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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

February

- 12 FEB-TRCS Officer's Banquet
- 16 February/BDUs-Se ES Training
Cadet ES Training/Rocketry/Testing
- 20 February-TRCS SAREX
- 21 FEB-Wing Change of Command-Robertson
- 23 February/Blues-TRCS Change of Command
- 27 FEB-1109th AVCRAD Field Trip
- 27-28 FEB-CLC Course-Middletown

For Future Planning

- 20 MAR-Pilot's Meeting-TBA
- 20-21 MAR-SLS-Danbury Conference Center
- 27-28 MAR-UCC Course-Middletown
- 09 APR-Fisher's Island School Visit
- 07-09 MAY-Great Starts Bivouac-Camp Rell
- Spring-SLS Course-Date TBA-Middletown
- 18-26 June-NESA-Camp Atterbury, Indiana
- 22-24 OCT-2010 CTWG Conference
- 24-25 JUL-NER SAREX Competition-Westover
- 21 JUL-7 AUG-CTWG Summer Encampment

CADET MEETING MINUTES

09 February, 2010

Maj Bourque delivered instructions on using the CAP website to update 101 cards and fill in SQTR forms. He brought in an example of a 24 hour pack and explained the purpose of each necessary item.

A Promotion and Awards Ceremony was held. C/CMSgt Alexis Wojtcuk received a ribbon for meeting the requirements of the Armstrong Achievement. C/MSgt Brendan Flynn was promoted to C/SMSgt. C/Amn Annabelle Orlando and Michael Herzog were promoted to C/AIC.



Cadets Orlando and Herzog receive their promotions to C/AIC.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES ACADEMY

Each year, CTWG sends a contingent of Officers and Cadets to the NESA, Camp Atterbury, Indiana. This year, the week long trip is set for 19-26 June. Transportation will be provided but Academy fees are the attendee's responsibility. Go to the following website for information: <http://nesa.cap.gov/>. Course are offered in both air and ground specialties. Contact Maj Rocketto if you are interested in attending.

WASHINGTON, DC FIELD TRIP

For the last two years, Squadron members have participated in five day field trips to the Washington, DC area. In the past, visits were made to the National Archives and Washington Mall, both sites of the National Air and Space

Museum, the USMC Museum at Quantico, the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, the Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover AFB, the National Security Agency's Vigilance Park, the National Firearms Museum, and other sites of interest.

Billeting has been at Bolling AFB where we prepared our own food. Past cost for the trip has been nominal and we expect a fee of approximately \$125 will cover the week. The most likely week will be during the April school vacation, 12-16 April. Any interested Cadets and Officers should contact Maj Rocketto. Please check your local school calendar for compatibility.

WING GREAT STARTS BIVOUAC AND SUMMER ENCAMPMENT

The Wing will sponsor a "Great Starts Bivouac" on the weekend of 07-09 May at Camp Rell. The bivouac will offer new Cadets a chance to sample the experience of the summer program. Details will be forthcoming

The Wing Summer Encampment will be held 31 July to 07 August at Camp Rell. The cost is \$125 and the TRCS Finance Committee will investigate the possibility of underwriting some of the cost for our Cadets.

Summer encampment is an important CAP experience. Placement in CAP's National Cadet Summer Activities program require a Wing Summer Encampment as a prerequisite as does promotion to Mitchell.

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S CALL

09 February, 2010

Col Kinch brought the following items to the attention of the Squadron:

1. A CAP Senior Member from Northwest Hills has offered to teach an all-day Red Cross First

Aid Course which will include CPR training. Lt Owens will be Project Officer.

2. The GON Airport Security Awareness Notice.

3. A review of critical items from the Wing Commander's call including fund raising regulations, equipment inventory, and the Wing encampment. The Finance Committee will investigate the possibility of offering partial financial support for TRCS attendees.

4. A Squadron Leadership School will be held at the Danbury Conference Center, 20-12 March. A CAPF 31 is required to apply.

5. Lt Manner and Lt Owens will attend the Communications Meeting on 13 February.

6. ECI-013 has been replaced by a new Basic Officers Course. Lt Dickenson, who has enrolled, explained some of the details. Reservtiona must be made in advance.

7. Joint activities with Danielson and New Haven were discussed. The possibility of a joint New Haven-TRCS SAREX was discussed. Maj Rocketto announced that a combined Danielson-TRCS Cadet visit to the US Nautilus Museum, picnic lunch, and an second afternoon activity is being planned for the spring.

8. The new plan to handle aircraft maintenance squawks was explained and an active discussion ensued concerning the ramifications of this new method.

The following Officers briefed the Squadron on the pertinent issues:

1. Lt Dickinson offered a safety briefing on in-flight fires.

2. Lt Dickinson, a State Police Trooper briefed the Squadron on the State Traffic Management Plan for evacuations in case of a nuclear

emergency. LtCol Doucette and Lt Dickenson are Project Officers and will develop a Squadron Ops Plan for a traffic management mission.



Lt Dickinson uses hand motions and a facial expression to indicate the status of the highways during and emergency evacuation of New London County.

2. Lt Farley polled the Officers on the needs for future Emergency Services Training.
3. Capt Noniewicz discussed details of a tentative SAREX in March.
4. SM Looney volunteered to take charge of trailer skirt repairs.
5. Lt Manner will develop and circulate a list of assigned channels on the CAP FM radio.

TRCS AIRCRAFT CREW PROJECT

The Squadron History Section is assembling a document which will include aircraft which have been crewed by Squadron members. Crewing entails an assigned position as pilot, navigator, bombardier, flight engineer, gunner, steward, or any other possible position. If you have not submitted a list, send it by email to srocketto@aquilasys.com.

So far, only one applicant's submission has been denied. Lt Wojtcuk wished to claim credit for flying on an airliner with Mr. Rogers. It was rejected on the basis that although Lt Wojtcuk

wore a Sunday-Go-To-Church frock and sensible shoes and was definitely in Mr. Rogers neighborhood, and Mr. Rogers wore his traditional cardigan, neither wore a crew-necked sweater. If in doubt, send the data in.

SQUADRON CLOTHING FOR SALE

Frocks, cardigans, and sensible shoes reminded the Editor that the Squadron maintains a stock of uniform items for sale. These are the Squadron ball hat with the 6075 logo and black tee shirts with the Squadron insignia. Contact the Commanding Officer in order to purchase one or more of these items. All profits are returned to the Squadron coffers.

CURRENT EVENTS

Maj Rocketto reported on current events to both Seniors and Cadets.

Boeing's 747-8, the largest aircraft ever constructed by the company, made its maiden flight, checking out stability up to 250 kts and 17,000 ft. Two sister ships will join the first for an estimated 1,600 hour test program.

Kaman Aircraft of Bloomfield announced that it has just completed tests with the US Marine Corps. Their K-Max utility helicopter was successfully flown by remote control from the ground and also independently on a pre-programmed flight plan. The plan is to use this new type of UAV for supply flights in "hot" landing zones.



The Kaman K-1200 K-Max displays the traditional Kaman intermeshing rotors.

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EQUIVALENT TRAINING

The Squadron's Professional Development Section wishes to inform all Officers who have completed one of the following to contact Maj Rocketto in order to gain credit for CAP training:

Any US Armed Forces NCO Academy (Pay Grades E-5 - E-6) or equivalent, resident or correspondence.

Any US Armed Forces Senior NCO Academy (Pay Grades E-7 - E-9), resident or correspondence.

USAF Squadron Officer School, USA Basic/Advance Officer Courses or USN, USMC, USCG equivalent, resident or correspondence .

All Service Academies, ROTC, OCS, or OTS.

Any US Armed Forces Command and Staff College, resident, seminar, or correspondence.

Any US Armed Forces War College, resident, seminar, or correspondence.

Any US Armed Forces Senior NCO Academy (Pay Grades E-7 - E-9), resident or correspondence.

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GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX

The last quiz resulted in a two way tie. Cadet Dougherty answered first but identified the A-10/P-47 combination as the "Warthog." He

quickly sent in a correction with the correct Thunderbolt name. Cadet Herzog not only answered all correctly but pointed out that the Quizmaster incorrectly stated that the Huey Cobra paired with the Piper Apache was an "Apache." *Mea Culpa, mea culpa.* Cadet Herzog selected a flashlight and a foam rocket as his prizes. Cadet Dougherty was absent and may select his prize at the next meeting if he reminds the Quizmaster. Cadets Abi Wojtcuk and Flynn picked up their prizes from the contest before last. Cadet Wojtuck picked a chemical footwarmer and something else which cannot be identified from the Quizmaster's cryptically scrawled notes. Cadet Flynn chose an LED flashlight and a emergency survival blanket.

By the way, the answers, in order, are Jayhawk, Electra, Thunderbolt, Phantom, Texan, Lightning, Corsair, and Black Widow.

Which leads us to the next quiz. We have looked at twin-boomed craft and tri-motored planes. What about two wings, biplanes! Since our contestants have gotten so good recently, this will be tougher and a test for Col Kinch and Col Stidsen if they are up to the challenge! We want the manufacturer, designation, and popular name if there is one. Clues are contained in the descriptions of the aircraft. Sometimes, enlarging a picture will give you a lead.

1.



If a Kaydet wanted to learn how to steer this plane, one of his first tasks was to learn how to crank the inertial starter on the port side of the nose.

2.



Often mistaken for the aircraft in the first picture when it its wheeled configuration, this is a product from a government operation in Philadelphia and it is not the mint.

3.



Three tails and its not a "Connie" and three engines but its not a Ford but a distant ancestor of the new 747-8.

4.



Snoopy's favorite with the same name as the Connecticut College Mascot.

5.



There's camouflage and there's camouflage! This is the "dazzle" style. Snoopy's adversary promoted the development of the Dutchman's product but he never flew it since he was killed just before it entered service. Unlike a cat, he did not have seven lives.

6.



Named for the fore-and-aft placement of its wings, this aircraft was flown by CAP in WW II.

7.



Winston Churchill's mother has the same name, and its not Jerome, as this popular trainer.

8.



This is the actual US Navy flying boat which made the first trans-Atlantic crossing one of its pilot's was First Lieutenant Elmer Stone, USCG! The trip took about 12 days and about 27 flying hours.

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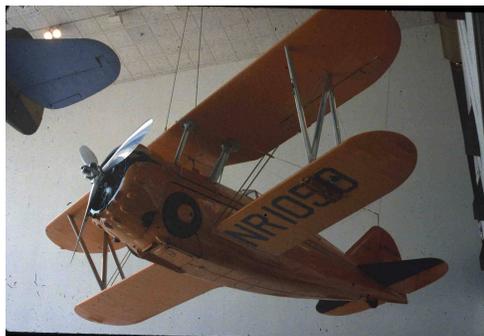


In this mark of aircraft, extraordinary aviator, sailor, and navigator, Francis Chichester, made the first solo crossing of the Tasman Sea. It took around 40 days! The boat in which he set his record setting solo circumnavigation of the earth is now enshrined next to the Cutty Sark in Greenwich, England. It has the same name as the plane.



As a bonus, here is a picture of that ketch.

10.



One of the steeds of the great Al Williams, the Navy's first test pilot, later a USMC major, and advocate for air power lead him to support an independent US Air Force. Once, oil companies involved themselves deeply in promoting aviation. Doolittle worked for Shell, Oilman F.C. Hall was Wiley Post's benefactor. The Winnie Mae was named after Hall's daughter. Phillips Petroleum's Woolaroc, piloted by Art Goebel, won the 1927 Dole Air Race to the Territory of Hawaii. The orange color of the aircraft above is a strong clue to the oil company behind it and its name.

BREAKING NEWS-FIRST AID COURSE

Lt Owens requires a head count of all Cadets and Officers who wish to enroll in a proposed first aid and CPR course. The course will be on a Saturday yet to be determined, in about two months. Cost of books and supplies will be \$25. Participants who successfully complete the course will be issued a card. If you are interested, send an email to Lt Owens at: spatch709@sbcglobal.net.

This email is just a statement of interest and not a commitment. A final commitment and payment of fees will be made about two weeks before the course commences.