

Supercars come to Westover



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ON THE COVER >> An Audi R8 and Lexus LFA are positioned inside a Patriot Wing C-5 during the filming of an episode of the Speed TV show *The Battle of the Supercars* on Westover's flight line Aug. 30 and 31. The episode is scheduled to air Oct. 14. For more on the Supercars visiting Westover, turn to page 6.



HONORING THEIR SERVICE >> Family Day, held Sept. 11, didn't just honor husbands, wives, and children of Westover reservists. Wing leadership also recognized recently retired Airmen, including these pictured above. Turn to pages 6, 7, and 8 for more photos of Family Day. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)



Colonel Swain

The change from summer to autumn in South Carolina, where I grew up, isn't nearly as obvious as the trademark New England foliage. People come from all over the world to see the colorful leaves that signal the transition of seasons.

The cold, crisp air also presents an opportunity for each of us to take stock of ourselves. It helps make us aware of change within our lives and here with our mission at Westover.

As we enter this new season, please take time to prepare for the change. Make sure your car is tuned and your snow tires are ready. But also take some time to "tune up" yourself – mind, body, soul, family, and finances.

Our surge that brought about 500 reservists on board in April comes to an end in October. About one-third of the activated troops deployed forward, and two-thirds stayed here to support op-

erations on base, in addition to the other members of the Patriot Wing who supported our operations.

Wherever you served, the deactivation will mean dramatic change for our traditional reservists who will return to their civilian jobs after months of having served their country – in some cases thousands of miles from home.

Our leadership is changing too. We said goodbye to Col. Pat Cloutier, our former vice commander, in September. Colonel Cloutier is now at the Pentagon, working in the Office of Reserve Policy.

Col. Bo Mahaney, the 439th Operations Group commander, came to us in September from the Pentagon. Within our wing

staff, Lt. Col. James Bishop has joined as our new public affairs chief.

We welcome our new people and new challenges and opportunities, as we welcome the changing season.

The Operational Readiness Inspection to be held next June tops our challenges that lie ahead. We face this flagship of Air Force readiness exercises with our partnering unit, the 109th Airlift Wing, of the New York Air National Guard. Our meetings have already yielded results. Teamwork and a sense of urgency will help push us through the ORI. Throw in the positive attitude that we all need when donning the layers of chem gear, and our wing's success is inevitable.

Whether you're newly arrived, part of our full-time home base, or transitioning back to your "traditional" role, I want to thank you for your outstanding support. What you do makes a difference and shows why you are the "AFRC Wing of the Year." I look forward to working with you in each season this great wing faces.

Col. Robert Swain Jr.
439th Airlift Wing commander

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-- Colonel Swain

BRIEFS |

Retroactive pay

Airmen, veterans and beneficiaries who were involuntarily extended under Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, are eligible for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay.

If your enlistment was involuntarily extended due to Stop Loss and you have yet to file a claim for RSLSP, the last day to file is Oct. 21.

Airmen should visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss for links to the claim forms and instructions on how to file.

For more information on RSLSP, contact Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Hearn at 557-3880 or e-mail the finance office at reservepay@westover.af.mil.

The finance office is in Bldg. 1800 on the Base Ellipse.

Wing wins best-in-command award

Air Force Reserve officials recently announced the 439th Airlift Wing as the top reserve wing in the nation.

The wing is the recipient of the 2010 Airlift/Tanker Association's Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III Award. Air Force officials judged the wing's performance against the other 32 Air Force Reserve wings across the nation.

"This award validates what every individual in this wing does: Airmen, civilians and contractors contribute to our overall mission. None of us succeed on our own, and that includes our families and civilian employers that allow us to continue to serve this great nation of ours," said Col. Robert Swain Jr., 439th Airlift Wing commander.

For the entire story, visit www.westover.afrc.af.mil.

Duathlon sign-up is on A UTA

The 4th Annual Company Grade Officer's Council Duathlon is scheduled to take place Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. Sign-up begins at 4:30 p.m.

The race starts at the fitness center and begins with a one-mile run, followed by an eight-mile bike ride and finishes with another one-mile run. The cost of the race is \$5 per person or \$10 for teams of two or three.

Proceeds go to the Combined Federal Campaign.

For more information, contact Capt. Marie Tracy via e-mail marie.tracy@westover.af.mil

Quarterly awards

Westover's quarterly awards board has selected the following third quarter winners for their outstanding contributions to the 439th Airlift Wing mission:

Airman: Airman 1st Class Antonio Lipari, 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron

NCO: Staff Sgt. Eduardo Hurtado, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Virginia Griffin, 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Robert Dossman; 439th Maintenance Group

Civilian: Victor Wilson, 439th Maintenance Squadron

Civilian Supervisor: Robert Perreault, 439th Mission Support Group

FEMA stages from Westover for hurricane prep

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

While people from North Carolina to Maine fled the coast or shuttered windows in preparation for Hurricane Earl, 35 tractor-trailers loaded with emergency supplies made their way to Westover.

The trailers arrived Sept. 2. Drivers brought large generators, food, blankets, bottled water, and tarps to a staging area on a remote taxiway near the Dogpatch training grounds.

That day, Mass. Gov. Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency and urged people in vulnerable areas to relocate to higher ground.

Westover serves as an Incident Support Base for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Although an emergency plan has been in place for six years, this was the first time FEMA used the base as a staging point for Region I, which encompasses all of New England, said Bob Perreault, 439th Airlift Wing chief of emergency management.

FEMA chose Westover as the staging site because of its size, location, and support network, he said.

While winds up to 135 mph blew across North Carolina's coastline, hot winds and clear skies greeted drivers of the nearly three dozen trucks lined up from the inspection bay on base to the Massachusetts Turnpike. Three more trucks arrived Sept. 3, bringing supplies for 264 members of three search-and-rescue teams.

The plan called for as many as 100 trailers to stage at Westover for a quick emergency response anywhere in New England, Mr. Perreault said.

Preparations began nearly a week before Earl howled up the coast. FEMA officials contacted Westover Emergency Management five days before the storm was due to hit New England. Two days later, on Aug. 31, FEMA



SETTING THE STAGE >> Federal Emergency Management Agency officials brought tractor-trailers with supplies, like this generator, to Westover Sept. 2, to prepare for the possible landfall of Hurricane Earl in New England. Drivers parked trailers at the end of one of Westover's taxiways. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman)

activated its emergency operations center, a large silver box van equipped with satellite communications.

Bryan Toman, FEMA Region I Team Leader, told reporters that his team was here at the request of state officials: "The state asks the federal government for requirements" before an anticipated emergency.

Once meteorologists determined the scope and track of Hurricane Earl, FEMA officials provided regular updates to the White House, Department of Homeland Security, and governors of East Coast states, according to Dennis Pinkham, FEMA Region I External Affairs Director.

About one week before projected landfall, FEMA began planning to preposition emergency supplies at federal support bases in Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Westover, Mr. Pinkham said in a prepared statement.

Westover's senior leadership lauded the coalition. "We're pleased to partner with FEMA," said Col. Robert Swain Jr., 439th AW commander, "and we stand ready to stage or deliver supplies wherever they're needed."

The most highly-anticipated weather event of the year – and the biggest threat to New England since Hurricane Bob in 1991 – came and went early Sept. 4 without dropping any rain.

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Nantucket, Mass., sustained gusts of 54 mph. To be considered a category one hurricane, a storm must have sustained gusts of 74 miles an hour.

The day before the storm hit, Mr. Perreault and Mr. Toman stood in 94 degree heat, explaining their joint preparations to the media. "We're here to support the people of New England," Mr. Toman said. "I hope nothing ever happens, but if something does happen, we're here for them."

The lessons learned from working with FEMA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the search-and-rescue teams, and other groups proved to be a valuable dry-run.

"To put it all into play, from the activation to deploying people here and being ready to move, was an outstanding experience," Mr. Perreault said. "We're much better prepared for the next emergency."



DRAWDOWN-LOAD >> Staff Sgt. William Gelinas, deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, coordinates cargo movement aboard a C-17. Sergeant Gelinas was deployed from Westover's 42nd Aerial Port Squadron. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Stacy Fowler, 332nd AEW Public Affairs)

Deployer works drawdown loading at Joint Base Balad

by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

A Westover aerial porter who recently spent almost six months in Iraq, told how his unit helped support the drawdown of American forces in Iraq.

In an early September phone interview from Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Staff Sgt. William Gelinas, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, talked about the long, hard hours he and his fellow Airmen worked to move cargo.

Gelinas, who was deployed to Iraq from April until September, said "It was a busy place. We were supporting the front line warfighters."

Joint Base Balad is a central hub for American forces coming and going and the aerial porters typically loaded more than 30 aircraft in a day.

"We worked 12 hours a day, with one day off per week," he said.

They loaded Apache and Blackhawk helicopters, humvees, and trucks into C-17s, C-130s and C-5s.

With temperatures that often soared above 120 degrees, Sergeant Gelinas and the Airmen he worked with positioned this heavy cargo while the aircraft engines were still running.

While the workload kept them more than busy, so did insurgents. Frequent mortar attacks kept the aerial porters on their toes and shortly before the telephone interview for this article, insurgents had targeted the huge base with mortars.

"We call this place Mortarittaville," Sergeant Gelinas said, as he spoke from a hardened shelter. Joint Base Balad is nicknamed after the famous Jimmy Buffett song, "Margaritaville."

Sergeant Gelinas is a veteran of deployments, having spent from August 2008 to January 2009 in Balad.

He said that the base had changed a lot since his first time there and morale was high throughout his latest deployment.

"Everybody has been excited to be here, and to do their jobs. Now they're excited to be headed home," he said.

Gelinas is among more than 100 aerial port reservists who left the Patriot Wing from April to June for six-month deployments.

The "Port Dawg" Airmen were deployed to support the drawdown of troops in Iraq and the surge in Afghanistan, from locations across Europe and Southeast Asia.

Westover has two squadrons of aerial porters, the 42nd and the 58th Aerial Port Squadrons. These Airmen specialize in loading and unloading cargo from all types of military and civilian transport aircraft.

To read stories and see more photos of Westover aerial porters, visit www.westover.afrc.af.mil and visit the "photos" section.



Fun in the sun

2010 Family Day offers Reservists chance to relax with loved ones





photo layout by Tech. Sgt Timm Huffman

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FILLING STATION >> Senior Airman Joshua Civelli, 439th Maintenance Squadron, loads his plate at the Family Day food tent. Scores of volunteers, including those in the Galaxy Community Council and Pioneer Valley USO, helped run the annual event. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)

Wing event celebrates family time

Reservists and their families gathered at the Base Ellipse, Sept. 11, to spend time together at the 2010 Family Day.

The day's events included a cookout, bounce houses and games for kids, a retiree's ceremony, a car show, volleyball tournament, raffles and a dunk booth.

Captions for the photos on pages 6 and 7 are below:

1. Westover's Chief's Council set up games and events that allowed parents and kids to spend quality time together. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman)
2. Senior Master Sgt. Nelson Serrao knocks the ball over the net during the intersquadron volleyball tournament. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)
3. Andrew Jalbert, the son of Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Jalbert, enjoys one of the flight simulators brought to Family Day by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Rising Six was the sponsor for the FAA and two local flight schools to be present. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)
4. Adam Campbell, the son of Shawn Campbell, leaps from the top of one of the bounce houses set up on the Base Ellipse. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman)
5. The 2010 Family Day was the first to feature a car show. The show was sponsored by the Chief's Council and featured cars new and old, like these five American-made muscle cars. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman)
6. In remembrance of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and those who have fought and died for their country since that day, Family Day participants observed a moment of silence before the festivities started. (photo by Staff Sgt. Andre Bowser)
7. Master Sgt. Paul Gagnon displays his vintage 1928 Harley-Davidson motorcycle as part of the Family Day car show. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)
8. Maj. Gen. James Rubeor, 22nd Air Force commander, waits above a tank full of water as Westover members pitch softballs to dunk him. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)
9. Airman Henry Locke guns for the target on the dunk tank where General Rubeor waits. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)
10. Numerous accurate pitchers lined up to send General Rubeor hurtling into the water. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)
11. General Rubeor jokingly points at those who urged his dunking during Family Day. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

Reserve mandates family care plan

Family care isn't just underlined at Westover. It's required.

As the Air Force continues to increase its support of member's families, it has made it mandatory that single-parent or military families have a Family Care Plan in place for dependents during deployments.

"It's a tool for deploying Airmen to ensure that their families are taken care of while they are gone," said Master Sgt. Frederick Hetu, 439th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant.

According to AFI 36-2908, the Family Care Plan states "all Air Force members with families will have family care arrangements that reasonably cover all situations, both short and long term." The members "are required to develop a written plan (AF Form 357) to be maintained by the commander or first sergeant. It will detail and provide a smooth, rapid transfer of responsibilities to designees during the absence of the member."

For more information about a Family Care Plan, visit www.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI36-2908.pdf.

Airmen should keep their supervisors informed on the status of their family care plans.

There are many additional resources available at Westover for the family care plan, including first sergeants and the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

The A&FRC may be reached at 557-3024, or you can visit them online at <http://www.westoverafrc.org/index.htm>.



"She works in that building thingy over there."

-- Danyka Green, 7



"My parent works at personnel."

-- Hunter Miller, 10



"My Daddy pays bills."

-- Alex Adams, 4



LIGHTNING FAST >> An Audi R8 V10 rips down Westover runway 05 at 180 mph. The 11,600-foot runway offered TV program *The Battle of the Supercars* the opportunity to run the R8 and a Lexus LFA at high speeds when an episode of the show taped here in August. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman)

Supercars take off on Westover's massive runway

by Tech. Sgt.
Timm Huffman

Seventy years after Westover opened to fight World War II Axis superpowers, it played host to an extreme battle between two supercars: one German, one Japanese.

The Audi R8 V10 and the Lexus LFA were pitted against each other when the TV show *The Battle of the Supercars* came to Westover to film an episode Aug. 30 and 31.

The premise of *The Battle of the Supercars* is to run the two hot cars and two professional race car drivers against each other in performance events designed to compare the cars and to heat up competition between the two drivers.

The Speed TV show, hosted by Lee "the Hawk" Reheman, of *American Gladiator* fame, features renowned drivers Paul Tracy and Tanner Foust.

Mr. Foust's laurels include four X Games medals in Rally Racing, including the 2010 gold medal, and the 2007 and 2008 Formula Drift National Championship. In addition to racing, he works as a stunt driver and driver coordinator in movies which include the *Bourne Ultimatum* and *Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*.

Mr. Tracy, an Indy car driver, has been racing since the mid-1980s and has numerous championship wins, including the 2003 Champ Car World Series. He currently races in the Indy Racing League IndyCar Series.

After the two powerhouse drivers suited up in their sponsor-plastered gear and the high performance cars had rolled onto the flight line, they began what would be a tight competition.

John Aronson, the producer and director of *The Battle of the Supercars*, said, "The cars we had at Westover were two of the best matched and most visually excit-

ing cars we've done on the show. The results of the competitions were very close."

The producer said he had been trying to line up the Lexus LFA and the Audi R8 since December, but because of conflicting schedules with the auto companies had been unable to settle on a date until now.

According to Mr. Aronson, the Pearl Yellow LFA is a prototype and costs \$375,000. There are only two currently in the U.S. He said the car is a "halo" vehicle, meaning it is designed to garner attention for the brand.

The All Wheel Drive Audi R8, painted blue and accented with grey carbon fiber air intakes on the sides, is a \$150,000 production car.

When Mr. Aronson found out in late July the cars were going to be in New England at the same time, he had to quickly line up a suitable venue. His search led him to Westover.

In addition to its location, Westover was chosen because of the length of its runway and sizable taxiways. At 11,600 feet, the main runway offered filmmakers a unique opportunity to run the cars at speeds of almost 200 mph.

As filming for the show got underway on the morning of Aug. 30, Mr. Aronson yelled "Cameras need to be speeding!" The temperature on the flight line was rising quickly, and with Mr. Foust behind the wheel of the LFA and Mr. Tracy in the R8, the drama through the lens was increasing too. By mid-morning, the cars were mirrored in the heat radiating off the tarmac as they raced North on Runway 05, each reaching speeds over 180 mph.

The drivers pushed themselves and the cars to the peak of their abilities in each event. And, with limited daylight to work with, the producer was pushing his film crew at a similar pace. Tensions

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rose like the thermometer as repeated, and sometimes contradictory, calls to “roll tape” and “stop tape” shrieked from their radios.

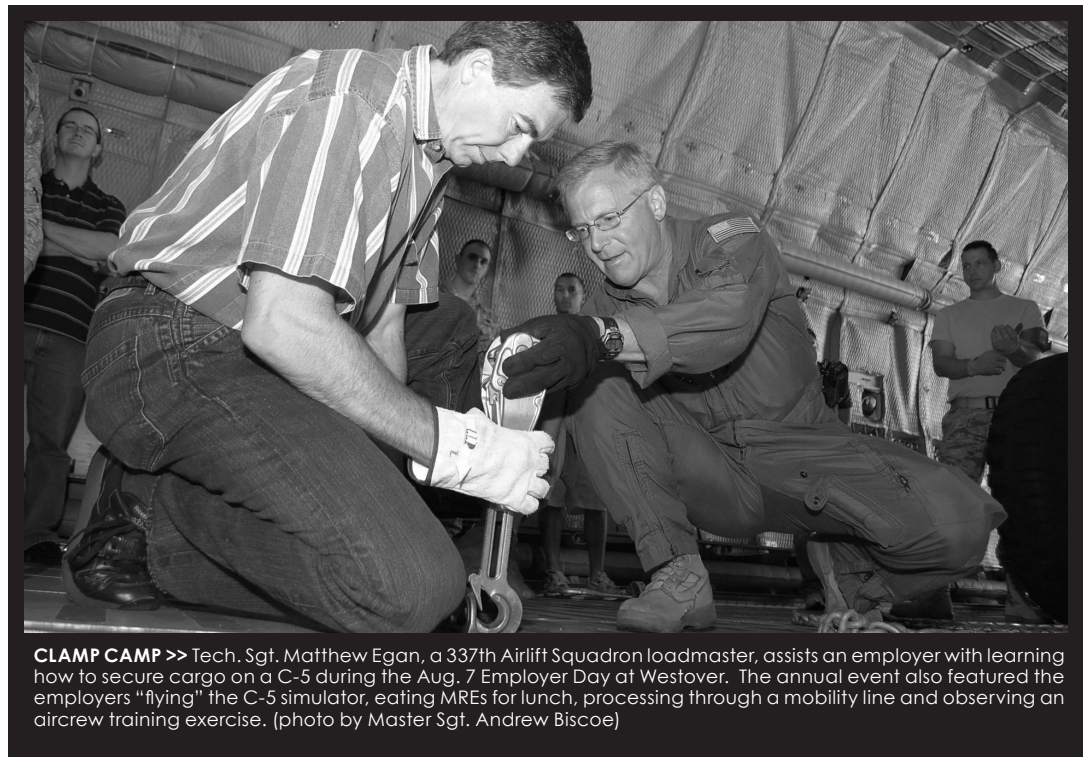
After the high-speed driving in the morning, the crew filmed the drivers and cars in performance handling events, including a 0-100-0 event in which the cars raced to reach 100 mph and came to a complete stop in the shortest distance possible. For the last event of the day, the two cars ran a one-mile, four-corner road course near the base of the control tower.

After the dust settled on the flight line road course, the points for each car were tallied up, showing what Mr. Aronson said was the tightest competition on the show yet. (To find out which car won, watch the episode when it airs at 10 p.m. Oct. 14 on Speed TV.)

In the midst of the filming and racing, Westover crews launched a C-5B Galaxy for a humanitarian aid mission to Pakistan, which required the film crew to clear the runway as the airlifter took off. Two other Westover C-5s landed that day as they returned from missions.

“The pairing of these cars and matching them to the C-5 mission at Westover made this one of the most exciting episodes to film,” said Mr. Aronson. “With the airplanes taking off and scrambling to get the cars, cast and crew off the runway, it was great.”

The second day of filming began as the crew lugged their gear to where a C-5 sat awaiting its close up in front of the Base Hangar. They spent an hour in the early morning sunlight taking beauty shots of the cars in front of the plane, focusing on details like the Lexus engineer’s signature on the LFA’s V-10 engine and the chrome Air Force license plates mounted



CLAMP CAMP >> Tech. Sgt. Matthew Egan, a 337th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, assists an employer with learning how to secure cargo on a C-5 during the Aug. 7 Employer Day at Westover. The annual event also featured the employers “flying” the C-5 simulator, eating MREs for lunch, processing through a mobility line and observing an aircrew training exercise. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

on the rear of each car.

After those shots, the cars were positioned nose-to-nose in front of the C-5 and the cameras set up to tape the on-air talent. Mr. Reheman, a former NFL football player, towered over the cars and drivers, and before each segment the producer would ask him to sync the sound on the cameras. Mr. Reheman did this by bringing his hands together in a clap that echoed off the Base Hangar, nearly 100 yards away. The show’s host never missed a beat as he interviewed the two drivers, his deep voice carrying across the flight line.

Following stand-ups with the drivers, Mr. Reheman interviewed Col. Patrick Cloutier, the 439th Airlift Wing’s vice commander. Colonel Cloutier talked about the role the C-5 plays in hauling cargo for world events, like the Pakistan flood relief mission the previous day. The interview closed out with Mr. Reheman joining the verbal competition with the two drivers. “Just one more question,” Mr.

Reherman said. “Do you think the Air Force could try and instill some discipline in Tanner and Paul?”

“We certainly can. We’ve got this great big C-5 here that needs washing, but first we’ll have to do something about Paul Tracy’s faux hawk,” Colonel Cloutier said.

Following the interview, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Foust, Mr. Reheman and a camera crew did a walk-through of the C-5. Mr. Foust remembered riding on a C-5 as a child, when his father was in the Air Force, and being fascinated with the foggy mist blowing out of the chillers.

The next event called for loading the cars onto the C-5, but because the cars have about six inches of ground clearance, there was no way to just drive them on. Master Sgt. Daniel Witt and Tech. Sgt. Chris Harry, both of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, improvised a solution using the loading ramp at Base Supply. The cars were driven up the ramp and onto a waiting Tunnar 60K

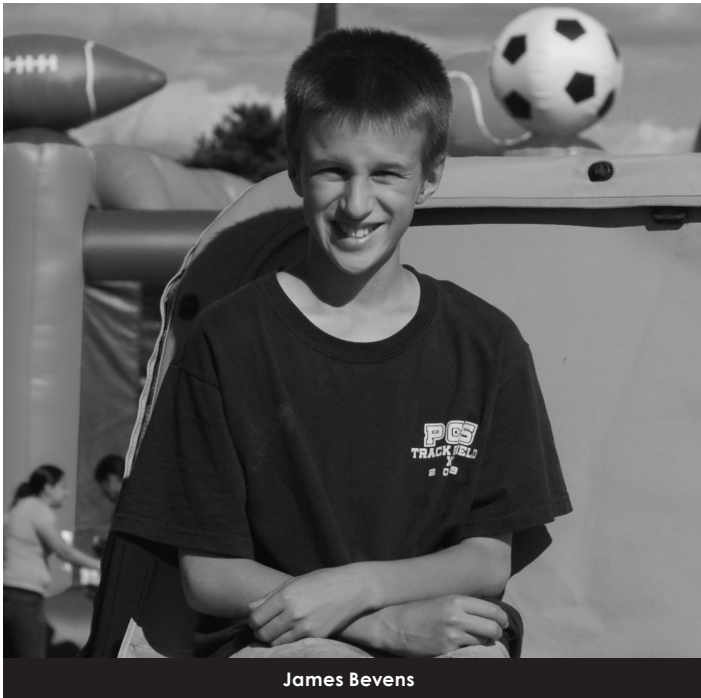
aircraft loader by Mr. Foust and Colonel Cloutier. The Aerial Porters drove the loader to the C-5, leveled with the plane’s cargo deck and the cars were driven straight into the cargo box and positioned on the front ramp of the C-5.

After the cars were unloaded from the C-5, the sunburned and sweaty crew had a brief reprieve as they ate lunch at the Westover Consolidated Club. Mr. Aronson said the Westover taping marked the filming of the final episode for the season and was the third one the crew filmed in one week.

Following the meal, the crew was back at work, framing their shots and rolling tape from the side of the base’s perimeter road as the cars chased an aircraft maintenance crew truck with a cameraman strategically placed in the back.

Mr. Aronson called a wrap. The extreme battle had ended. The late afternoon sun glinted off the brightly colored German and Japanese supercars. A nearly audible sigh of relief came from the crew.

PATRIOT PEOPLE |



James Bevens

NAME: James Bevens
SON OF: Pat Bevens, retired USAF
POSITION: Seventh grade
HOMETOWN: Paxton, Mass.
FAVORITE FOOD: Pasta
FAVORITE SPORT: Baseball
FAVORITE HOBBY: Collecting coins and baseball cards
IDEAL VACATION: Florida
BEST WAY TO RELAX: Watch TV
FAVORITE MUSIC: Rascal Flatts
FAVORITE MOVIE: *Avatar*
FAVORITE AIRCRAFT: F-22
PET PEEVE: Homework

AT THE CLUB >> Stop in for the daily lunch buffet (\$6.95, members; \$7.95, non-members). The club is located on Galaxy Road. Visit the services web site for daily specials. Information: 413-593-5531.

FITNESS CENTER >> Sign up for a massage or join the judo classes or quality of life boxing program. The center is located on Patriot Avenue. For more information, call 557-3958.

BOWLING CENTER >> The center is open for Cosmic Bowling Fridays and Saturdays from 5-10 p.m. The center is also open for lunch and bowling Monday through Friday. For more information, call 557-3990.

CHAPEL SERVICES >> Walk-in appointments are welcome with the wing chaplains. Services are as follows: Catholic Mass, A UTA Saturdays, 4:15 p.m.; Catholic Mass and Protestant Service A UTA Sundays, 11:30 p.m. The base chapel is located in Bldg. 1100 on Walker Avenue. For more information, call 557-3031.

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Steven Ross

Master sergeant
Steven Deleon
Steven Lavelle

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 Ari Fisher
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 Lawrence Josiah
 Luis Nunez
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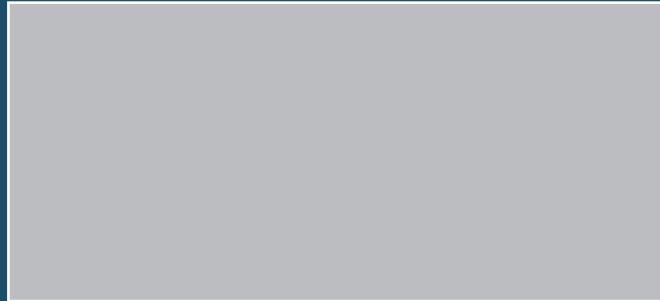
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STAR POWER >> Lee Reheman, center, heats up the drama when he interviews professional drivers Tanner Faust, left, and Paul Tracy together during the taping of an episode of the TV show *The Battle of the Supercars* at Westover Aug. 30 and 31. Staff Sgt. Crystal Harry, 439th Airlift Wing command post controller, took this photo. Photographers are encouraged to shoot high-resolution photos of Westover happenings and people for this back page photo section of the *Patriot*. Photos may be submitted to 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil.

Photo selection of the month