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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 09 JUN-Blues-Moral Leadership
Squadron Commander's Call
- 16 JUN-BDU-Weather Module-Rockets
Aircrew Academic Training
- 20 JUN-Rocketry Contest
Aircrew Academic Training
- 23 JUN-BDU-Emergency Services
Aircrew Academic Training
- 30 JUN-Cadet/Senior Bowling
- 27-28 JUN-RING Air Show-Quonset, RI
TRCS Long Island Sound Patrol

FOR FUTURE PLANNING

- 4-11 JUL-CTWG Cadet Encampment
- 10-18 JUL-NER Staff College-McGuire
- 19-30 JUL-NER Cadet Academy
- 05-08 AUG-AEO Academy-Wright-Patterson
- 16-17 OCT-CTWG Conference and Cadet Ball

ERRATUM

In the last issue of The Coastwatcher, the C-54 was mistakenly identified as the military counterpart of the DC-6. This is incorrect. The C-54 is the military counterpart of the DC-4. The Editor thanks Col Bill Dolan for the correction.

CADET MEETING MINUTES 02 June, 2009

C/2Lt Scannell mustered the Cadets on our new drill field. SM Godfrey supervised drill and Maj Bourque conducted PT testing.

Col Kinch and Lt Godfrey led the Cadets in reviewing CAPP 151, the courtesies and customs of the USAF as applicable to CAP. Topics included but were not limited to core values, the position of attention, saluting, reporting to a superior officer, walking with a superior officer, and entering and leaving vehicles.

Col Kinch presented C/2Lt Scannell a certificate recognizing completion of the written test requirement for the Saturn Phase of the Rocketry Badge qualification.

Maj Bourque initiated a discussion of the loss of Air France Flight 447 en route to Paris from Rio de Janeiro. Maj Rocketto reminded the Cadets that the flight was crossing the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone, a topic studied in last weeks aerospace seminar, and how the meteorological and oceanic topography combine to produce severe convective activity and concomitant electrical storms. which may have contributed to the loss of the Airbus 330-200. Col Kinch then recalled his experiences flying C-130s in the region and explained the stresses on the airframe that can be caused by severe weather.

Cadets were reminded that Encampment applications were due and information about Hawk Mountain Ranger School was posted.

LISP

The Squadron flew four Long Island Sound Patrols on the weekend of 30-31 May, Maj Neilson, Lt Lintelmann, and Maj Rocketto manned the early afternoon patrol on Saturday in 73X. Lt Col Wischart piloted the late afternoon flight with Maj Rocketto and Lt Miller. Both flights reported routine conditions.

On Sunday, Capt Noniewicz piloted both patrols. Col Kinch flew as Observer in the early patrol with trainee Scanner, Lt Godfrey. Lt Miller served as Observer and Lt Lintelmann as Scanner on the late afternoon flight. While monitoring the marine channel, the USCG reported a boat taking on water by the East Haven Breakwater. The crew offered assistance and diverted to the scene of the incident. They observed that assistance was being rendered by several small craft and resumed normal patrol duties.

PLOUDE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Cadet Timothy Plourde of Troop 93 was invested as an Eagle Scout on 31 May. Cadet Plourde also earned five extra merit badges and received a Bronze Palm on his Eagle Scout Ribbon.

THE YEAGER AWARD



The "Yeager Award" is the informal way of referring to the ribbon which is earned by completing the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members. Recipients study a text, *Aerospace, The Journey of Flight*, available on line or from our Squadron library, and take a 100 question, open book, multiple choice test. The test covers aviation history, principles of flight and navigation, aerospace community members, meteorology, rockets, and astronomy.

The goal of Thames River is to qualify every one of

our senior members for this award. Officers who have not yet qualified will receive an email requesting the submission of convenient days during which they can attend an orientation session and tutorial which will provide a study guide and testing information.

CAP SENIOR OFFICER CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Squadron Officers can expect email notification during June concerning their current professional status within CAP and the training and performance requirements for advancement.

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX SEEN AT GRO

During the Long Island Sound Patrol last weekend, one of the crews heard an interesting radio transmission. An aircraft identified itself as an "AirCam" and the controller requested further information since he was unfamiliar with the type. After returning to Groton, we discovered this unusual aircraft sitting on the Lanmar ramp.



The aircraft is a twin engine kit plane which has an all up weight of under a ton. It is a parasol wing, wire braced design, with a tandem open cockpit. The minimally cowled Rotax engines are rated at 100 HP each and the aircraft is reputed to have rather phenomenal STOL capabilities. This particular model is equipped with amphibious floats. The manufacturer, Lockwood Aviation, is based in Florida and advertises a price of around 100 K. for the kit.