

# SPIRIT OF TULSA SQUADRON, CAF

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**NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>  
TULSA TECH. RIVERSIDE  
Flag Pole Entrance  
6:30 PM SOCIAL PERIOD  
7:00 PM MEETING**

## **Squadron 'PT-19' Update**

By Col. Jim Gentry

### **PT-19 Report**

As of this writing, all of the fuselage plumbing is complete. Among some of the last items to be completed on the fuselage are: the installation of new elevator trim tab control cables, and the fabrication of cloth boots to enclose all openings to the lower fuselage sections. The elevators only await a trip to the sodium blaster to remove a few traces of corrosion after which they will be etched, treated, and primed.

In a couple of weeks or so, we will install the new engine to facilitate all of the connections for fuel, electrical and oil lines along with all ducting and airflow systems.

Once all of the engine connections have been made we will then be able to remove the engine, and then separate the fuselage from the center wing section. When separated from the center wing the electrical connections on the fuselage can be completed. Basically, at this time the fuselage will be ready for covering. The center wing section can then be completed with the construction of the leading edge ribs and skin followed by the installation of the fuel tanks. Next the center wing will be ready for fabric covering and painting as well. When these last items are completed it will then be time to re-mate the two sections for the last time awaiting only the completion of the outer wing panels before flight.

Work continues on the restoration and repair of the outer wing panel as well. We have one good wing which will only need repair, while the other one will

require extensive work and time to bring it back to an airworthy condition.

### **LIL Update**

The first meeting of the year for the 2004/5 B-24 maintenance season will be held Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in Dennis Sprague's room at Tulsa Tech.. If you are interested in helping out on Lil's winter maintenance please contact Col. Jim Gentry.

### **PX REPORT**

By Col. Bill Kennedy, PX officer

The next PX activity will be on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the airport. We have been invited to participate in the Grand Opening being held by Roadhouse Aviation. We will have a workers sign-up sheet at the September meeting!

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **PT-26 VISITS TULSA**

Cliff McCluney and Dave Carter, Corsicana, TX stopped in on their way back from Oshkosh. And on the morning of Sunday, August 1st they let a few people fly in Cliff's PT-26. The PT-26 is basically a PT-19 with a canopy. The lucky fliers were Cols. Carl McGuire, Mickey Snelson, Jerry Edwards, Fred Kumpf, and Jack Hitt. The lucky Cadets were Mike Snelson, and Jeff Swanson, Col. Jim Gentry got to fly Dave Carters' homebuilt experimental aircraft. And when it looked as if technical difficulties would keep the PT-26 from flying, Col. Jim

Dagg got his Cessna 172 and took Cadets Alan Herron, Jeff Swanson, Michael Diley, Mike Snelson, Kim Demarest, and Blake Fisher for rides. Even with the heat everyone had a great time. Cliff and Dave made it safely back home to Texas by that evening. Thanks guys for a great time!



Cliff McCluney & Jack Hitt,  
“HOWDY!”



Jerry Edwards, “YEEEEEEHAW!!!”



Jim Gentry & Dave Carter,  
“DID YOU SEE THAT CLIMB?!”

## REFRESHMENTS

A special thank you goes out to Dollie Morris, Col. Katherine Hansen, and Col. Linda Herron for providing refreshments for the July meeting. August refreshments will be provided by Juli Gentry and through a donation by Col. Jack Wells. Please sign up to bring refreshments to a meeting. If you are unable to bring the refreshments, but you are willing to pay for them, please let Karen Dagg know so that arrangements can be made.

## MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

If you need fundraising materials for CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004, please let Karen Dagg know immediately. We need every one working on this now!

## SQUADRON LEADERS NOTES

By Col. James Dagg

Bring a friend to our next squadron meeting or to one of our work sessions. Our organization can grow only if we sell ourselves and our mission. In an

effort to make ourselves more visible to the public, the new squadron web site will soon be up and running. Thanks to Steve Flora, we will have a web site second to none. Several of us have already previewed it and have been very impressed. It is only a matter of days now until the site is launched. We will try to let everyone know the address as soon as possible.

## Benefit Bike Ride

A Benefit Bike ride conducted by the Tulsa Bicycle Club will be held for the Spirit of Tulsa Squadron on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at Tulsa Tech, 8 AM. We will need volunteers to 'Meet & Greet' the riders and to possibly man a water stop for the riders. Specific information will be given at the Squadron meeting. And volunteers will be needed that morning. Special thanks go to Col. Carl Halfpap for helping to arrange this event!



Squadron patches are available from Col Bill Kennedy for \$2.00 each. Be sure to get several.

## SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is a **big** money maker for **CELEBRATE FREEDOM**. It is also a draw for more ladies to attend the Hangar Dance. A successful auction depends on having a variety of items to sell. The Committee will be contacting merchants who donated items to us last year. But we also need every member to be responsible for acquiring at least 2 items. You could do this by getting a merchant to donate an item or by donating items yourself. If you obtain donations please stress that their donations are tax free. We will also need the following information when the item is turned in to Linda Herron: What the donation is. Who donated the item. And what is its retail value. (Please make a special notation if the item is an antique.)

We have noted that in previous years baskets seem to sell very well. The Hangar Dance is close enough to Christmas that the baskets make excellent gifts. Baskets usually contain 5 or more items which are centered on a theme.

### Possible basket themes include:

Teddy Bears, Bath, Mexican, Angels, Christmas, Santa, Snowmen, Nutcrackers, Movie Lovers, OU, OSU, TU, Football, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Baseball, WWII, Italian, Cookies, Baking, Coffee, Tea, Ballet, Photography, Crafts, Quilters, Chili, Barbeque, Romance, Harley-Davidson, Scrap Booking, Cat Lovers, Dog Lovers, Chocolate Lovers. Baby Girl, Baby Boy, Baby's First Christmas, Strawberry Shortcake, Bob the Builder, Winnie the Pooh, Cherished Teddy, Precious Moments, Handy Man.

The possible themes are as endless as the variety of things which interest people. A Handy Man basket might be a bucket, covered with a tool pouch, the pouch might be filled with some real and some chocolate tools, and have a repair book inside. A Movie Lovers basket might have a couple of videos or DVD's with a bag of microwave popcorn, a couple of candy bars, a bottle of pop, and a Blockbuster's gift card, set inside a large popcorn bowl.

If you cannot make a basket, the Committee would be happy to shop for you. All baskets usually contain at least \$40 worth of merchandise.

We will hold basket wrapping sessions on the first Saturday of September, October, and November, to get ready for CELEBRATE FREEDOM. If you purchase your own items but would like us to wrap them, please bring them to a Saturday morning session. Naturally, we would like to get these done as quickly as possible and not have everything come in on the last Saturday before the Dance.

Remember the Silent Auction can bring in \$3,000 or more for the Squadron, if we all work together.

**SILENT AUCTION GOAL:  
100 ITEMS TO SELL!!**

## **CALENDAR 2004**

**Tuesday, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
Squadron Meeting

**Saturday, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
Tulsa Bike Club benefit Bike Ride for our Squadron

**Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
Squadron Meeting  
Program Food Handler Permits, Health Dept.

**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** Wing It  
Weekend @ Roadhouse Aviation

**Sat. & Sun., OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
AIRSHOW 2004 Midland, TX

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** Squadron  
Meeting

**Tuesday, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** Squadron  
Meeting  
Program – Are We Ready to Party?

**Thursday, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
VETERANS' DAY

**Friday, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** Set up for  
CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004

**Saturday, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004

**Tuesday, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>** Squadron  
Meeting

## OTHER EVENTS

**Workdays:** Every Tuesday & Thursday at 6PM, and Saturday mornings 8AM following 7AM breakfast at Homestead Restaurant.

**CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004:**  
Committee meetings when called by  
Event Chair Jim Gentry.

**SILENT AUCTION BASKET  
WRAPS:** First Saturdays in September, October, and November 8AM Tulsa Tech.

