



NER SARCOMP MEDIA KIT

22-24 May 2009

Westover Air Reserve Base

NorthEast Region, Civil Air Patrol

About the SARCOMP

GENERAL: The NorthEast Region of the Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is hosting a Search and Rescue Competition (known as a SARCOMP) from 23 to 25 May 2009 at Westover Air Reserve Base (ARB), Chicopee, Massachusetts. Teams from each of the wings (states) comprising the NorthEast Region (NER) will participate and compete against each other, making this one of the largest exercises organized by NER Headquarters. Teams, including air and ground crews, will be evaluated in different types of air and ground search techniques, search planning, radio communications, equipment inspections, and written exams. Two Civil Air Patrol (CAP) GA-8 aircraft will serve as airborne communication relay platforms, and provide aircrew ARCHER proficiency. (ARCHER is CAP's hyperspectral imaging reconnaissance system, which can provide high resolution images of search areas in different light spectrums.)

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Search and Rescue Competition (SARCOMP) is to test and practice mobility readiness and mission skills through an open competition that will be judged by mission-experienced CAP members. Civil Air Patrol is tasked daily nationwide in tracking Emergency Locator Transmitter beacons, locating lost aircraft, or assisting other agencies during disaster relief. The SARCOMP is the second to be held at Westover (the first was Memorial Day weekend in 2007) and will feature some 235 CAP personnel, in addition to 30 aircraft and 30 ground vehicles. This SARCOMP is being considered as a pilot program for nation-wide SARCOMPs.

SCOPE:

All SARCOMP events will be within the Massachusetts state boundaries

235+ Personnel planned:

Two ground teams from each wing (90 GT members)

Two aircrews from each wing (54 aircrew personnel)

One 5-person Incident Command (Mission Base) team from each wing
(45 IC members)

Competition Control Team and Judges (33+back-ups)

Flight Line, Communications, Target Team, Field Mess (15+)

30+ Aircraft planned:

Two competition aircraft per wing (18 aircraft)

One backup/transport aircraft per wing (9 aircraft)

Three HQ aircraft for oversight/transportation/airborne communications
(3 aircraft)

30+ Ground vehicles planned:

Communications vans.

Two ground team vans from each wing

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**NER SARCOMP Competition
Control Team**

- Joe Abegg, Lt. Col., CAP/ES
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Operations Section Chief
- Ron Volungus, Lt. Col, CAP Air
Operations Branch Director
- John Borges, Maj. Col, CAP
Ground Branch Director
- Rick Greenhut, Col., CAP
Chief Judge

*There were many other CAP
Officers who contributed to
this event whose names will
be listed in other NER SAR-
COMP documentation.*

COMPETITION EVENTS

Ground Team events:

- Equipment and vehicle inspection.
- Electronic search (for Emergency Locator Transmitters).
- Line (clue) search (including “victims” with wound moulages)
- Navigation (compass only) event.
- Wilderness Rescue (including “victims” with wound moulages).
- Aircraft to GT radio-out coordination.
- Written Test on Sunday morning

Incident Command/Mission Base Staff events:

- Incident Command System/National Incident Management System (ICS/NIMS) procedures evaluation.
- Tabletop exercise.
- Command and Control of Aircraft and Ground Teams.
- Written Test on Sunday morning

Aircrew events:

- Route search.
- Grid Search.
- Satellite Digital Imaging Systems (SDIS) accuracy & resolution. SDIS equipment transmits aerial digital pictures via satellite to Mission Base.
- Aircraft to Ground Team radio coordination.
- Aircraft and equipment inspection.
- Written Test on Sunday morning

AWARDS AND CATEGORIES

The top three winners will be awarded a trophy in each of the following categories:

- Aircrew.
- Ground Team.
- Mission Base.
- Wing Performance.

NorthEast Region Wings



SARCOMP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 22 May 09

- 0900 – 1800 Mobile Communication Center operational
- 1200 – 1800 Flight Line operational
- 1300 – 1800 Sign-in and Billeting Check-in
- 1330 – 1630 GA-8 and ARCHER proficiency flight
- 2000 – 2100 Competition General Briefing (Info, safety, ROE, admin)
- 2100 – 2359 Wing Incident Command Post (ICP) set-up and wing
Planning Section Chiefs do initial planning

SATURDAY, 23 May 09

- 0700 – 1900 Mobile Communication Center operational
- 0700 – 0730 General and Safety Briefing
- 0700 – 1900 Flight Line operational
- 0730 – 1900 GA-8 airborne communication relay coverage
and ARCHER proficiency flights
- 0800 – 1900 Competition

SUNDAY, 24 May 09

- 0700 – 1900 Mobile Communication Center operational
- 0800 – 0900 Written Tests administered
- 0900 – 1000 Chaplain Service(s)
- 0900 – 1000 Tests graded and Judges Final Scoring
- 1000 – 1100 Awards Presentations
- 1130 – 1600 Flight Line operational

About the Civil Air Patrol



Amy S. Courter, Maj Gen.,
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The Civil Air Patrol is the search-and-rescue, cadet-mentoring and aerospace-education auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

CAP has more than 56,000 volunteer members, including 21,000 cadets ages 12-20. There are eight geographic regions, 52 wings, 1,600 units in all. CAP boasts the world's largest fleet (550) of single-engine, piston aircraft, the nation's most extensive communications network, and 900 emergency services vehicles.



Robert Diduch, Col.,
CAP, NER
Commander

Its three primary missions are Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education.

CAP conducts approximately 90 percent of inland search and rescue, as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies.

Civil Air Patrol Aircraft

The following Aircraft will be utilized during the **NER SARCOMP at Westover**



The **Cessna 172 Skyhawk**, the mainstay of the Civil Air Patrol, is a four-seat, single-engine, high-wing airplane. More Cessna 172s have been built than any other Western aircraft. It is also probably the most popular flight training aircraft in the world. Measured by its longevity and popularity, the Cessna 172 is the most successful mass produced light aircraft in history.



The **Cessna 182**, marketed under the name **Skylane**, is a four-seat (with the option of an additional two child seats, installed in the baggage area), high performance, single-engine, light airplane. Introduced in 1956, the 182 has been produced in a number of variants, including a version with retractable landing gear, and is the second most popular Cessna model, after the 172.



The **Gippsland GA8** or **Airvan** is a single-engined utilitarian aircraft manufactured by Gippsland Aeronautics of Victoria, Australia. It can seat eight including one pilot. The aircraft was intended by Gippsland to fill the gap left by Cessna between its 206 and Caravan models. It is used in various roles and is well suited to short haul scheduled and non-scheduled passenger services. It is used very successfully for parachuting and for carriage of freight and even for search and rescue.



FACT SHEET

CIVIL AIR PATROL

CITIZENS SERVING COMMUNITIES...ABOVE AND BEYOND

*CAP serves America by developing our nation's youth;
performing local, state and national missions;
and informing our citizens about the importance of aerospace education.*

Civil Air Patrol was founded in December 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by more than 150,000 citizens who were concerned about the defense of America's coastline. Under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces, CAP pilots flew more than one-half million hours, were credited with sinking two enemy submarines and rescued hundreds of crash survivors during World War II. On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman established CAP as a federally chartered benevolent civilian corporation, and Congress passed Public Law 557 on May 26, 1948. CAP was charged with three primary missions – aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services.

With the passage of Public Law 106-398 in October 2000, Congress provided that "The Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force when the services of the Civil Air Patrol are used by any department or agency in any branch of the federal government."

THE CORPORATION

- Classified as a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation
- Operates as an all-volunteer civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force when performing services for the federal government
- Includes eight geographic regions consisting of 52 wings (each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia)
- Has about 1,600 units, more than 56,000 members nationwide
- Operates one of the largest fleets of single-engine piston aircraft in the world, with 550 currently in the fleet
- Flies, through volunteer members, approximately 110,000 hours each year
- Maintains fleet of about 900 emergency service vehicles for training and mission support
- Provides support to CAP cadets and senior members through 900 chaplain service personnel
- Supports members with about 100 corporate staff at the CAP National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Conducts approximately 90 percent of inland search and rescue in the U.S., as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies
- Coordinates Air Force-assigned missions through the CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, Ala. at a cost of about \$130 per flying hour
- Performs aerial reconnaissance for homeland security
- Saves an average of 80 lives per year; 91 in FY 2008
- Provides disaster-relief support to local, state and national organizations
- Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products and body tissues
- Provides damage assessment, light transport, communications support and low-altitude route surveys for the U.S. Air Force
- Assists federal agencies in the war on drugs
- Conducts orientation flights for Air Force Junior and Senior ROTC cadets
- Maintains the most extensive VHF and HF communications network in the nation

CADET PROGRAMS

- Includes more than 21,000 members ages 12-20
- Multistep program educates youth in four main program areas: leadership, aerospace, fitness and character development
- Offers orientation flights in powered and glider aircraft, and flight training scholarships
- Provides about 10 percent of each year's new classes entering U.S. Air Force Academy
- Provides enlistment in Air Force at higher pay grade for cadets who have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award
- Provides activities and competition for cadets at local, state, regional and national levels
- Provides an International Air Cadet Exchange program
- Provides college scholarships in several disciplines
- Provides an opportunity for youth involvement in the community through active role in emergency service missions
- Provides cadets opportunities to test-fly careers in aviation, space and technology through dozens of summer programs
- Challenges youth to be ambassadors of a drug-free lifestyle

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

- Educates the membership and the community on the importance of aerospace
- Provides support for educational conferences and workshops around the country
- Develops, publishes and distributes aerospace education curricula for kindergarten through college classrooms
- Offers grant, award and scholarship opportunities
- Provides classroom materials, teacher training and other educational programs and products, including the opportunity to fly, at no cost to America's educators
- Serves as aerospace resource center for education through CAP's Web site

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