

TN Wing Group 1 News

A Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2008

Safety Briefing

Selecting and Using Fire Extinguishers.

Page 2

Group 1 Fall Training

What's new this fall?

Page 2

Squadron News

News from Group 1 Squadrons

Page 3

Featured Squadron

Morristown Squadron

Page 3

Wings over Big South Fork

Don't miss out on all of the fun at this amazing air show. We need 80 members to help.

Page 4

Flight Scholarships

Cadets that want to earn a pilot's license read this!

Page 5

Orientation Flights

Schedule your flights now.

Page 5

Commander Comments

Major Darrell Sexton

Page 6

Professional Development

Are you getting the training that you need? Check out the Bass Pro Shop training classes.

Page 7

Featured Staff Member

*Major Tim Waddell
Group 1 ES Officer*

Page 8

Staff Listing and Calendar Updates

Update your squadron calendar with these dates.

Page 8

Media Contact:

*2nd Lt Kimberly Bennett
Public Affairs Officer*

(865)382-5130

bennettcap@mac.com



CAP Color Guard Presentation RAM Salute to Service Festival

Mr. Stan Brock, founder of Remote Area Medical and a member of CAP opened the service with a wonderful salute to the several WWII Veterans in attendance. The crowd at Island Home Airport enjoyed an array of patriotic music performed by a barbershop group. Veterans from all branches of the military were recognized as the Brass Quintet played a medley of service songs.

CAP members from several squadrons were in attendance and made themselves available to show onlookers our glass cockpit airplane on display and answer questions about CAP and our mission. This event is an important opportunity for CAP members to show our appreciation for the active duty and retired military personnel in our community.

This event recognizes not only a WWII veterans but all service men and women both active duty and retired. All were recognized and applauded as each service anthem was played.

McGhee Tyson Squadron Color Guard was represented by 1st Lt John Young, Cadet 2nd Lt Patrick Burns, Cadet Sr Airman Jessi Thompson, and Cadet Sr Airman Elizabeth Bennett as they presented the colors during the memorial service.

The keynote speaker, WIVK radio personality "Gunner", spoke of the many local military units he works with that have been deployed to Iraq. At the end of his speech he reminded us to "continue to think about them [military personnel in Iraq] every day, till they come home."



Safety - How's My Driving?

You've heard many of the slogans – "Take Time for Safety," "Take Two," "Nobody Gets Hurt," "Safety is Job 1," "Safety is Paramount." While they all get the idea across that safety is important, they don't tell us anything about how to be safe. We aren't naturally safe people – we get by with habits and attitudes that have worked for us – so far. It's when those habits and attitudes result in an accident that most of us re-think them and make some changes. One purpose of a safety program is to teach and show us other ways to think and behave before we find ourselves involved in an accident – we call it, accident prevention. We can share our experiences with each other and learn from the near-misses our friends, co-workers and unit members have been through. Or the safety staff can make suggestions to us intended to get us to think about our habits and attitudes and adopt better ones.

One way the safety staff do that is to tell us we need to become "defensive drivers." Yes, I know, you're already a defensive driver. And a good one too! The truth is, we all think we're safe, defensive drivers and it's "the other driver" who isn't. Consider, if you will, that we are all "the other driver" to somebody – aren't we? What driving habits do you have which may not be as safe as you think? Do you always back into a parking space so you don't have to worry about backing into somebody in the driving lane when you pull out? Over 80% of parking lot fender benders are caused by backing into the driving lane. Do you turn onto a multilane highway when the near lane is clear – even if there are vehicles in the other lanes that would pose a hazard if they were in the near lane? Do you KNOW they will stay in the lane they are in? Do you have blind spots behind you caused by the way your rearview mirrors are set up? Try this: Sitting in the driver's seat, lean your head against the window and adjust the outside mirror so you just lose sight of the side of your car in the mirror. Now, move your head to the center of the front seat and make the same adjustment with the right side outside mirror. Finally, adjust the inside rearview mirror so the center of the mirror looks straight back the middle of your car. Guess what? No more blind spots. Most of us learned to make corners with the hand-over-hand method of turning. Do you have airbags in your car? Where are your arms going to go if the airbags get activated while you're in the middle of the a turn? Young drivers today are being taught to keep their hands at the 3 and 9 o'clock position of the steering wheel and slide the wheel through their hands so their arms are never at the top. Think about it.

by: Major Dent Young, Group 1 Safety Officer

October 10-12 Training Preview

For those of you that have been to the McCord farm training in the past you may be surprised at the changes planned for the next training. Here's a sneak peek at some of the ideas Maj Waddell and Capt Matula have for the next Group 1 Training.

You want more realistic training, you'll get it so be prepared to spend more time in the woods if you need GT3, 2, or 1 training. Cadets and Senior Members should be ready to work and learn hands on rather than in a classroom setting. Interested in learning more about what the mission base staff is doing? We have a need for mission staff assistants (MSA) and mission radio operators (MRO) and will provide training for these essential staff positions.

This is going to be a great opportunity for you to get the realistic hands-on training that you need while enjoying the experience of working with other squadrons as you would in an actual mission.

This is your training and we need your help. Pull your SQTR's and see what training you need. Focus on Emergency Services training at your meetings in the weeks before our training weekend because we will be spending most of our time in the woods and very little time will be spent on things that are easily done in a classroom setting at a squadron meeting. Register in advance so that we are better prepared to train based on the qualifications and needs of the members that plan to attend. If you want to train for MSA or MRO, wonderful! These are areas of great need and are vital to accomplishing our mission. Grounds teams count on a well trained mission base staff.

Ready to sign up? Commanders, e-mail the following information to elthunter@bellsouth.net for each member that plans to attend:

Name, Rank, CURRENT qualifications listed on 101 card, choose two of the following desired training directions (GTM1, GTM2, GTM3, GTL, MSA, MRO), additional training that you need not listed. All of this training is available to both Senior Members and Cadets including the MSA and MRO.

Expect to see much more about this training in the weeks to come.

Squadron News

Oak Ridge Squadron: The Oak Ridge Composite Squadron had an exhibit/information booth at the Secret City Festival in Oak Ridge on Saturday, June 21. Senior Members Maj. Tim Waddell, 2nd Lt. Lamont Adrian and SM/SSgt. Chris Yaroch, along with cadets Jonathan Moore, Brittany Moore, Evan McCroskey, Justin McCroskey, Laina McCroskey, Nathan Jones and Ryan Waddell participated. The squadron handed out supplies for 50 foam/rubber band rockets and assisted festival goers in assembling them. Additionally, the booth displayed a CAP looping video, ground team gear, several pictures of CAP activities and distributed CAP informational literature.

Kingsport: The Kingsport Composite Squadron toured a USAF CV-22 Osprey diverted into TRI in June. The crew was ferrying the new aircraft from the Factory in Texas to MCAS New River. Poor weather prevented them from continuing to New River so they chose to land for the night at TRI. Flight Engineer, MSgt Brad Forslund, USAF agreed to provide an aircraft tour for our cadets and what a tour it was. We all got to see the latest and newest USAF tactical airlifter. He also invited us to come out the next morning and observe the aircraft departure. We all arrived about 0815 and were treated to a second tour of the aircraft but this time the entire crew took part and really gave us a great display. Aircraft commander Maj Jeff White, USMC and Pilot Capt Rich Allison, USAF allowed the cadets to sit in the cockpit with them while they explained the various aircraft systems and capabilities. There was no shortage of smiles or wide eyes that morning on the flight line! The engine start, taxi and takeoff were really something to behold. After initial takeoff, Maj White brought the Osprey back around for a low speed and then again for a high speed pass. We were all duly impressed. The professionalism of Maj White and his crew was exemplary and made us all proud. They didn't have to go the extra mile to show us the aircraft but they did and in so doing gave us all an opportunity to see our active duty military pilots in action.

McGhee Tyson - The McGhee Tyson Squadron assisted with the Seymour fly in in May by marshalling aircraft as they landed and departed from the grass strip at Seymour Airpark. The event was sponsored by the marine corps league to benefit the young marines program. The squadron also set up a very successful recruiting/information booth at the annual Homeschool Family Resource Fair held at Farragut Middle School. Cadets and Senior Members spoke with many families about CAP's mission and programs. Other activities included Color Guard at RAM salute to service event and Color Guard at upcoming Region Staff College the end of July.



Morristown

The Morristown Squadron is in the midst of a very busy summer. A very successful open house was made even more memorable by the presence of Ms Evelyn Bryan Johnson "Mama Bird". A new squadron Chaplain has been officially "Pinned."

Pilot Stephen Kintner took the opportunity to introduce "Mama Bird" to the newest Glass Cockpit Cessna 182T Nav III Aircraft. The half-hour orientation flight piloted by Captain Kintner went well with Ms Johnson giving high praise to both her pilot and the Cessna Aircraft.

For those that are not familiar with Ms Johnson, she has an aviation career spanning over 50 years and she has accumulated more flying time than any woman in aviation history.

A special "Celebration of Freedom" service was held Sunday June 29 by Pastor Danny C. Hensley at the Panther Springs United Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee. Chaplain Vaughn was officially "Pinned" by Chaplain McDanel during the service which celebrated our service men and women past, present and future.

Contact Information:
Squadron Commander
1st Lt Gary Hutchison
hutchison_ggh@yahoo.com



Scott County Airport
(KSCX)
 423-569-8270
 e-mail SCX@Highland.net



Why Help at an Air Show?

There are many reasons to go to an air show and it's not hard to make the connection between our presence at air shows and our mission. It's also easy to see why our pilots would want to be there. You may be asking yourself "but what if I'm a ground team junkie who prefers green trees to blue skies?"

That is the question I was asking myself this time last year. What exactly will I get out of this and how does this prepare me for my part in the CAP mission? I got much more than I expected and am enthusiastically preparing to spend another great weekend in Oneida.



Number 7 - I got an up close look at a wide variety of aircraft and meeting the pilots was great - even for a ground team gal like me.

Number 6 - I had to get up early after staying up late to train but it was nice and cool outside and I enjoyed a beautiful sunrise.

Number 5 - Who wouldn't be impressed with the amazing acrobatic flying and there will be new acts to watch this year.

Number 4 - Did I mention the food? Lunch and dinner were great - I hope the BBQ is back this year.

Number 3 - I didn't expect that marshalling aircraft would be so much fun. It's something that few people get to experience.

Number 2 - I met some great people that I really enjoyed getting to know, I also discovered that I do enjoy being around the aircraft and now have a better appreciation for the air operations side of emergency services and pilots.

Number 1 - Our help is really needed. This is going to be a very large event and record breaking crowds are expected. This event gives CAP some great exposure and an opportunity to serve our community in a really exciting and important way.

Want to participate? Here are the details:

Arrive: September 12 for an evening training session.

Depart: September 13 after the show and clean up are complete.

Dress: AF BDU or CAP Blue BDU Uniform for marshalling and crowd control activities.

What to Bring: Sleeping Bag, toiletries, orange vest, hydration pack or canteens, snacks, and sunscreen.

Additional Information:

1. Make sure to check in when you arrive and receive your \$5 meal tickets for Saturday's meals.
2. Directions and additional information are on the air show website listed below: wingsoverbigsouthfork.com
3. Hats are not allowed on the flightline so make sure to bring plenty of a high SPF sunscreen and hydration pack or canteens.
4. Bring a patient and kind attitude. There will be more than 15,000 in attendance and we will be responsible for keeping them safe around the many aircraft that will be coming and going from the airport.

Point of Contact:

Group 1 Commander
 Maj Darrell Sexton
 (865) 414-7861
Group1comm@charter.net



Here are my top 10 reasons that you should help at the Scott County Air Show:

Number 10 - Sleeping in a hanger with 50 other people was a lot of fun and not a single rock under my sleeping bag.

Number 9 - I had an opportunity to talk to the public about the CAP mission and enjoyed giving them a chance to see us in action.

Number 8 - Pancake Breakfast was worth the whole trip.



Flight Scholarships

Tennessee Wing Headquarters received a grant for FY08/09 providing for two cadet reimbursable flight scholarships of a maximum of \$3500.00 each. Very few cadets applied for this scholarship and none from Group 1. For cadets that are interested in earning a private pilot's license, this is a great way to finance it. The requirements are as follows:

- Must be at least 16 years of age to begin training
- Must present parental/guardian written approval
- Should have at least achieved Mitchell Award
- Must be able to possess student pilot's FAA medical certificate.

Each candidate will be scored on: Academic GPA, CAP achievement level, Cap activities participation, CAP mission participation and Benevolent activities outside of CAP. Winning candidates will: maintain continuous CAP membership for duration of scholarship, provide to TNWG/HQ monthly proof of flight activity – zero activity will also be reported; two months without a report can result in loss of scholarship. Must also maintain grade point average in their academic work.

Each scholarship can be used for:

- Aircraft rental – use of available CAP corporate aircraft is encouraged – reimbursement rate for non corporate aircraft will be according to fair market value
- Instructor pilot – CAP instructor pilots cannot charge for their instruction reducing expenses thereby extending scholarship privileges. Instructor pilots other than CAP members should charge not greater than fair market value.
- Written study material normally associated with student pilot needs. No electronic study materials will be approved for reimbursement.
- Manual E6B flight computer.
- One time only FAA approved sectional chart of current date
- Appropriate weather related study materials normally available through FAA

Look for a letter in the mail about this next spring and get your application in quickly. Begin preparing now.

Orientation Flights - Cadets, talk to your squadron commanders and start taking those O-Flights! We have many pilots that are available to fly and ready to take you up on these flights. Commanders who wish to set up flights in the Knoxville area, contact Steve Knepp at (865)951-0930 and Arlinda Bailey is the contact for Kingsport, Morristown and Greenville.- contact information for setting up flights.

Commander calls POC to check not only the availability of the aircraft but also the availability of a pilot to fly that day. The commander then confirms to the cadet the time and place and responds back with POC as to the cadets ID# and flight#. Please be advised that the number 3 powered flight is a solo flight. We would like normally 2 cadets per aircraft but, can fly a solo flight if others cannot fly. Many of our cadets are "home schooled" afternoon flights or sometimes morning flights are no problem during the week as we have a good number of retired pilots.

Commander Comments

This is the first issue of a Group 1 Newsletter published by 2Lt Kimberly Bennett, Group 1 PAO. She plans to publish a Group 1 Newsletter once each quarter. In the newsletter Lt Bennett will have articles on past and future events. I urge the Squadron Commanders to send her any newsworthy items you might have about your squadron. I urge you to fully cooperate with her on any questions she might pose.



Group 1 has had a busy year for 2007/2008. We have had the McCord Farm Training, several SAREX's at various locations, squadron open house, RAM Medical Expedition at the Jacobs Building in Knoxville. Let's not forget the Tennessee Wing Drill Team taking first place at the South East Region Competition, and third place at Nationals this year! Everyone in each Group 1 Squadron can be proud of the accomplishments achieved on a squadron and on a personal level in the past year.

This coming year Group1 will be hosting the Air Force Evaluation for Tennessee Wing. If the Air Force approves our accepted dates, the practice exercise will be in May and the Graded Exercise will be the first week in June. If available, we plan to hold both of these exercises at the McCord Farm. We will also have other practice exercises and the McCord Farm again in fall 2009. Group 1 Staff Members are trying to improve each exercise from the previous one and attempting to make each exercise more realistic.

Dates of events that are soon upon us:

- A SAREX planned by Capt Bill Matula, TN148, for Air and Ground Operations near Scott County, Tennessee. We've never held a practice exercise in that area. Aug. 22-24, 2008.
- The Air Show in Scott County at the Oneida Airport. We will be doing FLM & FLS training the Friday night before the Air Show, which will be on Saturday, Sept. 13. This is one of the few times you will be able to actually do FLM & FLS with real aircraft. The Air Show will be great also. We expect more than 20,000 people this year! Sept. 12-13, 2008
- Group 1 Training at McCord Farm. Maj Tim Waddell and Capt Bill Matula are working hard to make this a realistic and challenging training exercise. They are anxious to hear input from squadron commanders and make improvements based on those comments. October 10-12, 2008.
- Tennessee Wing Conference in Gatlinburg. I urge everyone that can to attend, even if just for the day on Saturday. We are lucky in that our National Commander, General Courter, is planning to attend. An open forum is planned with her for all members. Oct. 31- Nov. 2, 2008.

Look for more detailed information on all the above events plus other events as well.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all the time, effort, and hard work you put into CAP activities. I think we all benefit from CAP or else we wouldn't be doing it.

Until next time, thanks again for your hard work. Be very proud of all you do with and for CAP!

Major Darrell Sexton

Group 1 Commander

Professional Development Update

After a few delays, we are finally starting our monthly training sessions at Bass Pro Shops. The first one will be August 2 and the topic will be Aerospace Education. We'll have presenters from Wing and possibly Southeast Region Staff. The schedule for future workshops isn't set at this time, but I plan for them to cover communications, emergency services, admin/personnel and more. If there's a topic you'd like to see covered, pass your suggestion along. Chances are someone else would like it, too. I hope to have a more solid schedule for the next newsletter, because I know many members need to know what sessions they'll attend well ahead of time so they can adjust plans, work schedules, etc.



A major advantage of these workshops is the ability to work with senior- and master-rated officers in various specialty tracks. This type of interaction is invaluable as you progress through your specialty tracks. Not only are best practices passed from trainers to trainees, but oftentimes trainees have great ideas that can be passed along. And, the group format allows ideas to be exchanged between units. All of these help in making Group 1 and Tennessee Wing more solid organizations from top to bottom.

There are already a few SLSs and CLCs being planned for the upcoming fiscal year. Stay tuned to this newsletter, email, and the group and wing websites for updated schedules. If you have not yet taken these courses, I highly encourage you to do so. These courses will help you as you progress in your CAP career, and they are a great way to get to know other people in the Wing. (Commanders and PDOs: Don't forget to review your unit's Professional Development Report to identify potential candidates.)

The Southeast Region Staff College for 2008 is being held at the end of July right here in Group 1 (at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base). It looks like Tennessee Wing (and Group 1 in particular) will be well represented both in terms of students and staff.

I'm a believer in following the chain of command, especially in terms of handling things at the lowest possible level of the organization. It usually results in the quickest response and it keeps things more manageable for staff members at higher echelons. That said, if you can't find an answer to a professional development or testing question within your unit, don't hesitate to pass that question through your commander or PDO to me. I'm here to help you. I know saying "My door is always open" has become a buzzword these days, but I really do mean it.

There are so many other topics that I could cover, but I think I'll leave that for a future newsletter. Good luck in all of your endeavors, both in and out of CAP.

Semper Vigilans,
Bill

Maj Bill Renaud, Group 1 Staff
wr4ms@arrl.net

STAFF

Commander

Maj Darrell Sexton

Deputy Commander Operations

Maj Robert Saltgaver

Deputy Commander Administration

Maj Arlinda Bailey

Inspector General **Capt Don Miller**

Safety Officer **Maj Dent Young**

Stan/Eval Officer / Maintenance Officer /

Asst. Operations Officer **Maj Harry Bannon**

Operations Officer / Asst. Maintenance Officer

Capt Danny Nelson

Emergency Services Officer

Maj Tim Waddell

Asst. Emergency Services Officer

Capt Bill Matula

Communications Officer / Web Administrator

Capt Constance Harrison

Asst. Communications Officer

Capt Forrest Pilgrim

Chaplain **Capt Ivan McDaneld**

Professional Development Officer / Aerospace

Education Officer **Maj Bill Renaud**

Administrative Officer / Personnel Officer

1st Lt Brian Hughes

Cadet Programs Officer / Transportation Officer

Lt Col Bronce Fitzgerald

Transportation / Maintenance Officer / Mobile

Command Post / Advisor to the Commander

Maj Kevin Tarwater

Public Affairs Officer **2nd Lt Kimberly Bennett**

Finance Officer **1st Lt Jennifer Moore**

Legal Officer **Capt Keith McCord**

Health Services Officer **Capt Chip Baker**

C A L E N D A R

23-24 Aug - McGhee Tyson SAREX

28 Aug to 2 Sept - Mobile Vietnam Veterans Wall at Aviation Museum

12-13 Sept - Scott County Air Show SCX Airport in Oneida

20-21 Sept - RAM Event

10-12 October - Group 1 Training McCord Farm

31 Oct to 2 Nov - Tennessee Wing Conference in Gatlinburg

15 Nov - TN Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet

24 Nov - Operation Christmas Child

13 Dec - Wreaths Across America