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## Commander's Comments

### Squadron Commander: Bob Prater

A reminder that December's squadron meeting is next Saturday, December 10, at 1100. We'll have a lot going on that weekend. Norm Van Sickle will have a presentation of the pictures taken during WOT and the Hangar Dance. He's going to present a binder with copies of the pictures to the squadron.

Officer elections for Unit Leader, Adjutant Officer, Operations Officer, and Safety Officer. These officer positions are two year terms and require the candidate to be a Colonel member of the CAF. If anyone is interested in running for an officer position, please get with the

Nominating Committee of Keith Terhune, Bill Forester, and Ross Adkins. The Election Committee is Ross Adkins, Ed Straigis, and Tom Brian, they will conduct the vote. Per CAF Bylaw, only Colonel members can vote during officer elections.



Karen Dagg is resigning from the PX Officer position. A candidate for this position is not required to be a Colonel member. If anyone is interested in this position, please get with the nominating committee as well. Karen can give brief the candidate on the duties of this position.

Jim Dagg suggested upgrading the squadron grill for a cookout this weekend. Stay tuned for more information.

Tuesday & Thursdays  
Work Sessions 5:00 To  
8:00 PM

Saturdays Breakfast at  
First Watch (81st and  
Lewis) 7:00 AM

Saturday Work Sessions  
8:00 AM to Noon or later

## Up Coming Events

**Open cockpit PT 19 Rides Coming Soon**

**Next Squadron Meeting January 12th**

At 6:00 PM there will be food

At 7:00 PM Meeting starts

Feel free to stop in and join us

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### Executive Officer Report: Col. Jim Dagg

As you may have noticed we have several new people participating with us on both the Saturday and Tuesday work sessions. Please be sure to extend an invitation to anyone you might think would be interested in joining us. The more people we have that are involved, the more we can accomplish. Come on out and meet our new additions and lend a hand making things happen. Remember that our work schedule is as follows. Sat. breakfast at 7 am at First Watch, 81<sup>st</sup> and Lewis, then out to the hangar at 8 till noon or so.

Tuesday we are there from around 2 pm till 8 and on Thursday evenings from 4:30 till 8. If we for some reason cancel a work session, we will try to contact those regulars to advise them of the cancellation.

Col. James Dagg

### Maintenance Officer Report: Col Gary Sipes

Our new Airworthiness Certificate is in the PT-19 at last. The break in period for our plane is progressing nicely and all of the systems seem to be holding up fine. With winter here it is almost time to look to some work that will require some tear down. Discussion is currently under way about hooking up the oil cooler door with a control to the cockpit, this way we can heat the engine oil up a little faster on the ground and keep it from getting too cold during flight. We are also close to making and installing cockpit covers for the front and rear. Another item of some concern is the standby compasses, which in our case are actually our primary compasses since we have no gyro compass system installed. If the compasses cannot be successfully swung, then they will have to be removed and sent for repair again. The L-3 continues to shape up. All of the original components are being fitted back in place so that we may determine how it all goes together. New material is also being fabricated to replace old including wood to make a new set of floor boards which should be completed within the next few days. Col. Prater picked up our ailerons and delivered them to the hangar Friday. They really look great.

## PX Officer Report: Col. Karen Dagg

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who helped set up, worked, and shopped at the Squadron Store during the Wings Over Tulsa and the Hangar Dance.

I am taking this opportunity to announce my resignation as Squadron PX Officer. I have held this office for the past two years, but I will no longer be able to continue. If you are interested in taking over this appointed position, please let the Squadron Leader know.

At the December 10<sup>th</sup> Squadron Meeting, I will be presenting the 'How To Do It' Guide, for Wings Over Tulsa and the Hangar Dance. This was supposed to be just about how to run your area, but I also included comments from a round robin discussion, the Saturday after the event; passing comments; and ideas from numerous emails sent to me on the subject. The Guide will be put on the Squadron computer where more comments, instructions, and ideas can be added.

I was on the original committee which formed the previously titled, Celebrate Freedom, event in 2002. During the last 10 years, I have served in many of the areas which helped make it a success. And I am delighted to have been a part of it, but this Guide will be my final contribution to this fundraiser. It is time for new people with new ideas to take on this challenge.

I will cherish the many friends, made over the last 12 years, as I move on to other interest. Thank you for letting me be a part of your organization.

Best Wishes,

Karen Dagg

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