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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER Col. Ron Norman

Hello everyone and welcome to the start of fall.

Kids are back to school, the weather pattern is changing and we have Celebrate Freedom Big Band Dance November 10th.

We are just 66 days till our Celebrate Freedom Dance. Remember this is our biggest fund raiser for the year. It is very important that everyone helps get the Dance together. Jim Gentry has been working every free moment to organize this

event. Jim has plenty to do for all of us.

September 10 thru 16, the Spirit of Tulsa Squadron will host OL 927'. It is our duty to put forth all our efforts to help while OL 927' is here. Parking will be at Roadhouse Aviation. I know all of us can pitch in. See you at the next meeting!

DUES Squadron dues are either \$25 per year or \$15 per month to the Hangar Fund. Pay Col. Doug Ritter.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007 at the CAF hangar, at 7 pm. It will be a potluck dinner, at 6:30. We will go see Ol' 927 after the meeting.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS

Saturday morning for breakfast at "First Watch" at 82nd and S. Lewis. Meet at 7 AM then go to the CAF Hangar to work.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE August 14th MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Col. Ron Norman. The flag salute was led by Cadet Clayton McCorkle. We observed a moment of silence for Jim & Juli Gentry's nieces' fiancé who was killed in Iraq, and for all of the other soldiers our country has lost.

Thanks to all who brought food. The minutes of the July meeting were read by Col. Karen Dagg and approved. Col. Doug Ritter gave the financial report which was approved.

Tug Report: Chuck Heick announced that tug is ready to be reassembled. It has had a valve job, and he is currently looking for an air filter. He greatly appreciates the help given him by Jerry Edwards and Tom Brian. Everyone then thanked Chuck for his hard work.

PT-19 Report: Jim Dagg reported that Chuck has the fuel line figured out. They are ready to order all of the other lines. The flaps and rudder are almost completed. He also passed

around a copy of the report sent to Midland on the progress being made on the restoration.

Hangar Dance: Nancy Brian reported that the Talk of Tulsa, vocal group is very excited to perform at our dance. Their usual fee is \$300 to \$400 per performance, but they are appearing at no cost for our event.

Karen Dagg reported that we will try to cut table cloths for the dance the first Saturday in October, and we will need help with this. The packets of decorations for each table worked so well that that same format will be used again this year. With everything preassembled, it was easy for everyone to set the tables. She also reminded everyone that Juli Gentry will again need donations and items for the Silent Auction.

Nancy Brian will work on new phone messages for the hangar phone: General, Dance, and Tickets.

Web Site: There was a discussion about changes on the Squadron website. It was voted, on the contact

page, to have a list of Officers with names and phone numbers, and to also include the Squadron phone number and the Squadron email address:

Squadron@caftulsa.org
It was also voted to keep the page with the list of members and volunteers.

Special Events: Cadet Corky McCorkle, who is also a member of the Jenks, AF JrROTC, had just returned from basic training at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX. He said, "We did a lot of marching!"

Jim Mills passed out flyers on Defending America's Sovereignty, an event taking place on Sept. 29th. We were also reminded that this is the same weekend as the Airsho at Midland and the Tulsa Military Vehicles Event at Bristow.

Bill Kennedy recommended a new movie Rescue Dawn, about a downed American pilot during the Vietnam War.

The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Col. Karen Dagg

HAPPENINGS:**Speakers at the TASM:**

October 7 Kim Jones, WWII, Why don't we all go in costumes and uniforms?

November 4, Doug Watson, Will Rogers.

Road Trips:

Tulsa Air and Space Museum held a fantastic event on Sunday, September 2nd Amelia Earhart & Louise Thaden/Ride into History. Actors interpreted the famous women aviators, whose lives closely parallel the struggles all women endured during that time of great lifestyle changes.

The event was enjoyed by Nancy & Tom Brian, Nathan Brian, Juli & Jim Gentry, Beth Dagg, and Karen & Jim Dagg.

Ol'927 will be with us at Roadhouse Aviation, on September 10th-16th for tours and rides. We will need volunteers to do various jobs, such as sell PX, sell rides, and give tours. Contact Jim Gentry if you can help.

Tulsa Military Vehicle Group 4th Annual Rally Bristow, September 28-29, Friday and Saturday. We

usually have the PX there and marshal the aircraft, so we will need volunteers.

www.tmv.org for more information

CAF Airsho 2007, Midland, TX on September 29th & 30th. Go to

www.commemorativeairforce.org for complete information.

Muskogee Airshow, Muskogee Airport, on October 27th & 28th.

We will marshal aircraft and have our PX there. We will need many volunteers.

HANGAR DANCE NEWS

Jim Gentry, Event Director

Well, the dance is really coming along. It seems to be more relaxed since we started so darn early this year.....but alas....we are upgrading our program, adding new meals, singers, and more importantly.....a professional sound system with sound technicians which will take us to new heights that we have been needing so long so it really is not relaxed. Your Leadership Team is just packing more fun into it. Go the website for more up-to-date info.

Dance Ticket Sales

Karen Dagg

We have several opportunities to sell tickets, and to contact a large number of people about our upcoming Hangar Dance. First, Ol' 927 will bring a lot of aviation enthusiasts to Riverside Airport.

Second, the TMVG Rally brings out many people interested in military history.

The TASM lecture on Oct 7th by Kim Jones will provide us with another opportunity to sell tickets. The lecture will be on WWII, the Home Front.

Finally the Muskogee Airshow, on October 27th & 28th will be a great opportunity.

To make the most of these chances, we need everyone to get out your WWII uniforms and duds, and to volunteer to help.

PT-19 Report

Jim Gentry Maintenance Officer

The many parts of the airplane are coming together and LIGHT can be seen at

the end of the tunnel. The vertical fin repairs are getting to the short end of the long list. Several Service Bulletins needed to be complied with which will make the part so much stronger that had never been done so it has taken some extra time. The flap repairs are being accomplished by Ed Straigis and they are also getting close. One of the mechanics that works for me has taken the elevators home so he can do the necessary repairs. He is real detailed minded mechanic and I know he will do a great job. If you haven't seen the fuselage, it is now setting on the center section again for final fit and fair. Dagg and I placed the horizontal on the fuselage. Other parts will also be added like the vertical fin and elevators for a fit and fair. I have always done this to make sure all the parts will properly fit; items like the elevators and the

trim tabs are rigged properly so when it comes time to cover and attached the parts we are not backing up ripping into the fabric to access the inside. The biggest thing we have to do is the paperwork on the fuselage. I have asked Bob Prater to get with Jim Dagg and Chuck Heick and start the laborious task of getting all that has been done on paper.

Fly the Flag on 9-11

On Tuesday, September 11th, 2007, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this sixth anniversary of our country's worst tragedy. We do this honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends, and loved ones who continue to endure the pain and those who

today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity.

Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.



Cover Photo

B-24 Ol' 927, former Diamond Lil

Page 5 of this newsletter is a flyer to share with your friends.

OI' 927 Returns to Tulsa Sept 10th!



History is flying back to Tulsa. The Commemorative Air Force's rebuilt World War II B-24A "OI 927".

The Commemorative Air Force is bringing this celebrated aircraft back to Tulsa as part of her first summer tour in her new colors. This is not the first time this flying museum has been to Tulsa! This airplane actually visited Tulsa in July of 1942, and in her guise as 'Diamond Lil', the B24A spent many winters at Tulsa Technology Center where the Spirit of Tulsa Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force performed her annual maintenance.

Cockpit tours available Monday September 10 from 3pm to 6pm, and Tuesday September 11 through Saturday September 15 from 10am until 6pm. Cost for tours are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. This will be the only week this award-winning airplane will be in Tulsa this year.

Being restored to her original 1941 specifications, it is now well-armed with tail gun, waist gun, nose gun and bomb racks. Passengers can actually sit in these positions and feel the air rush by the open windows, with the engines roaring 4,800 horsepower.

Flights aboard "OI 927" are available for those aviation enthusiasts who want to experience the thrill of flying in this remarkable airplane. Flights are scheduled for Friday September 14 at 6pm and Saturday September 15 at 9am and again at 10am. Seating aboard "OI 927" is limited. As one wide-grinned WWII veteran was overheard to say during a ride, "If I died today I'd be a happy man".

Reservations for flights aboard "OI 927" can be made by calling 1-432-413-4100. Flights are \$425 per person but the experience of a flight in one of the truly magnificent planes of WWII is priceless.

Where? Roadhouse Aviation is located 8515 Airport Way, Hangar A17, Jones/Riverside Airport, Jenks, OK. General location is 91st and Elwood.

For more information about joining the Commemorative Air Force, please call Jim Dagg of the Tulsa Squadron 1-918-794-4182.

Come experience a little bit of heaven with 'OI 927'!



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NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Sept. 11th
at the CAF Hangar, Jones Airport



WWII B-24 "OI' 927" comes to Riverside, Sept. 10-16

