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## IMPORTANT MEETING NOTE:

**The Monthly Meeting  
for February will be a  
Dinner meeting and  
will be at 6:30 pm  
Tuesday February the  
10<sup>th</sup> in Room A-144.  
Door prizes!!**

## PT-19 UPDATE

If you have not had a chance to come out and look at the PT-19 lately you will be suitably impressed with the progress. So much has been done lately that there is almost too much to document. Some highlights though are listed below. The front cockpit floor has been completed, lacking only the installation of the heel skid plates. The stainless for these has arrived and awaits cutting.

The pitot static system for both cockpits has also been completed. The only hitch here is that the front airspeed indicator case appears to be leaking and will have to be overhauled.

The builders and Air Corp ID plates have been removed from the front cockpit panel and will be reinstalled on the back rest panel behind the pilots' seat. This was done in order to accommodate the

installation of the engine primer on the left hand side and the starter switch on the right side of the panel.

The birdcage has been installed and as usual Chuck Heick has done a super job on the wood work.

To tie the birdcage in with the rest of the fuselage, Dennis Sprague has re-fabricated the wing to fuselage fairing supports and reworked the trailing edge fairings making them appear as if they were brand new.

Mike Lewis has nearly completed the work on the sheet metal, especially the engine cowls. We should be able to paint them and install the anti-chaffing tape thereby completing them with the exception of the applications of markings and decals.

The new radio rack has also been fabricated and is only awaiting a coat of wrinkle paint before installation.

The landing gear linkages have also had new bushings fitted by Heavy Metal Machine

and have been reinstalled.

The material to fabricate the leading edge ribs and skin has also arrived. Chuck Heick will be able to turn his attention to the start of this task once Lil has departed. At present he has turned his attention to helping out with the leading edge work on her and has been very busy in that endeavor.

We are very close to completing the electrical wiring. Fred Kumpf has also this past weekend successfully brought closure to a very nagging problem, that of the faulty linkage in the interconnection of the mag. switch between the front and rear cockpits.

#### **B-24 UPDATE**

**D**iamond Lil is deep in her winter maintenance cycle as evidenced by the removal of her numbers one and three engines.

Work is progressing on the repairs to the engine mount/oil tanks to repair some 60 plus years of wear. If you would like to volunteer to work on Lil, come out any day or evening except Fridays. The work hours on Saturdays are from 8

until 5 and Sundays 9 till 5. See Col. Jim Gentry for information.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Squadron Historian**

**C**ol. Linda Herron has graciously accepted the job of **Squadron Historian**. Linda has ambitiously decided to not only document our current year, but also to document our previous years as a Squadron. If you have any memorabilia, photos, documents, etc. of the Squadron, please share copies with Linda. Photos should be marked with your name, date, and event. Please, also, identify aircraft and/or persons in the photos. (Linda may be reached at 918.493.3427.) We thank Linda for undertaking this long overdue project!

**Thanks to the Ladies  
of the CAF  
By Col. Karen Dagg**

**D**uring the time of **CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2003** we had many ladies who worked tirelessly to make that event such a

smashing success. I would like to publicly thank them now. Silent Auction **Kathy Edwards**, Chair, assisted by **Juli Gentry** and **Susan Bischoff**. Also working the evening event were **Shelley Edwards**, **Beverly Forester**, and helping with check out **Dee Meeks**. Hospitality Room was manned by **Col. Katherine Hansen**, **Lois Heick**, **Dollie Morris**, and **Donna Mills**. Volunteers were registered by **Nancy Fallon** and **Darla Kindelsperger**. Tickets were sold by **Rachel Rotz**, **Sue Fisher**, and **Col. Linda Herron**. In addition to those named above, decorations were made and/or put up by **Samantha Pullen**, **Kym Fish**, **Barbara Prater**, and **Jeanne Thompson**. Thanks to **Beth Dagg** who helped with communications and errands. And the Concession Stands, the step-child of our event, and which fell to **Juli Gentry** at the last minute, was manned by Juli and several others. We would like to especially thank **Trisha Demarest** for jumping in and taking charge of the second Concession

Stand, when during the dance it became apparent 'one was not enough'. And a special thanks to everyone who helped with the Sunday clean-up. (I am truly sorry if I have omitted anyone. I tried to do this from memory, but sometimes my memory isn't what it should be.)

Luckily several of these ladies have already volunteered for next year's **CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004**. **Donna Mills** will head the Hospitality Room. **Kym Fish** will head Concessions. And **Darla Kindelsperger** will head Volunteer Check-Ins and Assignments. Thank you ladies, so very much for your willingness to help the Squadron.

### **Money! Money! Money!**

We will soon begin writing Grants to try to obtain funds for our Cadet program, Cadet Scholarships, aircraft purchases, and building our own hangar and museum. If you could help with research, grant writing, or if you personally know people who are on the boards of foundations, please

contact Col. Jim Mills, 918.299.9102 or Col. Karen Dagg, 918.224.6293. We need your help!

### **SQUADRON LEADERS NOTES**

**Due** to Weather, illness and numerous computer problems you may have noticed that this newsletter has been missing for the past three months. Hopefully this problem may be fixed. However, we are actively looking for anyone who might like taking over, at least in part if not whole, the job of editor and publisher of the squadron monthly newsletter. If you are interested in taking on some of these duties please contact the squadron leader.

**CELEBRATE FREEDOM HANGAR DANCE 2004 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>.**