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# The Coastwatcher

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## SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

13 SEP-Wings Over Westerly  
11 SEP-CPTV Documentary on ES  
16 SEP-TRCS Meeting-Blues  
19-21 SEP-Westfield CAP Rocket Contest  
23 SEP=TRCS Meeting-BDUs  
27-28 SEP-Squadron Leadership School  
29 SEP-TRCS Squadron-Blues-Special Activity

### Long Term Planning

### HARWINTON FAIR

03-05 OCT-Harwinton Fair  
12 OCT-Wing Old Rhinebeck Trip  
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

09 September, 2008

1. The Cadet cadre led the Squadron in a formation and opening ceremonies.
2. Capt Bourque led drill practice.
3. Capt Rocketto introduced a new activity to the Squadron as part of the Aerospace/AEX experience. The program was developed by the Society of Automotive Engineers and introduces participants to the engineering design process. Cadets have been assigned to one of three design teams. Their assignment is to respond to a request for the design of a toy glider which will be issued with a book about the history and technical aspects of flight.

The teams are:

*The Green Machine:* Cadets Johnson, Orlando, Schlauder, and M. Molinari

*Batteries Not Included:* Cadets Scannell, L. Wojtcuk, Wallance, and A. Molinari

*Some Assembly Required:* Cadets Abbiati, A. Wojtcuk, Plourde, and Herzog

Absent Cadets will be assigned to teams as necessary.

The teams were presented a letter from Martin Prince, Senior Editor of Mobility Toys, Inc., requesting the submission of interesting new designs that will capture the interest of children between the ages of 8 and 12.

The gliding toys will be designed to be built using polystyrene foam sheets and balsa sticks. The gliding toys which you design for the book should include a variety of interesting shapes as well as types of flight performance ranging from long straight glides to aerobatics. It will be important to support the design decisions with data on consumer preferences.

The submission will include scale drawings of the model gliders with diagrams of how the reader can build them. The description of each model should include some explanations of what kind of flight the toy is designed to have, how to adjust it to make it fly best, and what makes it fly the way it does.

The teams have studied the RFP and initiated analysis of the project requirements including the specific requests of Mobility toys, available resources, needed resources, and evaluation of the final results.

Each team is maintaining a journal of their planning sessions and experiments.

The following scheduling information was announced:

4. The Wing Encampment will begin on 04 July, 2008 at Camp Rell. Squadron members interested in positions on the camp cadre must submit their applications to the Wing by 01 October, 2008.

5. The Squadron SAREX for 04 October has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

6. Danielson will host bivouacs in November and December. The dates will be announced. These will be cold weather events and Cadets are reminded to start assembling the necessary gear. Cadet advisers will assist with the issuance of Squadron equipment over the next month.

7. Wings Over Westerly plans were finalized and are discussed in an accompanying article.

8. Cadet L, Wojtcuk explained the procedure for the Cadet Ball which will be held on 25 Oct at the Marriott in Cromwell. Tickets are \$40 per person. Partners do not have to be CAP members and uniforms are optional.

## **SQUADRON COMMANDER'S CALL** **09 September, 2008**

Squadron Officers holding Airport Security Cards attended a one hour briefing on regulations regarding vehicular traffic on the AOA. The briefing was conducted by the GON Airport Manager.

The following items were announced by Col Kinch.

1. The 2009 Wing Conference, generally held in April, will be held in October at UConn.

2. The Wing will hold a Form 5/91 qualification day at OXC on 4 October. As a result, our Squadron SAREX planned for that day is canceled and will be rescheduled.

3. Connecticut Public TV will present a documentary on emergency services on 11 September. CAP is featured as part of this program.

4. LISP has been extended for the entire year with some possible changes in the Op Plan. Col Kinch is looking for qualified volunteers to fly during the 23 September-06 October period.

5. Col Wisehart conducted a safety briefing. He announced that a Safety Down Day will be held in October. He also reminded us that schools are now open and the be vigilant in the vicinity of school zones, school bus operations and during the earlier periods of darkness. Moreover, flight safety needs regarding the seasonal changes in weather, bird migrations, and TFRs were also addressed.

6. An order from Col Jensen prohibits CTCAP aircraft from flying in IMC conditions, entering or overflying Class C airspace, or entering the Mode C veil around Class B airspace until transponder, pitot system, and altimeter checks are performed and logged in the aircraft.

## 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 demonstrate the L-Per, and assist with logistics and housekeeping.

The following are scheduled to participate: Col Kinch, Maj Bouque, Capt Rocketto, and Cadets M. Molinari, A. Molinari, L. Wojtcuk, A. Wojtcuk, Herzog, Abbiati, Scannell, Johnson, Orlando, and Barberan,. The Sisters Wojtcuk will wear Class B uniforms, one with slacks and one with a skirt. Cadets Abbiati and Scannell will wear Class B blues. All others will wear BDUs.

## OLD RHINEBECK AERODROME TRIP

Capt Arthur Dammers of the 103rd Composite Squadron, BDL, will lead a Wing trip to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome on Saturday, 12 October.

Old Rhinebeck is a small strip on the Hudson River, typical of airports in the days before radios, and regulations. They have a notable collection of original and replica aircraft from the first third

of the 20th century as well as corresponding motor vehicles and aircraft engines.

The highlight of the day is the air show. Saturday's air show features aircraft of the pioneer days of aviation, World War I, and the barnstorming and golden eras of the '20s and '30s.

Thames River Cadets and Officers who wish to participate should plan on mustering at 0900. A 1900 return is anticipated. Further details will be forthcoming in a subsequent edition of *The Coastwatcher*.

## GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX

Last week's mystery aircraft was a DeHavilland of Canada DHC-2 Beaver and the insignia on the side indicate that it was operated by the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service.

John Connolly, the AEO of the Stratford Eagles was the first to answer the questions.

The Beaver is the classic bush plane. First produced over six decades ago, the Beaver is commonly powered by the classic 450 HP P&W Wasp Jr radial engine. Known for its remarkable performance on wheels, floats, or skis, Beavers have served all over the world.

Known to the U.S. military as the L-20 and later, the U-6, the Beaver still soldiers on with CAP. Seven of these sturdy birds are assigned to the Alaska Wing.

Inflation and market demand for them has driven the price up so that one might pay 10 times the original cost to purchase one. Viking Air of British Columbia has purchased all rights to the DHC line of aircraft and there is some talk of establishing production once again.

Speaking of bush planes, here is a classic design which has an historical association with an famous Army Air Force Major who has a cenotaph in the Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven. So, if you are "In the Mood," try to figure out what this is all about.

### *Mystery Aircraft of the Week*

