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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

November

08-11 NOV-Washington Trip
11 NOV-BDUs-AE/AEX/Promotions
15 NOV-BCUT-Middletown
18 NOV-TRCS-Blues-Moral Leadership/AE
20 NOV-USCGA Lecture-Bright Black Holes
22-23 NOV-Unit Commanders Course
25 NOV-TRCS-BDUs-ES

Long Term Planning

02 DEC-PT/Leadership
06-07 DEC-Training Leaders of Cadets Course
09 DEC-AEX/AEO-BDUs
16 DEC-ML/AEO-Blues
23 DEC-Squadron Party
30 DEC-No Meeting

CADET MEETING MINUTES 11 NOV, 2008

Lt Scannell called the Squadron to attention and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cadet Oath.

Captain Rocketto led a discussion on the distinction between astrology and astronomy and showed the first half of Carl Sagan's video, *Harmony of the Worlds* from the *Cosmos* series.

Major Bourque led a leadership lab on the first three chapters of the leadership manual.

Lt Wojtcuk conducted testing.

Captain Rocketto informed the Cadets that the current astronomical event is the visibility of the crescent moon, Jupiter, and Venus in the evening sky to the south and southwest.

The 4th of November marked the 86th anniversary of Lts Macready and Oakley record setting non-stop flight from San Diego to Benjamin Harrison, Indiana in a Fokker T-2. The flight was terminated by a broken radiator. Six months later, on May , 23, 1923, this intrepid duo successfully completed the first non-stop transcontinental flight.



CITRUS FRUIT FUND RAISER

Sales Leaders
Capt Rocketto-26 cases
Clan Wujtcuk-24 cases
Col Kinch-7 cases
Cadet Herzog-5 cases
Cadet Johnson-1 case

This place reserved for your name

ALL ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN NOVEMBER 18TH. THIS GIVES US TWO MORE WEEKS FOR SALES.

CADET LEADERSHIP STAFF MEETS

Officers and Cadet members of the Cadet Program Staff met on 1 November to discuss the current status and future of the Cadet Program.

Recruiting is a crucial issue at the present time since many of our senior Cadets will be high school graduates within the next two years. The most effective method of recruitment is direct person to person contact. Cadets will be reminded that they may

earn a ribbon for recruiting two new Cadets and will be encouraged to bring potential members to "A Bring A Friend Night" which will be scheduled. Senior members earn the ribbon for seven new members. We would also like to host an "Open House" in conjunction with an area recruiting campaign on a weekend in the spring.

Recruiting will also be part of our new AEX initiative. The Squadron will be working with the Uncas School in Norwich and the Bozrah School in Bozrah during the coming year. Both of these schools have expressed interest in forming an after school program in aerospace education and are the source of potential recruits. In addition, the Squadron will request time for a presentation to the Montville Board of Education.

A number of major facility improvement projects will involve the Cadets. When the new storage trailer is ready, the transfer of supplies from the logistics room will open up extra room in the original trailer. We will need to make some decisions as to how this space will be utilized.

Col Herbert has offered to donate a new flagpole and Aquila Systems, Inc has donated equipment for live downloading of weather satellite imagery. The pole and antennas will need supports so holes will be dug and concrete poured in the spring.

The old trailer needs some maintenance work on the roof and floors, the windows must be sealed for the winter, and in the spring, the plant and flower bed in front of the sign should be reestablished.

Emergency Service Training was discussed. Maj Bourque will inventory our gear and we will endeavor to set up two full 72 hour packs and six 24 hour packs which will be stored at the trailers for the use of qualified personnel. Supplies now lacking will be either donated or purchased using our Wal-Mart Grant funds. Maj Bourque and C/CMSgt Molinari will head up the ES training effort. Lt. Madore, an EMT will assist in first aid training.

Leadership will be under the supervision of Maj Bouque, Lt Wojtuck, and C/2Lt Scannell, and C/CMSgt Molinari. Military bearing will be emphasized and Cadets will become familiar with CAPR 39-1 and CAPR 52-16

The Aerospace Education Program will continue to be headed up by Capt Rocketto and assisted by C/2Lt Scannell. Senior members will continue to be solicited to teach units from the Aerospace Modules. Orientation flights will be promoted as will field trips to pertinent destinations.

The Staff decided to attempt to establish a year long activity program for 2009 which will include eight one day weekend activities. The months of May, July, August, and December would be excluded due to conflicts with other activities. The weekend activities might be a Squadron Open house, an astronomy party, an air show, the Wing Rocketry Contest, and visits to aerospace, scientific, or military cultural sites such as the New England Air Museum, the Battleship Massachusetts, the Springfield Arsenal, the Boston Museum of Science, the 143rd Airlift Wing at Quonset, the Intrepid Air and Space Museum, and a Planetarium. Entire weekend activities would be devoted to ES bivouacs and training.

Activities less related to CAP might be a white water rafting trip or Laser tag against another squadron. Input from Cadets and Seniors has been considered and will continue to be considered so contact a member of the Cadet Leadership Staff if you wish to make a suggestion.

The Staff is also endeavoring to find a place for winter PT training. Two prospective sites are being investigated. If none are available, we will consider Saturday daytime training.

Effective communications will be instituted. Flight leaders will maintain telephone contact with their flight members. Any Cadet who will be absent from a meeting should telephone their flight leader. Cadets and their parents should read *The Coastwatcher* each week and check their e-mail on a daily basis.

LOOKING FOR A CADET WRITER

The Coastwatcher seeks a Cadet interested in writing a short piece in our "Meet the Member" series. The project would involve interviewing a senior member and writing a short biography of a senior member. Points will be awarded in the Cadet-of-the Cycle competition.

SQUADRON APPAREL FOR SALE

We have Squadron marked hats and tee shirts available for sale at \$10 each. The hats and shirts are black in color. The hats have the Squadron number on the front. The shirts are embossed with the Squadron Insignia in full color on the left breast. Contact Capt Rocketto if you are interested.

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX

Of course the picture should ring a bell in your minds since it is the Bell P-59. Airacomet....

The answers to the questions.....

1. The jet aircraft was transported with a fake wooden propeller fastened to the nose to mislead observers.
2. Frank Whittle, a British RAF officer was one of the pioneers in the development of jet propulsion and the engine manufactured for the P-59 was based on his design.
3. General Electric, a company experienced in the building of turbo superchargers was selected to build the engine.
4. The Bell factory was in Buffalo, N.Y.

Here is the new mystery aircraft of the week. The TRCS Cadets who submits the best answers will receive the prize of his choice from the Fabulous Chest of Trash or is it the Treasure Chest of Fabulous Trash or maybe it is the Trash Chest of Fabulous Treasures?

Of course there are the usual questions.

There are three photos of the mystery aircraft of the week. One is in USCG livery, another carries the colors of the USAF, and the third displays the markings of a foreign air arm. You might want to use your computer features to enlarge some of these photos to help in answering some of the questions.

1. What company built these aircraft?
2. What was the joint military designation for this aircraft?

3. What was the original USAF designation for this aircraft?
4. What did Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" to the namesake of this aircraft?
5. What country flew the foreign marked aircraft?
6. Where did the USCG base aircraft 7239?
7. In what island was the factory where this aircraft was produced?

