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*Semper volans!*

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## SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

### April

15 TUE Blues  
12 April-SAREX  
19-CSRRA High Power Rifle Clinic  
21 MON USCGA Lecture  
22 TUE BDU  
26 SAT Wing Conference  
28 APR-5 May-USAF Graded Training Event  
29 TUE Blues-Parent's Night

## CADET MEETING MINUTES

08 April, 2008

C/MSgt Molinari led the Cadet Squadron in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cadet Oath.

Cadets prepared for the Conference or testing under the direction of Capt Bourque and Lt Wojtcuk.

## SQUADRON COMMANDER'S CALL 08 APRIL, 2008

Col Kinch addressed the senior members of the Squadron assembled and requested that all members check their e-mail daily and notify the Squadron Commander if you will be out of town and unavailable for missions. The practice of daily monitoring of e-mail is very important and should become habitual for all officers.

Col Kinch briefed us on the details of the aborted blood transport mission, the 2008 Long Island Sound Patrol (LISP), and Eyes on the Homeland Skies Project (ETHOS)

Our mission to deliver blood to Bethesda Naval Hospital was scrubbed due to administrative difficulties. However, much was learned about the interactions between the U.S. Navy and CAP's National Operations Center which will facilitate future missions.

The 208 LISP will be expanded to both Saturday and Sunday and holiday Mondays. Flight following will be provided by a military radar unit in Western Connecticut.

A wide range of ETHOS mission is projected and details will be forthcoming.

CAP pilots are urged to participate in the FAA Wings Program.

The Squadron Commander issued a statement setting out goals for Thames River Composite Squadron. This statement appears immediately after this section.

Capt Noniewicz, Squadron Safety Officer, led a discussion about recognizing our personal limits due to various factors including aging, recent flight experience, and general state of health. Practice in simulators, and a personal minimums checklist are all recommended. Capt Allison suggested a short mental rehearsal, going over the steps, before taking any action.

Lt Col Wisehart, Squadron Inspector General, discussed the new system of evaluation and passed out instructional literature to those officers whose squadron positions will require reports.

### CT075 GOAL STATEMENT

The Thames River Composite Squadron will dedicate time and talent to Homeland Security, Emergency Services, and Aerospace Education and Activities to continue to be the best Squadron in the Connecticut Wing, bar none.

We commit to:

1. Achieving 100% Yeager Award Certification for all officers.
2. Have each Officer attain Technician Level in a Specialty Track.
3. Train and maintain three (3) fully mission ready flight crews.
4. Train and maintain one (1) fully mission ready ground team.
5. Maintain the highest level of communications readiness.
6. Having all Officers take an active roll in running the Squadron by attending two (2) meetings per month, participating in the teaching of aerospace subjects to Cadets at least twice per year, and working a minimum of three (3) hours per month on squadron activities.
7. Flying the most Cadet Orientation Flights in the Connecticut Wing.
8. Conducting at least one aerospace activity (field trip or lecture) per month.
9. Ensuring our aircraft is 100% airworthy by regularly completing a monthly CAPF 71, Aircraft Inspection Checklist
10. Ensuring that all members obtain and maintain one complete blue uniform and one complete BDU uniform or flight suit.

Any member who is unable to contribute to these goals will be moved to the non-active status with full membership benefits except for flight and emergency service status.

### CAPTAIN WHOLEAN

Captain William Wholean, our Moral Leadership Officer, has been confined to the Westerly Hospital for several weeks after contracting a serious case of pneumonia. He has been visited by a number of Squadron members and enjoyed the card which we sent. At last report, his health is much improved and he is being transferred to a convalescent facility.

### CAPT ROCKETTO DUNKED

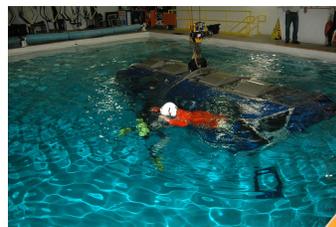
At a recent meeting of the Quiet Birdmen, Capt Rocketto underwent a modified water survival course and practiced escaping from a submerged and overturned aircraft.



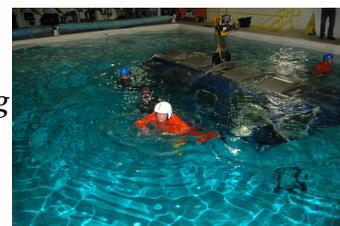
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*Submerging*



*Emerging*



*Surfacing*