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***H*ighlights from the October Meeting**

**October 8, 2002
Tulsa Technology
Center**

The meeting was called to order by Col. Jim Dagg. The Pledge was led by Col. Bill Forester. The September Minutes were read by Col. Ray Whiteman. The Finance Officer Col. Alan Meeks gave a report. We still need more money for the Hangar Dance expenses. We currently have \$2,779.29 in our account. The minutes and the financial reports were approved.

Col. Jerry Edwards gave a report on the PT-19. They have organized all of the parts. Parts are now going back on the aircraft. We are still looking for a tail wheel section. We discussed a color scheme for the aircraft. It was voted to have silver body with a red nose. Col. Jim Gentry made a motion that we give the craft the

Number 93 for the 9-11 aircraft, and that we name the craft ‘**Let’s Roll**’. The aircraft will have a dedication to Todd Beemer. The motion carried. For the Hangar Dance, we will display the fuselage, with some pieces stuck on for show. It will be sitting next to the OKC PT-19.

Col. Tom Voytovich presented the Squadron a check, in the amount of \$5,000, from Raymond Plank. Mr. Plank is Chairman of the Board of Apache Corporation. Mr. Plank is a former WW II B-24 pilot. We all thank him for his interest in our restoration efforts. And a special thank you to Tom for his hard work on the Squadron’s behalf.

Col. Jim Gentry gave an update on **CELEBRATE FREEDOM and Diamond Lil**. Col. Dagg has found someone to transport the B-29 gun turret from New York. The turret will be repaired here before being sent to Midland, TX to the B-29 Squadron.

Col. Carl Halfpap has contacted an American Legion Military Vehicle Association and they may be able to bring equipment to **CELEBRATE FREEDOM**. Gentry reported that the Tulsa World is giving us 3 free ads worth \$3,100. Col. Katherine Hansen found a group of 250 to publish our event. The band ‘Sounds of Music’ will send out a mailer to 750. Col. Jim Mills has a story promise from the Vintage Magazine and a possible story in the Value News, which reaches 120,000 people monthly. Col. Jack Wells has an agreement with the Quick Trip Stores to put the posters in all of their stores. The Vietnam era helicopter “Angel” will fly in for **CF**. We will have four Deputy Sheriffs for security for the event.

Diamond Lil will be here late Friday evening. She earned \$150,000 in rides and tours this past season.

The meeting was adjourned. Thirty five members and guest attended the meeting.

PT – 19 Update

Due to the work on the hangar dance, the rate of progress has slowed down somewhat. Still, thanks to Col Sam McVay, we now have two very nice Carb. Heat controls for the cockpits and also some very nice stainless to use for the exhaust duct area of the bottom cowling. Thanks Sam. Chuck has been busy as usual. Next time that you are out be sure to check out the tail end of the plane. The throttles and trim controls have been rebuilt and installed along with the magneto switches, complete with new labels thanks to Col Carl Halfpap. We are very close to being able to the tail feathers back on. Once the dance is behind us, we should be able to really start making headway on the machine. Good going guys.

**CELEBRATE
FREEDOM,
WW II Style**

Event and Hanger Dance

By Jim Gentry

**D-DAY IS
APPROACHING!
DANCE DAY that
is.**

ARE YOU
READY?

**Now is the time
to come to the
aid of your
organization.**

WE NEED YOU to help .

Work begins in earnest this Friday night. Come on out and pitch in. Saturday is an all day event. Call Jim Gentry at 461-2347 or Jim Dagg at 224-6293 to help. See you all there.

Other News

Lil is here. She arrived on Friday evening on October 11th. On the flight up from Okmulgee, Lil was accompanied by five of our squadron members. Cadet Scott (Rip) Edwards and Karen Dagg, Col Jim Mills,

crew members, Jim Gentry as Engineer, and Robert Prater as Copilot. The following weekend, though wet and dreary, Lil got an exceptional bath. Col Bill Kennedy arranged for a power washer and Col Gentry obtained some really good cleaner. Mix all of this together, add elbow grease, and you get a squeaky clean girl. Great job by those of you who got soaked for the cause!

Squadron Leaders Notes

By Jim Dagg

Well here we are at the eve of the future of this squadron. I don't know what the monetary result of our efforts will be, but I do know that whatever comes, we have had a success of another sort. The kind of success which comes through hard work, sweat, strain, fun, headaches, panic, and all of the other maladies which must surely accompany such endeavors has been won by this squadron. Thanks to all of you in advance.

November meeting is coming up soon.

Don't forget, the November meeting is the Tuesday after Celebrate Freedom. The meeting will be on **November 12th at 6:30 PM** Tulsa Technology Riverside Campus, Flag Pole Lobby. Signs will point the way. We will be critiquing the results of our labors and preparing for next years **Celebrate Freedom 2003**.

Work schedule

We work Saturdays at hangar G of 4-J Aviation or at Tulsa Tech. room D114 (the Safety 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 room D-114 Tulsa Tech..

And during the week days on your request