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*Semper volans!*



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C/2Lt Flynn, Printer's Devil

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### SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

#### October

12 OCT-Squadron Meeting  
16 OCT-Wing SAREX  
19 OCT-Squadron Meeting  
22 OCT-Cadet Ball  
22-23 OCT-CTWG Conference  
26 OCT-Squadron Meeting

#### For Future Planning

03 NOV-Last Day of Citrus Fruit Fundraiser  
05-07 NOV-Glider Orientation Weekend  
12-14 NOV-NER Conference  
15-20 NOV-USAF Graded Training Exercise  
TBA-1109 AVCRAD Helicopter Flights  
14 FEB, 2011-Juliet Long Aerospace Festival

### CADET MEETING

05 October, 2010

(Reported by C/2Lt Flynn)

Cadets participated in a physical training (PT) exam, consisting of the mile run, sit-and-reach, sit-ups, and push-ups.

Capt. Robin Wojtcuk held a discussion with the cadets on the topics of Color Guard and the new drill tests.



C/2nd Lts. Lexie Wojtcuk and Brendan Flynn interviewed a number of cadets for the position of Squadron First Sergeant. We would like to congratulate C/A1C Kyle Hall on being chosen. This is not a "life-time" position, so if other cadets rise to the challenge, they may be picked to relieve Cadet Hall when his term of approximately four months is up.

### OLDE RHINEBECK AERODROME TRIP

Eight Cadets has signed up for the Olde Rhinebeck field trip. Capt Noniewicz will drive. Details on the muster and trip will be forwarded by separate email.

### FIRST AID COURSE

The course organized by Lt Owens met at the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department quarters last Saturday. Cadets and Seniors earned certificates which will be distributed in approximately two weeks.



*Lt Farley considers his next step in the remediation of Cadet Vandevander's "injuries."*

the Juliet Long Elementary School Family Aerospace Festival scheduled for the 14th of February, 2011.

Thames River Composite Squadron has once again been invited to participate as we have over the past three years. Plans will be forthcoming.

### **SENIOR MEETING**

*05 October September, 2010*

*All they need is a flag, fife, and drum and they can be the iconic trio from the Revolutionary War.*



Capt Noniewicz ran a G1000 training session on the laptop simulators. The session was directed at features of the Multi-Function Display which are available on the five "pages" and accessible via the soft keys. These included traffic alerts, weather, terrain, de-clutter, airport information, airway information and the use of the "clear" key to get back to the main display.

### **GLIDER WEEKEND IN VERMONT**

*05-07 November, 2010*

The following Cadets have committed to the Glider Weekend: VanDevander, Herzog, Daniels, Chartier, Flynn, Schultz Hall, Ray, Cathcart, and Bunevich.

The cost is \$35 but the Squadron will underwrite \$25 so total cost is \$10 per Cadet. This covers room, board, and transportation. **A check for \$10 made out to TRCS-CAP must be tendered to our Finance Officer, Capt Lintelmann by October 1st.**

Plans are to leave on Friday after school lets out and return Sunday afternoon.

### **JULIET LONG AFA GRANT AND AEROSPACE FESTIVAL**

Stuart Sharack, our Aerospace Education Member at the Juliet Long School in Ledyard has just announced that he has received an Air Force Association grant which will be used to support

### **GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX AND CONTEST**

A prize will be awarded to the Cadet who sends the best set of identifications and brief (50 word) statements about the following two aircraft. Entries are due by Sunday, the 11th. Send answers to Maj Rocketto at [srocketto@aquilasys.com](mailto:srocketto@aquilasys.com).



*Mystery Aircraft #1*



*Mystery Aircraft #2*

## CURRENT EVENTS

## ***Search Terminated-54th Gordon Bennett International Gas Balloon Race Tragedy***

The official search for two missing US balloonist who disappeared during foul weather over the Adriatic Sea, Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis, has ended. The balloon last reported on Wednesday evening, the 29th of September and when last seen on radar, was descending at 50 mph and presumed to have crashed.

Rough seas and thunderstorms were reported in the area at the time. No ELT signals or other distress signals have been received. After an exhaustive search by Croatian, Italian, and US surface vessels and aircraft, no signs of wreckage have been discovered.

Abruzzo, and Davis were experienced balloonists and won the 2004 Gordon Bennett race from Thionville, France, to Vannas, Sweden.

Teams try to fly the farthest on a maximum of about 1,000 cubic meters (35,300 cubic feet) of gas.

Abruzzo is the son of famed balloonist Ben Abruzzo, who, in 1981, was part of the first team to cross the Pacific Ocean by balloon.

Twenty balloons launched from Bristol England on Saturday, 25 September. The winner is the crew which travels the furthest. The balloons are inflated with helium and use sand for ballast. By carefully jettisoning ballast to ascend and valving helium to descend, they attempt to cruise at altitudes with favorable winds.

## Soyuz Launch Scheduled for Thursday

The Russian Federal Space Agency's latest trip to the International Space Station will be launched from the same site which saw the departure of Yuri

Gagarin's historic 1961 lift-off. A Soyuz capsule has been mated to its carrier rocket and placed on the pad at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Astronaut Scott Kelly and cosmonauts Alexander Kaleri and Oleg Skripochka will depart on Thursday.

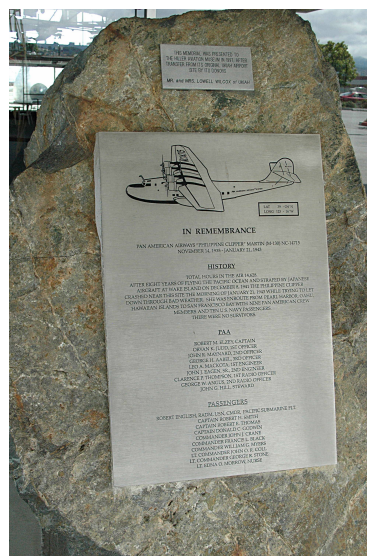
## AVIATION HISTORY

06 OCT, 1938-D.C.T. Bennett and Ian Harvey set a still standing non-stop world record for seaplanes by flying the Short Mercury from Dundee Scotland to Port Nolloth, South Africa, a distance of 5,997.5 miles in 42.5 hours.

07 OCT, 1909-Glenn Curtiss becomes the first American to hold a license issued by the *Federation Aeronautique Internationale*.

08 OCT, 1940-The Royal Air Force forms the first of three Eagle Squadrons, Americans who, before Pearl Harbor, enlisted in the RAF to fight the Nazis.

09 OCT, 1930-Pan American receives its first Martin M130 Flying Boat.

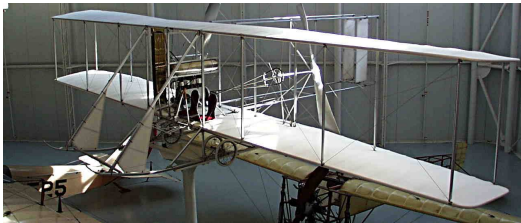


Memorial stone in remembrance of the loss of the Pan American Martin 130 Philippine Clipper. She was flying from Pearl Harbor to San Francisco when she crashed during a bad weather let-down. RADM Robert English, Commander of US submarines in the Pacific was one of nineteen lost.



10 OCT, 1946-After 17 years, Carl Norden is issued a patent for his eponymous bomb sight. Juice oranges and tangelos are not available.

11 OCT, 1910-At St. Louis, Mo., Teddy Roosevelt becomes the first US President to fly.. The aircraft was a Wright Model B piloted by Arch Hoxsey. The selling ends on Tuesday, November 3rd, and anticipated delivery will be around 10 December.



*Wright Model B. Reproduction*

12 OCT, 1954-First Flight of the Cessna T-37 Tweet.



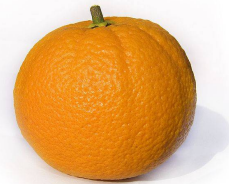
*Tweet on the Ramp*

13 OCT, 1919-The International Convention of Air Navigation establishes rules about the national sovereignty of airspace and the regulation of air commerce.



**CITRUS FRUIT**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
**LIFTS OFF**

Our annual fundraiser has started and those members who attended the last meeting have been briefed and given their materials. We are selling the same products as last year, 20 and 40 lb boxes of Florida navel oranges, pink grapefruit, and mixes. The prices remain the same: 20 lb boxes sell for \$25 and 40 lb boxes sell for \$35.



This has proved to be an extremely profitable fund raiser for the Squadron and we need the money to retire our debt on the new trailers and keep us active with as little out of pocket expenses as possible.

We expect every member to exert a maximum effort during this sales campaign.

Our only other regular source of income is Senior dues and that brings in about \$1,000/year. Cadets pay no Squadron dues. Our Squadron expenses are around \$3,000/year.

If each of our 50 member can sell 10 cases, will be in a good position to proceed with necessary repairs and improvements to our infrastructure and support the Cadet activities.



Squadron members may pick up the necessary paperwork at the next meeting. An email has been sent to all members with instructions on filling out the invoices.