but it will be sometime yet before that amount will be known.

From all sources it appears that the event was well received and all the performers I talked to wished to return.

As with any successful event of this kind there are many to thank for this and many who deserve thanks that will never get it. Please accept my personal gratitude to you all, it never would have happened without you.

Jack W. Tunstill
AOPA Airport Support Network
Albert Whitted Airport (SPG), Florida

The Sentinel, safety newsletter of Civil Air Patrol, has been discussing and advising the concept of Safety Management Systems (SMS) and how to incorporate within CAP. While SMS shall incorporate a means of compliance with safety related legal and regulatory requirements, CAP shall establish and maintain a procedure to identify current safety related legal and regulatory requirements applicable to SMS. AC 120-92 will provide the information and it can be downloaded from FAA's website, www.faa.gov.

THOSE WHO KNOW FELLOW CAP MEMBER, LARRY GRAY, MAY KNOW THAT HIS FAMILY WAS DEALT A HUGE BLOW WHEN THEIR YOUNGEST SON, DANNY, WAS IN AN ACCIDENT THAT LEFT HIM A QUADRIPLEGIC. THERE WILL BE A DANNY GRAY SILENT AIR/GIFT BASKET AUCTION ON NOV. 11 AT 7 PM TO RAISE MONEY FOR FUTURE SURGERY.

LARRY CONTINUES TO TEACH A COMPUTER CLASS AT SEMINOLE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY WHILE HIS WIFE, JAN, A MATH TEACHER AT LARGO HIGH SCHOOL, HAS TAKEN AN EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CARE FOR HER SON.

WE NEED TO SUPPORT LARRY AND HIS FAMILY IN ANYWAY WE CAN.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 1, CAP MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, CAP MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, CAP MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, CAP MEETING
DECEMBER 6, CAP MEETING
DECEMBER 12, CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 20, CAP MEETING
DECEMBER 27, CAP MEETING