

Alachua Post

<http://alachuapost.com/>

AIRSHOW BRINGS MULTI-AGENCY SUPPORT

Anthony Gorss



DELAND, FL - The Experimental Aircraft Association 635 (EAA) and Commemorative Air Force (CAF) held the first annual DeLand Air Jamboree at DeLand airport on October 30 - 31, 2004, to inspire young aviators with the sensation of flight. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) also provided orientation flights to its cadet

members, and provided needed ground support of flight line activities.

CAP and the EAA share the common goal of educating America's youth on the importance of air power. A total of 176 flights were performed over the weekend, utilizing 17 different types of aircraft. This provided youth ages 8 - 17 with the ability to participate in preflight briefings, and while in flight, take control of the aircraft.

Captain Joe Friend, DeLand Composite Commander, and AirJam04 Incident Commander, in cooperation with Mr. John "Bear" Mosley, AirJam04 Organizer, offered Civil Air Patrol's Emergency Services teams to provide supervision and management of the flight line during the event. Lt Colonel David Moseley, Lake Composite Commander, instructed CAP members on the proper signals used in flight line marshalling, and led an advanced course in flight line supervision. Lt Col Moseley was assisted by 2Lt Thomas "Tak" Kong, CAP Air Jam Project Officer, who administered flight line activities in cooperation with Senior Member Dave Shifflett, Captain George Merkich, and Captain Peter Strohl.



CAP utilized the event to conduct Emergency Services (ES) training for ground team members (GTM), ground team supervisors, and urban direction finding (UDF) teams. These services are essential in providing rapid response to those in need, and are required of ES ground teams. Attendees at the event were also interested in the UDF training session, asking questions of the team members while performing their search. Captain Rich Taracka, and Cadet Paul Dovi, provided classroom instruction, and field certification, in GTM and UDF tasks.

A staff of 32 senior and cadet CAP members was present for the event. Captain Jose Fernandez provided needed communications support to field teams from the Incident Command Post at the DeLand Composite Headquarters, and 1Lt Tom Farmer, Logistics, ensured ample food and water were available.

AirJam04 was the first joint attempt by the EAA and CAF to bring an aviation event to the DeLand Airport. The DeLand Chapter of the EAA was joined by the Daytona Beach (Spruce Creek) Chapter to make it all happen. CAP's primary missions of Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and Cadet Programs were all incorporated into the event, providing interagency support and helping further young American's in their dream of flight.

This event will be repeated next year, and those seeking to participate are encouraged to contact the EAA or CAF for further information. The Experimental



Aircraft Association can be reached at: EAA Chapter 635, 20 Sackett Road, DeBary, FL 32713 or via email Vanv@mpinet.net. The Commemorative Air Force can be reached at: CAF Florida Wing, P.O. Box 1944, DeLand, FL 32721-1944 or at their website caffl.org.



Civil Air Patrol, the official U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, nonprofit, service organization with 4000 members in Florida and 64,000 throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. It performs 95 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of America's finest youth programs through CAP Cadet Programs. Volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. For more information about Civil Air Patrol, visit <http://www.cap.gov> or call 1-800-FLY-2338.