

THE NORTHEASTER

THE NORTHEAST REGION MISSION:

“To serve our nine state region and our nation by developing the potential of our youth; accomplishing local, state and national missions, and educating our citizens on the value of aerospace power.”

Col. Richard Greenhut, NER/CC

Lt. Col. Constance O’Grady, NER/PAO

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SAFETY PLEDGE: “I pledge to do my part to foster a safe environment during all CAP activities, to be a responsible steward of CAP resources and to fully prepare myself for the challenging missions that serve America.”

COMING EVENTS:

2005

8	JAN	NER Staff – Teleconference 0900-1200 hours, local Access # 877-227-9142 Access Code 632
31	JAN	Wing PAO 4 th Quarter Report due to National/Region CAPR 190-1
12	FEB	NER Staff – Teleconference Access # 877-227-9142, Access Code 632
18-20	MAR	MA Wing Conference, Sovereign Hotel, West Springfield, MA, contact Harry Mottley, MAWgXP@aol.com or 413-442-4232 NER Staff Meeting at MA Wing Conference
8-10	APR	New Jersey Wing Conference, Bridgewater Marriott, Bridgewater, NJ NER Staff Meeting, at NJ Wing Conference
15-17	APR	New York Wing Conference
29-30	APR	Connecticut Wing Conference
13-15	MAY	NER Cadet Competition, Newport, RI (Tentative)
16-19	MAY	NER Chaplain Staff Collage, Naval Chaplain School, Newport, RI
11	JUN	NER Staff Meeting, Westover
9	JUL	NER Staff Meeting, Westover
9– 17	JUL	Hawk Mt. SAR School, Hamburg, PA
10-16	JUL	NER Staff College, McGuire AFB, NJ bcooper@ner.gov
17-20	AUG	National Board Meeting & Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, MO
9-11	SEP	New Hampshire Wing Conference, Holiday Inn, Concord, NH
8	OCT	NER Staff Meeting, Westover
11	NOV	SAR Competition and STRATOPS
11-13	NOV	NER Region Conference, Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA
10	DEC	NER Staff Meeting and Holiday Party, Westover

DIDUCH TAKES COMMAND IN NEW JERSEY

Col Robert Diduch, has accepted the command of the New Jersey Wing of Civil Air Patrol at a Change of Command held at the NCO Academy at McGuire AFB on 9 November 2004. He had been serving the Northeast Region as an Assistant to the Director of Operations and also served New Jersey as the New Jersey Wing Counterdrug Officer. He had held New Jersey positions of Chief Check Pilot, Standard Evaluations Officer and Director of Operations. During the last 11 years, CAP has provided him with an opportunity to work with the military to train and instruct in areas such as the cadet program, aerospace education and emergency services.



Col Greenhut, assisted by Kathleen Diduch, wife of the new Commander, applies a set of Eagles to Diduch's Epaulets.

With twenty eight years of experience in aviation, Diduch has the following aviation ratings, Air Transport Pilot, Multi-Engine Instructor and Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument. In the last few years, he has worked as a Charter Pilot and as a CFI. He is looking forward to this challenge and believes his background in aviation, business management and entrepreneur experience will help to the continued success of the New Jersey Wing.

Strat-ops, Northeast Region Conference, 2005 in Boxborough, Massachusetts

The 2005 Northeast Region will host a Strat-ops competition on Friday, 11 November at Boxborough, Massachusetts. The Northeast Region Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, the 12th and 13th. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, location I-495, exit 34B, just east on SR111, 242 Adams Place, 01719. Make plans to come to this outstanding event in Civil Air Patrol.

HOW TO GO ON ICE AND SNOW,

Courtesy of AAA of Central Jersey

Braking on Ice and Snow: The most efficient technique for braking under these conditions is to use threshold or squeeze braking together with de-clutching (manual shift) or shifting to neutral (automatic transmission).

Braking if you don't have antilock brakes: The best way to threshold or squeeze brake (to make a controlled stop) is to heel-and-tow method. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use your toes to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal just short of lockup, the point at which the wheels stop turning. But remember, you must keep your heel on the floor. The instant you

lift your foot from the floor and place the ball of the foot on the brake pedal, the wheels will lock because you will be controlling the brake with your large thigh muscles, which are incapable of finer control.

With Antilock Brakes: Use the heel-and-toe method, but do not remove your foot from the brake. When you put on the brakes hard enough to make the wheels lock momentarily, you will typically feel the brake pedal pulse back against your foot. **DO NOT PUMP THE PEDAL OR REMOVE YOUR FOOT FROM THE BRAKE.**

This system is working as it was designed to work.

SAFETY TIPS FOR WINTER DRIVING:

Have your vehicle thoroughly inspected by a Certified Technician. The engine oil, radiator, tires, battery, and ignition system must be in top condition to perform properly in cold weather. Windshield wipers, tires and external lights **CHECKED.**

PREPARE YOURSELF! If you think intersections are hazardous now, wait until they are slick with rain, snow and ice. Operating the car at slower speeds is advisable. Even if your brakes are in excellent condition, they won't be able to stop if you haven't allowed adequate following distance. Driving on rain, ice or snow severely limits your ability to **STOP**. While driving, the posted speed limit isn't the smartest thing to do in inclement weather. If roads aren't in perfect shape, **SLOW DOWN!** Sometime drive ahead, it's extremely important to have an idea of how you plan through and stop at intersections, exits, etc. Hazardous roadways can make this very difficult. You should plan on leaving earlier in the winter than you do in the summer because of increased hours of darkness and reduced driving speeds. **REMEMBER,** you can do plenty to reduce vehicle mishaps if you watch out for yourself and the other drivers.