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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER

The Spirit of Tulsa Squadron is moving at warp speed to complete "Some assembly Required". We would like to showcase her at the Hangar Dance in November. The next few months are critical if we are going to complete her by that time. Recently the fuel tanks have been mounted the fuel lines are nearly

complete. Our new Cadets have been very active in the restoration process under the direction of Col. Jim Dagg. I would like to ask that everyone get involved, in some way, to complete the PT-19.

Chuck Heick has come back from his heart problems with the vigor of a 20 year old. What a recovery!

Naming of the "TUG" has brought some great names. The winner of the contest will get a \$50 gift card to OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE. Keep those names coming in.

Col. Doug Ritter is getting a handle on the squadron's finances. Remember, when you have a

reimbursable expense, I have check requests in the office.

Let's have a great Spring and Summer making "Some Assembly Required" flyable.

Squadron Leader,  
Col. Ron Norman

### **DUES & DONATIONS**

We would like to remind every one to please pay your Squadron dues, of \$25 per year. If you would like to make monthly donations of \$15 per month to the Hangar Fund, you are exempt from regular yearly dues. Remember, all dues and donations are tax deductible!

Finance Officer  
Doug Ritter

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at the CAF hangar, at 7 pm. It will be a potluck

dinner, at 6:30, please bring any food item that you can.

### **GROUND SCHOOLS!**

Adults and older teens who are interested in Pilot Ground School will need to contact Bob Prater. Bob was out of the country for about three weeks, but classes will resume soon.

Cadet Ground School will be conducted by Jim Dagg. Contact him if you are interested in this introduction to aviation.

### **OUR NEWEST PILOT**

The Squadron's newest pilot is Cadet Nathan Brian. We have watched Nathan's progress over the last few months under the mentorship of Col. Bob Prater.

Bob was in Germany, when the check ride took place, but

he still called to offer encouragement and I'm sure advice.

Nathan has already taken his proud parents, Tom and Nancy, for a couple of rides.

Congratulations Nathan!

### **SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS**

Several of us meet every Saturday morning for breakfast at "First Watch" at 82nd and S. Lewis. There is lots of room and lots of great food. We meet at 7 AM then go to the CAF Hangar to work. Hope to see you there.

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JAN 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Col. Ron Norman. The Flag Salute was led by Cadet Nathan Brian.

The minutes of the December meeting and the financial re-

port were read and approved.

A new computer with a scanner/fax/printer has been purchased for around \$2,000. And a gift of new tools has been donated by Col. Greg Vogt.

### **PT-19 Report**

The wings are here! The starter has been put in and is ready to be checked. The electronics are 90% completed.

### **Celebrate Freedom Report**

Col. Jim Gentry informed us that Rita Robins, with the Swing Dancers, works for Microsoft and is getting the Squadron a donation from that company.

On Thursday, there will be a Dance Leadership Committee meeting. We are trying to register with the Oklahoma Centennial Commission as an official event. Andrew Donohue is helping to get air-

craft and paratroopers for the event. WWII reunion groups are coming.

### **New Business**

The Jenks AFJROTC has asked for a donation for their fundraiser, Feb 3, at the TASM.

We voted to donate a silent auction basket, purchase 2 tickets at \$65 each, and to make a cash donation of \$200. They will use funds raised to pay for transportation to events. This is to thank them for their years of help with our Celebrate Freedom fundraiser.

Cups were given out to those who could not attend our Christmas party. Meeting was adjourned, and we watched a D-Day Movietone Newsreel furnish by Jim and Karen Dagg.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE**

## **FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Meeting called to order by Col. Ron Norman. Flag salute led by Col. Jack Wells. Ron introduced Brandon Whitman, a new member.

Col. Chuck Hieck reported that they put on the lug nuts but they still need to work on the steering. PT-19 report was given by Col. Jim Dagg. And Col. Jim Gentry gave a hangar dance committee report.

### **Our Celebrate Freedom event has been designated an official OK Centennial event!**

The Jenks AFJROTC event was cancelled, thus no donation was made. Meeting adjourned.

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tues. March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**at the CAF Hangar, Jones Airport**

