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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

JUNE

27-29 JUN-Quonset Air Show

Long Term Planning

4-13 JUL-Wing Encampment
11-13 JUL-Squadron Campout/ES Training
12 JUL-Bradley ANG Space and Aviation Day
21-23 JUL-AIAA AE Conference-Hartford
21-30 JUL-NER Encampment-Otis ANGB
19 JUL-Wing SAREX
20-24 JUL-AIAA A/S Education Conference
10-17 AUG-MAWG Encampment-Ft. Devens
06 SEP-CT National Guard Family Day
07 SEP-Westover ARB Great NE Air Show
27-28 SEP-Squadron Leadership School
16-18 OCT-Nat'l Conference on A/S Education
18-19 OCT-Corporate Learning Course
25 OCT-Cadet Ball
22-23 NOV-Unit Commanders Course
06-07 DEC-Training Leaders of Cadets Course

CADET MEETING MINUTES

24 June, 2008

C/CMSgt Scannell mustered the Cadet Squadron and led the formation in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cadet Oath.

The Squadron was subdivided into training flights. C/CMSgt Molinari organized two half sessions during which all members present practiced using the L-PER radio direction finder in conjunction with our new Pointer 6000 practice beacon. When the L-PER failed to perform adequately, Chief Molinari jury rigged another RDF using the two dipole antennas from our van. Later, a bad BNC connector was discovered and the L-PER was repaired by Capt Rocketto

Two 1.5 hours courses were taught based upon material in the *Dimensions in Aerospace* pamphlets. Capt Allison led one session on "Module One" covering basic aerodynamics. Cadets participating were Holt, Johnson, S. Molinari, A. Wojtcuk, and L. Wojtcuk.

Capt Rocketto led a second group and studied "Module Six, Spacecraft." Cadets participating were Barberan, Biekert, Brohinsky, Dougherty, and Plourde.

Cadets are instructed to study the pamphlet and take the multiple choice practice tests which are located at the following website:

<http://mdlh.hws.edu/cap/modules/index.asp>.

Testing will be held on July 8th.

Chief Molinari demonstrated how one can enter the Squadron website and take the ES 116 test. The website address is:

<http://cap-ct075.com/default.aspx>

Major John Lesick, CTWG Director of Cadet Programs joined the Cadets for a discussion of future planned and proposed activities.

QUONSET AIR SHOW

Squadron members who plan to attend the Quonset Air Show on 27-29 June should contact Capt Rocketto. The overnight contingent will leave on Friday afternoon at 1700 from our trailers. Billeting and food will be provided by the RIWG for a \$15 charge. Cadets will man the flightline.

WAA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Westerly Airport Association will hold a pancake breakfast on July 13th from 0700 to noon as a benefit for their scholarship fund. The cost is moderate, the food is good, and the cause is excellent.

SQUADRON CAMPOUT/ES TRAINING

The Squadron is planning a weekend bivouac and emergency services training session for 11-13 July. Cadets who wish to participate must have successfully passed the ES 116 test.

SQUADRON WORK PARTY

A Squadron work party assembled on Saturday to complete projects both cosmetic and critical. Col Kinch led the painting and mowing crew of Rich Doucette, Scott Farley, and Dave Eberhardt. Chris Manning worked on the radio antennas and Steve Rocketto worked on indoors cleanup.

WING LEADERSHIP VISIT

The Squadron meeting was attended by Wing Commander Col Peter Jensen, Vice Commander LtCol Andrew Marteka, and Director of Cadet Programs Major John Lesick.

The visiting officers conferred with Squadron Commander LtCol Lawrence Kinch and inspected our facilities.

SCANNER TRAINING

Capt Noniewicz continued the Scanner Training Program and discussed "How Atmospheric and Lighting Conditions Effect Scanning Effectiveness (P2021)," "Strategies to Combat High Altitude Effects (P2024)," "Common Search Terms (P2025," and "What to Look For and Record during Damage Assessment Missions (P2026)."

Attending Officers were Matt Madrore, Tom McAvoy, Dave Eberhardt, Bill Bridgewater, and Scott Farley.

SUBORDINATE UNIT INSPECTION

LtCol Thomas Wisheart, Squadron Inspector General, met with Squadron Officers who hold key positions in order to discuss details of the CAP Subordinate Unit Inspection Guides which were previously distributed. The Officers were counseled on the steps needed to fulfill the requirements of the SUI program,

BRADLEY/ANG SPACE AND AVIATION DAY

The annual Space and Aviation Day for the benefit of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang will be held at various venues at Bradley Airport and the CT ANG Base on 12 July.

Report time is 0830. The scheduled events run until about 1600, but we will release everyone around 1400 so that all can enjoy the activities.

Encourage your families to come to this FREE event.)

Lunch will be provided. Uniform is BDUs and you should bring water.

Capt John Kinsky of the 103rd Composite Squadron is soliciting assistance from other CTWG units . If you are interested, contact Capt Kinsky at commander@103rdcomposite.net