

Subject: HANGAR RASH

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As some of you who know me... may already be aware, I have been known to occasionally bang my head on a wing tip, aileron, flap or prop causing head RASH...this happens. ESPECIALLY when I am in a hurry to get the preflight done. The faster I go during a preflight, the more likely I am to hit my head and get head RASH. Well, fellow pilots, it doesn't feel good - as you are probably aware.

The same RASH problem has been occurring right in our very own Utah Wing Hanger. Especially to our new GA-8 Gippsland aircraft. We get in a hurry, or have an attitude that it can't happen to me. Ever heard that signal...everything's ok, it can't (won't) happen to me. I am being too careful...or...someone else is looking at the tail or wingtips...I don't have to. Or that's not my job. Or I gotta get home...let's push faster...?

Safety and protection and care of our assets is all about ATTITUDE. We are all very responsible, caring, safety conscious pilots or we would not even be in the Civil Air Patrol.

So what's causing the H A N G A R R A S H E S on the GA-8? Is it lack of appropriate safety procedures and/or attitude of the folks positioning the GA-8? Or, is it being caused by someone else positioning another aircraft? The only way we will ever know is if the person/s that caused the RASH come forward and say, "I caused the problem and I know how to prevent it next time."

I would like to quote John Salvador's comment (he's the Director of Missions for the CAP at NHQ)... "please stress the importance of using wing walkers and the wing streamers that were provided with the aircraft when putting the aircraft in or taking it out of the hangar. CAP already had 3 incidents (2 the fault of CAP members and 1 the fault of an FBO) involving the wing tips. For those who are not familiar with the aircraft, the wing tips are deceiving. They protrude much further from the wing than is visible by a crewmember, who is positioned at the front of the aircraft using a tow bar. "Dinging" the wingtip results in a \$1500 replacement expense."

I am very proud to be in the Civil Air Patrol. I sincerely believe that most of us feel the same. If a person is not proud of what he/she does in the CAP they probably won't be around very long. Remember our Core Values? Almost the same as the Air Force. Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All WE Do.

Being in the CAP is a WE job. Please let us be the best wing walkers in the nation and prevent HANGER RASH.

Safety is an ATTITUDE

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

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