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SUMMER SPECIALS!

**MAPPING CLINIC 7/1/06
&
O' TRAINING DAY 7/8/06
(OPEN TO ALL)**

☑ UPCOMING EVENTS, by Bob Putnam

(DATES ARE TENTATIVE - CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR UPDATES)

RAH RAH RAH for June 3, 2006 at Ocala National Forest,

Every issue, Marilu asks me to write a "Rah Rah" paragraph for the upcoming events. This event will be so great I give it a "Rah-Cubed". The June 3 event will be our first return to the venue used for the Class A event last February. You're going to love it.

This piece of forest is quite simply the most beautiful orienteering terrain we have. Courses will be challenging but mercifully short, in deference to the summer heat & humidity.

Notably, both the White and Yellow courses are, if I do say so myself, very nearly ideal from a standards standpoint. So if you were ever going to bring out a friend or relative to try O for the first time, this is the time and place.

Notable also will be the historically unique control selections used for this event's courses, chosen deliberately for the novelty of it all. The Orange course is almost exclusively "depressions". The Advanced courses, Brown Green and Red, are almost exclusively "thickets". Come and be a part of history - you may never see this sort of control description lineup, regardless of which course you run.

As always, bring water. [JUNE – FLORIDA - HOT HOT HOT]

The staging area will be the Mountain Bike Trailhead on Forest Road 538 about 1/3 mile south of Route 445. The map used is what we refer to as Billies Bay, using pieces of both Woodpecker Hill and Woodpecker West. Portions had recently been updated by mappers in preparation for the Feb A-meet.

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Great Opportunity to Learn Course Setting

Donna and Steve Fluegel have agreed to mentor anyone who would like to learn how to set all levels of courses, from white to red.

They will work with you during the winter months when they head down to Florida from Connecticut. Since their schedule is dependent on the snowy conditions up north, contact them directly if you are interested.

Also, they will send you information to read this summer before you actually get out into the woods.
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Moss Park/ Split Oak Forest, Mar 11, by Bob Putnam

EC: Russ Steinke CS: Ales & Vendy / revised by Jonathan Linforth

Russ noted the helpers but deserves notice himself for stepping in at the last minute to EC this event.

Janet and I had promised to attend a family get-together in Tarpon Springs, 3 hours away, on Saturday afternoon, so I was prepared to skip this one altogether. When I heard that Ales & Vendy, the Czech mappers we had hired for the month of February, were willing to propose some course designs, I volunteered to set the red course on-the-clock early. We could still leave Moss about 10 am or so.

Ales' first red course was 11.9 km so, partly out of self-preservation, I suggested to Jonathan that he shorten it, a little. By cutting and pasting what Ales had provided, Jonathan carved out red, green and brown courses of traditional FLO length. Someday we will use Ales' monster 11.9 km course - like maybe a training run some hot August weekend. Hmmmm?

We hope everyone had fun, even after having your start/finish spot moved 250m by confusing pavilion reservations. And did everyone else remember to thank the rangers for the fun we always have at Moss Park? I know I forgot.

My more-or-less-red course run was done by setting controls in order with only four detours for orange and green controls, but they happened to lie rather close to my track anyway, adding only about 500m to my route. So I timed myself from and to the east end of the causeway and called that my Red course: 74:30 for about 7.9 km. I figured that was fair because although the listed Red length on the clue sheet was 7.2 km, with all the forced detours it totaled at least 7.8.

I want everyone to keep in mind that being a control setter in this way can be a great training exercise and is a decent way to get your day's enjoyment, help the club and possibly get your time listed in the results anyway. Just have to be confident enough to place the controls properly. Often the course designer or vetter has placed ribbons at control sites to help you.

Initial results posting showed European elite Helen Bridle finishing red in 52:26. That is a WOW! time of under 7 min/km pace. I hope some of you were able to meet and talk with Helen. Wish I'd known she was coming. We'll ask her to write up her impressions of FL running for the N/L.

Setting controls early in the morning is a delight - especially when I'm using controls that I myself have bundled the night before. I pull one string end and, voila! the control is ready to be tied to a tree. (Control retrievers: please ask me how to tie them so they come apart easily) Still, hanging ten of them takes time, as does triangulating on the feature felt to be the one the course designer chose.

Accounting for the few added minutes devoted to getting a mass of hikers unlost in Split Oak still would not have gotten my red course time below 60 minutes on the best of days. I cannot stop thinking of that 52:26.

Saw nothing more than turkeys and vultures and sand hill cranes on my run. There was an especially valuable pig track to (and from - the big dog leg) red #6 that I hope most of you found and used.

How about that new map? From my own view, I am terrifically happy with the mapping. All those new green vegetation features are real. We have a report from one non-Floridian that this aspect of FLO-O was the most surprising, and the most difficult. That is, the need to key on vegetation boundaries, whether or not delineated with black dot symbol.

Those of you who tried to cross over the areas covered with the vertical green line symbol for good visibility/slow run surely now realize that most of it was leftover hurricane deadfall from '04. In a few years they might all rot away but right now they are still aggravating, especially if you happen to be traveling normal to the trend of the fallen trunks.

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Moss Park/ Split Oak Forest, Mar 11, cont from page 2

I had talked several folks out of moving up to the Orange course for the first time, saying it was one of our tougher Oranges, only because of the dot-knoll control that was located several hundred meters from any trail. Its good to see from the results that it wasn't really a killer course.

The White and Yellow courses evidently placed a control smack dab in a camping area, something we try not to do. I trust you were all as polite and deferential as could be when or if they commented. The red course results showed a most unusual but very positive clustering of 7 competitors in the 80 to 87 minute range. Great competition, folks, especially since they are all in the 10 to 11 min/km neighborhood. You have to frame the map the first time you break 10 min/km and hang it on the wall of your den.


I talked myself hoarse with the number of newcomers and I

understand Dave Brault took over when I left. Its terrifically gratifying when we have that number of first timers to work with. Sure hope they all had fun.

Two reporters were on site. The on-line article in *Florida Today* is at:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060311/NEWS01/603110323/-1/archives>

The reporter from the *Orlando Sentinel* kept a fairly low profile, interviewing and photographing only a few FLO-ers, because he wanted primarily to experience O' himself, not so much gather others' impressions of O'. He did the orange course and did well for a first-timer. The article was in Friday's (3/17/06) Calendar section.

Good Crowd (100+ JROTC plus 200 civilians), pleasant weather, great map, fine facilities. I could do this again. 

Moss Park / Split Oak (MP)

MP - WHITE	
Name	Time
Bhs #4	21:27
Bhs #5	32:33
Bhs #1	34:00
J. Carr0l	35:00
Bhs #2	38:25
K. Pyros	55:47
V. Christian	74:20
S. Schaefer	76:00
R. Landers	87:05
C. Meyer	DNF
MP - YELLOW	
Name	Time
Boone #5	29:00
Boone #4	38:00
Peacock	42:00
G. Riley	43:00
Boone #1	43:00
G. Pyros	43:00
Boone #2	47:00
K. Bills	65:03
R. Landers	67:54
B. Trujillo	70:30
K. Harrelson	81:00
Boone #3	81:54
Graham	94:25
Chifton	94:30
Schneider	110:46
Hughes	DQ
D. Bigger	DNF

MP - ORANGE	
Name	Time
K. Bills	61:00
J. Meyer	65:20
K. Schmid	68:00
R. Steinke	70:45
J. Bauer	73:52
Hamilton	80:06
M. Schmid	81:20
Schultz	82:32
J. Ryba	86:38
Valaszek	98:40
K. Durban	98:50
J. Ide	99:29
Moore	103:19
E. Michael	114:02
J. Keil	120:45
M. Thompson	122:04
D. Weichman	125:36
Sarasota #2	127:06
S. Eckes	128:42
E. Schmid	129:04
Wiley	144:45
Wells	155:45
J. Grisolia	157:30
D. Gatlin	152:30
K. Brown	160:30
D. Rayfeild	178:00
MP - BROWN	
Name	Time
J. Rodemeyer	143:00

MP - GREEN	
Name	Time
M. Jarvis	69:45
M. Dempsey	72:28
A. Padrick	80:18
Stidham	93:25
Sarasota #3	99:20
M. Kaler	116:48
J. Stidham	147:04
A. Capp	103:50
Sarasota #1	176:07
Sarasota #2	DNF
All Chief/No Indians	DNF
A. Nettlow	DNF
M. Jarvis	69:45
MP - RED	
Name	Time
H. Bridle	52:26
Hunker	80:06
Barnes	81:45
R. Eaglin	84:02
T. Henson	84:45
J. Sirmans	85:52
B. Schultz	86:15
D. Brault	87:46
Crane	104:27
P. Martinez	118:55
D. Nettlow	120:45
R. Bruneau	131:18
N. Wright	145:00
Canelos/Taylor	146:51
Sarasota #3	149:10
R. Curran	153:35
D. Bohn	DNF
W. Pienasch	DNF

Rock Springs Run State Reserve, Apr 11, by Bob Putnam

EC: Russ Steinke CS: Donna & Steve Flugel

To all my old orienteering friends residing in states possessing any degree of topographical relief: Listen to this.

Imagine running an 11 km Blue course in 91F heat. Imagine having no discernable climb whatever for the first 7km. Then imagine control number 15 not only on top of a 5m high "hill", but visible on approach from 700m away (since the preceding leg was 1600 meters).

"Ha, Ha", you say?

Some 'hill' you may scoff?

Yeah, but it's just possible you'd have climbed up that hill on your hands and knees, just like I did. It brought to mind the old Sean Connery movie called "The Hill" from 1966, if you remember it. Also brought to mind the word "old".

Seems orienteers are indeed different, 'cause that was the FUN part of the day.

Different, too, because the course setters could not stop grinning with delight as I gasped across the finish line in a mental heap, my face contorted somewhere between scowl and satisfied smile.

Good day. Yes, indeedy; good day.

To all my Florida orienteering Friends: Were you there? Shoulda been!

Over 200 were.

The start table itself confirmed O' as the Thinking Sport simply for the sheer confusion of serving a start line backup of about 50 people at one point as well as being the turn-around for the multiple map exchanges on Green, Red and Blue and the all-course finish table. Gotta think to even get yourself started in this sport. Thanks for all the patience & understanding required in that situation.

Thanks to the Fluegels for their inventiveness in the logistics of multiple maps. Thanks to Alles & Vendy Hejna, the Czech mappers who in two short days transformed our poor RSRSR map once again into serviceability. Thanks to Jonathan Linforth for yet more late nights of printing mass quantities of maps for always-unknown numbers of competitors.

Hooray for all the helpers, including Russ Steinke for getting results posted in one day and for Ron Eaglin who arrived late in the day hoping to run Blue by retrieving. Alas, he only did 2/3 of Blue and could not list his time.

I want to sit down later to write up a See-How-They-Ran narrative of this course. I hope others will do the same for Blue or Red or Green.


It was a real circus out there with so many controls in so small an area. You'd think it would be a help to see so many people running toward a control but it was more confusing than helpful. My mistakes were made in those areas with many visible competitors and controls. One cannot make assumptions - you still have to be confident in your own business and ignore the others.

Lots of new faces and newcomers kept Ray Bruneau and I busy with instruction. The JROTC crowding was much relieved when Donna Fluegel took 55 of them from one school aside to form their own start/finish area.

To Bob's report, I [Russ] want to add my thank you for all of the great help from our volunteers. To Jonathan for site approval and again pre-printing the maps; extra work was involved because of the special Blue course and two maps for each of the Red and Green courses as well. To Jeanne for ably and courteously handling our larger-than-expected turnout at the registration table; they came in droves and by the bus-load! To Ray for bringing equipment, for set-up, and for doing various other odds-and-ends. To Bob for providing instruction for lots of newcomers. To Ron, Jeff, and Joe for control retrieval, and to Jerry for offering his assistance if needed. To Missy and Artur for second-shift start/finish duty.

Lastly, I want to give my special thanks to Donna and Steve. They cleverly designed the courses to take maximum advantage of the limited area recently updated by our Czech mappers, using a two-leg "Motala" format for the longer courses, and what fine courses they were! They set out all the controls, and they prepared and printed not only the clue sheets but extra course notes as well.

They handled those large numbers of folks at the start/finish table throughout the morning "rush-hour". As if that were not enough, they took over the registration table afterward, so that your EC could have his chance to sample this new (for FLO) format. Yours truly came back bloodied and battered from the Green course, but still in good spirits. Now we will not see them in these parts for a while, but we truly appreciate the valuable contributions they have made this year and look forward to working with them again later in the fall.

Thanks once again to all of our volunteers: without you, Florida Orienteering could not stage events of this nature. 

Rock Springs Run (RSRSR)

RSRSR - WHITE	
Name	Time
Morford(2)	37:00
Barker(2)	42:00
M. Harford	44:00
P. Griffith	44:00
RSRSR - YELLOW	
Name	Time
Dillon Ralsten	23:00
Shane Ralph	25:00
Central #2	25:00
Josh Riendeau	28:00
Don Mcdermatt	29:00
Central #4	33:00
Central #5	35:00
Ashely Monsegur	36:00
Central #1	36:00
BSA Troop 223 #2	43:00
Machalek(2)	44:00
Central #3	46:00
Ryan Thompson(SMA)	48:00
Sean Perras	48:00
BSA Troop 223 #1	50:00
Graham(2)	58:00
Megan Watson	58:00
La Frossia(3)	67:00
Jack Cash	80:00
Bucina/Herrick	87:00
Christian(5)	93:00
Chan(2)	105:00
Freeman(6)	DQ
RSRSR - ORANGE	
Name	Time
Ryan Van Dalinda	64:00
Mike Territo	66:00
Felisha Leblanc	72:00
Sebastian River(3)	84:00
Vince Higgins	87:00
Sarasota Mil #2	91:00
Cadwell(2)	92:00
Stephanie Hargis	92:00
Walenty Prytulo	94:00
Roger&Aaron Mylan	99:00
Vitrello(2)	100:00
Josiah Carroll	101:00
Jeanne Ryba	107:00
Brown(5)	116:00
Jeff Gilger	116:00
Cadwell(4)	120:00
Kurzawa(2)	127:00
Durjan/Esmailbequi	128:00
Hawkins/Lunt	132:00
Gibbs HS #2	136:00
Ryan Van Dalinda	64:00
Gibbs HS #3	146:00
West Orange #3	146:00
O&A #1	153:00
James Arriza	DQ
Vericonna Dedge	DQ
Alan Emert	DQ
Jonathan Gary	DQ

RSRSR - ORANGE	
Name	Time
Gibbs HS #1	DQ
Sally Machalek	DQ
Elliott Wentworth	DQ
Wordell	DQ
Gibbs HS #4	DQ
O&A #2	DNF
RSRSR - BROWN	
Name	Time
Bruno(4)	98:00
Hamilton(4)	136:00
LaVigne(2)	160:00
Wilroy(4)	160:00
John Rodemeyer	174:00
RSRSR - GREEN	
Name	Time
Joe Maliszewski	86:00
Gary Owen	91:00
Mitch Jarvis	97:00
Alicia Padrick	100:00
Jerry Sirmans	100:00
Dean Viane	102:00
Jim Bauer	110:00
Russ Steinke	117:00
Team SR(3)	137:00
Missy Kaler	140:00
Joseph Arriza	145:00
Keith Patillo	147:00
P. Schmid	152:00
Frank Territa	154:00
S & J Royer	172:00
Scott Neumann	173:00
Elizabeth Tiegeman	OT
Dennis & Carolyn	OT
West Orange #1	DQ
West Orange #2	DQ
Jonathan Wensel	DQ
Joe Maliszewski	86:00
RSRSR - RED	
Name	Time
Toby Henson	89:00
Ray Bruneau	95:00
Derek Bohn	98:00
Andrea Canelos	115:00
Martinez(2)	OT
Carroll(2)	OT
RSRSR - BLUE	
Name	Time
Bob Putnam	102:00
Artur Intson	137:00
Mauricio Estevel	146:00
John Hollingsworth	170:00
Sarasota Mil #1	DQ
Sarasota Mil #3	DQ
Sarasota Mil #5	DQ

RSRSR - ROTC - Yellow		
SCHOOL	NAME	TIME
Gulf	Cooke, Tia	'30:13
Central	LeBlanc, Felecia	'31:40
Titusville 1	Evans, kenneth	'33:14
Ridgewood	Higgins, Vince	'33:20
Central	Kunish, Jen	'35:10
Ridgewood	Van Dalinda, Ryan	'35:20
Titusville 1	Gary, Johnathan	'35:24
Titusville 1	Emert, Alan	'36:13
Sebastian	Camacho, Manuel	'37:55
Centennial	Raysavong, Damon	'38:00
Centennial	Grilli, Cody	'40:37
Sebastian	Hoey, Jennifer	'40:55
Titusville 2	Dedge, Veronica	'41:21
Gulf	Snider, Shelby	'41:25
Central	Russel, Muriel	'44:00
Titusville 2	Hargis, Stephanie	'46:06
Gulf	Paterno, Billy	'51:43
Central	Riendeau, Josh	'52:00
Centennial	Prussing, Ryan	'53:41
Gulf	Grocke, Eric	'54:34
Gulf	Fivecoat, Jusitn	'56:24
Sebastian	Corum, Bradley	'57:50
Centennial	Robbins, Brittany	'58:11
RSRSR - ROTC - Orange		
SCHOOL	SCHOOL	TIME
idgewood	Mckinly, Jeffery	44:33
Central	Ralph, Shane	49:02
Sebastian	Gore, Andrew	51:50
Ridgewood	Viane, Dean	52:43
Titusville	Sawyer, James	58:11
Central	Territo, Mike	63:11
Centennial	Mander, Brandon	64:44
Titusville	Sene, Mike	65:35
Centennial	Thomas, Mult	72:26
Gulf	Alvarado, Angel	74:24
Centennial	Scadlock, Steven	80:23
Gulf	Popescu, Cody	82:14
Central	Arriza, James	82:20
Gulf	Auxier, Jennifer	84:24
Central	Bisitop, Scott	84:56
Gulf	Cody, James	85:12
Titusville	Sene, Mark	86:24
Centennial	Valdez, Joseph	87:36
Central	Arevalo, Louis	88:40
Gulf	Martinez, Isaac	91:10
Sebastian	Burgos, Antonio	DQ
Titusville	Hobron-hyland, Robert	DQ
RSRSR - ROTC - Green		
SCHOOL	NAME	TIME
Titusville	Wensel, Jonathan	62:38
Centennial	Enriquez, Chris	64:51
Titusville	Pattillo, Kieth	72:32
Titusville	Mccullough, Richard	78:02
Centennial	Staggs, Allen	80:37
Central	Arriza, John	99:56
Centennial	Brustowrr, Stephen	101:20
Cypress Ck	Mestra, Rodney	106:41
Cypress Ck	Pallino, Anthany	111:02
Centennial	Wall, Glenn	112:51
Central	Zuilkowski, David	131:11
Central	Arriza, Joseph	139:07
Central	Territo, Frank	143:34
Cypress Ck	Reyes, Xavier	DQ
Cypress Ck	Sanches, Daniel	DQ

Report on Little Big Econ, May 7, by Bob Putnam

EC/CS: **Bob Putnam**

After having Vendy & Alles re-map all the best parts of LBE last winter, the prospect of an event there was more exciting to me than it has been for years. Not only that, but Alles had forwarded his suggestion for a Big-OI'-Mean 8.2 KM Red course, with cut-offs forming Green and Brown.

I couldn't resist, hot May weather or not. Then, of course, I added my own Little-OI'-Mean tough and challenging White, Yellow and Orange courses, just to fulfill the spirit of the day's program.

I shouldn't have.


If folks wanted to get their money's worth in terms of total time spent in the woods, then it worked well. But if it was a normal day's orienteering you wanted, these designs were not so good.

Look at the results. Brown, Green, Red winning times were 174, 124, 144 minutes respectively. Those are unheard-of numbers. No one finished any course in anything near a recommended time. Several groups were out over 3 hours and two were 5 hours, so the web page shows all actual times and no "OT=overtime".

From your course-setter's viewpoint this was a dreadful set of courses. I apologize. I know most people came out of the woods grinning and saying it was sort of fun although frustrating, but they were just being polite. I know one group on Red spent 1/2 hour trying to find the right control because the control code at #4 did not match the clue sheet. Another two groups slipped out on Green before I could tell them to forget about the erroneous #4 appearing on their control description sheet. And so it went....

The good/bad news is that we did not lose anyone and did not threaten to exceed our permitted 75 person limit. Where was everyone, by the way? Did you know I was putting together killer courses and stayed away? Surely it could not have been the weather. In fact it felt downright balmy under the shady trees with a breeze in our faces. About 85F, low humidity (for FL) and a nice westerly breeze is as nice as we can make it.

I want to thank Ron Eaglin and Nicci Wright for setting all controls. Thanks to Janet Putnam, John Ide, Mike Dempsey, Missy Kaler, Arturs Intsons and Nicci for Registration, Start & Finish in orderly shifts. Thanks to Dave Brault and Jim Fuedner for control retrieval. Then there must be a special notice for Jonathan Linforth who printed the maps beforehand, went to Russ Steinke's house Saturday AM to pick up all equipment, delivered all to LBE, went to work in Deland for the day and then returned at 3PM to take all equipment home with him in preparation for Ocala Forest next month.

Marathon Man, we salute you! 

Little Big Econ May 7 (LBE)

LBE - YELLOW	
Name	Time
Trujillo	78:56
Barr	108:31
Karen Pyros	115:19
LBE - ORANGE	
Name	Time
Rob Hamersing	83:58
McCallum	85:46
Dalean Jordaan	123:04
Hawkins/Lunt	126:00
Carroll	133:47
Jack Cash	141:12
Paul Griffitz	193:57
Blomstrom	248:57
George Pyros	DNF
LBE - BROWN	
Name	Time
Nettlow	174:19
Hamilton	183:04
Kevin Kurzawa	198:57
Chan	DNF
LBE - GREEN	
Name	Time
Mike Dempsey	124:14
Nicci Wright	124:28
John Ide	155:36
Joe Maliszewski	157:15
Figueroa/Yates/Archer	179:08
Missy Kaler	DNF
Dennis/Carolyn	DNF
LBE - RED	
Name	Time
Artur Intson	144:18
David Shuman	164:19
Andrea Canelos	170:52
Schmid	179:36
Brandon Wilson	185:21
Pirnasch	205:07
Carr	237:28
Brian Bills	238:41
Andy Capp	295:56
Rodenmeyer	303:56
Norman Wilson	DNF
Kyle Tallent	DNF



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Bob's Travel - Log, February 2006

OR How NOT To Plan Your Orienteering

December '05: Upcoming USOF Sanctioned A-meets scheduled for successive weekends Feb 18-19 in GA, then FLO's Feb 24, 25&26. Wow! Once in a lifetime. Register and start training.

Prior to Feb '06: Employer discovers need to send me to Peru sometime in late February. Clever scheduling and vaguely concocted rationales convince them I should leave Orlando Monday Feb 20 and return Friday Feb 24 and still have 2 spare days for field testing glitches. Perfectly planned.

Feb 18, 3:00 AM: Alarm goes off. Begin trip to GA for first two days of USOF Sanctioned O'. Have noon start. Lookin' good.

Feb 18, 6:00 AM: First rest stop, I-75, Gainesville FL. Pickpocket (we figure out later) lifts my wallet. Spend next hour looking all over rest stop, in trash bins, bushes, dumpsters for any part of it. No luck. Cash gone. Credit cards gone, including company cards. Forget about GA A-meet.

Feb 18, 7:00 AM: Drive into G'ville to daughter's apartment. No one answers the door or our banging on windows. Go to phone booth & start calling credit cards, etc. (Note: we have no cell phone – may be the last to get one.) Receive new lessons in practicing patience as card companies are on holiday - M.L.K. weekend - phone connections are cut off randomly and nearly every "I'll connect you" does not.

Feb 18, 8:30 AM: Interrupt credit calls to phone daughter's cell. She's in Orlando! (?) She calls room mate. Drive to Apartment. Whine to room mate. Use facilities & phones. Most credit card & travel agent (Peru, remember) calls are inconclusive. Leave message on Orienteers' cells to pick up stuff from GAOC that I'm supposed to pick up for FLO's A-meet. Hope they get message; surely they'll notice I'm missing and take initiative....

Feb 18, 9:30 AM: Head back to Orlando, thankful for nearly full tank of gas. Thankful Janet has cash for gas and such. Spend the day on phone finalizing bank & card calls and confirming with travel agents that I really can still go to Peru with only a passport for ID. Who knew? Check with travel buddies; confirm they will foot my bills & buy me food all week.

Feb 19: Go to church. Ask Why. Mope. Pack. Have no heart for training run.

Feb 20: Get to airport 3 hours early - darn sure not to miss flight (this time). Cannot even get cash from bank, it's M.L.K. Day. Arrive Lima incident free. Things are looking up. Get a good night's sleep, ready to test tomorrow.

Feb 21: Customer calls hotel first thing to say "Ooops. No test today. Maybe tomorrow". One of my spare days shot. Do a 3 mile training run. Guys buy me terrific dinner - cashing in sympathy cards.

Feb 22: Customer says "Awww, Sorry. No test today, but come in for Big Meeting. Test Tomorrow, fer sher". Yeah, OK. Big Meeting. Mope some more. 'Nother nice dinner cheers me up. No spare days left. If we slip another day I won't be back for FLO's A-meet.

Feb 23: Get to site at crack-o-dawn for Test - this is Thursday now. Customer schleps around all day and can't make a go of it. Big Meeting #2: "Will Definitely Test tomorrow. Will you stay?" Sure. Grab a piece of my survey while I have the chance. Change airline tickets for a Sat. return. Now I'm really moping.

Feb 24, Friday: Crack-o-dawn again. Customer is bringing home the true meaning of 'Manana'. They stutter all day and get me only 1/4 of needed test. Big Meeting #3: "Will definitely test tomorrow. Will you stay?". Sure. Change airline tickets but find a Sat. night red-eye to arrive Orlando 9:30AM Sunday. Hope hope. Janet says she'll bring my O-kit to Sunday event just in case I make it.

Feb 25, Sat: Crack-o-dawn. No test. No nothin'. Call Bosses: "Can we come home now?" Yes. Adios.

Feb 25, 9:00 PM: Leave hotel for airport & red-eye. Crummy dinner. No sleep or decent food on plane.

Feb 26, 9:30 AM: Uneventful flight, arrives on-time, sleepless. Wait for baggage - race to car - expressways to Deland - lickety split to Paisley.


Feb 26, 11:45 AM: Pull up to O-crowd. Janet hands me my bag and I drive out the power line to Start. As I'm changing in Jonathan Linforth's car, while he's driving, I learn they've just closed Start, but between Val Meyer, Jonathan, Will Walsh and the Shannonhouses they set me up for a personalized Start by Jonathan walking out the trail with me to the right spot, holding the start box. Am I ready? Am I tired? Have I eaten in 18 hours? Can I concentrate?

Who cares? I have a pretty fun Green course run and when I get back no-one but Janet is around to tell us to do anything, so we go home.

Score: Bob: 1; Perverse Fate: 10, at least.

As it turns out, folks were counting on me to be at GAOC to haul stuff, and to be at the FLO A-meet to do things, and to stick around afterward to help, adventures or no adventures. I felt, and feel, bad that I wasn't there for them.

Everyone assures me it was all invisible to the competitors who came to the FLO event, so that's probably all that matters. And besides, other very good people performing very selflessly made a GO of the whole affair. And there never were any bank or credit problems on the stolen wallet, so that's to be thankful for. In the end, just a Week to Remember.

May it never happen to you. 

4th ANNUAL FLORIDA JROTC ORIENTEERING CAMP

About the Event

Titusville High School NJROTC is hosting an orienteering camp at the Moss Park campground. The camp will be held Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October. Cadets will train on Friday and Saturday and an optional competition on Sunday. The camp is limited to the first 200 paid registrations. All others will be returned. Point of contact is 1stSgt Henson at 321-264-3100, hensone@brevard.k12.fl.us, Titusville High School, Attn: NJROTC Orienteering, 150 Terrier Trail South, Titusville, and Fl 32780.

THE TRAINING

A variety of practical exercises will be used to build and enhance orienteering skills. See enclosed sample of training exercises. Different training areas will be established in order to provide familiarization and use of the widest range of skill and terrain possible. Training will be conducted in a round robin fashion. Cadets will move from training area to training area, where they will be instructed on how to complete the designated training site. Cadets should be trained in basic orienteering prior to attendance (Chapter 15 Cadet Field Manual should be sufficient). The focus of the camp is practical application.

- * Schools should bring their own compasses, whistles and flashlights
- * All maps will be provided

*****An appropriately registered (meets your school requirements) adult Male / Female Chaperone must accompany and remain with your cadets at all times when not on the training or competition courses*****

REGISTRATION

Early registration is before 1 Sep 2006. Deadline for camp registration is 15 Sep 2006. Early registration fees are \$35 per cadet and \$40 per cadet after 1 Sep 2005. **FIRST COME 1ST SERVED!** The training day only fee is \$15 per cadet prior to 1 Sep and \$20 after, plus \$4 per person map fee. For those competing in Sunday's competition only, Pre-registration prior to 1 Sep the fee is \$15 per team, \$5 individual, plus \$4 per person map fee. After 1 Sep. the fee is \$20 per team, \$7 Individual, plus map fee

** The Competition and training are included in the camp fee **

CAMP SET UP

- Each school will be required to bring their own camping gear, ie. Tents and sleeping bags etc. Wood for campfires is not provided and must be brought with you as no cutting or gathering in camp is allowed.

- Male and female head and shower facilities are available.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday. Breakfast only on Sunday.
- A concession will be set up Friday evening and during Sunday's competition. Burgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas.

BASIC SCHEDULE

Friday

1200-2000 Check-in camp set-up
1800-2100 Classes/training briefs
2200 Taps

Saturday

0530 Reveille
0600-0730 Breakfast -- Dining Hall
0730-1800 Training Session's
1800-1900 Dinner
1900-1930 Survival Navigation
2000-2100 Night-O

Sunday

0530 Reveille
0600-0730 Breakfast/ camp clean-up/check out
0900-1300 Camp Competition
1400 Awards

COMPETITIVE CLASSES/COURSES & AWARDS

Sunday 9 October

Competition open to all JROTC. You do not have to participate in the camp. The Championship Series LOI will be used.

***** See the FLO web site for the forms required to sign up for this event. *****

UPCOMING EVENTS: continued from page 1

Parking is on the 538 shoulder, **exclusively on the west shoulder**, remember.

Contact Joint Event Coordinators:

Ray Bruneau (bruneau@mpinet.net) or Jonathan Linforth (jslinforth@comcast.net) if you'd like to volunteer for any duty at all.

So far, only control placement is taken care of. See you there!

Summer Events:

Yes, there will be at least two Summer events!

July 1, 2006 - Anastasia State Park, St. Augustine Beach.

Mapping Clinic - Led by Bob Putnam.

A special event for everyone who wants to learn more about how to do fieldwork.

Email ahead (bob.putnam@siemens.com) for info on materials to bring. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meet at main entrance parking lot off Route A1A at 9:00 AM sharp. This effort will result in the new Anastasia State Park Map to be used in the Fall for the Deaf Orienteering Fundraiser event, date TBA. Bring lunch. No charge.

Entrance on A1A about 1.5 miles South of the Lions Gate Bridge in downtown St. Augustine itself.

Park day use fee will apply.

July 8, 2006 - Little Big Econ State Forest.


Training Day - Instructor Bob Putnam.

Depending on the turnout, this may be an all-day event. At the very least, a half day session on the basics, starting at 9:00 AM at Barr St.

No running required. We'll talk and walk and learn about map reading and visualization, then do a few practice legs together and then do a few practice legs in small groups or alone.

No danger of becoming lost. First session will end about noon. Afternoon session will be as the group decides. Please contact Bob (bob.putnam@siemens.com) if you are sure you can attend or if you have questions.

All are free to show up unannounced if it comes to that, but advance notice permits some degree of planning and of course there are our usual permit limits on number of people. Standard FLO fees will apply.

Bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy a great family day in the Florida wilds. 

FLO CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Jun 3, 2006 Saturday	Billies Bay, Ocala National Forest Courses: W Y O Br G R CS / EC: Ray Bruneau & Jon Linforth Come experience the one the only Novelty Terrain Courses
Jul 1, 2006 Saturday	Anastasia State Park, St. Augustine Beach Mapping Clinic - learn while creating a new venue for FLO, plus the beach! Instructor: Bob Putnam r
Jul 8, 2006 Saturday	Little Big Econ State Forest, Oviedo Training Day - First Session Starts at 9AM Instructor: Bob Putnam contact Bob (bob.putnam@siemens.com)
August, 2006	NO EVENT PLANNED
Sept (9), 2006	Rock Springs Run State Reserve Courses: W Y O G R CS: Bob Putnam EC: Russ Steinke
Sept 29 – Oct 1	JROTC Training Camp, Moss Park See web site for details and pre-registration requirements.
Oct (14), 2006	Moss park / Split Oak Forest Courses: W Y O G R CS: VOLUNTEER NEEDED EC: Mike Dempsey FLO's 4TH ANNUAL 2ND Harvest Food Bank food collection
Nov (11), 2006	Wekiva Springs State Park Courses: W Y O G R CS / EC: VOLUNTEERs NEEDED
Dec (9), 2006	Kelly Park, Apopka Courses: W Y O G R CS / EC: VOLUNTEERs NEEDED (2006 FLO Championships)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Sat – Jun 3</p> <p>Take I-4 exit 103 (SR 46). Go west for 7 miles. Turn right on 46A (north), 5 miles to SR 44. Turn left on 44 (west) and go 4 miles to CR 439. Turn right on 439 (north) all the way to CR 42 (8 miles). Turn left on 42 (west) and go 3.5 miles to US 19. Turn right on 19 (north) and go 5 miles to CR 445. Turn right on CR 445 and go 4 miles to FR 538. Turn right. Go ¼ mile to staging area.</p> <p>Entry Fee: None</p>	<p>Ocala National Forest, Billies Bay</p> <p>Courses: W Y O Br G R</p>	<p>CS / EC: Ray Bruneau & Jon Linforth</p>
<p>Sat – Jul 1</p> <p>From I-95 exit 311. Go east 4 miles on State Road 207. Turn right (east) on State Road 312. Go 4 miles to A1A. Turn left (north) on A1A. Go 1.5 miles to main park entrance. (Turn right after The Surf Station.)</p> <p>Entry Fee: \$5 / car (\$3 if driver only)</p>	<p>Anastasia State Park, St. Augustine Beach</p> <p>Mapping Clinic - 9am</p>	<p>Instructor: Bob Putnam</p>
<p>Sat – Jul 8</p> <p>Go 3 miles northeast of Oviedo, on Geneva Road, SR 426. Parking area is on the right</p> <p>Entry Fee: \$1 / person.</p>	<p>Little Big Econ State Forest</p> <p>Training Day – 9am</p>	<p>Instructor: Bob Putnam</p>

All dates are tentative. Please check hotline (407) 672-7070 or Web Site: <http://www.floridaorienteing.org/>

All starts are from 10 AM until 1 PM, unless otherwise noted – RAIN OR SHINE

Pre-registration and membership not required, unless otherwise noted – events are open to ALL

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IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER, JOIN NOW – DON'T MISS AN ISSUE!



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