



Pilgrim Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol

United States Air Force Auxiliary

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Training: Tuesday, 6:30-9 p.m. (1830-2100) www.PlymouthCAP.org

MA/RI joint SAREX on Saturday*; Cranland Sunday

Report on Tuesday, 7/11

00 attended: 15 cadets, including one prospect, two seniors and one visitor. Major Robert Yaeger began the meeting with a short message about drug abuse and cautioned cadets about experimenting that Narcan does not cure anything and leads users to think everything will be OK if the OD. Cadet Technical Sergeant ShaNNON Daly gave an Aerospace update on the recent news that the mystery of the disappearance of Amelia Earhart has been solved. Major Yaeger added his skepticism that some things didn't seem right. (Note: Other have expressed doubts, claiming the picture evidence was older than claimed.) Major Yaeger then led the cadets building rockets made of soda straws and soda bottles. The latter were launched outside and the former launched as an accuracy contest.



***Next meeting, 7/18:** Athletic gear. Safety. CPFT. Flight time. Written tests.

7/25: BDUs. Flight time. Emergency Serv. – Green Book tasks. Promotion boards.

8/1: Blues. Flight time. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring/Planning. Moral Leadership. Awards & promotions.

8/8: Athletic gear. Safety. CPFT. Flight time. Written tests. DDR.

8/15: BDUs. Flight time. Emergency Serv. – Green Book tasks. Promotion boards.

8/22: Blues. Flight time. Drill/Color Guard. Mentoring/Planning. Moral Leadership. Awards & Promotions.

8/29: BDUs. Flight time. Aerospace class and activity.

9/5: Athletic gear. Safety. CPFT. Flight time. Written tests. DDR.

***9/12:** BDUs. Flight time. Emergency Serv. – Green Book tasks. Promotion boards.

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

Supporting our troops: Currently we are sending snacks, toiletries, games and other diversions to only former Pilgrim cadet Tom Lentini in Okinawa. We mailed another box to him on Monday. So for now we don't need any donations. We are awaiting word of another group of soldiers to support so if you hear of anyone overseas, please get their address and let us know.. Those still overseas need healthy snacks and other food items such as beef jerky, drink mix singles or

anything to flavor water, protein or granola bars. These boxes really boost morale. Mutual Bank, 2 Pilgrim Rd. Plymouth, pays shipping charges.

***Radio-control aircraft flying:** Wednesday two cadets went over to Wingbusters for R/C instruction and flying. The Club members are a friendly group and good teachers. After only his second instruction James was doing loops and rolls. Shannon was making very pretty landings. We are planning to go over again very soon. Wingbusters will supply instructors and planes. Contact Maj. Yaeger if interested.



James flies as Shannon readies her plane

***Joint MA/RI SAREX:** Sat., July 15. *Rain date, Sun. Briefing at 9; expected to end by about 3. Mass. mission base will be at Bridgewater State U. Aviation Training Center, New Bedford Airport, 1852 Shawmut Ave., North Dartmouth. Training, proficiency and evaluation opportunities for Mission Base, Comm., CISM, Aircrews including Airborne Photographer, UDF, Ground teams. Sign up at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo1osE0jXDjwaX2S2BeNQq816GHjS46gOzTAG8lxuZgVs4aQ/viewform?usp=sf_link. Communicators state if you want to participate at Mission Base or remotely by typing your preferred location into "Other info" block. Drivers and MROs can join UDF and ground teams if they stay with the vehicle. Sorties will be planned in advance and participants will be informed of the time and location to report. All members with GES rating may participate. (Only those with Trainee status can train outside mission base.) SAREXs prepare us in case we are needed in a real situation. They are a way to get task signoffs. Participants need: Safety currency, CAP ID, 101 card, SQTR and Authorization for Consent (cadets) and CAPF160.

***Cranland Pancake Breakfast fly-In:** Sunday, July 16. Van will leave promptly at 7:15. Usually arrive back by about 1. We help the EAA with safety while planes were arriving and departing. Cadets usually get plane rides. Lots of interesting pilots to talk with and planes to see. Contact Maj. Yaeger if interested.

***Color Guard:** Watch your emails for next practice schedule.

***Rocketry Academy:** Saturday, July 22, 9-5ish. A program encompassing class time, building and launching rockets. There are three goals for this program: Completion of the course will earn cadets the rocketry badge; train to run a rocketry program at the Boys & Girls Club; and have fun. No cost. Pizza at noon(ish). Sign up on Tuesday evenings.

***Rocketry at Boys & Girls Club:** New date: Thursday, July 27. We teach summer campers a little about rocketry physics then help them build and launch various kinds of rockets. Not a recruiting event but part of our effort to spread the word about drug avoidance and get kids interested in aerospace and science. Van will leave Pilgrim at 9:45, returning probably around 3. Bring a box lunch or money for Wendys. Sun up at Tuesday meetings.

***2017 MAWG Encampment:** August 12-19, Otis ANG Base. CAP's answer to basic training. Prerequisite for Mitchell and NCSAs. Applications at: https://fs18.formsite.com/MAWG/Encampment2017/form_login.html. Mail payment & forms to: MAWG CAP Encampment, P.O. Box 656, Bedford, MA 01730. If you prefer to mail, make your check payable to MAWG Encampment and mail to: MAWG/HQ-WA, P.O. Box 656, Bedford, MA 01730-0656.