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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

JUNE

03 JUN-BDU/Cadet Prep for Rocket Contest
05 JUN-State Commo Exercise
07 JUN-Squadron Maintenance Day-0900
10 JUN-BDU/Commander's Call
14 JUN-Wing Rocket Competition
15 JUN-Bradley Open Cockpit Day
17 JUN-Blues/Moral Leadership
24 JUN-PT
28-29 JUN-Quonset Air Show

Long Term Planning

4-13 JUL-Wing Encampment
19 JUL-Bradley ANG Space and Aviation Day
21-23 JUL-AIAA AE Conference-Hartford
21-30 JUL-NER Encampment-Otis ANGB
19 JUL-SAREX
20-24 JUL-AIAA A/S Education Conference
10-17 AUG-MAWG Encampment-Ft. Devens
06-07 SEP-Westover ARB Great NE Air Show
27-28 SEP-Squadron Leadership School
16-18 OCT-Nat'l Conference on A/S Education
17-18 OCT-NER Conference-Newport
18-19 OCT-Corporate Learning Course
22-23 NOV-Unit Commanders Course
06-07 DEC-Training Leaders of Cadets Course

CADET MEETING MINUTES
27 May, 2008

C/CMSgt Scannell mustered the Cadet Squadron and led the formation in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cadet Oath.

Col Kinch handed out a sheet of pertinent CAP regulations and instructed the Cadets to study the them. Cadets were also reminded that the start time for the meeting is 1800.

Capt Bourque and C/MSgt Molinari escorted the Cadets to Bluff Point State Park where they conducted a compass training session.

C/Amn Wallace was awarded his "First Flight" Certificate.

Capt Rocketto briefed the Cadets on the historical first flight of the Sud-Est Caravelle on 27 May, 1955 and the current status of NASA's successful landing of the Phoenix mission in the Martian arctic.

Cadets are reminded that next week's meeting will be dedicated to finishing the rockets for the upcoming Wing contest. Uniform will be BDUs.

CADET UNIFORM NOTES

For the summer, BDU uniform will be worn with rolled sleeves. The correct cover is the BDU patrol hat. T. shirts should be black. Insignia should be complete, neat, and correctly placed. Cadets must adhere to all grooming standards. See CAPM 39-1 for details.

If no uniform is worn, civilian long pants and a collared shirt are required.

LISP SCHEDULE UPDATE

The 07 June Patrol will be flown by Wisehart, Lintelmann, Madore (T)

SQUADRON MAINTENANCE

Saturday morning, 07 June is set for maintenance work at the Squadron. The old sign must be taken down and painted. Shrubbery and grass around the trailer must be pruned or trimmed. Assume a 0900 start time. Please bring weed whackers and tools.

2008 LISP LAUNCHED

The first 2008 Long Island Sound Patrols were flown by Thames River Composite Squadron over the Memorial Day weekend in 73X. For most of the period, the weather was severe clear with an occasional bout of light turbulence. Little boating activity was observed, perhaps due to fuel prices discouraging powerboats and the gusty winds keeping sailors in port.

Participating members were LtCols Kinch and Wisehart, Maj Neilson, Capts Noniewicz and Rocketto, 1Lt Lintelmann, and 2Lt Farley.

SQUADRON OPERATIONS TRAINING

27 May, 2008

Maj Neilson and Capt Noniewicz conducted an Scanner Training Session for both trainees and qualified scanners. P-2104 (liability), P-2018 (weight and balance), P-2022 (visual clues), and P-1023 (visibility and turbulence) were covered.

The attending Officers were LtCols Kinch and McAvoy, and 2Lt Farly, 2 Lt Manner, Capt Eberhardt, and SM Bridgewater

MEMORIES OF JUNE'S PAST

1 June, 1953-The Thunderbirds are activated

2 June 1957-Capt Joseph Kittinger flies first solo balloon flight into stratosphere reaching 96,000 ft.

3 June 1965-Maj Edward H. White completes first U.S. spacewalk.

4 June, 1931-Robert Swan carries mail aloft over Atlantic City in a rocket powered glider.

5 June, 1948-Capt Glen Edwards goes west in crash of Northrop YB-49 at Muroc.

6 June, 1957-The First transcontinental carrier to carrier flight performed by two F8Us Crusaders and two A3D Skywarriors from *USS Bon Homme Richard* in the Pacific to the *USS Saratoga* in the Atlantic.

7 June 1915-LZ-37 downed by use of the incendiary Brock bullet.

8 June, 1959-A. Scott Crossfield makes first unpowered flight in North American X-15.

9 June, 1959-*USS George Washington*, first FBM submarine launched in Groton.

10 June, 1953-A.Scott Crossfield makes first flight of the Douglas D-558-1 Skystreak.

Skystreak at the old Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum

11 June, 1926-First Flight Ford Trimotor

Island Airways "Tin Goose" at Port Clinton, OH

12 June, 1965-First Flight Britten-Norman Islander.

Air Jamaica Islander

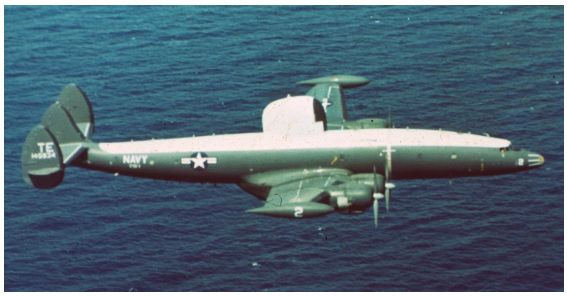
13 June, 1979-Bryan Allen pedals Paul McCready's Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

14 June, 1912-Cpl Vernon Burge becomes the first enlisted pilot in the U.S. Army.

15 June, 1958-CAA initiates use of GMT for all ATC operations.

16 June, 1945-First Flight North American XP-82 Twin Mustang

17 June, 1949-First Flight Lockheed PO-1W Constellation radar picket aircraft.



Picket on patrol

18 June, 1861-Thaddeus S. C. Lowe sends first telegraph message from a balloon.

19 June, 1962-Lt. C. Judkins**,** USMC, falls 5000 ft into Pacific after parachute failure and survives to fly again.

20 June, 1941-United States Army Air Force formed with Maj. Gen. H.H. Arnold as Chief.

21 June, 1930-Mike Melvill pilots SpaceShipOne to an altitude of 62.5 miles to become first astronaut flying a privately developed spacecraft.

22 June, 1962-Jacqueline Auriol of France sets a new womens speed record of 1150 mph flying a Dassault Mirage III**.**

23 June, 1905-Wrights initiate flying at Huffman Prairie, Ohio using a Flyer III.

24 June, 1970-Col. Roscoe Turner goes west.

25 June, 1945-Construction starts on theWhite Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico.

26 June, 1942-USAAF and USN choose knot and nautical mile as standards for airspeed and air distance.

27 June, Lt. William G. Hudson, 68th Fighter All-Weather Squadron, flying a North American F-82C, shoots down a North Korean Yak scoring the first air to air victory of the Korean War.

Night Fighting Twin Mustang

28 June, 1957-The Strategic Air Command receives its first Boeing KC-135 air tanker,

29 June, 1954-SAC receives its first Boeing B-52.

30 June, 1968-First Flight Lockheed C-5 Galaxy.

Galaxy on approach.