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## *Operations Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Activities**

#### **Mission Pilot Flight Clinic**

The Mission Pilot Flight Clinic is well underway. 6 potential new Mission Pilots met at Wing HQ on 14 May to conduct fam prep activities. There are additional 3 pilots who are already prepping for flight activities. We hope to add these additional Mission Pilots to the Wing Rolls in our efforts to build the Mission Pilot Ranks. The ultimate goal is to have 5 Mission Pilots per Aircraft.

#### **DR Bivouac**

The annual DR Bivouac will be held this year at the Dacy Airport in Harvard, IL from 10-12 June. Setup will begin Friday Afternoon. Incoming Sorties should contact DACY Mission Base on CC1.

#### **Flight Academies**

Johnson Flight Academy begins 10 June at the Coles County Airport. Aircraft will be moved on this day in preparation for the 2-week event. The 3<sup>rd</sup> week will consist of the Glider flight academy.

#### **Cavalcade of Planes**

The annual Cavalcade of Planes is on again this year at the Clow International airport in Bolingbrook, IL. With the new runway operational this will be an exciting event for pilots and aviation enthusiasts. This year the event will take place 4-5 June. We have a non-funded mission number to support the event. This gives our members coverage and also the opportunity to train in ES tasks as applicable. Additional volunteers are still needed to work the event.

#### **ICS Training Opportunity**

##### **Illinois Fire Service Institute jointly sponsored course between Rock Island County, IL and Scott County, IA**

Scott County, IA along with Rock Island County, IL are hosting a 5 day Command and General Staff training to be held at Scott County EMA in Davenport, IA on June 27-July 1. The course is taught by the Illinois Fire Service Institute. This class is designed to meet the requirements of BOTH ICS 300 and ICS 400.

Sign-up for this FREE training opportunity can be found at:

Click on Milan as the location (the location of Rock Island County EMA) and then click "online" where it says enrollment. For the primary department select "ics" and for the chief's pin use "apdvk79y".

Questions? Contact Dave Donovan Scott County, IA EMA at [david.donovan@scottcountyiowa.com](mailto:david.donovan@scottcountyiowa.com) or Jerry Shirk, Rock Island County, IL EMA at [jshirk@co.rock-island.il.us](mailto:jshirk@co.rock-island.il.us).

## Operations News

### Groups to Participate in Wing Operations Meeting

Group Commanders, their ESO and Ops Officers will be participating in a monthly meeting, either in person or by teleconference. Our goal is to get subordinate units synchronized in the planning and execution of the Wing Training Plan. Needs of the Units will be better served by increasing our communication in a group setting. Groups have been doing a great job and this will also be an opportunity to share some best practices throughout the Wing.

### NESA Scholarships Available

National Emergency Services Academy (NESA) will take place this year at Camp Atterbury, Indiana from 10 July 2016 to 23 July 2016 - two one-week sessions.

I've spoken with the deputy director and there are still quite a few kitchen scholarships available. This program allows students (cadet or senior) to earn a free one-week course, in exchange for working one week in the kitchen.

This is an outstanding opportunity to receive excellent emergency services training for **FREE**, *in exchange* for your help feeding our hundreds of participants. Personnel applying soon have a very high likelihood of approval due to the number of unfilled slots so please apply soon if you want to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please go to the NESA website: <http://nesa.cap.gov> for more information on NESA and how to apply for the activity and scholarship.

### Pre-flight Reminder

Please ensure a thorough pre-flight is done. Note any damage. If you fly and have a hard landing or tail low, please report this. It is better to report than be discovered by the next pilot. We've had a couple of tail strikes go unreported. POCs please check the aircraft at least weekly for any damage. Thank you all and fly safe.

### Tail Strikes

In the past year and a half Illinois Wing has had 3 tail strikes. While it may not seem like much we want to stop this from being a trend. Another Wing in Great Lakes Region has also had a similar trend developing. Pilots and instructors are reminded to be aware of over rotation during soft field takeoffs and over flaring during landing. Instructors please be ready to assist and reduce the attitude as necessary or just go around.

Even the slightest of contact with the tail surface needs to be reported. Often times we are seeing the damage during the 100 hour. This is not the time to discover this. This is why a proper pre flight and post flight are important. As well as wiping down the leading edges, please check the tail tie down or tow hook. Pilots should be aware of the current state of these areas on our fleet. Review the WMIRS aircraft discrepancies as these should be noted there. If not make your FRO, POC and Maintenance Officers aware of any new damage you find.

## AFROTC O Flights

CAP NHQ has informed Wings there is money for to fly AFROTC Cadets on O Flights this year. The AFROTC Detachments were made aware and will contact the Wing for information. We've flown these at Marion and on 28 May we flew a second round for the Detachment at IIT. The cadets had a great time and it is certainly one of the memorable events in their new Air Force careers.

