



Anoka County Composite Squadron Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol



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“ More then Meets the Skies” “We are ready to do the mission”

CAP searching for missing aircraft near Rochester, MN

The missing aircraft was found and the pilot had died.

Early Saturday morning February 9, 2008 the call came to the Anoka Composite Squadron that a Cessna 140 aircraft was missing in the Rochester area. 10 members responded, “We are ready to do the mission”. They arrived at the squadron and were ready to depart when the stand down call was received. The aircraft was found in a bean field near Austin, Minn.

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CAP members are trained for **most** situations “an ELT on a Lake”

It was a bright Sunday morning February 24, 2008 when the Anoka Composite Squadron received the call that an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) signal was detected in the Brainerd area per the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. An Anoka Composite Squadron ground team of Capt Andy Bosshart, 1Lt’s Jay Spreitzer and Shelly Supan along with C/SSgt Hanna Olsen were assembled and headed north to locate the ELT. Shortly after arriving in the Brainerd area, using the directional finder and talking with a CAP air team aboard a CAP aircraft all indications were the ELT signal was coming from a location on Mille Lacs Lake. CAP ground teams trains for various situations but to be searching for an ELT on a lake was new to the team. The ground team lead by Capt Bosshart proceeded across the lake with the assistance of a local resident that provided guidance on the unusual paths on the lake. The team found **the** airplane, with snow skies, in good condition and tied down to the ice. The airplane was near a fishing area with an ELT transmitting the signal. C/SSgt Olsen turned off the ELT. Great find Anoka Composite Squadron and an experience that will add to there many hours of training.

Moral Leadership February 19, 2008



Chaplain Lt Col Donald Mikitta sharing moral issues with Cadets

WWII, Cold War and I can sit in it

Reality that airplanes from the past are still flown came to light for the Minnesota Anoka Composite Squadron

February 12, 2008



C/SrA Hanna Olsen in T-6



Front Seat C/Basic Peter Thoe
Back Seat SM Jeff Loeffler in L-29
Chuck Datko Right side



Chuck Datko standing in backseat of L-29



Chuck Datko Sharing T-6 stories with Squadron

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Minnesota – “How did you get it here”, “What did it cost” and “Can you read Russian” were just some of the questions ask of Chuck Datko owner of the L29 and T-6 air planes, during a recent visit to his hanger by members of the Anoka Composite Squadron. The most important question was “can I sit in them”?

Sitting in the Russian trainer was a thrill for all the Cadets. With only 40 L-29 jets in the Country it’s quite something to see and a privilege to be able to sit in one.

The L-29 was Czechoslovakian built from 1961 to 1974 and it is one of 2,600 purchased by the Russians. The L-29 has 2000 lb. of thrust with a flight speed of 550 mph and a range of 400 miles. “When you take off and reach cruising speed you are ready to start your descent”, Datko said. “It’s a real fuel guzzler”.

The T-6 WWII war bird is used today for air shows and flyovers at various events that include funerals for WWII Veterans. “There are a number of these planes in the area and for a funeral flyover they perform the missing person formation”, said Chuck Datko. The North American Flight Team flew over 70 events last year.

Big smiles were on the faces of the CAP Cadet Members as they sat in the seats of both of the old war birds. A visit provided a look at the past along with a glimpse of the future as to what they can achieve in their life, when they put their mind to it.

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The above article was sent to all of CAP news outlets.

Sleeping outside in the dead of winter

Winter survival training was conducted to prepare the Cadets for an overnight in the snow. Well there isn't enough snow to do the overnight the weekend of February 8. Capt Bosshart wanted about 6 to 8 inches of fresh snow to build small igloo's to sleep in. The survival training was started in preparation for a week when there is enough snow. More extensive training will follow.

PT

PT night at the YMCA on February 26 was a great fun and hard work night to help keep the team members bodies in shape.



Fitness program lead by C/1Lt Kenyon Sanchez

Photo by Maj Don Sorenson

Promotions

On February 5, 2008



From C/2Lt to C/1Lt Kenyon Sanchez

Presented by C/Maj David Lucey

On February 19, 2008



Promoted from C/MSgt to C/SM Lance Myren
Presented by Capt Andy Bosshart (left) C/1Lt Kenyon Sanchez (center)



Promoted from C/SA to C/SSgt Hanna Olsen
Presented by Capt Andy Bosshart (left) C/1Lt Kenyon Sanchez (center)



Promoted from C/B to C/A Royce Myren
Presented by Capt Andy Bosshart (left) C/1Lt Kenyon Sanchez (center)

Congratulations to All

Welcome New Members

Herbert R. Lindsey, Senior Member
Steven J. Zingsheim, Cadet
Eric Thoe, Cadet
Peter Thoe, Cadet
Levi T Frame, Cadet
Jennifer L Messer, Senior Member

Safety

The Sentinel is the official safety newsletter of CAP. Items were reviewed by our Safety Officer 1Lt Jody Veek. He suggested everyone access www.cap.gov/safety, find and read The Sentinel for the month of February. Access the web site, click on Newsletters (Archived), 2008, then February to pull up the February issue. Accessing and reading The Sentinel should be a regular monthly activity for everyone. This month 1Lt Veek reviewed knowing your environment. You may go to a neighbors home who has a dog that you may have played with many times. You go to the door and knock. It could startle the dog and it may attack you. The same could be true when on a search and rescue. Be aware of animals in the woods and open spaces.

Sent overseas

Lt Col Adrian Sanchez is being sent by the Navy Reserve overseas for a year to do his part to support the Military during the War. We will miss him and his leadership as the Deputy Commander of the Cadets. The Anoka Composite Squadron will support him and his family while he is away and gave him a telephone calling card to stay in touch with his family. In Sanchez absence Capt Ryan Kenny and SM Herb Lindsay will be in charge of the Cadets.



Capt Bosshart (left) Lt Col Adrian Sanchez (right)

Construction

Many hours of work have gone into the construction of the Squadron building on different days and nights by Senior's and Cadets. "Thank you to all members that helped with the construction/ repair night last Tues. Every bit helps to reach our end goal of completing the squadron building. I think everyone got dirty but some more than others", said 1Lt Shelly Supan.

Up coming events

Blaine Aviation Days

May 17 & 18 will be Blaine aviation days and the Anoka Composite Squadron has been invited to play a major roll in the event. The Squadron will provide flight marshalling, fun and games for the kids along with a CAP information/recruiting booth for 10 to 17 year olds. Flight marshalling training will be provided to Squadron members in the next few months.

If you have any comments please contact me.

Have a great day,

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