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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

March

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21 MAR-SAR Aircrew & Ground Team Training
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31MAR-Blues-Emergency Services Herbert
Lecture

FOR FUTURE PLANNING

11 APR-Rifle Practice-Quaker Hill R&G Club
12-18 APR-RIWG Encampment
13-17 APR-Washington, DC Trip
18 APR-CSRRA High Power Rifle Clinic
19 APR-Rifle Practice-Quaker Hill R&G Club
2-3 MAY-Danielson Bivouac
2 MAY-Rifle Practice-Quaker Hill R&G Club
3 MAY-Rifle Practice-Quaker Hill R&G Club
09 MAY-Wing Rifle Competition

16 MAY-Westover Trip
20 JUN-Rocketry Contest
27-28 JUN-RING Air Show-Quonset, RI
4-11 JUL-CTWG Cadet Encampment
10-18 JUL-NER Staff College
16-17 OCT-CTWG Conference and Cadet Ball

CADET MEETING MINUTES

10 MAR, 2009

C/2Lt Jonathan Scannell called the Squadron to order and conducted the opening ceremonies.

Maj Bourque conducted an emergency services class on field sanitation and cold weather injuries

Col Kinch announced that the Wing will provide scholarships to the encampment for those Cadets who need the funds. Contact Col Kinch if you wish to apply.

Capt. Rocketto briefed the Cadets on two historic anniversaries. The meeting date was the 53rd anniversary of the first time a piloted airplane exceeded 1,000 mph. In 1956, Peter Twiss set the new record in a Fairey Delta 2.

The 11th marks the 68th anniversary of the signing of the "Lend-Lease" act which greatly supported the Allies in WWII. Over 43,000 aircraft were transferred to Great Britain, the Soviet Union, British Commonwealth nations, and other nations participating in the battle against fascism.

The current events highlight is the impending launch of STS-119 which will carry the final components of the solar power array to the International Space Station.

Andrew Molinari was awarded his encampment ribbon.

COMMANDER'S CALL
10 MAR, 2009

Col Kinch reported that the CAP allotment in the State budget has remained the same.

The Connecticut Wing Encampment is expecting 60 to 100 Basic Cadets and there is a need for staff and tactical officers.

The CAP Equal Opportunity Program training is mandatory. The material is found at the following web address:

https://tests.cap.af.mil/EO_Training/Index.cfm.

The program is similar to the OPSEC training. You need to read the material and indicate that you have done so. There is no test.

Flight crews should note the following:

1. Review the new revision of CAPR 60-1.
2. Col Vallillo's handbooks on using WIMRS are available in the Operations Office.
3. CAPF 104 and fuel slips are no longer required for maintenance flights and Forms 5 and 91 rides. However, all pertinent data must be legibly recorded in the aircraft logs and fuel slips must be attached for monthly forwarding to Wing.

GON ID badges may be renewed by signing up for the briefings which are held on the first Thursday of every month at 0900. Contact the Airport Secretary at 445-8549 to schedule an appointment.

The 121.5 MHz emergency frequency is no longer monitored by SRSAT. The ramifications of this change were discussed.

Col Kinch reminded us that the advent of warmer weather will open a window of opportunity for maintenance projects. A list is posted in the conference room and details will be forthcoming.

Officers who have not attained a Technician rating in their Specialty Track were encouraged to complete the requirements. The Personnel Officer will contact each Officer who is deficient and assist in completing the necessary steps to attain the qualification.

Officers are reminded that the appropriate uniform for public activities will be blues or the CAP alternate uniform. BDUs are a working uniform and will not be worn unless required by the mission.

Capt Noniewicz conducted a briefing on runway safety supplemented by an FAA video. Aircrews should have a communications plan, use standard phraseology, practice scanning for potential dangers, and request clarifications when in doubt.

Lt Farley requested that all Officers respond to emails regarding commitments to training operations. The response should be either positive or negative and should be timely. Col Kinch commented that this procedure should be followed for all Squadron communications.

OPERATIONS STAFF PLANNING
MEETING

Maj deAndrade conducted the monthly staff planning meeting. These meetings will be held on the first Tuesday after the first Wednesday of each month, the same day as Squadron Commander's Call and will commence at 1800. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to finalize details of Squadron operations activities for the succeeding four weeks and detailing plans for the months ahead.

Maj deAndrade urged Officers and Cadets to stay current with the published Squadron schedule and the notices posted in *The Coastwatcher*.

Lt Farley led a discussion on the upcoming SAREX training scheduled for 21-31 March. Problems in positioning aircraft were discussed and resolved.

Capt Rocketto stated that he would send out information to each of the instructors who lead Cadet training on the modules in *Aerospace Dimensions*. The information would include web addresses for module downloads and reference material. Discs with illustrations and some demonstration material will also be provided upon request.

Lt Manner arranged for a radio test between our Squadron base station radio and the aircraft.

G1000 training will be offered to the Wing by us in April.

Col Doucette discussed the May 16th Westover Field Trip. (See the accompanying article.)

Col Wisheart reminded the Squadron that our part of the three year cycle for the Inspector General review will be due in the fall and we will commence work in June. Any officer who desires to start early should contact Col Wisheart.

Capt Rocketto briefed the Officers on the anniversaries of two historical events, the first time 1,000 miles per hour was exceeded by a manned aircraft and the commencement of lend-lease in WWII. The current event topic is the planned launch of STS-119.

Capt Noniewicz briefed the Squadron on runway safety.

ECI-013 COURSE

The Squadron is offering a tutorial for those Officers who must take the Civil Air Patrol Senior Officer Course which is a requirement for promotion to Captain. We plan to offer several

sessions in the evening. If you are interested in participating, contact Capt Rocketto at srocketto@aquilasys.com.

WESTOVER AIR RESERVE BASE TRIP

Col Doucette has polled the Officers and Cadets regarding which facilities they are interested in visiting at Westover Air Reserve Base. He will be visiting the base to make final arrangements.

The date of the trip has been changed to 16 May.



Take a "Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy"!

Officers and Cadets are reminded that May 1st is the cut-off date for signing up. Anyone who wishes to attend must also supply their CAP ID of, if over 18 years old, the number on their driver's license. Send this information to Col Doucette at: rdoucette@sbcglobal.net.

Transport arrangements will be announced after the roster has been established.

SMALL BORE RIFLE

The Wing Rifle Tournament will be held on 09 May at the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club in Oakdale, CT. Optional practice sessions will be held during which Cadets will be able to qualify for NRA marksmanship medals. The practice sessions start will run from 0900 to 1200 on the following dates: SAT April 11, SUN April 19,

SAT May 02, and SUN May 03. There is no charge courtesy of The Friends of the NRA and The Quaker Hill Rifle Club.

For practices, please observe the following procedures:

Arrive by 0830. Wear BDUs. Bring eyeglasses if they are worn. These also function as safety glasses. If you do not wear prescription glasses, bring safety glasses. Bring hearing protection. If you do not have safety glasses and hearing protection, we will provide them but it is best if you bring your own. Cadets who own their own target rifles and equipment may use them. Rifles are restricted to single shot .22 caliber firearms. The club will have a sufficient supply of rifles and slings if you do not have your own.

First Annual CTWG Rifle Tournament

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Time: 0900-1200 (If participation warrants, we can fire in the afternoon.)

Fee: None

Conditions of Firing:

Distance: 50 yards

Target: A-23

Time Limit: 25 minutes/relay (Relays will be assigned in advance. Post entries will be allowed at the discretion of the Match Director.)

Equipment: .22 cal rifles, metallic sights, normal NRA competitive equipment will be allowed

Ammunition: .22 Long Rifle

Coaching: allowed

Scoring: An independent scoring committee will be appointed.

Prizes:

Team Awards will be presented. A team consists of the sum of the four best scores fired by the members of a squadron. All members of a Squadron will compose one team.

Individual Awards: Individual awards will be presented to the Match Winner and place winners in each of three categories determined by the Lewis System. A typical Lewis System award schedule might be as follows: Assume 31 individual entries. Top shooter is the match winner. The remaining 30 shooters are divided into three classes of ten each, classes A, B, and C. The top shooter in each class will get an award. Final determination of class breakdown will be determined by the number of entries.

Award Donors: If anyone wishes to donate an award, contact me. The more awards donated, the more awards awarded.

Please contact the Match Coordinator if you have any questions?

Stephen M. Rocketto, Match Coordinator at srocketto@aquilasys.com

HIGH POWER RIFLE



Cadet Roe, Groton, Capt Rocketto, Cadet Planeta, Meriden at Viale Range, National Rifle Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio

Cadets who are interested in firing the AR-15 rifle at 200 yards are encouraged to attend the High Power Rifle Clinic sponsored by the Connecticut Rifle and Revolver Association. The clinic will be held at the Bell City Rifle Club on Saturday, 18 April. All equipment will be provided and there is no charge.

To enroll, you must telephone one of the coaches and also email Capt Rocketto. The contact numbers are as follows:

Coach Palmer (860) 649-4446
Coach Castogay (860) 738-2954
Coach Bieler (203) 272-1725
Capt Rocketto rocketto@aquilasys.com

If you wear glasses, bring them. If you do not wear glasses, bring safety glasses. Hearing protection is required. Safety glasses and hearing protection can be provided by prior arrangement. Parents must attend. Capt Rocketto will be attending and is willing to transport some of the participants.

DC TRIP

The field trip to the Washington, DC area will be conducted from 13 to 17 April which is the week of Connecticut schools spring vacation. We will be housed at Bolling Air Force Base and will visit local area museums and historical sites. The Squadron will underwrite part of the cost of the trip for any Cadet. The cost will be between \$100 and \$150 per participant for the five days and this will cover, room, board, and transportation. Details will be published as they become available.

FANATICAL AIRMAN RUNS AMOK ON TROPICAL PRADISE! TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY SAVED BY HAWAIIAN COWBOY!

The second seminar in the Thames River Composite Squadron's Aerospace Education Program will be offered on 31 March.

Colonel Fred Herbert, Regional Historian for the Civil Air Patrol, will describe a fascinating and little known event that occurred immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A Japanese

pilot crash landed his disabled aircraft on a small Hawaiian island, Niihau, where pick up by a submarine was planned. The rescue submarine never arrived and the pilot, utilizing one of the aircraft's machine guns, terrorized the people of the island. The pilot was assisted by a local Japanese American whose actions led to the interment of Japanese Americans on the west coast of the United States. Learn how an Hawaiian cowboy responded and brought an end to the incident.

Senior members and parents are invited. The lecture starts at 1900.

DANIELSON BIVOUAC

The Danielson Squadron is sponsoring a two day bivouac and emergency training program on May 1st and 2nd. Participants will be able to complete parts of their qualifications for ground team membership. The cost which includes all meals is \$15. Interested Cadets and Officers should contact Capt Rocketto.



Good Chow at Danielson!



Maj Bourque and Lt Scannell Work Land Navigation Problem