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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENT

08-10 SEP-Collings Foundation Warbirds at GON
09 SEP-TRCS Picnic
13 SEP-CAP Rifle Safety and Marksmanship
20 SEP-Cadet Ball-USCGA
01 OCT-CTWG Commander's Call and CAC
17-19 OCT-CTWG/NER Conference
16-18 OCT-NER AEO Course at Conference
18-25 OCT-NER Staff College-New Jersey

CADET MEETING

02 September, 2014

submitted by

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Cadets participated in PT at Poquonnock Plains. They ran the mile, performed push ups and sit ups, and did the sit and reach upon returning to the squadron.

A team building exercise followed.

Lt Col Deandre reminded the cadets about the upcoming flight and ground school.

SENIOR MEETING

02 September, 2014

No formal training was planned. Officers worked on individual projects.

AEROSPACE CURRENT EVENTS

Multinational Air Patrols in the Baltic

The aggressive posture displayed by Russian President Vladimir Putin has created anxiety among the former Soviet client states of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. Each of these states were once part of the Warsaw Pact but now belong to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and have called upon NATO for signs of military support.



A Canadian CF-18 Hornet departs from Šiauliai Air Base, Lithuania. (Credit: Cpl Kenneth Galbraith)

Consequently, at least nine NATO member nations are lending support to the three Baltic States by stationing aircraft there and flying patrols. The various nations involved rotate duties and, from time to time, relieve each other.



Danish F-16 on patrol.



*A pair of SAAB
JAS-39
Gripens
supplied by the
Czechs. (Czech
Ministry of Defense
photo)*

06 SEP, 1948-A DeHavilland DH.108 Swallow becomes the first British aircraft to exceed the speed of sound and the first aspirated aircraft to do so. All previous verified supersonic flights were accomplished in the rocket powered Bell X-1.



*VW120 piloted by John Derry became the first
British built aircraft to exceed the speed of sound.*

*RAF
Eurofighter
Typhoon
displays its
canards.*



07 SEP 1909-United States Army establishes its first aerodrome at College Park, MD.

08 SEP, 1944-The first combat launch of a V-2, target Paris, is made.

09 SEP, 1978-NASA launches Viking 2 to Mars.



*Polish MiG-29
Fulcrum is
residue from its
membership in
the Warsaw
Pact.
(Credit: Paul Johnson-
Flightline)*

COLLINGS FOUNDATION WARBIRDS COMING TO GON

AEROSPACE HISTORY

05 SEP, 1934-Wiley Post, wearing a Goodrich pressure suit and flying the Lockheed Vega, *Winnie Mae*, makes his first flight into the stratosphere.

The Collings Foundation Boeing B-17G, Consolidated B-24J, and North American P-51C will visit Groton from 08-10 September.



Post's Winnie Mae at NASM-UH

