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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

January

- 05-Cadet Testing/Preparation of A/S Festival
Senior General CAP Training-AE Instruction
- 08-Ledyard Aerospace Festival
- 12-Cadet Character Development/Ldrship Ch. 1
Senior Commander's Call
- 19-Cadet AE Mode 5 Part 1/Rocketry
Senior Emergency Services Training
- 22-24-Danielson Bivouac
- 23-Cadet PT-USCGA/Squadron SAREX
- 26-Cadet AE Mode 5 Part 2/Color Guard
Senior Duty Briefing-Operations
CTWG Commander Visit
- 30-Orientation Flights

FOR FUTURE PLANNING

- 01-Solomon Schechter A/S Festival (tentative)
- 27-28 FEB-CLC Course-Middletown
- 27-28 MAR-UCC Course-Middletown
- Spring-SLS Course-Date TBA-Middletown

CADET MEETING MINUTES

05 January, 2010

C/2Lt Scannell conducted opening ceremonies.

Lt Wojtuck addressed the Cadets on important administrative topics for the coming year. These included Cadet responsibilities, the expectations of the Squadron, the new schedule, changes in testing procedures, and suggestions on how to study for module and leadership tests.

Cadet Alexis Wojtcuk offered a presentation on Cadet Encampment. The importance of attending encampment in order to obtain eligibility for future promotions, National Cadet Summer Activities, and scholarships was highlighted.

Major Rocketto solicited volunteers to assist at the Ledyard Aerospace Festival, explained the problem in attending the Danielson Bivouac, and discussed the mission of the Kepler telescope, its discovery of planets orbiting nearby stars, the extraordinary properties of those planets, and the techniques used to analyze the data.

The following Cadets were recognized:

C/AB Hall received a certificate for his FIRST O Flight.

C/2Lt Scannell received a bronze clasp for his National Cadet Summer Activities ribbon. Cadet Scannell attended the National Flight Academy.

C/MSgt Flynn received the Red Service Ribbon signifying two years CAP membership.

C/2Lt Scannell and C/Amn Herzog received the NRA Sharpshooter Medal/

C/A1C Barberan and C/A1C Orlando received the NRA Marksman Medal.

C/SrA Dougherty and C/AB Mowan received special awards for their unique contributions to the Cadet Bowling Team at our last outing.

PT TESTING SESSION

The Squadron has made arrangements, through Cadet Flynn's father, Commander Flynn, to hold our physical training drills and tests, during the dark, cold months, at the United States Coast Guard Academy Field House. The first meeting will be on Saturday, 23 January.

Muster at the Squadron at 0845 for a 0900 departure. All participants will be transported in the Squadron van. If you miss the van, **DO NOT** go to the Academy - go home!

Uniform will be a squadron/encampment/or plain black tee shirt with plain grey, navy blue, or black sweat pants and sneakers. You may also wear a matching plain sweatshirt. You must bring your CAP ID cards also.

We will be representing CAP and Thames River Composite Squadron at a military school. Please dress and act accordingly. PT is necessary for promotion and will be held once a month.

A follow-up activity may be held. Details will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

CADET ENCAMPMENT STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Applications are now being accepted for the Cadet Staff at the 2010 Wing Encampment. The application document is on the Wing website under "Forms." TRCS candidates must turn in a completed application to Col Kinch by Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

ORIENTATION FLIGHTS

30 December, 2009

The Squadron flew seven Orientation Flight sorties and five 99 rides on Wednesday, the 30th

of December. Maj deAndrade and Capt Noniewicz were the pilots. Lt Wojtcuk organized the activity and set up the schedule.

Cadet Hall flew on his first O'Flight. Other participants were Cadets Lexie Wojtcuk, Flynn, Herzog, A. Molinari, Dougherty, and Orlando.



*"Bless 'em All,
Bless 'em All,
The Long and the Short and The Tall
(World War II Song)*

*Capt Noniewicz and Cadets Hall and Molinari
Heading for the Runway to Model What
Fashionable Aviators Wear.*

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX

Cadets Dougherty and A. Molinari will be allowed to graze in the Fabulous Chest of Treasures and Trash and select their awards for providing the best answers in the last two GOC Redux contests.

Cadet Dougherty won for correctly identifying two aircraft seen at Skylark Airpark. Cadet Molinari scored for answering a number of questions based upon the Lockheed P-38 Lightning.

Here is the next contest. The P-38 is not the only twin boom aircraft. The mystery aircraft of the week is a twin boom design but we have a few twists in the questions. Here are some pictures and clues. Enlarging the pictures may help.



(1) This aircraft belonged to the USAF Troop Carrier Command but it now sits at Fort Benning, a US Army base!



(2) USAF, US Army, and now the USMC!

The next three pictures portray our mystery aircraft at the National Museum of the USAF. Note the unusual yagis on the nose, the beavertail aft end on the fuselage, so unlike the clamshell doors on the first two examples and the strange mission mark.



(3) The beavertail aft end of this fuselage is quite different from the "clam shell" aft end of the sister aircraft displayed.



(4) Note the yagi antenna array!



(5) An unusual mission mark?



(6) Who knows what the spectral nose art and warpaint signify? The Shadow knows.



(7) There have been many tri-motor aircraft but rarely are reciprocating engines and a turbojet combined. This ex-Royal Canadian Air Force plane at Hawkins and Powers, Greybull, Wyoming has been converted for a new mission.



(8) This nose art is from a Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer, a brother to the mystery aircraft. Alas, the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service has put all of these classic aircraft out of business.



(9) Not the mystery aircraft but its predecessor. One might say the father of a fair child.

The Questions

1. Name the aircraft by designation and popular name and its manufacturer in picture (1).
2. For what mission did the US Army employ the aircraft in picture (1)?
3. Although the aircraft in picture (2) bears USMC markings, it was USAF aircraft and the US Army's 2348th Quartermaster Airborne Air Supply & Packaging Detachment which performed a remarkable service for the USMC at the Chosin Reservoir, Korea in the winter of 1950? Think M-2 Treadway and it is not a reference to the carbine which is M2.
4. The aircraft at the USAF Museum in pictures (3-5) is noted for doing something for the first time in history. What feat did this aircraft perform?
5. The aircraft in picture (6) is on display at Hurlburt Field and its has a special prefix on its type designation. What is the letter and what does it signify?
6. Illustrations (7) and (8) and the descriptions should give you some clue as to the new mission of the "tri-motor. The aircraft bears a US civil registry but the big three digit number has significance and it is not a race number.
7. Name the aircraft, in picture (9), the father of the fair child, by manufacturer, designation, and popular name.

Submit your answers to Maj Rocketto by email and if you pay attention to details and clues, use some research resources, and quickly submit precise and accurate answers, you too may be allowed to graze through the Fabulous Chest of Treasures and Trash and select a lasting memento to commemorate your diligence.

