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## Schedule of Coming Events

### January

08 TUE	PT/Commander's Call
12 SAT	SAREX-HFD
15 TUE	Blues/Moral Leadership
16 WED	Wing Staff Meeting
22, TUE	BDUs/Aerospace/AEX
29 TUE	BDUs/Emergency Services

### WING SAREX

A Wing SAREX has been scheduled for Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. The activity will involve Flight Crews and Ground Team Leaders. Activities commence at 0900 and are expected to end at 1600. Contact Lt Noniewicz or Maj Neilson if you wish to participate.

### DECEMBER ORIENTATION FLIGHT

An Orientation Flight Day for the Squadron was flown from Groton on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Cadets Brohinsky, East and Abigail Wojtcuk, Dougherty, Roe, Montgomery, Barberan, Ploude,

Scannell all flew on three separate flights with Cadets switching off positions at other airports such as Windham. Cadets Alexis Wojtcuk and Wallace were unable to fly due to a scheduling issue and will receive priority seating on our next flight.

The standard Civil Air Patrol Powered Flight Syllabus was followed and each Cadet's program was tailored to fit his or her stage in the O Flight program.



Capt Paul Noniewicz was orientation pilot, Lt Wojtcuk handled scheduling, and Lt. Col. Kinch provided ground school to all Cadets prior to their flights.

### ETHOS MISSION

Lt. Col. Kinch, and Capts Noniewicz and Rocketto flew photographic reconnaissance for Eyes of the Homeland Skies, a new mission for the Department of Homeland Security. They ranged the Connecticut coastline from Stonington to Cos Cob and photographed a number of designated targets which included strategic structures. The imagery will be incorporated into the operation plan which is being written for the new mission.

## **GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX**

Our next series in the aircraft identification contest will consist of “stepsister” aircraft, planes which existed in the shadow of more popular sister ships. Our first example is presented below:



Cadets who participate will be rewarded in the “Cadet of the Cycle” competition. Can you name the mystery aircraft?

## **CADETS**

### **BIG CONTEST-BIG PRIZE DEFAULT**

The \$25 prize for the best answers to the quiz based upon the the essay about the Wright Brothers which appeared in Edition 1.17 was not claimed since no Cadet took the challenge. Lt Wojtcuk has prevailed upon the quiz sponsor to allow one more chance. If more than three TRCS cadets enter, the winner will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate from The Hock Shop for CAP supplies. All cadets who enter and complete a sufficient part of the test will receive a merit point. The answers must be submitted by e-mail to [rocketto@aquilasys.com](mailto:rocketto@aquilasys.com) by Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please respond by using the reply function of e-mail and typing your answers in after each question.

You can find the essay in Edition 1.17 on our website. The questions are repeated starting in the column to the right.

1. Ed Reeves, a local aviator, was awarded the Charlie Taylor award by the FAA. What profession qualifies for this award?
2. What was the profession of Milton Wright?
3. What is an ornithopter?
4. What were Otto Lilienthal's last words? I will accept an English translation.
5. What difference did the Wrights have with Langley in regard to the major issue which needed to be solved if heavier than air flight was to become possible?
6. What is the name of the hill at Kitty Hawk from which the Wright's conducted their tests?
7. What is the name of the engineer who succeeded Kelly Johnson at “The Skunk Works.”
8. Boeing has an operation similar to “The Skunk Works” where they develop advanced concepts. What is this “Works” called?
9. How far did Orville fly on the first flight? Answer in meters correct to one decimal place.
10. Katherine Wright was a teacher. What was her discipline?
11. Before they built bicycles, the Wrights built another *type* of mechanical device. What was this device? (Note the hint in the question?)
12. What was Octave Chanute's original profession?
13. What official position did Samuel P. Langley hold?
14. With what invention is the Australian Lawrence Hargrave credited?
15. With what invention is Hiram Maxim associated?
16. Wilbur Wright died early. What disease caused his death?
17. What technological method did the Wright Brothers use to enable their aircraft to turn?
18. What is the meaning of the phrase, “Spam in a can.” in respect to human flight.
19. What was the Wright's home town?

20. Members of a U.S. government service assisted the Wrights at Kitty Hawk in launching and moving aircraft.. What was this service
21. What was the name of the first U.S.Army officer killed in the crash of a Wright machine?
22. The Wright Flyer is now in the National Air and Space Museum. Formerly, it was displayed in the London Science Museum. Why did the Wrights send the Flyer to Great Britain rather than display it in the United States?
23. Why was Kitty Hawk chosen for the Wright experiments?
24. **Specifically**, where in Ohio did the Wrights continue their experiments after Kitty Hawk.
25. The Wrights became involved in a patent fight with a motorcyclist turned aeronaut. Who was this man?

The Long Island Sound Patrol will be renewed for the summer of 2008.

The USAF will conduct a guided training exercise for the Wing in May.

Duty assignments and committee appointments were made and posted on personnel authorization 08-01 and 08-02.

Capt. Noniewicz conducted a safety briefing emphasizing understanding one's own limitations and abilities, maintaining situational awareness, and honing previously acquired skills.

Capt. Rocketto briefed the members on the anniversary of the death of Gen Hap Arnold and the current issues regarding aircraft procurement, especially the competition for the new aerial refueling aircraft and the combat search and rescue helicopter.

Lt. Miller briefed the members on his current work with Sikorsky to mitigate blade erosion of helicopters operating in desert environments.

### **SQUADRON COMMANDER'S CALL** **08 JAN, 2008**

Col. Kinch announced the following awards and promotions: Lt. Col. Wisheart received his Yeager Certificate, Paul Jalbert was promoted to first lieutenant. Capt. Rocketto was presented with the Benjamin O. Davis, Jr Award for completion of Level II in professional development.

Col Kinch requests that all squadron members read their E-mail daily and respond promptly to requests for information.

The following news was conveyed from Wing HQ:

The newly received Maule aircraft will be exchanged with New York for a Cessna 172.

The Squadron Inspector General, Lt. Col. Wisheart will be assisting selected members in completing necessary reports in preparation for full scale review by the Wing and the USAF.

### **CADET MEETING MINUTES** **08 JAN 2008**

C/MSgt Molinari led the Squadron in opening ceremonies.

Capt Bourque and Lt Wojtcuk conducted testing.

Col Kinch made the following announcements:

The 2008 encampment will be held at Norwich University starting on 04 July and ending on 12 July. Cost will be approximately \$175. The Squadron Finance Committee will investigate the possibility of providing up to \$75 scholarship money for Cadets who attend.

The Rocketry Competition will be held on 21 June. Details are forthcoming.

Cadets are reminded that the second round of Cadet of the Cycle competition starts as of this week. All participation in Cadet activities count towards this award.

Applications for Cadet Special Activities next summer are due by 15 January.

Col Kinch expressed a desire to see the Squadron form a Color Guard. Squadron members are urged to consider which Cadet might be best suited to form and train this group.

The following Cadets were promoted;

C/MSGts Michael Molinari and Jonathan Scannell was promoted to C/SMSGts and presented with Doolittle ribbons.

C/SrAmn Alexis Wojtcuk was promoted to C/SSgt and presented with the Wright ribbon.



C/A1C Abigail Wojtcuk and Ryan Montgomery were promoted to SrAmn and presented with Feik ribbons.

