

Egmont Key and north past the Don Caesar up to Honeymoon Island. At predetermined points, the radio operator Observer, SM Sal Vanentino, reported our location to Base Station Radio Operator, Major Robert Scott. The flight ended exactly .9 hour from take-off to landing back at PIE, giving the participants additional experience in flying.

The Squadron will continue to encourage members to train and maintain their skills by utilizing the aircraft and communication assets provided by Civil Air Patrol. Some of the missions will utilize the coastal patrol while others will be actual grid searches requiring a briefing and debriefing. Electronic searches and digital photography will become part of the scenario for future flights.

All of this will require cooperation between ground forces and the aircrew. Electronic searches must incorporate someone on the ground to place a signal beacon within a specific grid for the aircrew to home in on and report the position to Ground Teams.

The funded training mission in October should be a piece of cake for our members who participate in these practice and proficiency flights. Further, if ever an evaluation team from Florida Wing or the Air Force arrives unannounced to one of the training missions, our teams will be well prepared to demonstrate in a professional and safe manner the various skills learned and honed in preceding weeks and months.

Major Eugene Olson, Acting Commander

The photo will be published in the future.

DATES TO REMEMBER

First Aid; 13 Sept 1830 to 2130 at Whitted

ROA; 17 Sept at Clearwater Air Park

CPR: 27 Sept 1830 to 2130 at Whitted

Aircrew Training 7& 8 October at Whitted

NCASE; 19-21 October in Washington, D.C.

THE FLORIDA WING GROUP 8 awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the FPEA Convention in 2006 to:

Lt. Col Olson
Maj. Olson
Capt. Mary Hinkle
Capt. Dutch Hinkle

IACE Comes To The Florida Wing

On July 26, 2006 Sal & Kathy Valentino (Transportation Officer) drove the CAP 15 passenger Van from Clearwater to Cape Canaveral Florida and met with the IACE (**I**nternational **A**ir **C**adet **E**xchange) group. A full day of activity and learning was enjoyed at the Kennedy Space Center. Eight International Cadets from various parts of the world were able to participate in this once a year program.

This great group of aviation enthusiasts came from all parts of the world, Canada, Columbia, Turkey, and Japan. Some of them have already earned their pilots license or glider license. Terry Power, Tim Medeiros and Kathy Valentino along with the support from the Group 8 members were able to conduct a top notch USA Aviation adventure for this wonderful well mannered group of young cadets. Their aviation experience included a (in uniform) visit to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa Florida, Glider Rides in Zephyrhills, and hot air balloon ride in Land O Lakes.

A visit to Florida would not be complete without a trip to one of our famous beaches. The cadets enjoyed a picnic and swim at Fort Desoto. The cadets from Turkey especially enjoyed this event, it was the first time they had been in salt water and were actually able to swim. They usually go to the "Dead Sea" and can only float because there is so much salt in the water.



They also had time to explore the vast space of interesting objects, items of apparel and foods of many kinds at Countryside Mall (they could not wait for this rare adventure called shopping). The end of their visit included a dinner at the Melting Pot in Clearwater where some of the cadets experienced fondue cooking.

The IACE was a great success and the cadets went home with a positive experience. Thank you all for giving these future aviation and space cadets a encouraging view of the our country and the role we play in the aviation industry. A proper and strong salute to the Florida Wing and all that participated in this event. Let's continue this tradition with pride. You can view more photos of this event on the St. Petersburg Senior Squadron web site www.stpetecap.org

MEMBER VISITS AVIATION MUSEUM IN CHINA

By 2nd Lt. Thomas Teamoh

My long anticipated dream to return to Southeast Asia was finally a reality for two months this year. I had a wonderful visit with friends in the Peoples Republic of China known now as the “new China”. I rented an apartment from my family friend in ChongQing City, a two hour flight from Beijing. One of my main interests was to visit the Beijing Aviation Association Museum 40 miles outside of the Capital. The government has made a permanent site for the World War II, Flying Tiger’s P-40 aircraft used in defense of China against the Japanese Air Force.

I did not expect the weather to be in the Monsoon Season and rains were very heavy in many regions causing mass flooding. The day I was riding to visit the museum there was a rain storm and the roads were closed. We had to abandon our vehicle and wait it out in a near by store. I was later informed that the Aviation Association has also a display of the Chinese Air Force at Beijing University and that will be part of my next visit.

In a following photograph, I am 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.

NEW MEMBER

William “Bill” J. Hoefer, Jr. has joined our organization partly because he has lost two friends in aircraft accidents. He wants to learn more about life saving skills available through CAP.

He was born in Miami, Fl and grew up in Orlando. He has been interested in communications since high school. He had two grown children and his current job is in air traffic at the St. Petersburg AFSS. He has several letters of commendation in handling aircraft emergencies. He has other interests in collecting hymnals and toys. We all welcome Bill Hoefer to our group.

CONGRATULATIONS TO A MEMBER

Congratulations to Lt Wynelle Deese on publishing her 6th book, St Petersburg; A Visual History. She had a booksigning event at Hasslam’s Book Store on Central Avenue in St Petersburg, 22 July 2006. The book is a collection of antique postcards pertaining to the history of St Petersburg with historical research into various events, personalities and buildings. Civil Air Patrol, Albert Whitted Airport and our own LtC Ruth Hubert were noted in the book.

Copies are still available at Hasslam’s Book Store. Bring your copy to Lt Deese as she will sign and personalize it for you.

LtC Vivian Olson