

## Thousands visit SC Unit's booth at Air Expo

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SOUTH CAROLINA -- The Coastal Charleston Composite Squadron played host to thousands of visitors this past Saturday at "Wings Over Charleston" Air Expo 2008 at Charleston Air Force Base.

According to the base's chief of media, "We had more than 100,000 in attendance", and almost 3,000 of them stopped by the Civil Air Patrol display. In addition to the information booth, the CAP unit also displayed their corporate aircraft, a Cessna 172.

Cadets and Seniors from the squadron were on hand to answer questions and provide hands on opportunities to interested area youngsters wanting to sit in the unit's aircraft. "It was a real chance for us to reach out to aviation interested adults and youngsters and tell them the Civil Air Patrol story", said squadron commander, Colonel Bob Townsend

The Air Expo is a yearly chance for the military to display its latest aircraft and this year the open house was capped off with dozens of hair-raising maneuvers by the Air Force's demonstration team, The Thunderbirds.