



AIRWAVES

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SKY 9 HELICOPTER PILOT by 2 Lt. Todd Bachmann

A SWAT Team police officer changed careers when he rode as observer in a police helicopter. Jimmy's helicopter was the first in the nation to capture video in high definition. He helped prototype that gear.

Speaking to a packed room at the May meeting, Jimmy Negri said that despite his 10,000 hours in helicopters and 53 in fixed-wing aircraft, he had not always wanted to fly. He got interested while reading some aviation materials left in his police car by the officer in the day shift.

Competition between news studios is fierce, he said, so despite economic reality, every station has one. All the local news helicopter pilots know each other and are very good friends.

As he walked around the helicopter, he pointed out both its aviation aspects and its news capabilities. His pride of the machine and the job it does from day to day clearly showed his love for the job.



Photos by Capt. Brian Smiley

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KUDOS TO JEFFCO SQUADRON

AVIATION BLOGS

Major Ryan Lord sent congratulations to Group 2 in general and the Jeffco Squadron in particular for garnering a good portion of the awards conferred at the Wing Conference.

Jeffco members won five awards. Leaders who do so much for the squadron included: **Lt. Col. John Butler, 1Lt. Robert Schmidt, Capt. Sam Houston, Lt. Col. Karl Schultz, and Capt. Bill Nettleblad.**

“Those awards would not have happened without cooperation from the unit’s members,” said Major Lord.”It takes others helping along and pushing, encouraging, and then pointing out the hard work to the unit and wing commanders,” he continued.

“Thank you for your dedication, determination, and perseverance that make [CAP] a great organization to be a part of. Keep up the good work,” he concluded.

Mike Collins, editor of *AOPA Flight Training* has suggested several BLOGS of interest to aviators. Check out the following:

My Flight Blog, by Todd McClamroch
www.myflightblog.com

Finally Learning to Fly, by Perry Reed
<http://perryman.spaces.live.com/>

The Flying Toga, by Evan Krueger, an Illinois high school student
www.theflyingtoga.com

Flight Lessons Learned by David West
<http://happylandings.blogspot.com/>

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AWARDS



1Lt. Swasti Panigrahi, a Public Affairs Officer, accepts the Benjamin O. Davis Award for completion of Level III, required for the rank of Captain.

“1Lt Panigrahi earned the award in 2007, but because of an extended leave of absence was not available to accept the award officially,” said Maj. Bob Smith.

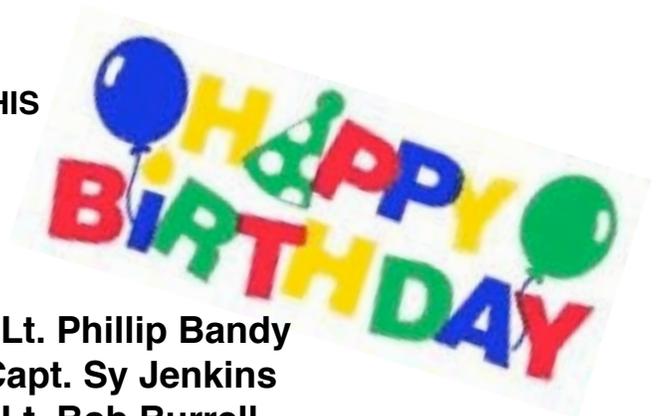
SQUADRON EARNS AE SCHOLARSHIP

At the wing conference, **1Lt Jennifer Kauffman** accepted a \$100 scholarship, on behalf of Jeffco Squadron, from Wing Director of Aerospace Education, **Capt. Brian Smiley.**

The award was conferred for Jeffco Squadron’s participation in an Aerospace Education exercise held at Longmont last fall.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2Lt. Phillip Bandy
Capt. Sy Jenkins
2Lt. Bob Burrell
Lt. Col. Dick Sargent



CAP A FAMILY AFFAIR: THE CAMPBELL CLAN

The April issue highlighted the several married couples who serve CAP. Today we honor Von Campbell and family of the Thompson Valley Composite Squadron in Loveland.

“Membership in CAP is a tradition,” said Von whose son and daughter both have been cadets. Ashley is a first year law student at CU Boulder and Adam is a freshman at CSU majoring in Construction Management. Von first joined CAP as a cadet in Syracuse, New York where his dad, also named Von, now age 92, is still a member. Von’s father, a pilot, loved aviation. Von credits CAP for his learning leadership, discipline, and focus.

Von earned his pilot’s license at age 16 in 1976, and his commercial license at age 18. He earned his CFI within the next nine months.

During joint SAREXs Adam is frequently seen working the ground crew alongside Von whose many talents keep him busy at communications, and ground crew. For example, at the latest SAREX, 59X had a radio failure and was not able to take off. Von dashed out to the plane, discovered the problem, and in a trice fixed the radios so they would work and the mission could continue.

A Research and Development manager for Agilent Technologies, Von oversees 60 engineers worldwide who develop electronic hardware and software for test and measurement equipment.

Von graduated from Purdue University in Electrical Engineering and continued in that field at Stanford University, where he took an MSEE degree.

When he’s not devoting his leisure time to CAP, where he is Communications Officer, an instructor pilot, and an instructor for the glass cockpit, Von loves flying his plane, a Twin Engine Piper Seneca, which he owns in a partnership.

He also flies hot air balloons with his wife, Susan—who is a commercial hot air pilot—and really loves building his Lance Air in the garage. In addition to aviation, Von also enjoys hunting, fishing, and the outdoors in general.



Photo by: 2Lt P.D. Sargent

Von Campbell and son, Adam at the Wing Conference in April. In nearly every joint SAREX with the Jeffco Squadron, both serve CAP in strategic tasks.



Von and his cadets. Adam helps to guide and direct the younger cadets.

At present Von is a Deputy Commander of Cadets, and in July he will become the Squadron Commander.



WINSOR TORNADO TESTS CAP



Photo Courtesy Photos Courtesy of Maj. Bruce Hertelendy



Readiness is tested every day when disaster strikes. The people at Winsor gratefully accepted CAP's aid and showed simple, human resign when nature disrupted normal life was disrupted. They are resolved to roll up their sleeves and return to normalcy in this family-centered community. Cadets from Thompson Valley exhibited training, teamwork, and dedication as they served the needs of folks who needed help.



ARE YOU READY TO HELP?
 With every SAREX we learn to be effective in time of need. Every helping hand in CAP are highly trained and dedicated to saving lives.

ARE YOU READY? by 1Lt. Mike Linn

MIKE LINN IS A "GO TO" KIND OF GUY. HE CHALLENGES US TO CONSIDER OUR DEDICATION AND MOTIVATION TO THE MISSION OF SAVING PEOPLE'S LIVES.

Lately we have been talking about the alerting process a lot by email, on the web site, and through newsletter articles.

Recently I participated in a REDCAP that that involved a downed aircraft near Blackhawk. It was my first! It was a good exercise for me, I learned a lot, and the training kicked in.

Afterward, the enormous responsibility that we assume became apparent in a way it never had before. In the case of this incident I asked Lt. Col. John Butler, our Alerting Officer, "Since the incident happened in our own back yard, why did a Ft. Collins aircrew, beat us to the scene?" Part of the reason, I discovered, was that they were already in the air when the alert came in.

I asked John if we kept metrics. For example, I asked, "When did the alert occur? How many responded to the alert? How long did it take to form an aircrew? How long did it take to get the crew airborne?"

He answered, "Yes, we do keep records, but we don't maintain them over the long term." In other words, we don't measure ourselves month-to-month, incident-to-incident, or year-to-year.

How do we know if we are improving? How do we measure the effectiveness of our training? Five people from our Squadron responded to this alert! Yes, we responded with people and assets—this is good. But, *it took us over an hour and a half to get an aircrew together and get the aircraft airborne*. I think we can do better than that!

So I want YOU to ask YOURSELF:

- *Do I have a uniform and gear in my car, or at work, and at home?"
- *Am I willing to participate in a non-flying mission?
- *How committed to the CAP Search and Rescue Mission am I?
- *Is my pager or cell number on the Alert Roster?
- *Am I physically prepared to respond?
- *Am I mentally prepared to respond?
- *Am I ready to answer the call?



Bottom Line: Lives are at stake

WHOOOPS!

Alerting officer, **Tom Benson**, has corrected his telephone number, which we misstated. Call him at **720.939.0460**.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Receiving "Find" Ribbons for locating a non-distress emergency locator transmitter, ELT, at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport on February 15 were:

Lt. Col. John Butler
1Lt. Robert Patlovany
1Lt. Robert Schmidt.



WHY NOT VOLUNTEER?

You have a good heart! You have IT experience, a journalism background, accounting expertise, flying skills, radio communications passion, so why *not* you? You have much to give, and Civil Air Patrol welcomes your inquiry.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit <http://cowg.cap.gov/jeffco> or contact Maj. Bob Smith at 303.246.7633.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*SQUADRON COMMANDER

Maj. Bob Smith has announced his intention to step down as commander of the Jeffco Squadron effective November. Maj. Smith has said he has truly enjoyed serving as commander these past three plus years, but he cited the desire to "catch the last few years of my son's childhood."

For nominations or volunteers, please contact Maj. Smith or Maj. Ryan Lord.

*COMMUNICATIONS AND PERSONNEL

Deputy Commander, **1Lt. Jennifer Kauffman** is looking for an Assistant Communication Officer and an Assistant Personnel Officer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Robert T. Gamber, who goes by "Todd," is our newest member.

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2Lt. TODD BACHMANN, p. 1



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