

The FALCON



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Special Interest Notes:

New Members:

- Michael Lowry—SM
- Stephen Renwick—SM

A Great Big Thanks To...

- *Mark Jon Bluth*— donated and donated and donated! 2 Laptop Computers, 2 handheld GPS units with all the Software trimmings and financed the new Generator and Power Transfer Switch
- *Joe Lawrence*— donated a new Yeasue handheld radio
- *Palo Alto Golf Course*— for the installation of the protective netting for our CAP plane N96658.
- *Guy Rasmussen & John Mayfield* of SQ22 @ Travis AFB: for wiring and installing the new CAP radio in the SQ10 Blazer.
- *Brent Chapman*— for his recent cash donation that will help SQ10 install its new Aircraft pad.
- *Everyone who has paid their annual SQ10 Dues*

C.A.P. – FLYING WITH A PURPOSE!

By Candice K. Tuttle

On a balmy evening this past summer, Tony Stieber, a long-time member of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Squadron 10, made a visit to a meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of The 99's, a nationwide service organization comprised of women pilots. I had recently rejoined the group and, like my fellow members, was anxious to learn more about Tony and the organization he represented.

With a lot of knowledge and just the right amount of humor, Tony explained the mission and purpose of the CAP. We learned that that the CAP is a 60-year old organization of civil volunteers, all of whom are highly trained and dedicated to providing emergency services to provide corporate and civil aircraft in time of need.

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Along the way, Tony lightened things up by providing a few fun and humorous anecdotes about the group. I think I'll protect the innocent



The Jon E. Kramer Composite Squadron 10 patch depicting its emblem that the Cadets painted for the Squadron building's display case.

and not repeat those here.

Though not a new pilot, I had just jumped back into aviation after about a twelve-year hiatus (that's what working for those high-tech start-ups will do to you). With my new medical certificate in hand, which took a little extra effort due to the past Lasik eye surgery (that's what over 40 will do to you), along with enrollment in ground school to reacquaint me with the latest FARs, AIMs and airspace changes, and engagement of a flight instructor

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AIRMANSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP

By Steve Philipson

...In Pursuit of Excellence

Squadron 10 is hosting an unusual discussion group which focuses on issues of airmanship for pilots and other aircrew members. The goal of this group is to raise the level of performance for participants through establishment of a lifetime program of continuous study and self improvement.

The group is using the book "Redefining Airmanship" by USAF Major Tony Kern, as a start-

ing point for their discussions. Kern is a prominent aviation human factors researcher and Professor of History at the USAF Academy. The book examines topics relating to pilot and aircrew performance through analysis of case studies of aviation accidents and incidents, and describes how pilots can establish their own programs for self improvement. Group members prepare for the meeting each week by

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to help me work toward proficiency to take my BFR, I was off to a great re-start. Like many aviation enthusiasts, I was eager to find a way to use my flying for a 'real' purpose. Tony's description of the CAP seemed to offer the 'E' ticket ride!

The following week, I showed up for Squadron 10's meeting. A few weeks later, upon acceptance of my application and subsequent fingerprint approval by the FBI I was sworn in as a Senior Member. However, even before that I was quickly working towards being active and useful to the team. I have always believed that you get only as good as you give. So I plowed right ahead to see where I could quickly be useful.

First inspection showed that the Squadron headquarters had a bit of a 'rustic' atmosphere. I tackled cleaning the refrigerator and eliminating the past five years of frost in the freezer. After restocking the cups, napkins, goodies and coffee supplies, I moved on to the communications room, which is actually used for storage of everything – making it pretty tough to get to the comm equipment, let alone use it!

Next came the building's

outside and grounds. After rebuilding and painting the notice case on the outside of the building, I realized that our cadets were missing a chance to become involved. A group of them were commissioned to repaint the Squadron's emblem to be placed in the case. And a thing of beauty it is. Then moved on and mowed the grass (???) Okay, weeds. And then planted some ground cover. Ah the satisfaction of a job well done.

Dust Bins Lead to 'Opportunity'

All of this earned me the right to be the Logistics Officer.

I had no concept of how very involved this position would be. And, as long as I would accept Logistics, the Commander approached me with yet another 'opportunity' - that of Finance Officer. "After all," he said, "these are two closely related functions." Little did I know! Fortunately, we managed to pass our annual Air Force inspection with flying colors.

Given the above litany of chores, it should not be surprising that since I needed to spend more time in the admin area and on the

computers, I wanted to make that space a bit more inhabitable too. A new set of new mini-blinds (the right size for the windows – thank you very much) combined with a clean sweep of spider webs, and a heavy hand to the filing cabinet and the place was good to go.

The group has long wished for a bigger tie-down pad for the CAP plane in our care and other general improvements. A few calls and a detailed letter to the Airports Business Manager of the Roads & Airports Department, Santa Clara County resulted in approval to move ahead with the pad as well as installation of a 15' flag pole, and relocation of our generator pad. We have also purchased the generator that was hoped for over the last year. This will ensure we are fully Mission functional during any emergency and/or power outage.

The City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Golf Course have agreed to allow us to park the CAP vehicle in their locked gated maintenance area adjacent to our building. Not only will this save us the expense associated with Pouring a large pad for vehicle storage, but it also renders a safer, more secure

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PLANE PLANS

By Richard Palm

As some of you know, I have been appointed aircraft manager for N96658. Val continues as maintenance manager, and Tony as scheduling officer. At this writing, we expect the plane to be in Watsonville until about March 4th.

After it returns to Palo Alto, we would like to see at least 30 hours put on the plane by the end of March, so I would like to invite all pilots to think

about ways they can use it. I know there are people who need Form Fives, and we can always benefit from sharpening our proficiency. Please put yourself on the schedule by the end of February for what you think you can realistically do during March. *Earlier is better than later.*

Also note, shown in the above photo, the newly



Palo Alto Golf Course grounds maintenance crew hang netting to protect SQ10 CAP aircraft from stray golf balls.

installed protective netting for N96658, courtesy of the Palo Alto Golf Course.

Earlier is better than later.

...put yourself on the schedule for what you think you can realistically fly the following month.

CADET'S CORNER

What's coming up...

Squadron 10's Cadets have several activities planned for 2002, including a bivouac in April and a probable back-pack trip in July. The Cadets will be meeting regularly once a month on a Saturday to prepare and build models of USAF Desert Storm aircraft.

SQ10 Cadets are also preparing short presentations about each of the models, highlighting aircraft capabilities and its contribution to the mission. And, once these models are completed, they will present to the Squadron.

In addition, five of SQ10's Cadets will be attending the CAWG CPC in San Luis Obispo, February 15th to 17th.

Past events...

For those who did not hear about it yet, SQ10 Cadets and Seniors 2001 organized a small bivouac last September at Henry Coe State Park. The objective was to familiarize some of our cadets with the ES mission and provide some basic ground training in land navigation, communications and ELT search. Although our beloved Squadron Commander (purposely?) led us on the wrong track during the ELT search portion of the



Cadets on training September SAREX .
"Sir, what do you mean by-'it's backwards?'"

exercise, SQ10 Cadets are looking forward to conducting this exercise again in 2002. Overall, this was an enriching experience for all participants and a valuable lesson in preparedness for some.

Cadet Roster

Cadet Commander
Diana Dang, C/MSgt
Joined: 1997

David Sidle, C/TSgt
Joined: 1999

Kenneth Wat, C/SSgt
Joined: 2000

Christopher Gitter, C/SSgt
Joined: 2000

Nat Wongsrikasem, C/A1C
Joined: 2001

Neil Williams, C/A1C
Joined: 2000

Daniel Durbin, C /B
Joined: 2002

MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED

By Jeremy Henry

Semper Vigilans. The CAP motto indicates that we are always alert, waiting to react to the situation at hand. This only tells half the story. To borrow from the Coast Guard; "Semper Paratus" always prepared. Not only must we be vigilant, but prepared, to successfully handle our emergency service missions. I encourage everyone to stay

trained in his or her ES specialties and obtain new ratings if desired. If you are rated, but haven't operated in that capacity in awhile, attend a SAREX or class to refresh those skills. Even take some time to discuss techniques with another member. The regulations give you two years between training and/or missions, but I see that as a

bare minimum. I've always been impressed with this squadron's willingness to act, whether it is tracking down an ELT where you're 99% certain no one is in danger, or transporting blood in the wake of a national emergency. Keep up the good work, but don't let yourself get rusty. In this day and age, we might be needed more than ever.



Cadets

David Sidle -1/02
promotion to C/TSgt from C/SSgt

Christopher Gitter -1/02
promotion to C/TSgt from C/SSgt

Seniors

Candice Tuttle -2/02
promotion to 2Lt from SM

COMMANDERS CALL

By Mitch Richman

Welcome to the newly revived Squadron 10 newsletter. This quarterly publication will keep you up to date on some of the training, activities and people of SQ10.

I'm honored to have taken over command from Major Larry Edwards, who did a magnificent job leading the squadron for the past 4 years. During that time we were assigned a corporate Cessna 182 and a corporate 4-wheel

drive vehicle. SQ10 also maintained its hard-earned reputation for active participation and excellence in all of CAP's missions. Larry is a tough act to follow, and I'm counting on the support of all of you to help keep our stan-

SQ 10 Sr. Member Dues Now Due — held at \$60.00



Commander Mitchell Richman at Scanner SAREX. "What have I gotten myself into?"

dards high. We have an active series of programs each Tuesday night. The "Redefining Airmanship" discussion group takes place on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month (see article on Page 1). The 2nd Tuesday usually focuses on an ES topic,

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COMPOSITE SQUADRON
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Meeting Location:

Civil Air Patrol Building,
adjacent to the Palo Alto Airport
control tower.

Travel I-101 to Embarcadero
Rd. and head east. Take the
first left past the golf course
and follow the road to its end.

Meeting Time:

Every Tuesday, 7:00-9:30 PM

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Fax: 650-856-6311

See us on the Web!
<http://sq10.cawg.cap.gov/>



Organization

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Capt Mitchell Richman

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2Lt Michel Merluseau

Administrative Officer

1Lt Carl O. Gabrielson

Aerospace Education Officer

2Lt Michel Merluseau

Leadership Officer

2Lt Jeremy J. Henry

Communications Officer

1Lt Richard A. Palm

Finance Officer

2Lt Candice K. Tuttle

Legal Officer

Maj Alice J. Mansell

Logistics/Supply Officer

2Lt Candice K. Tuttle

Operations Officer

Maj Alice J. Mansell

Emergency Services Officer

2Lt Jeremy J. Henry

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Things to come...Get involved!

3/2—SQ10 Clean-up Day-PAO-SQ10 with O-Rides

3/23—Group 2 Annual Banquet- Windham Garden Hotel,
\$25 per person

3/5—Safety Down Day

3/5—Wing Mission Alert Officer training (WMO)-1Lt Tony Stieber

3/16—Prepare SQ10 Building for 3/17 Spray Painting

3/12—SAR² (Search and Rescue Synthetic Aperture Radar) You don't know what this is?
...come and find out!) -Alice Mansell

3/16-17—Mission Scanner Training-Squadron 10

3/26—Squadron 10 Quarterly Staff Meeting

4/6—CAWG Communications Conference-Concord

4/26-28—Check Pilot School- Torrance Airport

4/13-14—Scanner Ground/ Flight Training-Marina Airport

4/20—Cadet Bivouac

5/4-5—SQ10 SAREX-Everyone Plan to Participate!!



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while the 4th Tuesday is used for administrative and paperwork issues. In the months that have a 5th Tuesday, be sure to reserve it for a squadron social activity. (The next 5th Tuesday is April 30th).

In these uncertain times CAP provides us with a way to give back to our country and community. Your contribution of time and energy is critical to the successful performance of our missions and is greatly appreciated by all. Keep up the great work.

Semper Vigilans

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reading a chapter of the book which becomes the starting point for discussion. Individual members share their insights and personal experiences for the benefit of all group members.

This group was started as an experiment in late 2001. The results have far exceeded expectations. Several first time participants have reported that they were surprised by the content and candor of the discussions. One visitor remarked "I've never seen pilots talk about their experiences and errors this openly before." Another said "It's a bit like hangar flying, but at a much higher level and without the lies."

Discussion group meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, unless urgent Squadron business takes precedence. Attendance is open to all interested persons. For info on specific meeting days and chapters to be covered, please contact Capt. Steven Philipson at 408 530-9584 or send e-mail to steve@flightquest.net.

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storage for the Blazer and its equipment.

Personal Accomplishments Part of the Deal

Along the way I have also earned my Emergency Services card and a Mission Scanner rating for flying SARs. I have had three 'finds' of ELTs that we were called to search for, and attended the CAWG Conference. I am now working on my Basic Communications and Radio Operator rating and will soon be honored with Rank.

Oh yes, and back to actual flying – I have passed my BFR in a Cessna 172, so now I am going for the equivalent in CAP called the 'Form Five' in a Cessna 182 and working my way to 'Mission Pilot'! Now all that flying will come into some good use.

Just as promised - never a dull moment in the Civil Air Patrol! And definitely a new purpose to my flying.

Thank you Tony!



A SCVC99 member says "Thank you" to
CAP Squadron 10 member.