



Pilgrim Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol

United States Air Force Auxiliary

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Work party and fly day Saturday

Report on Tuesday training, 1/24

28 attended: 21 cadets and 7 seniors. A multi-tasking night. Some cadets went outside to drill. Other stayed inside for mentoring. Some of the cadet staff planned next week's meeting, a "Night of Traditional Fun." Cadet and senior staff conducted promotion boards. We interviewed a potential new member. Part of the annual equipment inventory was accomplished. Maj. Yaeger mentioned the reduced opportunities for cadets for ELT searches and cadet flying (See Wednesday meetings, below). At closing we promoted Zach Manni to cadet senior airman and Jake DiMartinis to cadet technical sergeant.

***Next training, 1/31:** BDUs. "A Night of Traditional Fun." Be sure to attend.

2/7: Running gear. CPFT & written testing. AE update.

***2/14:** BDUs. Aerospace – Guest instructor: Mr. Lee Woodworth. Basics training.

2/21: Blues. AE update. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring. Awards & promotions.

2/28: BDUs. Safety. Moral Leadership. AE update. Aerospace class.

3/6: Running gear. CPFT & written testing. AE update.

***3/13:** BDUs. Emergency Services. Basics training.

***3/20:** Blues. AE update. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring. Awards & promotions.

Asterisked (*) items have changed or were added since the previous newsletter.

***Supporting our troops:** About four boxes filled – nice work. The troops like hot chocolate, games, puzzles, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste and travel-size toiletries. They enjoy books and use lots of alcohol-based hand sanitizers. It's best not to send liquids. Travel-size, but no glass containers or foods needing preparation. Our web site has a list of things. We have many letters of thanks and pictures of troops to whom we've sent boxes. Mutual Bank, 2 Pilgrim Rd. Plymouth, is paying the shipping charges.

***CAP building improvements:** Sat., Jan. 28, 9 a.m. We plan to deck over the two offices, install a railing and stairs. On subsequent weekends we will extend the ventilation and lighting into the offices. We still need to install cabinets, a door, some trim around the window and a better electrical circuit in the Comm. Room.

***Fly day:** Sat., Jan. 28, beginning around 9. Once at a safe altitude and under the supervision of a qualified CAP pilot, cadets "take the stick" and fly the plane for about an hour. We have room for one more – first to respond gets it.

***Wednesday meetings:** Maj. Yaeger attended a Plymouth Air Show meeting in the morning. We need good cadet and senior participation. Other squadrons will be invited to help. The committee is trying to keep CAP from doing any parking. More on that later. A number of subjects were discussed at the staff meeting in

the evening. In the next few weeks we will be announcing plans for some interesting activities and meeting changes. After the meeting, Lt. Balboni and Maj. Yaeger discussed a series of cadet projects, to be discussed at next week's meeting.

NESA (National Emergency Services Academy): Courses run from July 21st through Aug. 4 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Applicants before Jan. 29 get discounts. For more information, refer to the link on our web page under "Activities" or at www.nesa.cap.gov. Ground Team training is available to cadets and seniors; Incident Command, and Mission Aircrew to seniors. It's a great way to spend a vacation. You learn a lot, meet great people and many who attend go back year after year. Ask cadet Goodall about her experiences.

Scholarships: The Plymouth Aero Club is accepting applications for the 2012 Aviation Scholarships to be used towards post secondary education or training in the pursuit of a career in aviation. Applicants must reside, work or attend school within Plymouth County. Recipients will be selected based upon academic standing, personal & professional recommendation and financial need. Deadline for applications is April 30. Two, \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in June. Contact Maj. Yaeger for details if interested.

2012 MAWG Conference: Fri., 3/30, through Sun., 4/1. Sheraton Monarch Place Hotel, Springfield. Conferences are a great way to meet members from other squadrons, get ideas, learn techniques and find out what's going on in CAP nationally. AE display theme: "Aerospace Defends the Home(land)." Other display competitions on Safety and "70 years of service," referring to the 70 year anniversary of CAP. Also a Public Speaking competition. Interested in being a cadet aide? Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NFQ86KR> and answer the questions. Registration information, prices and schedules TBA, so stay tuned.

Other upcoming events (See Maj. Yaeger for more information):

Sergeant training – Sat. and Sun., April 14-15. Date could change. Details TBA.

Possible trip to Washington, D.C. – April school vacation week.

International Astronomy Day -- Sat. April 28th.

Pilot, Observer, Scanner training – Pilgrim. Probably early May. Details TBA.

New Bedford Airshow – Probably Sat., May 21. Details TBA.

Mini-Encampment – Memorial Day weekend. Date may change – Stay tuned.

Venus Transit – Venus moves in front of the sun. Tues. June 5th, 6:03 to 6:21.

Last visible transit for 100 years. MUST use proper equipment to view safely.

MAWG encampment – Probably Otis, late July or early August. Details TBA.

Plymouth Air Show – Sun., Sept. 2. Plymouth Airport. Details to come.

SLS (Squadron Leadership School) – Pilgrim. Postponed until fall. New date TBD.

***Tax preparer needed:** Our "booster" organization, the Friends of Pilgrim Squadron, needs someone who is familiar with non-profit tax preparation. Ideally a local person who will do the taxes for free or reduced cost. Please contact Lt. Balboni if you know of anyone: PSBalboni@aol.com.

***Space Station, Russian supply ship:** Clouds permitting, will be visible a couple mornings this week. Watch with plain eyes or binoculars. Times are local.

Day & time	Object	Duration	Max. elev.	Approach	Departure
Friday, Jan 27 5:48	ISS	4 min.	17 degrees	13 above NNW	11 above NE
Friday, Jan 27 6:10	Progress	2 min.	13 degrees	10 above NNW	10 above NE
Saturday, Jan 28 6:27	ISS	4	33	10 above NW	23 above ENE
Sunday, Jan 29 5:32	ISS	3	22	19 above N	14 above ENE