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SERVING ROCKLAND, ORANGE, ULSTER, SULLIVAN and DELAWARE COUNTIES

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March 26

New York Wing
Conference & Cadet
Fest at
Lake George- April 30
to May 2

NYW SARCOMP
at Schenectady County
Airport- June 4

NER SARCOMP
at Westover ARB, MA-
July 31 to August 1

2010 Goals for CMG

At January Group meeting the goals for the new year were announced.

To Increase membership across the Group by 10%.

For each unit to develop TWO new ES qualified people (beyond GES level).

Increase the number of "O" flights as measured by front seat rides.

To achieve a minimum of 250 hours on the plane.

Maintain ZERO safety issues.

Field a team for the NYW Cadet Drill, and/or Color Guard competition.

Produce and distribute a quarterly Group Newsletter.

Update and improve management of the Group's Web site.

For each unit to develop a minimum of one officer who reaches a new professional development level.

It is up to all of us to help CAP grow. We need to gain new members but equally important all current members must find satisfaction in being a part of CAP. Each unit should emphasize Professional Development. We need more ES qualified personnel. Ground team, air crew as well as mission support staff positions.

The Group PAO Major Kevin Barry will be producing a Quarterly newsletter, he has in the past asked for stories and articles so any news from your squadron can and should be submitted for publication.

We have already worked on increasing the Cadet "O" Flights. We have pilots willing to fly the "O" flights, the Wing has money to support the flights. ***So let get the cadets in the air!***

We can only succeed as a team working together. As always be safe.

Major John Crosie

Group Commander
Catskill Mountain Group

CATSKILL MOUNTAIN SQUADRONS

Orange County Cadet
Squadron NY-030
www.cap-ny030.org

Rockland Cadet Squadron
NY-072
[www.rocklandcadet
squadron.blogspot.com](http://www.rocklandcadet
squadron.blogspot.com)

Sullivan County Cadet
Squadron NY-387
www.sccscap.com

Ulster County Composite
Squadron NY-395

Orange County Senior
Squadron NY-413
www.cap-ny-413.org

GROUP MEETING 7:30

Second Thursday at
Orange County Airport
www.cap-ny035.org

Orange County Cadets Take to the Skies

On Sunday, January 31, 2010, three Cadets from the Orange County Cadet Squadron, based in Newburgh, New York, experienced their first flight at the controls of a CAP Cessna 172 Aircraft. Their approximately three hour flight originated from the Orange County Airport in Montgomery, New York, flew to Sullivan County Airport in Monticello, New York and then returned to fly over various parts of Orange County. The aircraft was piloted by CPT Lawrence Wenz, of the Catskill Mountain Group, New York Wing, Civil Air Patrol. The Cadets who participated in the flight were C/A1C Brendan Smith (Cornwall-on-Hudson), C/A1C Timothy McBride (Maybrook), and Cadet Paul Renart (Warwick).

C/A1C Tim McBride described the experience as "awesome." C/A1C Brendan Smith said that the opportunity to fly was "really fun" and that he learned a great deal about the Cessna 172 aircraft from CPT Wenz. Cadet Paul Renart thought the day was "definitely an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life."

All three Cadets were able to sit behind the controls in the co-pilot's seat, and operate the airplane for approximately 45 minutes each under CPT Wenz expert instruction. This was the first of many more "O-Flights" planned for the Orange County Cadet Squadron Cadets during 2010. Other training and events for the Orange County Cadet Squadron include: training in emergency services, rocketry and search and rescue; participation in local parades, and memorial events, and Color Guard Drill Competition; and a possible trip to the Smithsonian Institution Air/Space Museum later this summer.

WEBSITES

New York Wing
www.nywg.gov

Northeast Region
www.nercap.gov

**National
Headquarters**
www.cap.gov
www.gocivilairpatrol.com

PAO WORKSHOP

The New York City Group will be hosting a one day Public Affairs Workshop in Flushing, NY on Saturday, 27 March 2010, beginning at 10am. This workshop is a must for every PAO beginner to advanced and every squadron and group commander. Any CAP member is invited to attend and learn about public affairs and how it helps CAP, and unit recruitment. Group & Squadron Commanders and Cadets are encouraged to attend. The CAP National Commander has placed a great deal of emphasis on public affairs and recent events such as the search for famed aviator Steve Fossett has increased public awareness of the Civil Air Patrol. Don't miss out on this event! Learn from experience PAOs, outside media professionals and network with others!

Learn How To:

Create Unit Newsletters and Websites

The basics of photography

Successfully pass Public Affairs Compliance Inspections

Create unit Crisis Communications and PA Plans as required by 190-1

Become a Mission Information Officer

Learn the basics of being a unit PAO

Leverage PA to your unit's advantage

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HUMANS in SPACE

2010 AEROSPACE EDUCATION DISPLAY CONTEST

Once again, we expect to have an Aerospace Education Display Contest at the Wing Conference in 2010. The theme will be "HUMANS IN SPACE." This could include spacecraft, astronauts, engineers and their accomplishments and even science fiction that inspired people to take an interest in space. The display should fit on a standard table, which is usually 8 feet long. Nothing should be taped or pinned to the wall. The background for the display can be on science fair-type display boards or on easels.

Each Group is entitled to submit one display. It can be designed by a committee of Cadets and Seniors from several units within the Group or by Cadets and Seniors from one of the Squadrons to represent the Group. If two Squadrons want to get together and build a display and another Squadron wants to build a different display, it will be up to the Group to decide which display will represent the Group at the conference.

Please keep in mind that a good display serves other purposes besides showing off the skills and talent of Group members at the conference. Many times the opportunity arises for CAP to participate in airshows, county fairs, or other events. The display can be used to attract people to the CAP booth or recruiting table.

The 2010 Wing Conference is scheduled to be 30 April to 2 May 2010 at Fort William Henry in Lake George, NY. This time, we have decided to have a deadline to receive the Group's commitment to participate in the contest. If we don't hear from you by 16 April (the day after Income Tax is due!), you will have to bring your own table.

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Conference Schedule

Friday 30 April

Registration	1600 - 2200	Hotel Lobby
No-host social	2000-2230	Hotel Bar

Saturday 1 May

Registration	0800 - 1000	Conference Center
General Assembly	0900 - 1200	Lake George Ballroom
Lunch	1200 - 1315	Hotel Dining Room
Educational Seminars	1330 - 1700	various rooms in the Conference Center
Cadet Fest	1330 - 1700	Lake George Room South
Dinner Cruise and Banquet	1730-2200	Lac De Sacrement Cruise Ship
Commander's Social Veranda	2200-2359	Hotel Lobby and
Cadet Fest Pool Party	2200 - 0100	Hotel Pool
