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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

JULY

19 JUL-Wing SAREX
21-23 JUL-AIAA AE Conference-Hartford
22 JUL-BDU/Emergency Services
21-30 JUL-NER Encampment-Otis ANGB
29 JUL-BDU/Program to be Announced
20-24 JUL-AIAA A/S Education Conference

Long Term Planning

08-10 AUG-ET Bivouac-Danielson
0-17 AUG-MAWG Encampment-Ft. Devens
16 AUG-Rifle Safety and Marksmanship-QH
23 AUG-Squadron Orientation Flights-GON
06 SEP-CT National Guard Family Day
07 SEP-Westover ARB Great NE Air Show
21 SEP-Simsbury Fly-In
27-28 SEP-Squadron Leadership School
16-18 OCT-Nat'l Conference on A/S Education
18-19 OCT-Corporate Learning Course
25 OCT-Cadet Ball
22-23 NOV-Unit Commanders Course
06-07 DEC-Training Leaders of Cadets Course

CADET MEETING MINUTES

15 July, 2008

C/CMSgt Scannell opened the meeting.

Lt Wojtcuk conducted a Moral Leadership Seminar entitled "Open to All! Protecting the Dignity of Others."

Capt Rocketto conducted an Aerospace Education Workshop in which the Cadets used sectional charts, plotters, and E6-B computers to plan a flight from Groton to Danielson.

Capt Rocketto conducted a current events discussion about the recent USAF and NASA procurement problems and the protests which have been filed about the decisions regarding the new tankers, space suits, and CSAR aircraft.

New Cadets Michael Herzog and Annabelle Orlando were introduced.

Cadets Abi and Lexie Wojtcuk volunteered to assist Capt Rocketto at the AIAA Education Workshop in Hartford next week

Cadet Scannell received his Redstone and Titan certificates. Next week, he leaves to attend the National Emergency Services Academy in Indiana.

Cadets were notified about the upcoming current events, all of which are either noted in this edition or will be finalized in the near future. A Wing SAREX will be held this Saturday. Cadets who wish to participate must have completed the 116 test, wear BDUs, and bring a Form 60. Contact Captain Bourque for details.

If you wish to attend encampment this year, go to the MAWG website, <http://www.190cts.org>.

A Squadron Orientation Flight Day is planned for Saturday, 23 August.

A Squadron Rifle Safety and Marksmanship training session is planned for Saturday 16 August.

ERRATA

Corrections to the last edition-Lexie Wojtucuk was promoted to C/MSgt and won Cadet-of-the-Cycle for the Second Quarter.

SCANNER/OBSERVER TRAINING 15 July, 2008

Maj Nielsen conducted new and recurrent training or Scanners and Observers. Topics covered included pilotage, position awareness, traffic patterns, and expanding square and sector searches.

The training was attended by Cols Kinch and McAvoy, Capt Eberhardt, and Lts Lintelmann and Farley.

SQUADRON T-SHIRTS

The Squadron is anticipating a Squadron themed T-Shir. The shirt will be black with the Squadron emblem, in full color, placed on the left breast. The shirts are compatible with the BDU uniform. Hopefully, they will be used with as part of our PT uniform.

The shirts will cost \$10 each and come in sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. The small profit from the sale will accrue to the Squadron account. If you wish to order one or more T-shirts, you should contact Capt Rocketto at srocketto@aquilasys.com and state how many you want of each size you wish to order. Then submit a check made out the TRCS-CAP to Lt Lintelmann.

We anticipate ordering these shirts by the end of the month so get your orders in as soon as possible.

SUMMER ENCAMPMENT

The Squadron Cadet Leadership believes that every Cadet should attend a summer encampment. This is a requirement if you wish to participate in the extraordinary National Summer Camp Activity Program which includes flight school, Ranger training, and the opportunity to enroll in USAF and civilian sponsored schools ranging from mechanics to meteorology to computer technology.

The Massachusetts Wing encampment is set for 10-17 August at Fort Devens, Mass and will cost \$125. The final day for applications is 30 July. Information and forms may be found going to <http://www.190cts.org>

BIVOUAC/AIRCREW TRAINING

Cadets Jonathan Scannell and Michael Molinari and Maj Bourque and Capt Rocketto attended the Danielson bivouac and participate in emergency services training. Capt Bourque and Chief Molianri both took leadership positions as well as new and refresher training.



*Capt Bourque and Chief Scannell Prepare for
Compass Course*

At the same time, Capt Noniewicz led a two sortie training session for Scanners and Observers. Scott Farley, Tom McAvoy, Chris Manner, and Bill Bridgewater. The sorties included preflight preparation, grid, sector, and ELT searches, and post flight debriefing

Capt Rocketto activated out new training beacon and set out some emergency ground to air signals in the vicinity of Danielson Airport. Both sorties successfully located the beacon and correctly interpreted the ground signals although Capt

Rocketto was disappointed when the requested air drop of rifles and ammunition was not made.



Chief Molinari Commands Stretcher Team in a Lifting Exercise

Maj Flynn and Captain Rocketto also experimented with using a hand held aircraft transceiver as a radio direction finder. Using body shadowing techniques and frequency offsets, the were able to home in on the practice beacon located about a half mile away. Our next experiment will be to build a small directional antenna for the transceiver.

The event was organized and run by the Danielson Composite Squadron under the leadership of Col Provost and Major Flynn. Cadets and Officers from six squadrons attended: Danielson, Manchester, Royal Charter, Waterbury, C.K. Hamilton, and Thames River.

The training covered many aspects of ground team methodology at all levels, from beginner to Ground Team Leader. Activities included use of the signal mirror, whistle signals, search lines, use of the E-LPER, stretcher techniques, and day and night compass exercises.

The next training session will be held on 8-10 August. You can attend all or part of the session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Squadron Finance Committee, Cols Kinch and McAvoy and Lt Lintelmann met and examined our current financial status. They report that we are progressing on reducing the debt on our trailer and are in a healthy position in regard to current assets and liabilities as the fiscal year ends.

Lt Farley and Capt Rocketto succeeded in securing \$2,250 in grants during the last quarter from Pfizer and Wal-Mart. The Committee encourages the Squadron to fully participate in the Citrus Fruit Fund Raiser this fall. Last year we cleared \$3,000 and we plan to increase this profit by at least 30 percent in 2008. The improvement will require an all-hands effort by Cadets, Parents, and Officers. Information about the fruit sale will be forthcoming.



C/MSgt Lexie Wojtcuk Displays First Rocketry Badge Earned in Current Program