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**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, Sept. 14th
TULSA TECH. RIVERSIDE
Flag Pole Entrance
6:30 PM SOCIAL PERIOD
7:00 PM MEETING**

**SPIRIT OF TULSA SQUADRON
MONTHLY SQUADRON MEETING
TUESDAY August 10, 2004
Tulsa Technology Center**

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Squadron commander Col. Jim Dagg. The flag salute was led by Mickey Snelson.

Members and guests were introduced. 17 attendees were present.

INFORMATION UPDATES

Finance Report

Finance Officer Col Alan Meeks presented the finance report. Col Meeks also noted that 2004 squadron dues of \$25 can now be paid. Motion was made to accept the Finance Report, was seconded and then accepted by the membership.

PT-19

Col Gentry provided an update on work progress on the PT-19 Col Gentry is leading the effort to rebuild the outboard wings and work is underway. The left wing will require significant repairs, while the right wing appears to be in better condition. Repair alternatives are currently being contemplated, but there is much paint removal yet to be done.

B-24

Col Jim Gentry reported that oil tanks will be the focus of maintenance this year and that Lil is expected to arrive in Tulsa around October 6th. Col Gentry also mentioned that the next dance committee meeting would be held at 7pm on Tuesday August 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Col Dagg reminded everyone that the Tulsa Bicycle Club ride will be Saturday, August 14th at 7:45am, and that volunteers are still being sought. The ride will begin and end at Tulsa Tech.

Juli Gentry announced the need for ideas and donations for gift baskets for the Celebrate Freedom silent auction. Juli thinks that each basket would cost about \$30-40 to put together.

There was a presentation on photo alternatives for the dance and the day event. James Doctor and his wife Audrey showed different photo styles made a demonstration of the printing process and discussed costs to print the photos.

Steve Flores gave a short presentation on the status of the squadron website, and gave a primer on keywords and website functionality.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Squadron 'PT-19' Update

By Col. Jim Gentry

I asked Jack Kerby to review the wing skins today, Sunday, since I had some concerns as you all know. Well, we are back on track. Wood is OK and we can continue with the repairs like I had started to lay out.

The next step we will need to complete the paint removal on the right hand wing bottom. NO MORE digging into the wood like what

previously happened when we were sanding. Jack gave me a repair for that also.

It was a good meeting and all concerns are now cleared up. On Saturday Sept. 11th, we plan to hang the new engine on the airframe for the first time in order to begin making connections and hookups. If you have a little time to spare come on out and lend a hand, it should prove to be really a big day.
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B-24 Update

By Col. Jim Gentry

Lil will arrive back in Tulsa ready for payback rides on October 9th. After this time the plan is to push her into the hangar and remove the two engines that were not off last year and get the work done on their oil tanks as soon as possible.

I have been talking with the Minnesota Wing about a Martin A3 top turret for a year 1/2 or two. They finally sent some pics and I was able to see what they have. I had Steve Corbett fly to Duluth to look at a top turret since he has a cousin up there. Per Steve today, from the many parts, we can make a **dandy** one for LIL and one for display. We will have to make a new glass portion since this one is cracked. Though we will have to buy guns it still has the armor plating!

They also have the auto-pilot guts for a B-24. We are not putting it in since everyone wants to fly....but for display purposes only. They have all

the parts but a couple and that will not deter us from getting it if that is the way the committee is going.

Sorry to say the bomb bay doors are sold. I just couldn't react quick enough and spending \$8700 without a buy-in from the group and was more than I felt justified to do. Neils had given his blessing but.....a commitment was needed to do the work....yada yada yada.

More later.

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PX REPORT

By Col. Bill Kennedy, PX officer

The next PX activity will be on Saturday, September 25th 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

Benefit Bike Ride

The Benefit Bike ride was conducted by the Tulsa Bicycle Club for the Spirit of Tulsa Squadron on Saturday, August 21st, at Tulsa Tech, 8 AM. We had a great number of volunteers to 'Meet & Greet' the riders and manned a water stop for the riders. Although not as many riders showed up, it was still a great event with everyone having a good time. In addition we got a TV news spot on the local FOX news channel narrated by our own Adjutant Col. Tom Votovich. Tom really did a great job and our hat is off to him.



Showing off the PT-19



THE SPIRIT OF TULSA SQUADRON COOKS BURGERS AND HOT DOGS FOR THE AMERICAN AIRLINES MANAGEMENT GROUP.

On Saturday the 28th of August, members of our squadron cooked burgers and hot dogs for the American Airlines Management Group at the Christiansen Jet Center at Jones Airport. Approximately 75 American employees and their families attended the event.



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The Riders



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REFRESHMENTS

We are in desperate need for someone to volunteer for refreshments, especially this September meeting. Please call Col. Karen Dagg if you can be of assistance.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

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

SQUADRON LEADERS NOTES

By Col. James Dagg

The Squadron web site is up and running. On your computers address box, type in www.caftulsa.org and hit go or return. This will take you to our site.

Work is still progressing on it but Steve Flores has done a tremendous job and we owe him a great deal of thanks for sharing his talent with us.

Thanks for all of your calls, cards, and prayers since my accident. It is great to be associated with such a great group of friends.

ON A SADDER NOTE:

I regret to inform you that news has come from Dave Carter of the Coyote Squadron in Corsicana, TX that a good friend of our squadron and fellow CAF aviator, Cliff McCluney along with Col Bob Burleson perished when Cliff's PT-26 crashed on takeoff from Corsicana, this past Saturday. Cliff's funeral will be held this Friday Sept. 10th at 2pm in Kerens, Texas at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Kearns. More news on the crash will follow. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Cliff's

and Robert's families, and also to the members of the Coyote Squadron. Cliff had generously given rides to many of our Squadron members only last month.



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 second Saturday of September, and first Saturdays of 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.

Juli Gentry and Susan Briscoff have already wrapped around 20 baskets. We have collected money from members at the August meeting, and used the donations from American Heritage Bank, Sapulpa, and the Tulsa Bicycle Club to buy supplies.

We have also received a donation of several beautiful handbags made by Sara McQuire. I predict we will all be fighting over them amongst ourselves. Fantastic bags Sara!!

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

Squadron Sick Call

Col. Jim Dagg fell on August 15th and broke his right ankle, after slipping on his driveway. After surgery on the 24th he is now in recovery mode, but will be wheelchair bound for at least two months.

The next week Col. Mickey Snelson broke two facial bones when a metal piece from a saw lashed out at him. He is also recovering.

Col. Ed Stragis is hoping to get his cast off and return to work by this week.

WELCOME HOME BOB!

We are pleased to report that Col. Bob Prater has returned once again home safely from a tour in the Middle East. We hope this is the last time he will have to go.



Col./Major Bob Prater w/Col. Crip Dagg

CALENDAR 2004

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Squadron Meeting

Program Food Handler Permits, Health Dept. and Photos from **Operation Enduring Freedom**, by Col. Bob Prater.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 25TH Wing It Weekend @ Roadhouse Aviation

Sat. & Sun., OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD
AIRSHOW 2004 Midland, TX

Tuesday, OCTOBER 12TH
Squadron Meeting

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 9TH
Squadron Meeting
Program – Are We Ready to Party?

Thursday, NOVEMBER 11TH
VETERANS' DAY

Friday, NOVEMBER 12TH Set up for
CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004

Saturday, NOVEMBER 13TH
CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004

Tuesday, DECEMBER 14TH
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: Second Saturday in September, and first Saturdays in October, and November 8AM Tulsa Tech.