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The Coastwatcher

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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

13 AUG-AEO Meeting-Middletown
19 AUG-TRCS Meeting-AE/ES-Blues
16 AUG-TRCS Orientation flights-GON
23 AUG-Rifle Safety and Marksmanship Day-QH
26 AUG--TRCS Meeting-ES-BDU

Long Term Planning

06 SEP-CT National Guard Family Day
07 SEP-Westover ARB Great NE Air Show
13 SEP-Wings Over Westerly
19-21 SEP-Westfield CAP Rocket Contest
27-28 SEP-Squadron Leadership School
04 OCT-Squadron SAREX
16-18 OCT-Nat'l Conference on A/S Education
18-19 OCT-Corporate Learning Course
25 OCT-Cadet Ball
25 OCT-ACUT-Middletown
15 NOV-BCUT-Middletown
22-23 NOV-Unit Commanders Course
06-07 DEC-Training Leaders of Cadets Course

CADET MEETING MINUTES

05 August, 2008

C/CMSgt Molinari conducted the opening formation.

Maj Bourque conducted PT testing and emergency service training.

Lt Wojtcuk conducted testing.

Cadet Plourde was promoted to C/A1C. Cadet Abby Wojtcuk was promoted to C/TSgt.

CADET MEETING MINUTES

12 August, 2008

C/CMSgt conducted an opening formation.

Capt Rocketto presented a short briefing on recent discoveries of water on Mars, the NASA announcement about the delay in completion of the Orion vehicle, and the on-going problems which the USAF faces in contracting for a new air refueler.

It was also noted that today was the 51st anniversary of the first automated aircraft carrier landing system. Tomorrow, the 14th is the 68th anniversary of *Adler Tag*, the German air assault on the British Isles.

Capt Rocketto covered specific decisions relating to Cadets which have been promulgated by National Headquarters.

Lt Wojtcuk conducted a training session with the Cadets using the *Operational Risk Management Guide*.

Testing was conducted.

SQUADRON TEE-SHIRTS

The Squadron Tee Shirts have been ordered. They are black, suitable for wear with your BDUs and for PT with the Squadron Patch in full color on the left breast. Price is \$10.

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S CALL
12 AUGUST, 2008

Col Kinch briefed the assembled Officers on the following topics:

1. The 2009 Wing Encampment will be held at Camp Rell. The tentative date will be the first week of July. A Leadership Academy will be offered. *Staff applications are due at Wing Commander's Call, October 1, 2008.*

3. Mission numbers must be retrieved from WMIRS. They are required for SAR and Form 5/91 flights.

4. A Squadron SAREX will be held on Saturday, October 4th.

5. Officers should send their completed Squadron SUI responses to Col Wisheart at wisheart@adp.uchc.edu.

6. The Squadron will participate in the Wings Over Westerly Air show on September 13th.

7. A new 10X30 trailer, for storage, has been donated by Dominion.

8. A number of maintenance projects must be completed before the onset of cold weather. A date will be set. These projects include the following:

- a. periodic mowing of grass in the near vicinity of the trailers
- b. painting of trailers
- c. repair of leaks in trailers
- d. installation of draft strips on doors
- e. replacement of tiles in Cadet Room
- f. construct walkways from road to trailer steps
- g. replace compressor in HVAC
- h. permanently install new trailer-blocks, leveling, hurricane straps, battery powered interior lights, install steps, block AC vents
- i. install HF antenna
- j. install weather satellite antennas
- k. install meteorology instrumentation mast

WINGS OVER WESTERLY

The Wings Over Westerly Airport Exhibition will be held on 13 September from 1000 to 1500. The Squadron will man an exhibit and recruiting booth, display our aircraft and van, and assist with logistics and housekeeping. Volunteers should mark their calendars and contact Capt Rocketto.

WESTFIELD COMPOSITE SQUADRON
ROCKETRY CLASSES AND ROCKET
CONTEST

The Westfield (MA) Composite Squadron will hold a weekend bivouac on 19-21 September. Classes will be conducted for all stages of the Rocketry Program and contests will be held for spot landings, maximum altitude, maximum time of flight, best scratch built rocket, and best historic rocket. Five meals will be provided. Cost is \$25 to cover food, t-shirts, and trophies. The Squadron may subsidize serious Cadets who wish to participate.

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX

We are renewing our periodic aircraft identification contest. Capt Rocketto will provide a prize to the winner who submits the best answers. Cadets who participate will receive points in the Cadet-of-the-Cycle competition. The aircraft was a pioneer turboprop airliner produced by a British company. Look closely at the details. The aircraft is in the livery of TACA. What is the aircraft, what does TACA stand for, and who was Lowell Yerex?

Mystery Aircraft of the Week

