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# The Coastwatcher

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## SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

### JULY

11-13 JUL-Squadron Bivouac/ES Training  
12 JUL-Bradley ANG Space and Aviation Day  
13 JUL-WAA Pancake Breakfast  
15 JUL-Blues/Moral Leadership/Aerospace Ed  
19 JUL-Wing SAREX  
21-23 JUL-AIAA AE Conference-Hartford  
22 JUL-BDU/Emergency Services  
21-30 JUL-NER Encampment-Otis ANGB  
29 JUL-BDU/Program to be Announced  
20-24 JUL-AIAA A/S Education Conference

### Long Term Planning

10-17 AUG-MAWG Encampment-Ft. Devens  
06 SEP-CT National Guard Family Day  
07 SEP-Westover ARB Great NE Air Show  
21 SEP-Simsbury Fly-In  
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

## ERRATUM

In the last issue of this journal, the first flight date of the Fouga Magister was given as 1932. The aircraft first flew in 1952.

## CADET MEETING MINUTES 08 July, 2008

C/CMSgt Molinari led the Cadets in a practice session using the L-PER and our new Pointer 6000 training beacon.

Lt Wojtcuk conducted testing.

Capt Rocketto examined the chemistry of the sparkler using simple observation, a magnet, a piece of white paper, and a hand lenses.

The Cadets were instructed on the establishment of time zones and the calculation of Zulu time.

Maj Bourque requested that any Cadets who wish to participate on a ground team in the SAREX on 19 July contact him. The assembly point will be our trailers at 0800.

Current events discussed the Mars Phoenix Lander and the chemistry experiments currently underway. Special attention was paid to the wet chemistry discovery about the basic nature of Martian soil and the high temperature baking experiments which seeks to analyze the chemical constituents of the soil.

Lexie Wojtcuk was promoted to C/SSgt and is the first of our current Cadets to receive the Rocketry Badge. Cadets Molinari and Abi Wojtcuk received certificates for their completion of various stages in the rocketry program.

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**COMMANDER'S CALL**  
**08 JULY, 2008**

Col Kinch made the following announcements:

1. A Wing SAREX will be held on 19 July. Officers who wish to participate should plan on being at Brainard by 0800.
2. Officers responsible for reports under the Subordinate Unit Inspection Program should submit them to Col Wisehart.
3. A Squadron SAREX will be held in September.
4. Any Officers who will be unavailable for search and rescue assignments because they will be out of time for extended periods are asked to notify Col Kinch.

Maj deAndrade and Col Dolan are updating the Pilot Information Folders. Pilots are warned that if these files are not updated, they will be removed from flying status.

Capt Noniewicz discusses the CAPF26 used to report safety hazards. Capt Noniewicz also reviewed sections of CAPR 60-1 concerning precautions to take during ground operations. He also encouraged pilots to participate in the FAA on-line Wings Program.

Capt Rocketto wishes to hold study sessions for those interested in earning the Yeager Award and taking the ECI-013 test. The next sessions will be held in September.

**CADET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Capt Rocketto is searching for Cadet volunteers to assist at the "Passport to the Future" Educational Conference which will be held in Hartford from Sunday, 20 July to Tuesday, 22 July. The Conference will be held in conjunction with the 44th Annual Joint Propulsion Conference

sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American

Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Volunteers will assist with the setup on Sunday and work on registration and logistics on Monday and Tuesday.

If you are interested, contact Capt Rocketto at [srocketto@aquilasys.com](mailto:srocketto@aquilasys.com).

**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 T-SHIRTS**

The Squadron is anticipating a Squadron themed T-Shirt. The shirt will be black with the Squadron emblem, in full color, placed on the left breast. The shirts are compatible with the BDU uniform. Hopefully, they will be used with as part of our PT uniform.

The shirts will cost \$10 each and come in sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. The small profit from the sale will accrue to the Squadron account. If you wish to order one or more T-shirts, you should contact Capt Rocketto at [srocketto@aquilasys.com](mailto:srocketto@aquilasys.com) and state how many you want of each size you wish to order. Then submit a check made out the TRCS-CAP to Lt Lintelmann.

We anticipate ordering these shirts by the end of the month so get your orders in as soon as possible.

## YEAGER AWARD



Cols Richard Doucette and Thomas McAvoy and Lt Christopher Manner have successfully completed the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members. The achievement requires completion of a test of 100 questions on aerospace history, aerodynamics, meteorology, astronomy, aviation organizations, spacecraft, and the air traffic system. Col Doucette scored 99!

According to our records, 18 out of 29 Senior Members have now earned the Yeager and we are more than halfway to our Squadron goal of 100%

## 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](mailto:commander@103rdcomposite.net)

## SUMMER ENCAMPMENT

The Squadron Cadet Leadership believes that every Cadet should attend a summer encampment. This is a requirement if you wish to

participate in the extraordinary National Summer Camp Activity Program which includes flight school, Ranger training, and the opportunity to enroll in USAF and civilian sponsored schools ranging from mechanics to meteorology to computer technology.

The Massachusetts Wing encampment is set for 10-17 August at Fort Devens, Mass and will cost \$125. The final day for applications is 30 July. Information and forms may be found going to <http://www.190cts.org>

## GRANTS RECEIVED

Col Kinch is pleased to announce that The Squadron has received three grants. Walmart Stores contributed \$1000 and Pfizer, Inc has given us two checks totaling \$1,250.

## BIVOUAC/AIRCREW TRAINING

Cadets Jonathan Scannell and Michael Molinari and Maj Bourque and Capt Rocketto will attend the Danielson bivouac and participate in emergency services training.

At the same time, Capt Noniewicz will lead a two sortie training session for Scanners and Observers. Scott Farley, Tom McAvoy, Chris Manner, and Bill Bridgewater are scheduled to fly with him.

## ADVICE TO THE UNWARY



*Check Your Six! Something might be gaining.*