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Semper volans!*



26 JUL-TRCS Family Picnic
30-31 JUL-TRCS LISP missions
07-14 AUG-CTWG Encampment
13-20 AUG-Reg. Cadet Ldrshp School-McGuire
20-21 AUG-TRCS LISP missions
17-20 AUG-CAP National Summer Conference
10 SEP-Multi-Squadron SAREX-Tentative
10 SEP-Wings Over Westerly Airport Event
22-24 SEP-AOPA Summit-Hartford
24 SEP-Cadet Ball-Courtyard Marriott, Cromwell
22-23 OCT-CTWG Convention

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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

For Future Planning

Cadet meetings normally start with drill and end with aerospace history, current events, and Commander's moment. Blues are worn on the second week of the month and BDUs at other times. Main topics may be indicated on the schedule below. See website for updates.

16-17 JUL-TRCS LISP Missions
19 JUL-Meeting
21 JUL-P&W Field Trip-0745-Woj Abode
23 JUL-SAREX
22-23 JUL-Mini-Bivouac
23 JUL-07 AUG-NESA (two sessions)

CADET MEETING NOTES

12 July, 2011

reported by

C/1Lt Brendan Flynn

The meeting opened with drill. A two flight formation, report, and preparation for inspection were practiced.

Capt Wojtcuk held a character development class on integrity in CAP. This class discussed situations in which it might be difficult to preserve ones integrity.

C/MSgt Daniels taught a leadership class on the leader as a visionary. He talked about the leader's role in motivation, communication, and having a vision for his organization.

C/SrAmn Bourque and C/MSgt Daniels planned goals for their flights. A staff meeting also took place, and new/prospective cadets reviewed basic drill movements.

An awards ceremony ended the meeting. Cadet Chartier was promoted to cadet airman and received the Curry achievement. Cadet Daniels received the Rickenbacker and was promoted to Cadet Master Sergeant. Cadet Flynn was unofficially pinned a Captain, since he has completed all of the requirements for the Amelia Earhart Award. The official promotion ceremony will take place at a later date.

TRCS FAMILY PICNIC

The TRCS Family Pot Luck Picnic will be held 26 July from 18-- to 2000 at the squadron. All members and their immediate families are invited.

Coordination of food will be handled by Stephanie Vandevander. Contact Stephanie at stephv11@yahoo.com or 860-599-1689.

SENIOR MEETING NOTES

12 July, 2011

Commander's Call

Capt Wojtcuk reported on the items covered at Wing Squadron Commander's Call.

The Wing Conference is set for 20-22 October and the theme is "Teamwork in Tough Times." Squadron aerospace displays will be presented. MG James Skiff will be the banquet speaker.

Members are cautioned to maintain currency or qualify in safety, equal opportunity, and cadet protection program. Members who do not maintain safety currency will be denied all CAP privileges.

The van problem may be solved by a permanent removal of the rear seat and a new combination license, the cost to be borne by CAP.

The Safety Briefing was in two parts.

S/M Stauffer discussed the use of potassium iodide pills in case of a nuclear accident and explained the theory of how they work and their limitations.

Capt Farley presented a video on emergency descents and a lively discussion ensued among the officers as to possible problems and techniques to overcome them.

Capt Lintelmann reported on Squadron finances. We are solvent but not wealthy. Dues are due and the are \$50 payable to TRCS.

Capt Miller reported that the logistics check by Wing was passed.

Maj Bourque will look into the acquisition of the appropriate transceivers for communications between ground team and aircraft.

Maj Rocketto requested that squadron members pass any information on regarding accomplishments. The data is need for the professional development report and the newsletter.

Col Doucette stated that LISP will be extended into September and that extra hours are available.

Col Wishart reports that five of the required inspection reports have been submitted by departments and that department heads should forward outstanding reports to him in electronic form.

WING AIR CREWMEETING AND SCANNER TRAINING

The Wing held an aircrew meeting and scanner training session on Saturday, 9 September. The event was planned by Maj deAndrade. Majs Noniewicz, Neilson, and Rocketto, Capt Petry, and SM Stauffer attended. This accounted for approximately 25% of the total.

SM Stauffer completed a number of scanner SQTRs and Maj Rocketto taught part of the scanner course.

AEROSPACE CURRENT EVENTS

Last Shuttle Mission in Orbit

Atlantis lifted off on 08 July on the last shuttle mission. STS-135 is scheduled for a thirteen day

voyage and will deliver the Raffaello multipurpose logistics module which is filled with supplies and spare parts.

Last Spacewalk of the Shuttle Era

Two astronauts performed the 160th spacewalk at the International Space Station, replacing a broken ammonia pump. The pump will be returned to earth and examined in order to determine the cause of the failure.

AEROSPACE HISTORY

14 July, 1938-Howard Hughes and his crew of four, flying a modified Lockheed 14 Super Electra, break Wiley Post's round the world record.



Lockheed Model 14 which was militarized into the trusty Hudson bomber.

15 July, 1933-Gen. Italo Balbo leads 24 Savoia-Marchetti S-55 flying boats in a mass flight from Rome to Chicago.

16 July, 1969-Apollo 11 lifts off for the first manned lunar landing.

17 July, 1938-After being denied permission for a trans-Atlantic flight, Douglas Corrigan leaves Floyd Bennett Field, NY, in his Curtiss Robin for a return flight to California. Climbing through the evening overcast, he has difficulty reading his compass. Some 26 hours later, he descends and

lands at Baldonnel Airport, Dublin. Interrogation by humorless government officials fail to extract an admission of guilty conduct as Corrigan states, "That's my story."



Curtiss J-1D Robin at the Virginia Aviation Museum. In 1935, the Key brothers of Meridian, Mississippi uses an aircraft of this type to set a world record of 27 continuous days aloft!. Three years later, Corrigan made his Atlantic flight.

18 July, 1943-The K-74 becomes the only USN blimp to be downed by gunfire in World War II when it engages in a duel with U-134 in the Florida Straits.

19 July, 1954-First Flight of the DeHavilland Comet III.



Comet frontal view reveals its beautifully clean lines.

20 July, 1969-The Lunar Module Eagle lands on the surface of the Moon.

21 July, 1946-*Cmdr. James Davidson* piloting a *McDonnell XFD-1 Phantom* makes the first landing of a turbojet aircraft on a United States aircraft carrier, the *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt*.



The XFD-1 was redesignated as the FH-1 and an example is on display in USMC markings at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, Florida.



The Navy's Douglas AD Skyraider is arguably the best piston engine close air support aircraft ever built. The is a USAF version, the AD-4, later known as the A-1D but more familiarly called the Spad. They served in Korea and Vietnam, where the rescue escort Skyraiders using the call sign "Sandy" earned the respect and even love of downed US aviators.

A CONTINUING SALUTE TO NAVAL AVIATION ON ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Now and then, the US Navy comes up with an aircraft so good that the USAF adopts it as one of their own! Here are a few examples.



The Navy's Vought A-7 Corsair II was chosen by the USAF to replace the Skyraider and acquired a reputation and a extremely accurate bombing aircraft in the close air support mission.



The McDonnell F-4E was used by the Thunderbirds. The Blue Angels used the F-4J. This is the Phantom II, the Phantom was is seen above. The original US Air Force designation was F-110A Spectre.



The Navy's highly successful Douglas SBD Dauntless dive bomber was adopted by the USAAF as the A-24 Banshee. However the parent soon rejected the child and the Banshee was relegated to target towing and gunnery training.