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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

January

23-Cadet PT-USCGA/Squadron SAREX
26-Cadet AE Mode 5 Part 2/Color Guard
Senior Duty Briefing-Operations
CTWG Commander Visit
30-AVCRAD Tour (tentative)
31-Orientation Flights (tentative)
30-31-Danielson Bivouac

For Future Planning

01-Solomon Schechter A/S Festival-New London
12-TRCS Officer's Banquet
27 FEB-1109th AVCRAD Visit
27-28 FEB-CLC Course-Middletown
27-28 MAR-UCC Course-Middletown
Spring-SLS Course-Date TBA-Middletown
22-24 OCT-2010 CTWG Conference
24-25 JUL-NER SAREX Competition-Westover

CADET MEETING MINUTES

19 January, 2010

C/2Lt Scannell conducted opening ceremonies.

Maj deAndrade and SM Dickenson introduced themselves. Cadet Abigail Wojtcuk won the free question pass by correctly answering two questions correctly about each of the Officers.

Dickenson and deAndrade then team taught the first part of Module 5, *The Space Environment*, covering important information about the outer reaches of the earth's atmosphere, cislunar, interplanetary, and interstellar space.



deAndrade leads and Dickenson checks answers.

Maj Rocketto then delivered a slide lecture introducing the Cadets to different types of observatories: optical, radio, high energy, and orbiting .

Cadet Barberan was awarded his NRA Marksman Medal. A special ribbon was presented to Cadet Dougherty for his feat of "bowling backwards" at the TRCS Cadet vs. Officers tournament.

Cadet Dougherty, the winner of two recent *Coastwatcher* contests, was invited to browse through the fabulous chest of treasures and trash and select four awards. Dougherty picked out an LED flashlight, a waterproof matchbox, an MP3 player, and a light which clips on a ball cap.

Lt Wojtuck emphasized the importance of communications with staff. Planning of events depends upon swift and accurate responses to emails. Cadets are urged to check mail daily.

TRCS OFFICER'S BANQUET

The Groton Motor Inn has been reserved for Friday, February 12, beginning at 6 PM. The final buffet menu is:

Cheese and Crackers, Chips and Dip, 2 Hot Appetizers (Chef's Choice), Top Sirloin, Chicken Picatta, Lasagna, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Seasonal Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Hot Apple Crisp, Coffee, Tea, and Decaf.

The total cost per person with tax and 18% gratuity comes to \$32.18. Feel free to bring guests.

A final count is needed by Tuesday, 02 February. Contact Lt Wojtcuk to make a reservation.

OFFICER TRAINING

Capt Noniewicz briefed the assembled Officers on the plan for the SAREX on Saturday, 23 January. The event will commence at 0800 and six training flights are anticipated.

Noniewicz briefs.



The exercise will involve training for Mission Pilots, Observers, Scanners, Flight Line Marshals, Communicators. Special emphasis will be placed on 15 minute turnarounds of aircrews.



SM Looney checks documents.

Ms. Megan Bard, a reporter for The New London Day will be accompanied by a photographer to observe the exercise both on the ground and in the air.



Journalist Bard records Col Kinch's remarks.

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX

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.

Answers to the Old Quiz

(1) The clues lead one to conclude that it is a Boeing in Seattle. The Museum of Flight is in Seattle and that is where this Boeing 40 is located. A computer search for Boeing tri-motor yields instant results.

(2) Flivver, look it up, generally refers to a Mode T or Model A Ford so this is a Ford Tri-Motor. Note the US Navy on the side so a check of the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola or a web search would tell you that the Navy and Marines called this aircraft an RR-5.

(3) "Junky," "Tante Ju" (German for Aunt Ju), and "Iron Annie" must refer to the Junkers 52 in its common three engined manifestation. A picture of the rare single engined Ju-52/1 appears below.



The New Quiz

- (4) Northrop was obviously not practicing a stealthy flying wing design when they built the C-125 Raider, an assault transport consigned to Alaska for SAR duties.
- (5) If you enlarged the picture you would have noted that the name, Trislander, appears above the windows at the front of the fuselage. It is a Brittain-Norman Trislander and a web search combining Isle of Wight and airplane would also lead you to the information. Its twin engined sister flies out of WST with New England Air Lines.
- (6) The implement which is carried by Poseidon, Neptune, and Shiva is a trident so all you had to do was combine the name of DeHavilland with Trident and an instant answer appears on the computer screen.
- (7) Blow up the picture and you will read the name. It is a Boeing 727.
- (8) The clue is the K. Look up USAF aircraft with the K designation and it is either a KC-10 or a KC-135. The difference is obvious.
- (9) "Tristar" and "aircraft" searched together leads you to the Lockheed 1011 Tristar.
- (10) Gallic means it is French so what French company builds three engine executive transports? You might have to search around a little but if you type in "Loew's Home Improvement" and "aircraft" you will find an advertisement in which Loew's is trying to hire a technician with Falcon 900 experience.
- (1) Last week we featured a aerial picture by SM Dell'Orcco of Liberty Enlightening the World. Our Lady of the Harbor holds aloft a torch in her right hand and a book in her left hand. What does it say on the book?
- (2) What does Emma Lazarus call The Statue of Liberty?
- (2) We used to call Liberty Island, where the statue is located, "Bedbug's Island." What was its original name?
- (3) The designer of the support pylon and skeletal structure of the statue was Gustave Eiffel or the eponymous tower. What was his connection with aviation?
- (4) What is the name of the French built aircraft aboard the Intrepid? It may be the one on the port side, fourth back from the stern.
- (5) Blow up the picture of *The Intrepid?* and note the submarine. What is the name of the submarine?
- (6) What kind of missile does the submarine carry?
- (7) The missile name is related to what you studied in Module Five. Specifically, to what does that name refer?
- (8). What ever happened to the destroyer, *USS Merritt Edson*, which used to be moored aft of the submarine?
- (9) To what branch of the service did Merritt Edson belong?
- (10) Where did Merritt Edson win his Congressional Medal of Honor?

