

they visited Talledega Superspeedway, were flown in a Bell 47 (MASH) helicopter, and a Classic Taylorcraft. They also had a trip to Vulcan and had a group BBQ dinner.

Monday they went to Huntsville. Thursday they flew to Maxwell in CAP aircraft for a visit to CAP National Headquarters and other sites at Maxwell AFB. They flew in a G-8 to Mobile.

While in Mobile they went to the Coast Guard Air Training Center, the Alabama Battleship Park, and Pensacola Naval Air Museum. A flight down the beach and a visit to the beach was cancelled because of bad weather. Sunday night all attended at banquet at a private fishing camp on the water.

There were so many Alabama Wing CAP members that housed our visitors, transported them, flew them, escorted them, prepared food, etc. To all of you...Well done and Thank You.

We had them fill out an evaluation on each activity and it is available for anyone to see. The two things they rated they highest were staying in homes and all the flying. If my count is correct, the each received at least seven flights in a variety of aircraft.

*Lt Col Johnny Ward
Commander
Shelby County Flight*

IACE Cadets hosted by Redstone Arsenal Squadron



Arnold Engineering Development Center,
Tennessee

From left to right.

David Kennedy, Redstone Squadron
Dani Richard Squadron Commander Redstone
Carolyn Crouch, Canada
Bob Van Eck, Netherlands
Craig Sweenie, Scotland (U.K.)
Matthew Power, Canada
William Cooper, England (U.K.)
Jos Sporcken, Netherlands
Otha Vaughn, Huntsville Composite Squadron

25 to 28 July Redstone Squadron's Commander spent four days escorting seven international visitors around the Huntsville area. The IACE visitors included an escort and two IACE cadets from the Netherlands, two from Canada, one from Scotland and one from England.

They visited the Space and Rocket Center, Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tullahoma, Point Mallard, and Moontown for a cookout and airplane rides. Using two C172 and a C182, the cadets were flown to Maxwell to continue their tour of Alabama.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Linda Kennedy, her cadet son D.J., and her mother Mrs. Vonceil Kelly for opening their homes to these visitors. Mrs. Kennedy was able to provide many free meals. Special thanks to Mrs. Barron who had the cadets for a buffet of southern cooking and Blake Mathis for providing tickets to the Rocket Center. And to Otha "Skeet" Vaughn of Huntsville

Squadron for providing his van and driving the cadets.

The cadets and their home countries are Matthew Power, Canada; Carolyn Crouch, Canada; Astrid Van Niekerk, Netherlands; Jos Spronken, Netherlands (Indonesia); Craig Sweeney, United Kingdom (Scotland); William Cooper, United Kingdom (England); and Bob Van Eck, the IACE escort from Netherlands.

*Capt Dani Richard
Commander, Redstone Composite Squadron*

Safety

Traffic accidents leading cause of preventable child deaths

(AP) — A study released Monday by the Alabama Child Death Review System reported that 335 of the 896 child fatalities in 2002 were preventable. Individual judicial circuits completed reviews of 272 of those, with these as the listed causes:

- _ Motor vehicle-related: 109
- _ Suffocation: 26
- _ Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 25
- _ Drowning: 20
- _ Firearm/weapon: 16
- _ Fires: 15
- _ Suicide: 13
- _ Assault: 12
- _ Poison: 9
- _ Electrocution: 2
- _ Falls: 1
- _ Other, including some prenatal causes: 12
- _ Undetermined: 12

Source: Alabama Child Death Review System Annual Report, Alabama Department of Public Health

Candle Safety Tips

Fires caused by candles occur most often in bedrooms, followed by family

rooms and living rooms. The light and scents from candles add much to the atmosphere in a home. People who use candles without thinking about safety put their lives and the lives of those in the family in danger.

Burning candles safely is easy if you follow these tips:

- Keep a candle in sight. Don't leave the room with a candle burning.
- Stay awake while candles are burning—huge cause of house fires
- Keep candles away from pets and children. Candles look and smell like food. Watch for wagging tails near flames
- Keep candles away from drafts, vents and flammable objects, such as curtains or anything else which could catch fire.
- Trim the wicks and keep trimmings out of wax.

Do not move a glass container while the wax is hot and liquid. Improper use of candles is the cause of many house fires. Use them safely during the holidays.



Rep John Knight, Col Tilton, Col Atwell

Representative John Knight at Alabama Wing Headquarters and present awards.

Rep John Knight talked to the members of the Alabama Wing Staff and the members of the Autauga-Elmore Composite Squadron about the importance of Civil Air Patrol. He emphasized the work that CAP does for the state and the nation, the ROTC flying, and the other missions that CAP performs. The Alabama Wing is very grateful for his support for our work.

Awards



Col Tilton presents a Commanders Commendation to Belinda Bowen for her efforts in making the SAR College a success.

Awards presented by Col Tilton to members of the Alabama Wing.



Major Jay Holland



Lt Col Don Canady accepts for Cadet/Lt Col Steven Torbert



Major Darrell McCalla



1 Lt Stephen Pearce accepts for
Major Daniel Moran



1 Lt Chris Tate accepts for
Major David Orrick

Autauga-Elmore Squadron Members Receive Awards.

Members of the Autauga-Elmore Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, located at the Wetumpka Airport, were recently presented awards for their life-saving efforts immediately following Hurricane Katrina. The team consisted of Cadets C/Maj. Robert Byford, C/SMSGt. Ashley Clarke, C/CMSgt. Christopher Smithson, and Senior Members Capt. Pamela Byford, 1 Lt. Oliver Cork, Lt. Col. Bruce Gearhart, T/Sgt. Bruce Yeager, and Capt. Amanda Anderson. The CAP team was deployed to Stone County, Ms. and worked out of Wiggins Air Field. During this mission, ordered by the Civil Air Patrol National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, the team was credited with saving the lives of four victims through search and rescue efforts.

The services of these CAP members were formally recognized on Saturday, November 5, 2005, at the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base as

the team was individually presented the Disaster Relief Award, the Exceptional Service Award, and the Life-Saving Award by Representative John Knight, (Dem.), 77th District, Montgomery, Alabama.

if care was not immediately forthcoming. Of the four persons, three were crippled to the virtual helplessness by their diseases and injuries. The fourth was weakened to the point of being unable to help herself or her aged mother....”



Pictured with their awards, left to right, are, 1 Lt. Oliver Cork, T/Sgt. Bruce Yeager, Lt. Col. Bruce Gearhart, Capt. Pamela Byford, C/CMSgt. Christopher Smithson.

*2 Lt Randy Richardson
PAO
Autauga-Elmore Composite Squadron*



T/Sgt. Bruce Yeager

Quotations from Citation for Awards

“From 5 Sep 05 to 6 Sep 05 AL 123, designated as Alabama Ground Team One was assigned search and rescue surveys of predetermined target individuals throughout Stone County, MS....The missions was modified on 7 Sep 05 to a comprehensive ‘door to door’ search in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In the course of these searches, and rendering of assistance, the team came in contact with four individuals in remote areas who were in threat of death



Capt. Pamela Byford



C/CMSgt. Christopher Smithson



Lt. Col. Bruce Gearhart



1 Lt. Oliver Cork



Capt Steven Sellers, Chaplain

Emergency Services

December 3, 2005, starting at 0830 hours there will be a SARX at Jasper, AL. This is our first SARX of the fiscal year and my hopes and expectations are that a large number of people will attend. There will be missing aircraft scenario which will include both an air portion and a ground operation task. All incident commanders and other interested personnel will be trained in the use of WIMRS as well as receiving a bi-yearly update. There will be something for everyone to do and I hope all will participate.

Lt Col Dennis Flowers

CAP Missions and SARXs

Ground teams have been almost non-existent during the last exercises. At the Bessemer SARX only one cadet made the effort to attend and the ground team consisted of all senior members. Along with ground operations, cadets can be utilized in most areas of mission operations, bur for

that to happen they must be trained and participate. I know that there are many reasons for not being at a SARX and I fully understand that we are all volunteers; however, if there is something we can do in either our training or exercise planning please email suggestions to dflowers@vhumc.org.

Dennis, Katrina, Rita and other trouble makers

I could not begin to list everyone that participated during this year's hurricane season. The Alabama Wing was tasked in many ways from providing ground teams, flying photo sorties, augmenting NOC staffing, supporting communications, and providing incident commanders and overhead support. For every person that was actually tasked there were many more members that express the willingness to go. My thanks go out to everyone in the Wing that helped.

Lt Col Dennis Flowers

SDIS

The Alabama Wing now has two fully mission capable SDIS aircraft. One aircraft is based in Dothan and the other in Tuscaloosa. Both systems were utilized during hurricane operations in Alabama Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida. Efforts are being made to train as many personnel as possible in the proper use of this valuable asset.

Announcements

Mt. Flying January 10, 2006
Contact Jay Holland

Alabama Wing Conference
Huntsville AL
April 28-29, 2006
Lt. Col. Larry Becker, Coordinator

SLS in Jasper February 4-5, 2006
Instructors and students needed
Please contact
Lt Col Jack Dodd
Home: 205-384-1227



SAR Eval Briefing

Alabama Wing Search and Rescue Evaluation

The Alabama Wing CAP completed the bi-annual evaluation on August 6, 2005. The eval began at Tuscaloosa with a real Search and Rescue in Progress.

Lt. Col Flowers served as IC for the eval and coordinated efforts with Lt Col Glen Rush and Lt Col Mike Husband who were working the SAR.



Lt Col Flowers explains two concurrent missions to the CAP Members.

Air and ground sorties were dispatched, flown and evaluated. Mission staff was able to answer all questions that were asked by the USAF evaluators.

What made the eval so different was that while we were winding down the practice missions, two additional ELTs were heard in the northern part of the state and one in southern Tennessee.

As the Evaluation was being given to the IC and other CAP members present, we were preparing to open a mission base in Scottsboro to locate and find the ELT.



Talmadge Butler, Rick Hasha raise the radio antenna in Scottsboro.

The ELT in Scottsboro was found and silenced. The ELT in Tennessee and the second one in Alabama were bounced signals.



TSgt Thomas Smelser and Maj Gregory Hattaway inspect the Alabama Wing Aircraft.

Public Affairs

All squadrons need to look and read the CAP News in the section on Highlights, and then use those articles as models for articles to be sent to CAP News. Some, maybe most will not get in, but if we don't send them then there is no possibility that they will be printed. I prefer that each squadron send their articles in. You get the credit for writing. Your commander or PAO can send me a copy of what you send in. That way I can keep track of what is submitted and what is printed.

I am not the only one who can author and submit articles, to CAP News and most importantly to the local newspaper. It is a function of the local squadron, in my opinion. Funding is voted on by the representatives at the local level. They read the local papers.

If you are truly opposed to sending articles in, I will do it for you. However, you have to tell me "to submit this article for me." I am going to assume that each commander and PAO will be submitting articles. I only need copies.

Staff members who want to write a brief paragraph or a long article for the quarterly newsletter are welcome to send them to me. I appreciate all contributions. This is a Wing Newsletter. Individual members can always send something as well. I ask you to remember copyrite and libel issues.

If there is a question that you would like to have answered, that you cannot find the answer to in the regulations and supplements, and that you believe others would like to know about, send them to me by email. This is not a "do the research for you" spot, but one where we will find answers for you if we can. I will send the question to the appropriate staff member and we will answer the questions as we can.

I will assist in anyway possible. There are twenty-one squadrons in the wing. There are ten PAs at last count. We have three or four Mission-qualified Information Officers. Let me know what I can do to help.

Maj. Pat Mitcham
Public Affairs

Veteran's Day
November 11, 2005



To those who have served,
To those who are serving,
To those present,
To those passed on,

To those known,
To those unknown,

We, the free, thank you.