U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON 442

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

"ReCAPping what you need to know …. June 2026"

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COMMANDER'S CORNER (John Murray)

The squadron can be very proud that former cadet Lee McDonald was an honor graduate of the US Air Force Academy, Class of 2026. He is headed to pilot training in North TX. We had very successful Ground Team Member training on Saturday, 23 May. My thanks to all who participated. June marks the start of higher operational and off-duty risk. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) activities, encampments, flight-line work, and weekend travel all increase as temperatures rise and routines change. CAP guidance emphasizes hot-weather risk controls, including hydration, heat monitoring, and adjusting activity intensity when conditions warrant. For June, the safety standard is simple: apply Operational Risk Management (ORM) to every activity, on-duty and off-duty. The goal is not simply injury prevention, but preserving mission readiness, protecting our people, and ensuring everyone returns home safely.

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	*WHERE*	*WHEN*	*WHO*
July Squadron Meeting	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	1 July 2026	Squadron Members
Cadet Orientation Flights	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	9-16 June 2026	Orientation Pilots and Cadets
SAR/DR Training	TBD	22-27 June 2026	Squadron Members
Squadron Subordinate Unit Inspection 2026	TX-442 Kerrville & Ingram	30 June 2026 (delayed, TBD)	Squadron Members

For additional information on these activities, contact either John Murray 830-285-3248 or Isaac Real 712-259-2965.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION (Murray)

Our squadron SUI scheduled 30 JUNE has been delayed. 60 day notice not given.

Changes were made to 3 Regs: R20-3,36-1 (2x); 3 Forms: F60-5, F60-6, F132-3; and 5 interim change letters, in May.
A reminder that Cadet Protection Training (CPT) is now required annually.

FINANCE (Murray/Graham)

April Balance $8805.21. Received $3455.30 in WAA funds in April. The Finance Committee will meet this month. Kevin Graham has joined the committee as our new Finance Officer. There are 2 reimbursements pending at this time: Kerrville Aviation for Hangar Rent, Andre Forte travels to support May SAREX.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/LOGISTICS (Tommy Hayes)

N592CP, a C172S, is here at Kerrville while N290CP has been moved to San Marcos, temporarily, to support C182T proficiency, upgrades and check flights. N290CP should be back at Kerrville NLT 13 June. N290CP had its first 100 Hour/Annual completed in May. YTD use is 131.5 hobbs hours. We're well on the way to exceeding 200 hours for the year with 4 months left. N794CA is in San Angelo awaiting formal transfer of custodianship in ORMS.

OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES (Bob Hamm)

TX-442 Crews flew 27.3 HOBBS hours in May. Congratulations to John Larson and Isaac, our newest Mission Pilots! We now have five MPs in the squadron. Our goal is 6! The Wing needs more mission pilots! Remember, decisions made by National Headquarters regarding the number of aircraft in each Wing or Group has is partially based on the number of mission pilots available to fly. Pilots are encouraged to become MPs. Bob Hamm is now a Mission Pilot Check Pilot.

TYPE SORTIE	HOBBS	SORTIES
Cadet O Flights	4.7	6
SAR Training (Air)	4.1	3
SAR Training (Ground)	NA	3
Maintenance	3.2	3
Proficiency	4.5	6
OnBoarding	1.5	1
Real World ELT Seach	2.2	1
F5/F91	6.6	5
Total	**27.3**	**27**

Steve Boots started flying onboarding sorties with John Larson in May. Onboarding new pilots is our number one Operations priority. We are trying to onboard 4 new pilots.

While our crews flew 3 SAR/DR air sorties throughout May, our SAREX on 23 May also concentrated on Ground Team training. The event took place at Ingram High School. Andrea Forte, Group V Emergency Services Officer, brought a team to the Hill Country to serve as Ground Team Leader and Ground Team Member SET during 3 ground sorties. Kevin Graham ran radios and renewed his Mission Staff Assistant qualification. Our primary goal was to satisfy the remaining Ground Team Member (GTM-3) and Ground Team Leader (GTL) requirements for

Taylor, Hamm, Murray, Crusan and cadets, Crusan, Moss, Strebeck, Branch and Cox. Several cadets completed ICUT. We're getting there…our goal is 6 GTMs, at least one GTL, and eventually one Ground Branch Director. Work will continue during Squadron led SAREXs over the next few months.

Isaac Real, Tommy Hayes, and John Murray provided Orientation Flights for 6 cadets; Crusan, Matayka, Grandfield, Langlinais, Sauer and Rotge in May. June Orientation Flights are scheduled for 9 – 16 June at Kerrville-Kerr County airports. Please review cadet protection requirements.

A squadron led SAREX is planned for the week of 22-27 June. We will continue our efforts to increase Ground Team and IC staff qualifications as well as fly SAR/DR sorties. Senior members and Cadet Leadership should send Bob Hamm a text or email describing participation goals. In other words, what do seniors and cadets want to accomplish during the SAREX. Then we can build a plan.

For pilots and crews, when you have some time, TXWG is encouraging all pilots to log into Absorb to complete the Mountain Flying Course. Expect more information on mountain flying qualification upon publication of the new CAPR 70-10, the replacement for CAPR 70-1.

Operations/Emergency Services goals for the next 60 to 90 days include 1) Upgrade Erika Evans, Steve Boots, Ed Stearns and Matt Christiansen to Transport Mission Pilot, 2) Cadet O Flights, 3) GTM-3, GBD and GTL training as opportunities arise.

CADETS (Sarah Crusan)

- Our cadets continue activities to foster Leadership, Character, Aerospace Education, Physical Fitness and Emergency Services skills. The number of cadets in TX-442 continues to grow to record numbers. **May Highlights at a Glance:**
  - 3 Cadet Promotions
  - 4 Orientation Flights Completed
  - 1 Air Traffic Controller Guest Speaker
  - 1 Squadron SAREX
  - 5 Community Outreach Events
  - 4 Cadets Participating in Advanced Emergency Services Training

Great Start	Wright Brothers	Mitchell	Earhart	Eaker	New Members	LVL 3	LVL 4	LVL 5	O-Rides		Master Ratings
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AEROSPACE EDUCATION (Isaac Real/Scott Purdy)

The Cadets have completed one STEM project thus far in 2026. The squadron goal is set at three. The Air Navigation Kit has arrived. Our cadets have been able to fly drones during AE night. The Squadron simulator is getting a workout! The AE night in May (18th) Mike Vitti with Air Traffic Control from San Antonio gave a presentation to cadets and senior some senior members on Aerospace Education night May 18th. He was in CAP as a cadet himself. If/when the Aerospace Education Kits arrive, Isaac plans to recruit local teachers to serve as Aerospace Education Members (AEM).

SAFETY (John Murrary/Ed Stearn)

Ed Stearns presented the June Safety Briefing addressing **Heat Illness**. A copy of his briefing was sent to members. Members not in attendance, receiving the monthly safety brief via email, will acknowledge receipt of the safety briefing by replying to the Safety Officer with the answer to a question regarding the material presented. Members must complete Safety training monthly to participate in squadron activities.