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Central Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

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Words of Inspiration

"Encourage change and new ideas. Don't be intimidated by them."

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Safety Tip of the Month

Watch Your Fuel Because It'll Get You Where You Want to Go or It'll Get You in Trouble!



Wing Ding

By Capt Doug Jansen



CAP Cadets get an orientation flight on a UH-1 Helicopter during the Wing Ding.



Iowa's new Blantik Glider takes a cadet on an orientation flight.

Over 40 cadets and 20 senior members participated in the 2002 Wing Ding in Boone, Iowa August 17th and 18th. The Wing Ding is a drug-free aerospace education activity meant to give the cadets of Iowa Wing the chance to do things they don't normally get to do during the course of a year. The CAP Wing Ding is a social activity to get cadets together to build camaraderie and esprit de corps.

The first activity on Saturday was the model rocketry class where cadets constructed Viking rockets to launch on Sunday afternoon. Cadets began rotating out to receive orientation flights throughout the weekend. Despite weather delays, 26 powered and 26 glider orientation rides were accomplished throughout the weekend. After rocketry the cadets competed in a shelter-building competition where they competed for the best time in assembling a shelter. Cadets were challenged to set up a sturdy shelter and do it more quickly than the other teams. After lunch the cadets went through some introductory land navigation training and completed in a basic land navigation course. Then it was time for a light dinner of 15 large pizzas and then a relaxing evening by the fire to prepare for the next day.

After a hearty breakfast early Sunday morning, the cadets piled into the vans and departed for the Army Aviation Support Facility in Boone, IA. There they received a tour and comprehensive briefing on the UH-1 and UH-60 Helicopters stationed there. Cadets were able to climb into a UH-60 and UH-1 and experience the thrill of sitting behind the controls. Then they received their safety briefing on the UH-1 helicopter from a former CAP cadet who is now an Army pilot. Then cadets divided up and began their flights in the UH-1 helicopters. These flights helped Army Guard pilots maintain proficiency and gave the cadets the opportunity to experience military rotor-wing aviation at its finest. After a thrilling morning, the cadets returned to base for a quick lunch and then took part a drill competition. The cadets then packed up in the vans to go to Cape Catastrophe, the makeshift launch facility in the park, to launch their model rockets. Cadets launched their rockets to up to an altitude of 500 feet and competed for height and distance.



C/SrA Schlosser takes an orientation flight in a UH-1H Huey during the 2002 Wing Ding.

NCR Encampment

Ever wanted to see what military Basic Training was like? Five CICS Cadets got to spend one week at Camp Dodge and find out what it feels like. C/Sra Justin Colvin, C/Sra Drew Schlosser, C/AIC Erik Wright, C/Amn Eric Richardson, and C/AB Zach Dalaba completed the 2002 NCR Encampment at Camp Dodge. Cadets received instruction in a variety of fields and topics including customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, CAP organization, CAP missions, Iowa National Guard missions and organization, and moral leadership. Cadets also got to do lots of fun activities like rappelling off the forty foot tower, weapons training on the Firearms Training Simulator, leadership training and competition on the Leadership Reaction Course, and tours of the STARC Armory and Iowa Gold Star Museum. TFO Troy Ruffin also completed the encampment, serving as the assistant Tac Officer for Alpha Flight.

Storm Lake Update

After an outstanding exercise in June, our flight in Northwest Iowa has begun to negotiate use of a large facility at the Sac City Airport. This facility was the office and hangar for the FBO and is now dormant. CAP plans to use this facility as a base of operations for the local unit and be able to host Emergency Services exercises as well as large activities at the site. Next year 2 exercises and the Wing Ding are tentatively scheduled to be held at the facility.

Missing Person Search Yields a Find

On July 22 Iowa CAP was alerted by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center for a missing motorcyclist from Barnes City, IA. The man had been missing for almost two days and was last seen riding his motorcycle headed home. Three Civil Air Patrol aircraft and 2 ground teams were launched to support the search. Around 1430 hours the first ground team arrived on scene. Capt. Doug Jansen assumed on scene command as Operations Section Chief and began to coordinate the air search with the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Department. CAP established a search base at SIG Field near Montezuma and began to coordinate the search operations of the three aircraft. After three hours of searching, a CAP Aircraft piloted by 1Lt Kim Kirschman and 2Lt Richard Helton from Des Moines, spotted some debris east of Montezuma. They called in what they saw and asked for a ground team to identify it. Capt. Jansen and TFO Troy Ruffin led a ground team consisting of C/Sra Jackie Elliott, C/SrA Drew Schlosser, and C/AIC Erik Wright to investigate the debris. The ground team and Sheriff's Deputies located the motorcycle and missing person around 1800 hours. Regretfully, the man had perished due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash while on his way home 2 days earlier. Apparently high weeds and grass had obscured the view from the ground and the motorcycle could only be seen from the air.



The Iowa Wing Color Guard marches in the 2002 Lincoln Highway Days Parade in Nevada

Fly Iowa 2002



C/Amn Zach Dalaba (left) and **C/Amn Pat Kelly** (right) assemble their model rockets during the 2002 Wing Ding

Commander's Corner

So far in 2002 our squadron has had an outstanding safety record. I'd like to thank each of you for your dedication to safety and quality in everything that we do. This year CAP has had the misfortune of losing two aircraft and six qualified aircrew members due to accidents. Both sets of crews were experienced pilots (CFI, Commercial) and experienced observers. Small safety problems could have been the cause of these tragic losses. So with our summer season winding down, and our fall recruiting and training beginning I ask each of you to take 5 for safety. Take 5 minutes to preflight the vehicle before going on that 2 am mission. Take 5 extra minutes to preflight the aircraft and check the maintenance records. And take 5 minutes out of your activities to remember safety first, safety always.

I'd like to welcome three members to our squadron. This month C/Capt Shea Daniels (IA078), C/1Lt Chris Davis (IA002), and C/2Lt Erin Lowry (IA041) transferred into our squadron. Please welcome them to our family and help show them just how great our squadron is. Also, I'd like to take a moment to thank all the seniors and cadets that made Wing Ding so successful. Thanks.



Rescue crews remove the T-34 Mentor that made an emergency landing at the FlyIowa Airshow in LeMars.

Promotions

Justin Colvin to C/SrA
Zach Dalaba to C/Amn
Anita Elliott to 2Lt
Jackie Elliot to C/SSgt
Roger Elliott to 2Lt
Eric Richardson to C/A1C



New Members

Shea Daniels
Keighley Fowler

Chris Davis
Erin Lowry
James McLaughlin



Total Members:

48!

Upcoming Schedule			Squadron Staff	
Date	Activity	Location	Position	Name
1 Sep	Balloon Days	Storm Lake	Commander	Capt. Jansen
3 Sep	SQ BBQ	Ames	Deputy Commander for Cadets	TFO Ruffin
4 Sep	Wing Staff Meeting	Iowa City	Deputy Commander for Seniors	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
10 Sep	Meeting: ML, AE, LL	Ames	Deputy Commander for Storm Lake	2Lt G. Colvin
14-15 Sep	Squadron Leadership School	Camp Dodge	Cadet Commander	C/2Lt E. Lowry
14-15 Sep	Corporate Learning Course	Camp Dodge	Admin/Personnel	2Lt A. Elliott
14 Sep	Iowa/Iowa State Game Go Cyclones!	Iowa City	Aerospace Ed.	Capt. S. Tomlinson
17 Sep	Meeting: SE, LL	Ames	Chaplain	Maj. Barber
24 Sep	Meeting: PT, LL	Ames	Communications	Vacant
28 Sep	Squadron Bivouac	Ledges State Park	Emergency Services	TFO Ruffin
1 Oct	Meeting:	Ames	Finance	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
8 Oct	Meeting:	Ames	Historian	Capt. Halbrook
15 Oct	Meeting:	Ames	Logistics	2Lt R. Elliott
18-20 Oct	Wing Conference	Ames	Moral Leadership	Capt. S. Tomlinson
22 Oct	Meeting:	Ames	Operations	Lt. Col. R. Tomlinson
26 Oct	Staff Assistance Visit	Davenport	Public Affairs	Capt. Jansen
29 Oct	Meeting:	Ames	Recruiting	Vacant
9 Nov	Operations Exercise	Iowa City	Safety	SM McLaughlin
31 Dec	NCSA Apps Due	Wg PO Box	Stan/Eval	Capt. Myers
17 May	CICS Dining-Out	Ames	Testing	Capt. S. Tomlinson

Reminders:

- Iowa Wing Conference is in Ames on 18-20 Oct so be sure to RSVP as soon as you get the information in the mail.
- End of the Fiscal Year is approaching.
- Don't forget to take the time to be safe, the last thing we want is an accident!

Projects In Progress:

- Training in Storm Lake
- Working on the Airport Design Project
- Aircrew and UDFT Training
- Purchasing New Squadron T-Shirts

<http://www.iawg.cap.gov/ames>

