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## SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

### JULY

14 JUL-BLUES  
21 JUL-BDUS  
28 JUL-BDUS  
19-30 JUL-NER Cadet Academy

### FOR FUTURE PLANNING

05-08 AUG-AEO Academy-Wright-Patterson  
14-22 AUG-CTWG Cadet Encampment  
12 SEP-Wings Over Westerly  
23-25 OCT-CTWG Conference and Cadet Ball

## CADET MEETING MINUTES

**7 July, 2009**

Rain prevented PT testing.

Maj Bourque led an aerospace education discussion on light, auroras, and the underlying physical explanation for light emissions.

Aircraft systems and airport facilities were reviewed as was basic ground team equipment.

Testing was conducted.

Cadets who work on ground teams need to pass the FEMA IS-700a course, *An Introduction to the National Incident Management System*. The information, course, and open book test may be found at:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp>

Maj Rocketto reminded the Cadets that today is the 18th anniversary of the first flight over the English Channel by a solar powered aircraft, the MacCready *Solar Challenger*. This flight was compared and contrasted with Bleriot's first airplane flight over "The Channel" in 1909 and the 1973 crossing by the man-powered *Gossamer Albatross*, another MacCready design.

## COMMANDER'S CALL

07 JULY, 2009

Col Kinch reviewed the new Cadet safety procedures issued by National Headquarters.

The Squadron will run four SAREX sorties on 18 July for both aircrews and ground teams. An operations team was appointed to plan the details.

Squadron maintenance issues were discussed. Lt. Lintelmann was commended for acquisition of a replacement for the unserviceable heating and air-conditioning unit.

Air crews who need GON gate passes should contact Col Kinch.

The Long Island Patrol communications protocol with Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound was reviewed and an instructional sheet was distributed.

Capt Noniewicz reviewed safety involving lightning, fireworks, dehydration, and ditching.