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## GippsAERO Sponsors Fixed-Wing Award at ALEA



Sgt. Troy Leckie (left), David Wheatland GippsAERO (right)

GippsAERO recently attended the ALEA (Airborne Law Enforcement Association) conference in Reno, NV, USA. As well as exhibiting at the conference, GippsAERO sponsored the Fixed-Wing Award.

The award celebrates the professionalism and dedication of an individual without whom many police operations would have failed or not been able to conclude whilst maintaining the safety of other officers and the general public.

The Fixed-Wing Operator of the Year Award 2012 went to Sergeant Troy Leckie, Calgary (ON, Canada) Police Service Air Support Unit. Troy joined the Calgary Police Service in 1995 and has spent 17 years as a dedicated police officer.

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## ASSOCIATION The CIVIL AIR PATROL in the UK



Tony Cowan, Chairman of the UK Civil Air Patrol with members of Northern Ireland CAP.

When you hear the words 'Civil Air Patrol' most people who have an interest in aviation will think of the United States Civil Air Patrol (USCAP) or, more correctly, the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol which was formed during WW2 and recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary.

However, there is also a Civil Air Patrol in the UK which can trace its beginnings back to the year 2000 when it was titled the Sky Watch Community Air Service. It was not until 2009 that the current Chairman, Tony Cowan, a former RAF Nimrod pilot who also flew with the police service and the Scottish Air Ambulance Service, was sponsored by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to spend a month with the USCAP so that all the good ideas could be brought back to the UK without having to re-invent the wheel - better to 'steal' someone else's wheel and paint it in your own colours!

Not that the USCAP mind as in 2010, the 10th Anniversary of the Sky Watch Civil Air Patrol, the American's invited their British 'cousins' to wear the same tie, dark blue with red diagonal stripes, when attending formal functions.

Today the Sky Watch Civil Air Patrol, a charity registered in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, has around 200 members with a similar number of aircraft. Seventy of these aircraft belong to members who are also members of operational units with unit chief pilot in charge. In some respects the UK's CAP is a bit like the RNLI lifeboat service where the majority of members are supporters and a smaller number actually man the lifeboats.

Unlike the USCAP which receives Federal funding and has a fleet of 550 'corporate' aircraft, mostly Cessna 172's and 182's, the aircraft in the UK's CAP are all in private ownership. Most of the CAP aircraft in the UK are in the light aircraft class, those aircraft powered by the ubiquitous Rotax and Jabiru engines. There are also some flex-wing microlights and autogyros and a small number of light helicopters. The CAP technical officer, Dave Unwin, the former editor of Today's Pilot, will soon be evaluating the Groppo Trail, a kit aircraft from Italy, and the Foxbat A-22 Sport 600 as 'affordable' aircraft that may be suitable for air search operations and purchased through corporate sponsorship. At this time the CAP in the UK relies on charitable donations and members subscriptions to meet its running costs.



Paul Trimble, Operations Director of NICAP signs an agreement with Chris Kerr, Chief Fire Officer of Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service.

One of the most recent success stories for the CAP in the UK occurred in Northern Ireland when, on the same day, the Northern Ireland CAP signed agreements with both the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service to provide an air search service during humanitarian operations. This relatively new unit which has a fleet of four aircraft, a Foxbat A-22 and three Ikarus C-42's, is also the only unit to operate an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), or drone, for search operations with an approval from the Civil Aviation authority. At this time the drone, which carries high definition cameras is flown by a 'pilot' on the ground but it is anticipated that it will soon fly itself using a pre-programmed GPS based search pattern and an onboard computer.

■ More information about the Civil Air Patrol in the UK visit - [www.ukcivilairpatrol.co.uk](http://www.ukcivilairpatrol.co.uk)