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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

August

18 AUG-BDU's
25 AUG-BDU's

FOR FUTURE PLANNING

12 SEP-Wings Over Westerly
23-25 OCT-CTWG Conference and Cadet Ball

The Coastwatcher will not be published during the week of 18 August. The Editor will be competing in the British National Rifle Championship at Bisley, Surrey. The next issue will be published on or about the 27th of August.

CADET MEETING MINUTES **04 August, 2009, 11 August, 2009**

PT training and testing was held on 28 July.

On 11 August, a Character Development Seminar was led by Lt Wojtcuk dealing with the issue of alcohol use.

Cadet George Abbiati was awarded a five year numeral for his service ribbon.

WINGS OVER WESTERLY

The annual Wings Over Westerly Air show and Exhibition will be held on Saturday, 12 September.

The Squadron will provide support and offer an exhibit which highlights our activities. Col Kinch will be in contact with the WOW Planning Staff. Cadets should plan on attending as both a service to our community, a chance to highlight our activities, and an opportunity to participate in an aerospace education activity.

SENIOR TRAINING

22 July, 04 August, 10 August, 11 August

On 22 July, a dozen TRCS members traveled to the Homeland Security Building at Brainard Field to participate in a training session on the new Nikon camera and the methodology for transmitting imagery from the aircraft to a customer.

Senior training for the past two weeks and for the next two weeks will focus on the G1000 system. Col Tom Petry of the Gateway Senior Squadron, MOWG presented two seminars on the fundamentals of the G1000 "glass cockpit" displays, controls, and use.

His discussions covered many aspects of G1000 operation but he cautioned the attendees that a text, lecture, and simulator are no substitute for actual practice pushing buttons, twisting knobs, and interpreting the screens.

Of particular interest was his explanations of some of the idiosyncrasies of the system and the differences between the older unit equipped with the KAP 140 autopilot and the newer unit with an integrated autopilot.

On 10 August, The Connecticut Wing conducted a follow-up training program for TRCS on the photo and slow scan system in ICP. Officers Farley, Manner, Dickenson, and Kinch attended.

COMMANDER'S CALL

Col Kinch reported that a computer changeover may have caused the corruption of some membership data, specifically squadron assignments and appointment dates. Members are urged to check the computer records and correct mistakes.

Lt Farley delivered a safety briefing on two topics, care to take during an electrical storm and situational awareness when an aircraft is taxied, taking off, cruising, and landing.

SENIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Maj John deAndrade qualified as Mission Pilot in the Gippsland GA-8.

SM William Humes was promoted to 2Lt and 2Lt Scott Farley was promoted to 1Lt.

Maj Stephen Rocketto completed courses at the Northeast Region Staff College and the Great Lakes Region Aerospace Education Academy.

While on a training mission, Majors Neilson and Bridgewater were contacted by Groton Tower and requested to fly to the Madison area to investigate the ditching of a light plane just off the coast. They proceeded to the site and arrived shortly after the pilot has been rescued.

SAREX EXERCISE

The Squadron conducted a joint air and ground Search and Rescue Exercise on the weekend of 25-26 July. Coordination between aircraft and ground vehicles and practice for pilots, observers, and scanners was conducted.

SCENES FROM NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE USAF RESTORATION FACILITY



Star of Both a WW II Documentary Movie and a Hollywood Opus, B-17F, Memphis Belle Under Reconstruction in Ohio and at its Former Resting Place, Mud Island, Tennessee.



Below, The Less Well Known B-17E, Swoose, Also Under Reconstruction.



The Convair XC-99 Was the Fat Sister of the B-36. XC-99 Wing Thickness and Plumbing Displayed in Ohio and in its Complete Glory at its Former Site in Texas.

