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August Upcoming Events

- Form 99's due at Wing
- Monthly Vehicle Utilization Report due at Wing
- Monthly Aircraft Utilization Report due at Wing
- Wing Staff Meeting, SANGB
- Practice SAR/DR Training, Monroe
- National Board & Conference
- Flight Release Officer Training
- Counter Drug Activity

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2003 Great Lakes Region Summer Encampment - Special Edition

This years summer region encampment was held at the Combat Readiness Training Center located at Phelps Collins ANGB in Alpena from 5-12 July. Cadets and Senior members from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Florida and Canada participated in the annual event. Cadets graduated from *Region Cadet Leadership School*. Senior members completed Squadron Leadership School (SLS) required for completion of Level II and/or the Yeager



Color Guard on Flight Line during Pass In Review

Cadet Graduation Ceremony



CLS Graduating Class



National Commander Comments on Professional Development

We must take more care with integration of new members



Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, CAP National Commander

The July 2003 article *We must take more care with integration of new members*, written by Major General Richard Bowling, CAP National Commander, is a reminder to all of us that “we must take the lead in developing these new members and share with them the value we place in their membership with our great organization”. General Bowling also states, “CAP membership has grown over the past couple of years, however, information received indicates that we are driving some of these new team players away”. Due to our approach to their individual development, sometimes we fail to retain the brightest of our new volunteers. General Bowling further states, “we must ensure the long-term nurturing and development of these new members by providing them with tools they need at the very beginning of their membership which is a priority every squadron must fulfill. General Bowling states that he has received several emails from members regarding their frustration with the lack of training and guidance they have received. Most importantly, all members of CAP need to remember these new members see a value in becoming part of our organization and we all must work as a team to increase productivity and attain our goals. General Bowling's best words of advice to all members of Civil Air Patrol are: “The bottom line here is to understand the best way to motivate adults is to enhance their reasons for being an active member while decreasing the barriers. Value the reason why members joined Civil Air Patrol and discover what might be keeping them from learning and progressing. Then plan your motivating strategies”.

Source: Excerpt from *National Perspective*, CAP News, Volume 35

SAFETY NOTES

Aggressive Drivers. We see them every day and whether we want to admit it or not, we sometimes find ourselves easily falling into that category. The key is to recognize Aggressive Driving and how to avoid it. State Farm Insurance Company has compiled some facts about Aggressive Driving.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)* says, about 66 percent of all traffic fatalities annually are caused by aggressive driving behaviors, such as passing on the right, running red lights and tailgating. At least 20 percent of adults have hostility levels serious enough to be a health hazard. (Source: USA TODAY)

Aggressive driving incidents are defined as events in which an angry or impatient driver tries to kill or injure another driver after a traffic dispute. Aggressive driving incidents have risen by 51 percent since 1990 with 37 percent of these incidents involving firearms. The number of drivers on the road is increasing. As of 1990, 91 percent of people drive to work. Commuters in one-third of the largest cities spent well over 40 hours a year in traffic jams. (Source: U.S. News & World Report) Aggressive driving may be on the upswing, so remember not to panic and avoid confrontations when possible.

How should you respond to an aggressive driver? There are a number of ‘tactics’, mainly don’t feed into his or her anger. Don’t make eye contact or threatening gestures. Obtain the vehicle’s license number and make a report to the police when it is safe to do so. Responding with anger and being equally aggressive can make you liable for traffic violations as well.

Source: Capt. Charles W. Cranford, CAP HQ VAWG/LGT (Fleet Management)



Lt. Col. Edward Phelka, CAP (Encampment Vice Commander and Commandant of Cadets) Emcees Cadet Graduation Ceremony and Assists in Presenting Region CLS Special Awards



PROJECT OFFICER WANTED

FOR 2004 MICHIGAN WING CONFERENCE

To oversee planning and coordination with assistance of members desiring to help

No specific dates or location has been set at this time

Interested members should contact Chief of Staff Ron Padavan for additional information

***P**rofessionalism
Proficiency
Pride*

U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, naturally!



Awards - Promotions - Appointments

Monica Burke, Lt. Col. - Award - Level 5 Ribbon (Gill Robb Wilson)

John Betrus, Capt. - Award - Aerospace Education Achievement (1st Place)

Stephen Hopson, 1Lt. - Passed FAA Commercial Checkride (Story Page 12)

Joe Buford, 2Lt. - Award - Yeager Aerospace Education Ribbon

Michael Buford, SM - Award - Level 1 Membership Ribbon

LaToya McLain, SM - Award - Level 1 Membership Ribbon

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Editor's Note

The newsletter is up and running again. In order to ensure that all members are informed of Wing events and important information. We are asking all members to assist us. Members with articles, announcements, photographs, information on events, promotions, awards, new members or other forms of information of interest to Wing members are encouraged to submit their material for publication in the newsletter. Submit photos with full descriptions please.

Please send your submissions/questions via email to the Newsletter Editor, 2Lt. Joe Buford at jbuford@miwg.cap.gov **no later than the 15th of the month** for inclusion in the next scheduled issue. Thank you.

Cadet Programs



News and Events

25 July - 2 August 2003

SAR Academy - Location - Luzerne - POC - Major Sheila Cerny

29 July - 4 Aug 2003

Experimental Aviation Association - Location - Osh Kosh, WI - POC Lt. Col. Pam Saile
Blue Beret - Location - Osh Kosh, WI - (dates not all inclusive) - POC Lt. Col. Pam Saile

8 - 10 - August 2003

Practice SAR/DR Training - Location - Monroe - POC - Captain James Feil

16 August 2003

Flight Release Officer Training - Location - Willow Run - POC - Major Craig Brown

August 2003 Calendar of Events

- 5 - Form 99's due at Wing Headquarters**
- 7 - Monthly Vehicle Utilization Reports due at Wing**
- 8 - 10 - Practice SAR/DR Training** - Location - Monroe - POC - Captain James Feil
- 9 - Wing Staff Meeting** - Location - Wing Headquarters - POC - Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan
- 10 - Monthly Aircraft Utilization Reports due at Wing**
- 13 - 16 - National Board and Conference** - Location - TBD
- 16 - Flight Release Officer Training** - Location - Willow Run - POC - Major Craig Brown
- (T) - Counter Drug Activity** - POC - Captain Jerry Bradow

MI Wing's Newest Members

This space has been reserved to welcome our new members to Michigan Wing. We welcome our newest members to **Selfridge Cadet Squadron MI-176:**

Major Matt Butkis (transfer from Kentucky)

SM John Carey

SM Jeffrey Schelske

C/AB Joshua Carter

C/AB Austin Eplett

C/AB William Hindle

C/AB Todd Holcomb

C/AB Gabriel McKinney

C/AB Nicholas Knaebel

C/AB Jake Milkovich

Welcome to Michigan Wing!

VACANT STAFF POSITIONS AT WING HEADQUARTERS

Wing Headquarters is currently seeking personnel to fill the following staff positions:

Public Affairs Officer
ROTC Flight Coordinator
Plans and Programs Officer
2004 MI Wing Conference Project Officer

Interested members should contact Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan, Chief of Staff via email at rpadavan@miwg.cap.gov or by phone at (586) 774-6644 for further information.

CLS Director Lt. Col. Curt Boehmer, CAP Addresses Cadets at Region CLS Graduation



CHAPLAIN HELPING CHAPLAINS - OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS ALL THE TIME

The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, for time and chance happen to everyone. Take a second look at what appears to be someone's "good luck." You'll find not luck but preparation, planning and success-producing thinking. Opportunity is around you all the time, but you have to be ready for it. When your chance comes, you must have the equipment to take advantage of it. When you're prepared for opportunity, your chance for success is sure to come. The season of failure is the best time for sowing the seeds of success. The tide of opportunity comes to everyone.



Article by: Chaplain Richard Sample, Lt. Col., CAP MIWG Chief Chaplain

Submitted by: Captain Christine R. Frantz, CAP, MLO



Aerospace Education Director Praises AEPSM Award Recipients

The late received list of June 2003 Senior members successfully completing the written examination for the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members (AEPSM) as submitted by Captain John Betrus, CAP, DAE have been awarded the ***General Charles E. (Chuck) Yeager Award***. Course work is completed through study of the ***Journey of Flight*** text. The June 2003 Yeager Award recipients are listed by name, rank and squadron number.

GLR-MI-063 Squadron

2Lt. Annette M. Laker

GLR-MI-000 Wing HQ Squadron

2Lt. Joseph L. Buford

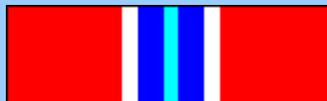
GLR-MI-190 Squadron

Major Sondra Davis
 Captain Dan Duthler
 Captain Tim Keating
 Captain Bob Whitman
 1Lt. Robert Gee
 2Lt. Terry Atwood
 2Lt. Neil Squires

2Lt. Lawrence Flater
 2Lt. Cliff Tholen
 SM Pete Eggenberger
 SM Laura Harper
 SM Russ Visner
 SM James Nelson

Source: Captain John Betrus, DAE

Article by: 2Lt. Joe Buford



CADET EARNS GENERAL BILLY MITCHELL AWARD

C/CMSgt. Randall Hooper has achieved the ***General Billy Mitchell Award***.

State Adjutant, Major General Thomas Cutler presented Cadet Hooper with the award at the Great Lakes Region summer encampment cadet graduation ceremony.

Congratulations Cadet Hooper on a job well done!

Source: GLR Encampment



Royal Canadian Air Cadets Experience Summer Encampment with Great Lakes Region Cadets

This year's summer encampment was truly an international event for Civil Air Patrol. Members from Canada's Royal Canadian Air Cadets joined American cadets in this year's encampment activities. Beginning with registration check-in, our Canadian neighbors participated in each phase of the encampment process. Cadets from both countries capitalized on this unique opportunity to work, compete and learn from each other in a fun and academic environment. Encampment allows cadets to experience life on a military base in a one week period of time. At the end of encampment during casual conversation, Captain Dixon stated that cadet training in Canada does not include any form of encampment. The training, camaraderie and fun that each of them experienced will be a lasting enjoyable memory that his cadets will take home and share with their peers. Captain Dixon, whom served as a CLS instructor plans to attend next year's summer encampment with eight cadets from his unit in order to give each of them the opportunity to experience actual military life on a military installation.



Pictured left to right are Royal Canadian Air Cadets C\Sgt. Victoria Waterfield, Captain Dix Dixon, CF-R, C/Sgt. Jacob Laderoute



State Adjutant Major General Thomas Cutler, GLR Commander Col. William Webb, Michigan Wing Commander Col. Gary Mayo and other Reviewing Officers await Pass In Review in the Reviewing Stand



THE CIVIL AIR PATROL ALWAYS
ALWAYS VIGILANT

Members Receive Recognition at Michigan Wing Conference Award Presentations

This years annual Michigan Wing Conference held in April in Romulus was the setting for recognition and praise of our members whose performance over the past year has been nothing less than exemplary. This years recipients are listed as follows:

<i>AWARDS</i>	<i>PROMOTIONS</i>
<p>Bronze Medal of Valor - Chaplain Captain Mark E. Bell Exceptional Service Award - Lt. Col. Edward Phelka Meritorius Service Award Lt. Col. Sherry L. Jones Lt. Col. Tim Neill 1Lt. Ann Frantz C/Cpt. John P. Andree</p> <p>Commander's Commendation Lt. Col. Pamela Saile Major Terri Couls Major Pamela E. Paulin Captain Robert Stimble Captain James E. Siciliano Captain Pav Arne 1Lt. David D'Arcy SM Nancy Broyles C/Cpt. Augustus Gettas C/1Lt. Steven Duffy C/1Lt. Mary Chesney</p> <p>Long Service Award Lt. Col. Tom Dickenson (50 years continuous service) Lt. Col. William Day (50 years cumulative service) Lt. Col. Michael P. Saile (35 years continuous service)</p>	<p>Major David Breyer promotion to Lt. Colonel Major Milton Weeks - promotion to Lt. Colonel Captain Christopher Freytag - promotion to Major SM Duncan Harper - promotion to Captain 2Lt. Vincent Gray - promotion to First Lieutenant</p>
	<i>CADET AWARDS</i>
	<p>Emergency Service Officer of the Year - C/Cpt. Augustus Gettas</p> <p>Ira C. Eaker Award - C/Cpt. John P. Andree</p> <p>Ameila Earhart Award C/Cpt. Stefano Dedonatis Cadet Michael Cox Cadet Sean J. Dobbs</p> <p>General Billy Mitchell Award Cadet Nathaniel M. Brandel Cadet Marley N. Brown Cadet David M. Spilling</p>
<p>Senior Member of the Year Award - 1Lt. William Chesney National Squadron of Merit - Oakland Composite Squadron Squadron of the Year Award - Oakland Composite Squadron Aerospace Education Officer of the Year - 1Lt. Betty Dumont Chaplain of the Year - Captain Norman Lund Moral Leadership Officer of the Year - 2Lt. Debra S. Hammersburg Communicator of the Year - Captain Robert Stimble Region Emergency Services Officer of the Year - Major Carol Heeringa Public Affairs Officer of the Year - Captain James E. Siciliano Safety Officer of the Year - Captain Karen Demars Top Prop Award - Willow Run Composite Squadron Top Pilot Award - Captain William S. Dumont Frank G. Brewer Award - Captain Clifford Miller Mildred Boehmer Award - Lt. Col. Curtis Boehmer Paul E. Garber Award - Lt. Col. Milton Weeks Grover Loening Award - Bruce K. Blossom</p>	

Wing Commander Congratulates Cadet Leadership School Top Graduates

Michigan Wing Commander Colonel Gary Mayo, was in attendance to personally present each of the Cadet Leadership School graduates with their graduation certificate and to commend them on achieving the necessary skills required to become viable cadet leaders.



Michigan Wing Commander Colonel Gary Mayo with the 2003 Region CLS Top Cadets



Pictured left to right: Michigan Wing Commander Colonel Gary Mayo, Class Leader and Overall Honor Graduate Cadet Brandon Wiess, Leadership Honor Graduate Jared Cooke, Academic Honor Graduate Andrea Cook, and far right, Class Instructor Captain Dix Dixon, Royal Canadian Air Cadets



Cadet Leadership School Cadets at attention in CLS classroom on graduation day



CLS Cadets in CLS Classroom on graduation day



State Adjutant Major General Thomas Cutler presenting awards to Cadets at Graduation Ceremony

Cadets Perform Pass In Review Before State Adjutant Major General Thomas Cutler and other Reviewing Officers

Cadets performed Pass In Review before State Adjutant, Major General Thomas Cutler, Commander of Air National Guard forces in Michigan, Great Lakes Region Commander William Webb, Michigan Wing Commander Colonel Gary Mayo, other senior ranking officers and parents. As a matter of protocol and military customs and courtesies. The Canadian National Anthem was played to honor the Royal Canadian Air Cadets present.



From Work To Relaxation a/k/a Party Time At Last!



*Featured Story***Unique MI Wing Pilot Passes Commercial Checkride**

Friday 25 July 2003 was clearly a notable day in Michigan Wing history as CAP pilot 1st Lt. Stephen Hopson successfully passed his FAA Commercial Checkride examination. What is so unique about passing a commercial checkride you might ask? Well perhaps not much unless you happen to be deaf like Lt. Hopson. According to Lt. Col. Leo Burke, Wing Vice Commander and skilled pilot. "This is a difficult accomplishment for most any pilot." Lt. Hopson is Michigan's first deaf commercial pilot and the third or fourth in the nation to achieve this goal. In an email to Lt. Col. Burke, Lt. Hopson stated "The examiner had 3 checkrides today (2 commercial and one instrument) I was the only one who passed. It's such a relief to be done with it. I hardly slept the night before and did an unbelievable amount of preparation - so much in fact I literally zipped through the oral portion of the checkride."

In a same day communication between Wing Commander Col. Gary Mayo and John A. Salvador, Director of Operations, HQ CAP. Col. Mayo stated "we may want to feature Lt. Hopson in a CAP News article. He really is quite a remarkable CAP Officer, and an inspiration to many!"

In a congratulatory email to Lt. Hopson, Salvador stated "This is a significant accomplishment and we at NHQ were very excited to hear about your successful checkride." Lt. Hopson's accomplishment has since been forwarded to Jim Tynan of the CAP News and concurs with Col. Mayo that this is truly a great human interest story. Congratulations Lt. Hopson, well done!

Lt. Col. Monica Burke Receives Gill Robb Wilson Award



Lt. Col. Burke was presented the Gill Robb Wilson Award by State Adjutant, Major General Thomas Cutler during this year's Cadet Graduation Ceremony held during encampment in Alpena, signifying completion of the requirements required for Level V. Level V is the last phase of Senior member advancement training. Congratulations Lt. Col. Burke



Lt. Col. Monica Burke enjoying the activities at the River Club Senior party during encampment

Capt. John Betrus Awarded 1st Place Great Lakes Region Aerospace Education Achievement Award

State Adjutant Major General Thomas Cutler presented Captain Betrus, Michigan Wing DAE with the award during the Great Lakes Region summer encampment cadet graduation ceremony held at Phelps Collins ANGB in Alpena 12 July.

