



U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL
SQUADRON 442
KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

“ReCAP ping what you need to know November 2021”

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

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SAFETY OFFICER

COMMANDER’S CORNER (Tom King)

Tom welcomed those in attendance at last night’s meeting, both in-person and by Zoom. As will be true of future squadron meetings, Tom sent an email with the “Meeting ID” and “Password” that were used to attend meetings via Zoom. Harry Cook told the group that Marjorie Cook continues to improve; and that’s great news! The next squadron meeting is actually the annual Christmas dinner scheduled for Saturday, 4 December 2021 at 6:00 PM. The dinner will be at the Y.O. Ranch and Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker Street, Kerrville TX. An RSVP is requested.

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHO
November SAREX	KERV	20 November 2021	ES Qualified members
Squadron Christmas Dinner	YO Ranch & Conference Center	4 December 2021	Squadron members and guests
Wreaths Across America	Kerrville National Cemetery	18 December 2021	Squadron members and guests

For additional information on these activities, contact either Tom King (210-467-7678) or John Murray (830-285-3248).

OPERATIONS (Tom King for Bob Hamm)

Chuck Chandler reported that N794CA flight time for the month of November 2021 was 12.2 (Hobbs). This is a little less than the 16-17 hours average per month needed to attain the 200 flight hours per year required by TXWG. However, we anticipate adding significant flight hours during the next two months.

Counter Drug operations remains postponed at least until early next year. The annual CD legal briefing required of all CD-participating aircrews was held last month. If you are CD-qualified and wish to obtain this legal briefing, you can access it (and get attendance credit) through eServices.

We participated in the October Group-Wide Exercise (SAREX), flying a total of six sorties. The exercise emphasized both route search and parallel search patterns using the SAR software in the Garmin MFD. During the month of November, we plan to conduct both cadet orientation flights as well as participating in the month’s SAREX. There is funding for both missions.



The November SAREX is scheduled for the weekend 20-21 November 2021. That Saturday (20 November), we will operate out of the Kerrville Airport (KERV) for this SAREX. Anticipated sortie objectives included a practice ELT search, SAR aerial pattern work and aerial photography. If you want to participate in this SAREX, please contact Bob Hamm.

Bob Hamm, Tom King, Bill Wood and Gary Black showed up on Thursday, October to clean up the squadron airplane (N794CA). The airplane looks great!

TXWG has put out a request for aircrews to train in the use of aircraft mounted XCAM Ultra50 camera pods developed by WaldoAir Corporation, a Franklin, Tennessee-based company. These advanced camera systems are capable of providing a multi-spectral 3-D, 360-degree views of the ground. The cameras provide large-area coverage with up to 17,100 pixels in cross range; the camera pod is sized to be fitted on small, single-engine aircraft as are used in CAP for disaster relief missions. Aircrews will consist of pilot and right-seat laptop/camera operator. Aircrews are expected to commit to being available for future missions if needed.

Diann Black is now Assistant Chair for Level II and also a part of TXWG Finance section.

ADMINISTRATION (Roberta Himebrook, Bill Wood, Diann Black and Gary Black)

Roberta reported that she (together with Tom, Bill and Josh) is in the process of putting together a new squadron staff assignments chart. This will be posted on the squadron’s WEB site. Roberta also asked that squadron members submit individuals for awards using the awards nomination form that was distributed with the invitation to the squadron Christmas dinner. Nominations should be forwarded to Roberta no later than 10 November.

Olga Durr, Bob Hamm and Bill Wood together with the cadets and other squadron seniors have done an exceptional work with the Wreaths Across America project. As most of us know, Wreaths Across America is a wreath-laying ceremony conducted every December on National Wreaths Across

America Day at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad including at the Kerrville VA Cemetery. We have sold enough wreaths to be able to provide wreaths for the Ft. Sam Houston cemetery in addition to the Kerrville Veterans cemetery.

The squadron will once again have its Christmas Dinner this year. Diann Black planned and organized the dinner; she will email invitations to squadron members tomorrow. The dinner will be held at the Y.O. Ranch and Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker Street, Kerrville TX on 4 December 2021 at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be an open buffet at a cost of \$18/person. Please RSVP with Diann.

It was announced that LTC Don Jones, TX 353 squadron commander, was very recently named the new Group V Commander. Col Frank Eldridge, the previous Group V Commander, has become the new TXWG IG, replacing LTC Pricilla Boren.

CADETS (Josh Taylor)

Josh Taylor said the cadet squadron has a number of new recruits to the cadet squadron. Several cadet members will participate in an upcoming Airman Leadership School (ALS) to be held in Nacogdoches, TX on 12-14 November 2021. The ALS is a CAP educational program implemented at the base level that prepares Cadet Senior Airmen for positions of greater responsibility. Three cadets are expected to complete all requirements for their Michell Awards by early January 2022

The cadets and seniors will next staff a Wreaths Across America booth at the VA Car Show to be held at the Kerrville VA Hospital on 13 November 2021. The cadets will also construct and enter a float in the Kerrville Holiday Lights Parade to be held on the evening of 20 November 2021.

A number of cadets and seniors plan to participate in the Fredericksburg Hot Air Balloon events on 27 November 2021 and 11 December 2021. If you would like to help out on either of these dates, please contact Josh Taylor.

The cadet squadron held a "meet the squadron cadets and senior leadership for parents of new cadets on 25 October at 6:00 pm. Tom King and Bill Wood were also in attendance that evening. The cadets will also put together a CAP float for the Kerrville Holiday Lighted Parade to be held on Saturday, 20 November 2021 starting at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY (John Dorie)

WATCH YOUR SPEED

Legal highway speed limits can be as high as 85 mph (for example, in Texas). Exceeding the speed limit endangers everyone on the road. And adjust your speed when driving through poor weather like ice, rain and snow, as well as construction and bumper-to-bumper traffic.

MAINTAIN A SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCE

Nobody likes being tailgated and, on top of that, it's risky. If the driver in front of you has to come to a quick stop, following too closely could have dangerous consequences. Instead, maintain a safe following distance from the car ahead of you (especially if roads are slick). You should leave at least 3 seconds between you and the car or motorcycle in front of you.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH SEMIS

Highway driving means sharing the roads with plenty of semi-trucks. When sharing highways with these large trucks, be sure to give plenty of room when passing and merging in front of them and use your blinker. And watch out for the big side mirrors on a truck's door. If you cannot see the trucker, they cannot see you. Cutting off a semi-truck can cause the trucker to have to brake suddenly, which may cause them to lose control.

KEEP RIGHT

In some states, the left lane is considered the passing lane, so if you're not overtaking a slower-moving vehicle, stay in the right lane. Some interstates have signs posted to enforce this rule, and you could be pulled over and ticketed if you're camping out in the left lane.

MAXIMIZE YOUR VISIBILITY

A good view from the driver's seat may help ensure your safety, and it's also important to make sure that other drivers can see you. Turn on your headlights when the sun sets or when driving through adverse weather conditions, like rain, sleet, snow and fog.

BE ALERT

Safe driving starts with you, so don't get distracted by things like your smartphone or eating food. Give the highway your undivided attention.

Many of us pull on to the highway every day as part of our routine, but it's always a good idea to think about safety before you do. Taking in these helpful reminders can help keep you, and everyone around you, safe on busy highways.



Remember that TXWG mandates that all members must participate in the monthly safety briefing prior to participation in any squadron activity including air operations. This participation must be documented. Your signing in at the monthly squadron meeting completes this requirement. You need no more safety briefing for this month. If you cannot attend a particular monthly meeting, respond "RECEIVED" to the e-mail to which the monthly newsletter is attached. And you'll get credit for the safety briefing.