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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

October

12 OCT-Wing Old Rhinebeck Trip
14 OCT-TRCS-PT/Testing-Comm. Call
16-18 OCT-Nat'l Conference on A/S Education
18-19 OCT-Corporate Learning Course
21 OCT-ML/AE-Blues
25 OCT-Cadet Ball
25 OCT-ACUT-Middletown
28 OCT-ES-BDUs

Long Term Planning

15 NOV-BCUT-Middletown
22-23 NOV-Unit Commanders Course
06-07 DEC-Training Leaders of Cadets Course

QUAKER HILL RIFLE CLUB

The opening of the 2008-2009 season for the QHJRC has been delayed until the range renovations are completed. Interested Cadets who wish to work on qualification medals in rifle marksmanship are urged to contact Coach Jennifer Sloan at jennslo@msn.com.

DEADLINES DEADLINES DEADLINES

The following events require advance planning. If you wish to attend, you must meet the deadline dates.

1.

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Trip

Deadline: Friday, 10 October, 1800

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome is a static and flying display of WWI and barnstorming era aircraft and vehicles. The date is Sunday 12 October. We depart from the trailer at 0830 and return around 1900. Cost is \$2/cadet, \$10/Officer if 65 or older, \$15/Officer. Uniform is BDUs.

2.

Veteran's Day Weekend Trip to DC

Deadline: Friday, 17 October, midnight.

The trip will depart the trailer on Saturday, November 8 at 0700 and we plan to return on the evening of Tuesday, November 11th. We will be lodged at Bolling AFB and spend a full day at the USMC Museum, Quantico, VA and the NASM Annex-Dulles. If also plan to visit the NSA Museum, and either the Ordnance Museum, Aberdeen, MD or the Air Mobility Museum at Dover AFB, time permitting.

An Air Force Association Grant covers transportation. Lodging will be \$20/night for three nights. Estimated cost is \$100-\$125.

Numbers are limited to the carrying capacity of the vehicle. Participation may be limited. We regret that no female Cadets can participate since we will not have a female Officer on this trip.

If you wish to go, send me your full name, address, CAP ID number, and social security number. We must secure lodging at Bolling and get or AF Liaison Officer to cut orders so we will require all of that information.

CADET MEETING MINUTES
07 OCT, 2008

Lt Scannell called the Squadron to attention and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cadet Oath. A practice drill followed.

Capt Rocketto explained the procedures which must be followed to attend the upcoming USCGA lecture, the Old Rhinebeck trip, and the overnigher to Washington.

The Citrus Fruit Fund Raising material was distributed and the procedures explained.

Capt Rocketto discussed the recent Chinese orbital mission and EVA, the find of the wreckage of Steve Fossett's Citabria, and the reintroduction into production of the DHC-6 Twin Otter by Viking Air of Canada.

Today marked the 105th anniversary of the failure to launch of the Langley Aerodrome and the 99th anniversary of the granting of an FAI license to Glenn Curtiss, the first US citizen to acquire one.

The curious relationship between Glenn Curtiss and Samuel Langley via Alexander Graham Bell's Aerial Experiment Association was explained and its ramifications as part of the Wright-Curtiss-Smithsonian feud.

Lt Scannell led a seminar on leadership.

Col Kinch discussed the Drug Demand Reduction Program.

Capt Rocketto set up a telescope and the Cadets and Seniors observed the waning moon and Jupiter and three of its satellites.

Lt Scannell, CT cup stacking champion, gave a demonstration of the sport.

MISSION PILOT TRAINING

The Wing sponsored at Mission Pilot Training Event at Danbury Airport last Saturday. LtCol Wisheart and Majors Neilson and deAndrade served as instructors.

The morning session consisted of classroom lectures and exercises. Flight training was carried out in the afternoon.

COMMANDER'S CALL
07 OCT, 2008

Col Kinch reported on the information presented at the last Squadron Commander's Call at Wing.

1. Aircraft crews: Cargo nets should be used. Logs must be filled out legibly, completely, and in ink. The "iron maiden" must be installed. It was suggested stow it so that it is partially under the rear seat and locked in place by the oil box and the cargo net. Be alert for NOTAMS closing sections of GON for threshold light installations and taxiway improvements over the next few months. Aircraft oil will be Exxon Elite 15W-50.
2. October 14 will be a Safety Down Day. All Squadron members should attend the meeting next week.
3. The 2009 Cadet Encampment will be at Camp Rell starting of the Fourth of July. The fee will be \$120.
4. A Wing O Flight will be held at Robertson Airport on 1 November. The rain date is 8 November.
5. The Great Starts and Mentor Program for new members needs to be followed. Mentors are urged to contact the new member to whom they have been assigned and work with them.
6. The USAF Compliance Inspection has been completed and the Wing received 25 commendations and 25 findings. Findings require correction and/or response. The results are an improvement over our last CI.
7. Capt Rocketto distributed Citrus Fruit Fund Raising material to the Squadron and explained the procedures.
8. Capt Rocketto presented a short aviation current events and history lesson.