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Schedule of Coming Events

November

03 SAT USAF Evaluation
06 TUE Squadron Meeting
07 WED Wing Commander's Call/CAC
10 SAT Flight Safety Down Day
13 TUE Squadron Meeting/Commander's Call
17 SAT Wing 'O Flight
20 TUE Squadron Meeting
27 TUE Squadron Meeting
29 THU USCGA Lecture

December

01 SAT Field Trip to ANG A-10 Facility
Civil Air Patrol Day in Connecticut

CTWG USAF EVALUATION

The USAF Evaluation of the Wing will be held on Saturday, 03 November. Senior members will report to the Homeland Security Building at Brainard Field by 0800. Cadets will meet with Capt Bourque at our trailer as arranged.

CADET MEETING MINUTES

06 NOVEMBER, 2007

Parent's Night

Capt Bourque and the Cadets led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then recited the Cadet Oath.

2Lt Wojtcuk explained our testing routine to the parents and explained the four part nature of the Cadet program. Parents were requested to submit their personal e-mail addresses in order that we may better inform them of Squadron activities.

Capt Bourque provided information about the Emergency Services training which we provide for the Cadets and how it functions as part of the USAF Search and Rescue Missions.

Capt Rocketto discussed details of the Aerospace Education efforts: encampment, rocketry, aerospace modules, field trips, the Wing Convention, and some future plans.

LtCol Kinch briefed the assembly on progress in improving the Squadron infrastructure and the status of the new trailer and van. Col Kinch also informed the group of the financial situation which we face and the plans which we have for ameliorating the shortage of funds.

Capt Rocketto spoke about the Citrus Fruit Fund Raiser which we are conducting and urged Parents to participate.

C/MSgt Molinari introduced his staff and detailed the new web site which he and his assistants have installed.



*The Cadet Leadership Cadre
Cadets Brohinsky, Scannell, and Molinari*

The subject of the evening lecture, "Astronomy and Archeology: An Investigation of the Nazca Lines," was delivered by Capt Rocketto. Slides and artifacts were presented to show how a suspected ancient astronomical observatory in Peru was measured and analyzed.

The Senior Cadet Leadership awarded promotions and recognitions to the following Cadets:

Cadet Ryan Montgomery and Cadet Abigail Wojtcuk were promoted to C/A1C.



Col Kinch Congratulates C/A1C Montgomery



C/A1C Abigail Wojtcuk Salutes

C/SrA Jesse Brohinsky received his red shoulder cord emblematic of his post on the Wing Cadet Advisory Council.



Col Kinch Takes a Salute from C/SrA Wojtcuk

C/SrA Alexis Wojtcuk received the Recruitment Ribbon for enrolling two new members.

C/MSgt Jonathan Scannell, C/SSgt George Abbiati, C/SSgt Mary Biekert, and C/SrA Brohinsky received the Red Service Ribbon for two years of contributions to CAP.



C/SSgt Biekert is Congratulated by Col Kinch

C/MSgt Michael Molinari received a clasp for his Red Service Ribbon for five years of service.

Four Cadets were awarded the Cadet Community Service Ribbon for a minimum of 60 hours of volunteer service.

C/MSgt Scannell worked with the Second Congregational Church of Griswold.

C/SrA Brohinsky provided his assistance to the Villa Maria Nursing Home.

C/SrA East worked in the Town of Montville as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

C/A1C Abigail Wojtcuk volunteered her time at the High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Center.



Volunteers East, Scannell, Brohinsky, and Abigail Wojtcuk are Congratulated by Col Kinch

The meeting concluded with a cornucopia of refreshments provided parents and cadets.

USCGA LECTURE

Black Holes and the Big Bang

On Thursday, 29 November, Dr. June Matthews, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will discuss the topic of particle physics and the Big Bang cosmology.

The lecture will be held in Dimick Hall at 2000 and will be preceded, if there is any interest, by a pizza dinner hosted by Capt Rocketto.

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX

July 18, 1981

The mystery plane in the last edition of *The Coastwatcher* was the Avro Vulcan B2. After many years of effort, a surplus Vulcan has been rebuilt and flown by a private organization in Great Britain. You can view the video by going to the following:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDrTmwkGZeQ>

The Vulcan was one of a triad of British strategic bombers whose development and missions were similar to our Strategic Air Command's B-47 and B-52 fleets. The design was the last project of Roy Chadwick, designer of the remarkable Avro Lancaster and its daughters, the Lincoln and the Shackleton. After Chadwick's death in the crash of an Avro Tudor whose control cables had been accidentally crossed by a maintenance crew, the design was finished under the leadership of Stuart Davies as a tailless delta with a heavily faired wing and fuselage resulting in a design akin to a flying wing. Originally designed as nuclear bombers and launchers for the British Blue Bolt air to ground missile, they finished their careers performing what were, at the time, the longest range bombing missions in history.

During the Falklands War against Argentina, the Royal Air Force flew five attacks, code-named "Black Buck" against Port Stanley Airfield and Argentine radar sites. The aircraft were launched

from Ascension Island's Wideawake Airfield and required six aerial refuelings accomplished by about a dozen tankers to complete the 16 hour, 8000 mile round trip.

Two other aircraft formed the other legs of the British V-bomber force. One of these types is shown below as the mystery aircraft of the week. In order to score points in our contest, you must not only identify this aircraft but determine the name of the third V-bomber.



Mystery Aircraft of the Week

ANSWERS TO THE LAST QUIZ OF THE WEEK

*The Challenge was Issued
Which Cadet Triumphed?*

1. Identify the mystery aircraft. **The aircraft is the Avro Vulcan.**
2. What was the nickname of Mayor LaGuardia? **LaGuardia was known as "the Little Flower."** During WWI, he took a leave of absence from the House of Representatives, enlisted, and flew Caproni bombers in Italy. In 1925, he supported Billy Mitchell during his court martial. As Director of the Office of Civil Defense in the days leading up to the entry of the United States into WWII, he played an important role in the formative months of CAP. But his most important moment came during the NY newspaper strike in 1945 when he read the Sunday comics over the radio and brought a smile to the face of the young S. Rocketto with his novel rendition of *Der Katzenjammer Kids*.

3. Convert the caliber of the 75 mm cannon mounted in a B-25 to inches. **Essentially, it is a 3 inch tube.**
4. Who wrote *Catch-22*? **Joseph Heller**
5. What was "Catch-22?" **In order to be removed from flying combat, one had to personally request that they be removed and also be crazy. However, anyone who requested to be removed from flying combat missions was obviously not crazy and must continue to fly combat.**
6. What was the nickname of the 303rd Bomb Group? **Hells' Angels**
7. What kind of aircraft was Lt Eugene Bradley flying when he was killed? **Curtiss P-40 Warhawk**
8. For whom is the Chandra satellite named? **Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, a noted astrophysicist**
9. What was the name of the of the aircraft carrier which escorted the U.S.S. Hornet on the Doolittle Mission? **U.S.S. Enterprise (CV-6)**
10. When asked details about the launching point of the Doolittle Mission, President Roosevelt made what claim. **Shangra-la, the mythical kingdom in James Hilton's novel, *Lost Horizons*. An Essex class aircraft carrier, CV-38 later received this name.**
11. See the "Question of the Week." **There is some dispute about the details but LV-JTN was destroyed in a mid-air collision with an SU-15 *Flagon* while returning from a mission in which it delivered military supplies from Israel to Iran!**

And the winner of last week's contest is Cadet Brohinsky who was the first and only entrant with a score of 8.5 which earns a prize and a merit point.

THE NEW QUIZ OF THE WEEK

1. What is the name of the mystery aircraft in this edition?
2. What is the third aircraft in the V-bomber series?
3. The Vulcan was built by a company called Avro. What is the origin of the name?
4. What do the Argentines call the Falkland Islands?
5. The Argentines used an aircraft which they called the "Dagger." What is the interesting provenance and history of this aircraft?
6. Why is the airport on Ascension Island known as "Wideawake?"
7. What is the meaning of the acronym SAREX?
8. NATO code names beginning with the letter F are used to designate Soviet fighter aircraft and names beginning with B and C designate bombers and cargo aircraft. What is the significance of the name if it is one or two syllables? For example, what can be ascertained immediately about the difference between a Bear and a Bison?

THE CADET BALL



TRCS Contingent

The Cadet Ball was held on Saturday, October 27, in Wolcott, CT. Molinari - looking dapper in a tux, Brohinski, East, and Johnson met at the Wojtcuk's house for pictures, primping, and dressing East properly. Upon arrival to the Ball, we found our tables. C/SrA Lexie Wojtcuk and 2Lt Wojtcuk delighted in meeting again with

fellow encampment members without the stress of having to yell for permission to leave the table. Chaplain Mark Johnson, C/AB Johnson's father, asked the blessing for the assembly and dinner, and we had a delicious repast of prime rib and chicken.



Dinner is Served!

Then off we took to the dance floor. C/Amn Abby Wojtcuk managed to shanghai C/MSgt Molinari into a slow dance, and, yes, Molinari can really "cut a rug" and do a mean hamster dance!



Who is Eyeballing Whom?



Lexie and Papa Woj

After C/SrA East jitterbugged his little feet off, he played TRCS Ambassador well - if you consider flirting with just about every girl diplomatic work! Now all the girls want to join our squadron. The nicest aspect of this dance was that everyone danced with everyone regardless of squadron rivalries. The highlight of our trip home was a rousing rendition of "Spanish Ladies" (thank you Capt. Rocketto!) sung (and I use the term loosely here) by our very own duo, "The Bad Boys Seventy-Five."

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES FOR SENIORS

Unit Commanders Course – UCC – November 17 (0900 – 1700) and 11/18 (1330 – 1700)

Requirements for attendees: As outlined in CAPR 50-17, the student must complete a CAP Form 17, have his/her commander sign it and forward it to Major Oestreicher. Unit Commanders must request permission from the Wing Commander. The student must have completed Level 1, be currently enrolled in one or more specialty tracks with at least a Technician level in one, and have previously completed a Squadron Leadership School. ECI-13 is preferred but not required. Students must pay the attendance fee of \$25.00.

Training Leaders of Cadets – TLC – December 8 (0900 – 1700) and 12/9 (1330 – 1700)

Requirements for attendees: As outlined in CAPR 50-17, the student must complete a CAP Form 17, have his/her commander sign it and forward it to Major Oestreicher. Unit Commanders must request permission from the Wing Commander. Non-CTWG students must have their Wing Commander's signature as well. The student must have completed Level 1 and should be enrolled in one or more specialty tracks. Students must pay the attendance fee of \$25.00.

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