



# SQUADRON UPDATE

5 August 2013

## New San Diego Group 8 Stands Up

At the Group 7 Awards Banquet on Saturday night, the new San Diego Group 8 was officially born and Maj Jim Redmon has taken command. This is an exciting time for CAP in San Diego County and we are looking forward to many great things. Jim brings much needed leadership and integrity to this important position and we all have very high expectations. Please join us in congratulating Jim and offering any support we can give.



Maj Jim Redmon receives the Grp 8 banner from Wing Commander Col Jon Stokes



The new Grp 8 Commander Maj Jim Redmon and his commander, Nina.

## Wings Are Flappin' All Over the Place

July was a great month for members acquiring new ratings! SM Richie Hatch earned his Mission Scanner rating and is now Mission Ready. We welcome 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Vince Gangi to the ranks of Winged Ones as he has earned Observer wings during sorties at the Gillespie SAREX. SM Yancey Mayordeleon earned his Pilot wings with Cadet Orientation and Instrument privileges after less than six months in CAP. Finally, Capt Rich Lee earned his Pilot wings and joins the team as a Pilot after serving very well as a Scanner and Observer. Congratulations Guys!!



MO Vince Gangi



SM Yancey Mayordeleon preflight's the bird before the checkride with Lt Col Jerry Rohles



Lt Col Jerry Rohles and Capt Rich Lee after the successful Form 5

## There's A Sale Down At The Walmart!

And you can get yourself some proper swimwear for the Big Squadron Family Appreciation BarBQ at Bill and Kathy Rote's domicile on Saturday 10 August at 1600. I got mine (didn't think I could still wear a size 30 waist, but that spandex stuff is real stretchy... REAL stretchy). We are going to have a blast! Please see the attached sign up sheet and tell Bill what you can bring.

## And Speaking of the Rote's...

Bill, Kathy and Carter have just returned from a week in Alaska. There were bears and Beavers, halibut and helo's. We look forward to getting a proper brief at the BBQ!



## Ramona Airshow (Non CAP Event)

Just got the word from George Watson that the Ramona Airshow will be on Saturday 7 September. George is looking for help at the field from about 0800 to 1500. This has been a lot of fun in the past and if you are interested in carpooling up to Ramona to participate in this **Non CAP** event talk to your fellow squadron members and let's see if we can get a group to go up and enjoy the show. Also, if you have a buddy who is not in CAP this would be a great event to participate in.

## Captain Stu Is Honored

San Diego District FAAS Team Director Steve Nelson presented the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award at the Group 7 Award Banquet. It was great to honor this outstanding airman



**Stu with family and friends listens to the presentation**



**Steve Nelson awards the plaque as Buzzy looks on**



**Steve MacKnight, Steve Nelson, Stu and daughter Gretchen**



# **Group 7 Awards Banquet**

On Saturday 3 August, the Group 7 Awards Banquet and Change of Command was held at the Pacific View Event Center Camp Pendleton. The program was excellent – well put together by SQ 144's Maj Ross Veta and SQ 47's Maj Audrey DiGiantomasso. Squadron 87 had a great turn out and there was fine fellowship all around as we celebrated becoming part of the new San Diego Group 8 and Jim Redmon's elevation or levitation to Group Commanderhood. While Squadron 87 earned no awards at Group level this year, we have much to be very proud of. The numbers don't lie. Congratulations to the Best Squadron on the Planet, Period.



**Carl Morrison, Jan and John Genduso**



**Joe DiMento getting crazy... again!**



**Jon Stokes and Jerry Rohles as Jerry receives his PCR CD of the Officer Year Award**



**Roy Knight presents the POW/ MIA Table**



**The Hetrick's and the Gordon's**



**Does this make you a little uncomfortable, as well?**



**Col Stokes presents Lt Col Will Gordon the PCR Senior Member of the Year**



**The Outstanding SQ 47 Skyhawk Color Guard!**



**And after I was born in the log cabin...**



**I can get through this!**



**Umm... Will you take a check?**



**What? They made you Group Commander? I don't believe it!**

## Cadet O-Rides at Big Bear

Squadron 87 had two days of flying cadets out of Big Bear City Airport (L35). On Wed 31 July, Jerry Rohles and Roy Knight flew a total of eight cadets out of the beautiful mountain airport. On Friday 2 August, Jerry returned with Stu Oster this time and flew 7 cadets. The Big Bear Squadron 6750 has been looking for qualified pilots to fly their orientation flights and mentioned this to Stu at the Wing Encampment. That is all it took! We look forward to supporting them in the future.



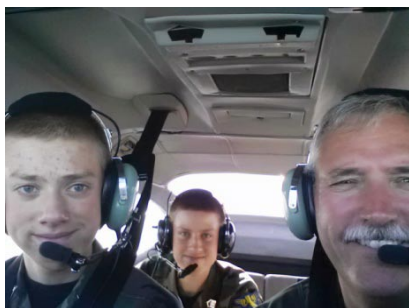
On top headed to L35



I don't think he is enjoying himself.



"Don't puke in my airplane!"  
And nobody did!



Flying is AWESOME!



Jerry and his first cadets



Roy and the last cadets of the day

## Flight Clinic Is Approaching

The Take-off and Landings Flight Clinic is fast approaching. The basic information is that we will have 4 aircraft including Riverside Turbo 206, the Gillespie 206, the Hemet 182Q and our own 182Q. There will be 4 instructors. We will have a ground school in the morning and fly in the afternoon. Each instructor will get 3 to 4 flights. What we need from you is if you plan to attend and fly. Once we have secured slots for the SQ 87 guys that want to participate, we will open it up to the squadrons that supplied the aircraft and IP. We will also need help on the ground during the Clinic for a number of tasks to make this the best and most effective clinic possible. Please get back to me ASAP with your availability on the flight and the base support. We want to get this completely nailed down and in the box very soon.

## Is That The Best You Can Do, Col?

Our newest member, Lt Col Bill Wade just completed his CFII written and squeaked by with a score of 96%. We are not sure what his malfunction is and why he couldn't score 100 but we will accept him none the less. Congratulations Bill! I bet you didn't expect retirement to be such hard work. Way to go!

## Semper Vigilans

If there is one guy who lives the motto it is Rich Lee. As is frequently the case, Capt Rich Lee saw a need and jumped in to help. He brought his camera to take some pictures of Stu's honors and any squadron awards and ended up taking pictures of the entire event which can be accessed on our Squadron Facebook Page. So instead of sitting back sipping his Coke and enjoying the evening, he was all over the hall snapping pictures. This is only the latest instance of Rich stepping up. Once again, Well Done, Rich!!



**Paparazzo Rich Lee taking pictures of the not so Rich and sadly unknown.**



**Talk to the camera, baby!**