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**SPIRIT OF TULSA
SQUADRON
MONTHLY SQUADRON
MEETING**

**TUESDAY, July 8, 2003
Tulsa Technology Center**

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Squadron Commander Col. James Dagg, and the flag salute was led by Jerry Edwards. Members and guests were introduced.

Col. Tom Voytovich read June minutes and they were accepted by the membership.

INFORMATION UPDATES

Finance Report

Col Alan Meeks reported on the squadron finances. Col. Meeks reminded everyone that annual squadron dues are due. Motion was made to accept the Finance Report, was seconded and then accepted by the membership.

PT-19

Col Dagg led the discussion of PT-19 related activities. Progress on the PT-19 has been slow due to time and effort expended on Lil. The tail wheel assembly is back and is complete except for two seals which are due to arrive shortly. The main gear are also done and should be ready to go onto the center wing section within the next few weeks.

Col Dagg also reported that progress continues to be made on the electrical system.

B-24

Col Jim Gentry reported that Lil is gone, and that Col. Meeks had donated funds to cover the fuel bill for Lil.

Col. Gentry also reported that Lil will be back in Tulsa the weekend of July 12th on her way to Dayton, and the B29/B24 squadron will be selling rides during that weekend.

Col Gentry announced that Lil might not be back in Tulsa for winter maintenance this year due to budget constraints.

Celebrate Freedom Dance Committee

Col Gentry provided an update on the hangar dance, reporting that the B17 "Sentimental Journey" would not be here, that Martha Jean (B25) is out of commission, as is the P40 previously thought to be present for Celebrate Freedom.

Kathy Edwards has agreed to chair the Silent Auction.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Dagg reviewed fund raiser brochures and documents pertaining to aircraft participation in Celebrate Freedom.

Thanks to Bob Hensley for donation of books.

There was a discussion regarding additional fundraising activities, including chili and/or burger dinners. It was noted that without serviceable aircraft, the PX is really not an option.

Col Dagg announced that teams would be formed for various aspects of the PT-19 project, including teams for Fuselage, Center Wing Section, outboard wings, and engine. Col Gentry will head up the engine team.

Motion was made by Col Gentry to grant special colonel slots to Dennis Sprague and Clint DeWorth. Motion was seconded by Col Whiteman. Membership voted unanimously to accept motion.

Jerry Edwards made motion to waive first year's squadron dues for the special colonel slots, and was seconded by Col. Voytovich. Membership voted unanimously to accept motion.

Col Dagg commented on the need to create a new and efficient calling tree.

Col Dagg showed pictures of his trip to Arizona

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

PT – 19 Update

By Col. Chuck Heick

It has finally happened our PT-19 is back on her own feet for the first time in over 21 years. (Although we nearly popped a few blood vessels doing it) This past Saturday, with her landing gear assembled and installed, (**thanks mostly to Chuck Heick,** editors note) the fuselage was lifted with the aid of a fork lift operated by Col. Whiteman, and positioned over the center wing section. And would you believe it, after 18 tries, a bit of filling by Col. Kumpf and the cheers (*well maybe not cheers, sort of more like, *>/& /!!!*) from several others, the mate up was completed.

B-24 Update:

Well Lil **may** make it back for the dance and winter maintenance after all. There is still a lot that needs to take place for this to happen though. The B-24/B-29 Squadron funds have been pretty well drained this year due to major maintenance on the birds. If they have a chance to make more money elsewhere, they will certainly have to take that opportunity. If anyone has a good idea

about how they can do both things at the same time, namely making money selling rides and coming here for the dance and winter maintenance, please let us know.

Speaking of Lil, if you remember at last months meeting, it was reported that Lil would be here in late July for a couple of days before heading out for Dayton and her first stop on this years tour. Well she did stop and several of the local squadron members went along with her to the Centennial of Flight Air show in Dayton.

The following people from Tulsa who either flew in Lil to Dayton or met her when she arrived were, Col., Jim Dagg, Squadron Leader, Col Jim Gentry Maint. Officer, Col Ray Whiteman (aka Ray Miller), Col Steve Corbett and side kick Ian Corbett, and brand new Colonel, Clint DeWorth.

In addition to flying to Dayton, a second day side trip was made to Miamisburg Ohio and Wright Brothers Airport to sell rides there. On the third day we all had the opportunity to

pay a visit to Wright Patterson AFB and the Air Force Museum. Mr. Bob Spaulding of the restoration section met us two hours before the doors were opened and gave us a wonderful tour of their B-24D, **Strawberry Bitch**. After take what must have been a couple hundred photo's we then toured the rest of the museum along with the throngs of people there. You really need a couple of days there to do it justice.



From left to right: Jim Gentry, Ray Whiteman, and Clint DeWorth



Here Ray Whiteman (aka Ray Miller) and Jim Dagg pull the props through in preparation for an early morning trip to Miamisburg.

Dance Committee

Attention Ladies of the CAF!

We will have two sessions to work on CELEBRATE FREEDOM decorations.

The first session will be after the business meeting on September 9th. We will curl the ribbon for the Coke box centerpieces; cut ribbon for the balloons; cut and fold popcorn sacks; and cut, fold, and decorate the peanut sacks. The second meeting date will be decided upon at the September work session. We will need to pre-cut the table cloths. We do not want to have to do that sort of thing on the Friday before the Hangar Dance, like last year. My goal is to have as much work done ahead of time as possible.

We will also need to have Decoration Team

Leaders. This will just put you in charge of a segment of the decorations. All instructions will be laid out for you. We have also received an offer of help from the RSVP group, so we should have enough workers to get everything ready in record time. Please volunteer to be a Team Leader. We will need six! Thanks!

Karen Dagg,
Hangar Dance Committee

Squadron Leaders Notes

By Col. Jim Dagg

Due to a conflicting schedule brought about by a personal disaster (the near total ruin of many possessions in storage due to a leak in a roof), our PR officer Jim Mills has resigned his post and will instead take on the role of an assistant to whom ever is appointed to the post. Therefore, we are now engaged in the pursuit of a new PR officer. Please think about this.

Here is the Calendar of Monthly

Meetings for the Remainder of 2003

August 12
September 9

Note below the change **October 7th Awards night, please be there.** This is instead of the 14th This is to accommodate the fall break which many of our schools will be on.

November 11
December 9

Times and location:
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Tulsa Technology
Riverside Campus, Flag Pole Lobby. Signs will point the way.

Work schedule

We work Saturdays at hangar **G** of 4-J Aviation or at **Tulsa Tech.** the ACE Lab) from 8:00 am until noon or so.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM or so, at the hangar or the ACE lab at Tulsa Tech..

And other times on your request.

Come and join us for Breakfast at the Homestead

Restaurant in Jenks
in the same strip mall as
Block Buster Video **at**
7 am on Saturday
mornings.

by the time you get this
newsletter.



It actually takes more
people than shown here
to do this, especially if
you don't know what
You're doing.



The view from 9,000
feet over Indiana



Lil's arrival at
Miamisburg.



Here is a flying replica
of a Wright-B flyer



Looks different, bigger
maybe? Note the
absence of tires. Not to
worry, they will be on

In a last bit of news, two
of our friends from the
Coyote Squadron in
Texas, Cliff McCluney,
and Robert Burleson
stopped in for an
overnight visit on their
way home from
Oshkosh. While here
they picked up the
wrecked horizontal
stabilizer and are
planning to copy it to
use on their gate guard
display and will send us
the resulting patterns.
We wish them luck. If
you have never met Cliff
or any of these other
guys, you are really

missing some good
company.