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37th Composite Squadron Promotions

Recently at their November 9th meeting, the 37th Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, locally known as the Sundown Squadron, had several of its officers to receive promotions. Col. Dan Leclair, the Maine Wing Commander, was present to present the officers with their promotions. Col. Leclair addressed the audience of cadets, family and friends who had come to the Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine, to witness the promotion ceremony. He noted that there are several changes that are taking place in the Maine Wing that are resulting in many future opportunities for Cadets and Senior Officers. One of the opportunities is the return of the National Flight Academy that will be held at Camp Keyes in Augusta, next July. This program allows Cadets aged 16 and above to be able to have the classroom training and then practical flying experience in learning to fly. Many of the Cadets are able to solo before they return home.

Recently, the Squadron was able to add three pilots to their ranks. Col. Leclair commended everyone on that milestone accomplishment. This puts the Squadron in a position to have an aircraft assigned to them in Western Maine. The Bethel Airport would become the part-time home of the airplane. Two of the pilots received promotions to Captain. All of the pilots are highly qualified and bring thousands of hours of flying experience to the Sundown Squadron and the Maine Wing.

(For more pictures on the promotions, please go to page 4!)



Col. Dan Leclair,
Maine Wing Commander



The Squadron Health Services Officer, Capt. Angella L Roberts being promoted to Major. Commander's Roberts and Leclair doing the honors



Welcome to the *Sundown Squadron Scanner*

Rumford—Welcome to our Second Edition of the *Sundown Squadron Scanner Newsletter*. This is the official publication of the 37th Composite Squadron—also known as the *Sundown Squadron*—of the Civil Air Patrol Maine Wing, based in Rumford, Maine. The Sundown Squadron is a Composite Squadron, which means the squadron is composed of both Senior Members and Cadets.

I realize that it has been some time since the last edition of the *Scanner* was put out and a lot of changes have taken place. I, the editor, Capt. Joseph F. Roberts, have become the commander of the squadron as well as retaining the position of Public Affairs Officer. Because of command responsibilities, it has had to take a backseat to other matters until now. We will endeavor to make it a bit more timely.

Hope you enjoy this edition of the *Scanner* and feel free to send feedback to me at sundownpao@prodigy.net.

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37th Composite Squadron Promotions Continued



Senior Member Sheila Rollins received her promotion to Captain. Capt. Rollins is one of our newest pilots. She has the highest ratings the FAA gives, CFII.



On left is Capt. Joseph F. Roberts, 37th Composite Squadron Commander. Wing Commander Col. Dan Leclair is on the right.



2Lt. Jeremy Huston receives his promotion to 1Lt. Lt. Huston serves primarily as the Deputy Commander for Cadets and is the Cadet Programs Officer.



1Lt. Randy Autrey receives his promotion to Captain. Capt. Autrey is also one of our pilots. Capt. Autrey is the Squadron's Aerospace Education Officer.



Left to Right: Col. Leclair, Wing Commander, Capt. Joe Roberts, Squadron Commander, Major Angella L. Roberts, Health Services Officer, 1Lt. Jeremy Huston, Deputy Commander For Cadets, Capt. Sheila Rollins, Pilot & Assistant Operations Officer, Capt. Randy Autrey, Aerospace Education Officer & Pilot. Not pictured but also receiving promotions, SM Warren Doughty to 2Lt., Squadron Historian and SM Marcus Couch to Flight Officer, the Information Technology Officer.



The Three Missions of The Civil Air Patrol



Typical Civil Air Patrol Aircraft



Commander's Corner



Left to Right: 2Lt. Chris Bourgeois, Squadron Personal Officer, Capt. Roberts, Squadron Commander, Commissioner Duguay, C/CMSgt. Galen Topper, Cadet Commander

Oxford County Commissioner Dave Duguay, was our guest speaker during our weekly Monday evening meeting November 23, 2009. He stated that the Sundown Squadron could be of service to Oxford County by working with the Oxford County Emergency Services, whose director is Scott Parker. He said that service to our fellow citizens was learned from our mothers, who were the epitome of selfless service. He said that we should also be good listeners to those we are trying to help.

Commissioner Duguay said that the Civil Air Patrol is well known for its training and its structure which is very necessary when applied to Emergency Services. The Civil Air Patrol members receive a large part of their Emergency Services training from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). That training coupled with the Search and Rescue Exercises that take place monthly, insures that the CAP members are qualified as Ground Team members and leaders, radio communications and Aircrew

members such as pilots, scanners and observers. Many CAP members, who are not part of Ground Teams or Aircrews, provide administrative and base support that is needed for the successful completion of a mission or rescue.

As the Squadron Commander I am very glad to state that several of the members of the Sundown Squadron are becoming certified as Ground Team members and Aircrews. The training for the Ground Team members is a continuous one as the Cadets and their Senior Officers become more skilled at Search and Rescue. The squadron currently has three pilots that have extensive experience in flying. In addition to having the highest amount of certificates that is possible to obtain with the Federal Aviation Administration, all three are certified instructors, qualified to teach others how to fly. Combined, they represent literally thousands of flying hours of experience that they bring with them to the squadron and the Wing.

Currently our Pilots are Lt. Col. Fred (Fritz) Dailey, whose ratings are CFII, Capt. Sheila Rollins, whose ratings are also CFII and Capt. Randy Autrey, CFI. Major (Dr.) Angella Roberts is currently training as Mission Staff Assistant. 1Lt. Jeremy Huston has achieved Ground Team Member Level 3. Capt. Joe Roberts is qualified as Mission Radio Operator, Mission Scanner and is working on Mission Observer. 2Lt. Chris Bourgeois is working on his Mission Scanner and Ground Team Member Level 3 qualifications. 2Lt. Warren Doughty is working on the Mission Radio Operator qualification.

Lt. Huston, Deputy Commander for Cadets and the Cadet Programs Officer, has stated that he is going to expand the training for the Cadets prior to their going to SAREX. We are looking forward to getting our Cadets active in the SAREXs as well. As you can see, our Squadron is very active in the Emergency Services part of our



Commander's Corner Continued

Mission. Capt. Autrey is formulating great plans in the Aerospace Education part of our CAP Three-fold Mission. Col. Leclair has informed us that there will be ample funds for AE this budget year so Capt. Autrey is going to take advantage of it.



The Maine Wing SARCOM Team. Left to right: Capt. Ray Hansen, Commander of 77th Composite Squadron, Capt. Joe Roberts, Commander of 37th Composite Squadron, 1Lt. Scott Knightly, Major Dale Fellows, Lt. Col. Mike Pellerin, Wing Director of Communications, Col. Dan Leclair, Maine Wing Commander, and 1Lt. Chris Giles, Maine Wing Logistics Officer. The aircraft in the background is one of the several C5s that are assigned to the Westover Air Reserve Base.



Capt. Roberts, hard at work with the radios

all the communications for the competition. I was part of the CommTeam and others of our team were part of a composite team composed of members from other Wings that did not have enough to compete by themselves. We worked hard but we also had a great time. Our Wing Emergency Services Officer, Major Josh Cuetara has informed us that our Wing will be putting a complete team together for the next SARCOM. One of the highlights of the trip was our opportunity to tour one of the C5s that are stationed at Westover.

Last April, Lt. Col. Lester Prue, our Squadron Finance Officer, retired from the Civil Air Patrol. Col. Prue served many years with the Maine Wing and the Sundown Squadron. At his retirement ceremony, we were privileged to meet some members of his family. Lt. Col. Richard Grover and his wife, Major Ramona Grover, were also present. (See pictures next page.)

I am also very happy to inform everyone that because we now have three pilots in our squadron that we will be assigned a plane to be stationed at the Bethel Airport. At this point in time, it will be rotated part-time at Bethel and part-time somewhere else. Our pilots are trying to get their first check flights scheduled so that they can get started on their Mission Pilot status. Since all of our pilots have a lot of experience flying, we anticipate that it won't take any of them long to reach the top status for pilots in CAP and that is Mission Pilot. This opens the doors of opportunity for us as a squadron in so many ways. As these opportunities mature, I will address them in future editions of the *Scanner*.

In May of this year, I was privileged to be part of the Northeast Region Search and Rescue Competition team that went to the Westover Air Reserve Base in Massachusetts. The Maine Wing Communications Trailer was taken there to provide



Prue Retirement



Left to right: Lt. Col. Richard Grover, Major Ramona Grover and Lt. Col. Lester Prue



The Squadron presented Col. Prue a retirement present of a Gift Card from WalMart.



Be careful with that cake, Colonel!

Memorial Day Happenings

This last Memorial Day was quite a busy one for the Sundown Squadron. We marched in the parade and I was privileged to be the speaker. See the pictures below.





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Up-Coming Events

**SAREX, Bangor, December 19th
2010**

SAREX, Portland, January 16th

SLS, Bangor, January 23 & 24

SAREX, Augusta, February 20th

CLC, Augusta, February 27 & 28

TLC, Augusta, March 20 & 21

SAREX, Machais, March 20th

Wing Cadet Competition, March 26th

Wing Conference, March 27th (tentative)

Cadet Airmen & NCO Academy, April 19th

SAREX, Portland, May 14th

SAREX, Waterville, June 19th

National Flight Academy, July 2-10

SAREX, Augusta, July 17th

SAREX, Bangor, August 21st