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Squadron Members, OH-003...

Good afternoon. Please read this e-mail all the way through, as the information contained within is important. As you know, we are fortunate to now be the sole occupants of the CAP Hangar, formerly shared with the Commemorative Air Force. As our squadron has grown, so has the amount of traffic that is coming to and from our hangar on our meeting days. I was informed that this has become a cause for concern among some of the hangar owners in the Condo Association. The driveway that many people are using to access our parking on the NORTH (airport) side of the hangar is causing them to drive through the Condo Association, which is technically a private driveway. This had not been posed to me as a problem in the past, but again with the rapid growth of our squadron causing increased traffic on meeting nights, this has now been presented to me as an issue.

Of course, we at CAP desire to be the best possible neighbors that we can be. For this reason, we have worked on some procedural practices to help ensure that we are conscientious of our neighbors' desires to stay off their property. Please note the following practices and adhere to the following procedures regarding hangar access and parking.

Non-Meeting Access (including Aircrews)... Activities that are taking place outside of regularly scheduled meetings (E.S. Missions, Work Details, Aircrew Flight Operations, etc.) will generally involve a very small number of vehicles. Since CAP member access to "open-up" the CAP hangar is only possible at the NORTH (airport-side) Door, adjacent to the big hangar door, it will be prudent and necessary for these members to park on the north (airport) side of the building, either on the CAP Hangar ramp or on the adjacent ramp, belonging to the Zane Pritts hangar (which Tim Pettet has graciously allowed us to use for parking or other activities, as needed). ***When accessing the CAP Hangar on the NORTH (airport) side, please DO NOT use the driveway that cuts through the Condo Association.*** Please proceed north, all the way through the main airport gate, turn right after the gate, and travel east along the south side of the main FBO hangar (past Metro Life Flight Base), past our CAP van's carport & trailer, and then turn to the right to go south. Proceed between the two hangars (between the Zane Pritts hangar and the last Condo Hangar), and make a left toward the CAP hangar. This will keep everyone from driving past the Condo Hangar Association's hangars or through their driveways. When exiting, please follow reverse procedure.

We are asking everyone to adhere to this procedure as much as possible. Please avoid using the drive that cuts through the Condo Hangars, unless there is a good reason or unless the primary route (above) is impassable due to snow, etc. If my directions are unclear or if you have any questions about this, please let me know!!!

Meeting-Day Access (all members)... During the times that we have our regularly scheduled meetings (Tuesday Evenings, Pilot Meeting on 1st Saturday morning, etc.),

as well as any time that we anticipate a large number of vehicles (special wing/group events, training exercises, etc.), ALL MEMBERS will access the CAP Hangar using the SOUTH driveway (off Russia Rd., at the Skysurance sign). As you are aware, the parking lot on the south side of the building is small, however there is a driveway to the west of our hangar that leads to a gate (usually kept closed) in the fence. This gate opens to the Zane Pritts "ramp" adjacent to our hangar, which we usually use for overflow parking. While we used to only be able to access this parking area from the north (airport) side, Tim Pettet has graciously given us access to OPEN that gate on our meeting days (or whenever needed), so that people can enter from the SOUTH (Russia Rd.) side, and still be able to access that overflow parking on the Zane Pritts ramp in the event that the south lot is full. Again, EVERYONE will enter/exit the SOUTH SIDE on meeting days, even if you end-up parking "inside the fence", because the vehicle gate will be open. The only people to enter on the north side on meeting days will be those members charged with "opening-up" the hangar (and the Zane Pritts gate) for the meeting, and those charged with "Securing" the hangar and gate after the meeting. Aircrews flying during/after a meeting should also be sure to park on the north side, just in case that gate has been secured by the conclusion of flight activities.

Cadet Drop-Off & Pick-Up... As mentioned above, we want to ensure we are always good neighbors and keep the amount of traffic movement on the "airport side" of the fence to a minimum as much as possible. For this reason, we are reminding parents of cadets, or anyone else who might be picking-up or dropping-off someone at the CAP hangar, to use the SOUTH side (Russia Rd. entrance) to the CAP Hangar. There should be NO PICK-UP/DROP-OFF traffic on the NORTH side of the CAP hangar, unless specifically instructed/authorized by the squadron commander or designee.

Final Note about SPEED... For those members who will occasionally be using the NORTH (airport) side of the CAP Hangar, I would also like to remind everyone to be very vigilant of your SPEED while driving on airport property. The airport is a very dynamic place with moving vehicles, aircraft, FOD, various structures & obstructions, and many other potential hazards. Due care must be taken to ensure you are always traveling at an appropriate SPEED while driving on airport property. Rule-of-Thumb... If you are driving faster than our CAP airplane would reasonably taxi, you are probably going too fast!!! Please keep it slow and safe when driving on airport property.

Thank you in advance for reviewing and adhering to these above-listed procedures. Your efforts in helping CAP maintain and foster a "good neighbor" reputation within the airport community is greatly appreciated, not only by your CAP squadron's command staff, but also by the airport and FBO management and by other airport tenants. If you have any questions about the above-listed information, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Best Regards,

~Lt Col. Chip Ingersoll (OH-003/CC)