



HEADQUARTERS ILLINOIS WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Operations Newsletter

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Upcoming Activities

- Group 4 Mid Level SAREX 19 Aug 2017. Mission Base is at DeKalb airport.
- Emergency Services Bivouac 18-20 August 2017. Mission Base is at Dacy Airport. Come and Camp on the field and work on your ES qualifications. Group 4 and Bivouac will be coordinating activities for some joint venture. We are still in need of Ground Teams.
- There are additional training activities coming up, stay tuned to email for notification.

Operations News

July was a very busy month for Operational activities. The flood mission, a communications exercise just to name a couple. Our capabilities continue to reach new customers and our professional volunteers are making a good name for the IL Wing.

Aircraft News

With numerous encampments and NESAs our aircraft fleet has been tasked to the limit. Inspections are finished for a majority of the fleet and we continue to fly.

The diesel conversion for the GA8 has been shelved. This would place the aircraft in an experimental category so the decision was made not to pursue this at this time.

Our newest 182 N395CV is down until a required Airworthiness Directive can be accomplished on the engine. This will restrict the O Flights until 10 hours after completion.

N323KW is having a new CAP FM radio installed. This will bring our fleet up to speed as far as our CAP communications capability.

O Flights

[Maj. Gerry Baumgartner, ILWG Orientation Flight Officer](#)

A big thanks goes to all the pilots and support staff that assisted with orientation flights at this year's Summer Encampment at KSPI. Our resources were limited, but every cadet there who did not have an orientation ride

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or hadn't had one in over a year, got one. A good number of Syllabus 8 flights were also flown.

Squadron commanders, Cadet Orientation Flight funds are dwindling. If you plan to fly cadets in these remaining months of the fiscal year, get your requests in soon. Funding requests are to utilize a [spreadsheet](#) found on the ILWG website. There is also a [document](#) there to explain the process. Contact your group Orientation Flight Coordinator if you need assistance.

Please prioritize the cadets to be flown to those in the following categories:

- have not had an oride
- haven't had an oride in over a year
- are aging out prior to the end of the fiscal year

And as always, when funds are low, limit your ferry time as much as possible. If needing to ferry an aircraft, please try to make the ferry flight an oride instead. That way we get the biggest bang for the dollars remaining.

The budget for next year's orientation flights has been requested. On the powered side, it is based upon each cadet in the wing receiving at least one powered ride. A significant budget for glider rides has also been requested. Capt. Jackie Lefevre is our new Glider Officer and she has big plans for the glider program.

To make that part of the orientation flight program a success, we could really use a couple of pilots to step up and volunteer to train and become glider tow pilots. The requirements are listed in [CAPR 60-1](#) Para 3-7(h). More information can also be found in [CAPM60-1G](#), the [Glider Procedures Manual](#) found on the [Aircraft Ops & Stan/Eval page](#) of capmembers.com. The three tow pilots currently in the wing would appreciate some backup. If you are interested, contact any one of us, Maj. Gerry Baumgartner, Lt. Col. Norm Morrisette or Capt. Gary Aho, or Lt. Col Joe Long or Capt. Jackie Lefevre.

Glider orientation pilots are also in demand, especially in the central and southern part of the wing. If you are a glider pilot with at least 100 flights since getting your certificate, or want to become a glider pilot, or can recruit a glider pilot, contact Capt. Lefevre.

Starting next fiscal year, the groups will be expected to consistently complete a given number of orientation flights each month based upon their current cadet membership count divided equally into 12 months. More information will be forthcoming closer to the start of the new fiscal year.

Misc

We are continuing to pursue new glider pilots in the Wing. Anyone who wishes to pursue a glider license is encouraged to take advantage of the Wing Gliders to get this done.