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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

July

- 11 JUL-WAA Pancake Breakfast, 0900-1300
- 13 JUL-Cadets-Character Devel./Leadership
Seniors-Commander's Call
- 20 JUL-Cadets-Promotion Bd./AE Mod 1/Rockets
Seniors-ES training
- 24 JUL-Squadron SAREX
- 27 JUL-Cadets-AE Mod 1/Model Rockets
Seniors-Squadron Training
- 31 JUL-Cadet Orientation Flights
- 31 JUL-7 AUG-CTWG Encampment

For Future Planning

- 21 AUG-Commander's Cup Rocketry Contest
- 09 OCT-CTWG Olde Rhinebeck Trip (tentative)
- 22-24 OCT-CTWG Conference
- TBA-1109 AVCRAD Helicopter Flights

CADET MEETING

06 July, 2010

Capt Wojtuck briefed the Cadets on the new "Learning to Lead" program.

Capt Noniewicz briefed Cadets on the Springfield Glider Orientation flights. Cadets who are interested should contact Maj Rocketto with a list of the dates on which they are unavailable in August: These weekends are 13-15 August and 27-29 August.

CADET GLIDER ORIENTATION FLIGHTS AND GLIDER ACADEMY

The Springfield Composite Squadron in Vermont is offering an opportunity for Cadets to participate in glider flight.

Glider orientation flights is a weekend program and is held on every second and fourth Friday to Sunday weekend subject to special events and weather. Cadet Orientation Rides 1-5 are offered. Total cost including room, board, and fees is \$35. Cadets may attend as a Squadron event or individually, space permitting.

Cadets will review the "Wing Walkers" on-line course on Friday night and engage in a full program of flight and social activities on Saturday and Sunday.

The program circular states that

The sailplane has dual flight controls, and your glider pilot will sit behind you. Your pilot has all the directional controls that you have and will show you the control motions or follow along with you as you are learning to guide the sail-plane. You'll learn to fly the sailplane straight and level and to turn it in varying degrees of bank. You will glide down to enter the airport traffic pattern at a

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predetermined altitude and will fly your approach precisely, land your craft with its wings level, and stop where you want to stop.

This would be an excellent weekend activity for our Squadron and would depend upon the availability of a Senior Member as Project Officer and the enthusiasm of our Cadet Corps for this activity.

CURRENT EVENTS

Old Glory Departs Solar System Fourth of July Special

Voyager 1, a planetary probe launched by NASA in 1977, took extraordinary pictures of Jupiter and Saturn in 1979, and gathered important data about planetary atmospheres, the satellite systems of both planets, and Saturn's rings.

The spacecraft carries a small United States flag made out of dacron and sewed into the insulating tiles. This standard is now the United States flag, furthest from earth.

In 1990, Voyager 1 took the famous "family portrait" of the solar system in which six planets and the sun are all visible.

Currently about 10.5 billion miles away and moving around 40,000 mi/hr, its data signals take about a half day to reach the earth.

Voyager 1's next mission will be to explore the heliopause, the region in which the sun's magnetic field meets the stellar winds from other stars, a region regarded as the boundary of our solar system.

In the less than recent past, some of the following "aircraft" were based or observed at GON.



Pilgrim Airlines fleet of DHC-6 Twin Otters and their Piper PA-24 Comanche.



Pennsylvania Air National Guard DHC-2 Beaver near the old Coastal Air Services hangar.



US Coast Guard Grumman VC-4A Gulfstream I taxis out as Allegheny Nord 262 heads for the terminal.



Crowded ramp featuring a Navy Kaman SH-2 Seasprite, Lockheed P-3 Orion, Sikorsky SH-3 Sea King, and an Army Grumman OV-1 Mohawk