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Col James H Kasler Senior Squadron
Indiana Wing – Civil Air Patrol
Lieutenant Colonel Larry Lopshire, Commander



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Squadron Takes To The Airways

Greenwood, Indiana - 08 December 2005 - Members of the Col James H Kasler Senior Squadron of the Indiana Wing took to the airways twice in recent weeks in an effort to promote Civil Air Patrol. Squadron Commander Lt Col Larry Lopshire and Public Affairs Officer Captain Tim Turner appeared on Indianapolis' top-rated WIBC-AM. WIBC is the 2005 Marconi Awards winner for News/Talk Station of the Year.

Their first appearance came on November 22 on the Dave "The King" Wilson Show which airs during the afternoon drive time. One of the top-rated afternoon programs, the Dave Wilson Show was a great platform for reaching prospective members and contributors in the community. Dave Wilson is also the owner of Wilson's Restaurant which is located immediately adjacent to the airfield at which the Kasler Squadron is based. The airplane sticking out from its roof makes it a great landmark and topic for conversation.

The second appearance was on the Morning Show on December 7. Another top-rated show, the Morning Show was focusing on the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pear Harbor. During the interview, Colonel Lopshire and Captain Turner were able to relate CAP's origin just prior to the attack and the subsequent coastal patrols along the Atlantic coast.

Both appearances were well received and opened the door for future appearances by Civil Air Patrol. ?



Lt Col Larry Lopshire poses with Terri Stacy and Jeff Pigeon of WIBC's Morning Show – photo by Capt. Tim Turner

New Wing Commander Announced

Colonel Charles Greenwood has been serving as Wing Commander for the Indiana Wing since March 2002. His four-year term will be ending this March. In a memorandum released 13-Dec-05, Region Commander Colonel William Webb announced that Lt. Col. John Bryan has been selected to succeed Colonel Greenwood as the next commander of the Indiana Wing.

Many of you may already know Colonel Bryan as the ground-pounding commander of the Valparaiso Composite Squadron. He is a long time member of CAP and has served in many capacities. Most recently he has served as wing administrative officer and as chief-of-staff.

Colonel Greenwood will conclude his term and Colonel Bryan will begin his term as Indiana Wing Commander at a change of command ceremony to be held on 25 March 2006 at wing headquarters.

Please join in sending a note of congratulations to Colonel Bryan at jbryan@cap.gov. ?

Wing Conference & Awards Banquet Coming SOON!

Don't miss your opportunity to attend the 2006 Indiana Wing Conference & Awards Banquet to be held at the Valle Vista Conference Center in Greenwood on 18 February.

Registration deadlines are fast approaching. A registration form can be downloaded from the Indiana Wing website by going to the calendar date for the event!

We are expecting great things for the squadron at the awards banquet!



Lt Col Tony Cecere receives letter from Johnson Memorial Hospital as presented by Squadron Commander, Lt Col Larry Lopshire – photo by Capt. Tim Turner

Cecere & Thompson Supports Local Hospital

This past fall, Lt Col Tony Cecere and ILT Jenny Thompson flew as observer and mission pilot in a flight to support Johnson Memorial Hospital. The crew of two took aerial photographs of the hospital and surrounding area at the request of the hospital. The resulting photos will be used to help the hospital plan for emergencies. They will also be helpful in making presentations to various agencies regarding emergency preparedness. Officials at Johnson Memorial were very pleased and sent a letter of appreciation for the fine efforts of this crew and the Col James H Kasler Senior Squadron of Civil Air Patrol. ?

Chaplain's Corner



Dave Harness, Captain, CAP
Col. James H. Kasler Seniors Squadron

I heard what was told to me as a true story that was both amazing and amusing. There was a Pastor in a small town that had a kitten. One day the cat climbed up a tree and was afraid to come down. The Pastor coaxed and begged but the kitten refused to leave the safety of the tree branch it was perched upon.

Finally, in an act of desperation, the Pastor tied a rope to the bumper of his car with the other end attached to the tree. The tree was too small to hold the weight of a human so pulling the tree over with the car seemed to be the only logical way to reach the animal.

As the tree bent farther toward the ground the rope broke sending the kitten sailing well over the roof of the Pastor's house.

The man went and canvassed the neighborhood looking in vain for the cat. Finally he gave up and went home.

A few days later the Pastor chanced to meet one of his parishioners in the local grocery store. He noticed she had cat food in her cart. He knew her reputation as a cat hater so he inquired of her the reason for the cat food.

She said, "Pastor, you will never believe this but my daughter has been begging for a kitten. Finally I relented and told her she could have one if God gave it to her. Just at that moment one came from the sky and landed at her feet!"

This humorous story has a bit of a moral to it. God works in mysterious ways to perform his wonders. Many times we call upon Him only half expecting to receive anything in return for our efforts. I guess my point is, never be afraid to ask God for assistance because you never know when and how he may answer. Cats falling from the sky? It doesn't happen everyday, butwho knows....when it might?

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UCC Coming SOON!

Don't miss your opportunity to take the upcoming Unit Commander Course (UCC). To register, contact Colonel Lopshire (lopshire@outdrs.net)

Friday, 03-Feb	1800 – 2200
Saturday, 04-Feb	0800 - 0500

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Driving Safely This Winter



- **Slow Down!** Drive according to road and weather conditions. Remember, the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- **Clear snow and ice** from all windows and lights – even the hood and roof – before driving.
- **Leave plenty of room for stopping** and brake early. It takes more time to stop when roads are wet or icy.
- **Know current road conditions** before driving.
- **Check local news** for weather/traffic reports.
- **Watch electronic highway signs** for info.
- **Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows** – stay at least 15 car lengths (200 feet) back and don't pass on right.
- **Watch for icy surfaces on bridges**, even when the roads seem to be in good condition.
- **Look farther ahead in traffic.** Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra seconds to react.
- **Trucks take longer to stop**, so don't cut in front of them.
- **Don't use cruise control** or overdrive when it's freezing (or colder). Even roads that appear clear can have isolated slippery spots and the short touch of your brakes to deactivate cruise control can cause you to lose control of your vehicle. With overdrive, as you encounter a hill your vehicle automatically accelerates or downshifts, which can cause loss of traction.
- **Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive.** Four-wheel drive helps you get going quicker but it won't help you stop any faster.
- **Don't pump anti-lock brakes.** If your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump your brakes. The right way is to "stomp and steer."
- **Adjust to Road Conditions.** The faster your vehicle is going, the more distance it will take to turn, slow, or stop.
- **Allow extra time.** Give yourself extra time to reach your destination when roads may be slick. Consider delaying your trip.
- **Drive with your headlights on.**
- If at all possible, **do not drive when the roads are icy.** ?



Captain Ed Lange receives certificate from Squadron Commander, Lt Col Larry Lopshire – photo by Capt. Tim Turner

Captain Ed Lange Completes Level III

Well, by the time you read this, he will probably be MAJOR Ed Lange. Ed recently completed the requirements of level 3 training. It was completion of these requirements, along with time-in-grade that made him eligible for promotion.

Part of the professional development program, each training level is an accomplishment. There are no grade requirements in order to work toward completion of any level. So, lets get out there and do what we can to keep pressing for the best in all areas of Civil Air Patrol. ?



Commander's Corner



LTC Larry Lopshire
Squadron Commander
(File photo)

As we look back on the past year, I cannot believe that it has blown past us at such great neck speed. Winter has turned to summer and now we are about to complete the cycle once more. As with everything else, it is a good time to pause and take the year into perspective. I personally think that it has been a great year.

Early on, we were able to attend the Wing Awards luncheon and there we were able to show the

entire state the benefits of being part of the now Col James H. Kasler Senior Squadron. This was lead off as the squadron being the Senior Squadron of the Year, supported by all of the personal awards for the year as well. I believe if memory serves me correctly, that we were able to garner a total of 10 individual awards. This shows to me the ability and dedication of the squadron and all of you who serve.

The highlight of the year was the visit we had from Colonel and Mrs. Kasler. Although it was brief and hurried, I know that it was a very special experience for Colonel Kasler to be here. In my conversations later in the year via telephone, he never failed to send his greetings to you all and thanks me for the opportunity of coming to the squadron ceremony.

The squadron has done a wonderful job in supporting our

mission as well. I do not have an exact count, but we were called on numerous times to perform both air and ground missions to find errant ELT units at all times of the day and night. Our CD folks also made a significant contribution to that program during its run through the spring and summer months. I know that we put a lot of hours on the airplane based on the number of inspections that had to be made. Our Safety program is continuing to be most effective and I am really impressed how each of you takes the safety first attitude.

The most important thing I believe that we have been able to accomplish this year is the ability to be friends and teammates in an all-important effort. As I have been able to speak to various people throughout the area and to people I see at various shows and events, they are very appreciative of the Civil Air Patrol. Often the comment is "I was in CAP as a youth". My answer is, "Why did you drop out?" Often the answer is that they did not know where to go. So, we can just talk about CAP and then they will know where to be a part of the best unit in Indiana.

The year has now closed, and we turn our thoughts and actions to the New Year. I hope that each of us can have a renewed commitment to serve our nation and our community via Civil Air Patrol. It takes a team to be successful and I know that through your efforts and commitment, we will once more be the team that leads by example. Thank you for the efforts you have made in the past and those that are forth coming.?

IMPORTANT DATES

January

Sat	21	0900	Monthly Squadron Meeting
Sat	28	1000	Monthly Wing Staff Meeting

February

Fri	3	1800	Unit Commander Course
Sat	4	0800	(UCC)
Sat	18	0800	Indiana Wing Conference
		1830	Indiana Wing Awards Banquet

March

Sat	18	0900	Monthly Squadron Meeting
Sat	25	1000	Wing Change-of-Command

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For member exclusive information, refer to our squadron group on Yahoo!Groups

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