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**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 13 AT
TULSA TECH. RIVERSIDE
6:30 SOCIAL PERIOD
7:00PM MEETING**

Squadron 'PT-19' Update

By Col. Jim Gentry

PT-19 Report

At the Joplin Airshow was a beautiful PT-23. This model has the radial engine up front. I was able to talk with the man who rebuilt the airplane including the outer wing panels. They were from the Jay hawk Wing. The information I received was outstanding. He gave excellent guidelines. With that said: The outer panels have been moved to the OSU hangar next to the large one. The left wing has been placed on saw horses for an in-depth inspection. This one will be the most time consuming.

The right hand wing is in pretty good shape. It will need the lower skin replaced and a patch or two on the upper surface. Paint will need to be sanded off.

Those possessing or interested in learning some wood working skills please see me. There will be plenty of work. What I will ask of you is to commit the necessary time to complete your assignment.

The Hydraulic brake lines in the cockpit are complete along with the fuel and oil pressure lines as well as the primer lines thanks to Col. Sam McVay. The only remaining tubing to be run is for the fuel supply lines, and by the time that you receive this newsletter those should be complete. The rear seat now has a shoulder harness locking mechanism like the one in the front cockpit, thanks to the parts supplied by Col. Kennedy and the craftsmanship of Col. Carl Halfpap. The Com. Antennas have also been hooked up and the last of the sheet metal projects are under way. The top engine

cowl has also been completed including painting and been installed along with the engine side cowl support braces. A set of engine mount washers have been fabricated and are awaiting a trip to the platters. The main landing gear scissors with new bushings have been installed. Col. Chuck Heick before he left on his extended vacation made new fuselage stringers which have been fitted to the airframe and do they look good.

LIL Update

LIL is flying like a dream. No big problems as yet. The tour season has not been the strongest from what I am hearing from other groups.....but the girls are doing quite well. We have had lots of great comments from those on the road about how she looks and acts. It is almost anti-climatic that no issues have been biting at us. She is just doing her thing.

PX REPORT

By Col. Bill Kennedy, PX officer

Spirit of Tulsa was well represented at the third annual Air fest Joplin on June 26 and 27. The Tulsa Squadron was permitted to attend due to its important role in maintaining the CAF B-24, Diamond Lil. The setup team, composed of Colonels Jim and Karen Dagg with son John along with Col. Jack Wells, traveled to Joplin on Thursday June 25, put up the Squadron's new, metal-frame gazebos and arranged the tables, fixtures and decorations. Saturday's crew included Col. Linda Herron and son Alan, Col. Jerry and Cadet Scott Edwards, Mike Lewis and Yours Truly. The Dags, Carl McGuire,

and Jim and Julie Gentry staffed the PX on Sunday, June 27, and packed up and brought it back to Tulsa, amid an oncoming storm.

Weather was perfect during both days, and attendance was very good on June 26, but surprisingly low on the 27th. Gross sales were \$1274.27.

Many thanks to all for a job well done!

The squadrons new
Gazebos at Joplin



From left to right, Cols Dagg, McQuire, Straigis, and Gentry



OTHER NEWS

By (CAF) Col (USAF) Major Bob Prater, Operations Officer Spirit of Tulsa

I've arrived back in the Middle East and finally have my email account.

It's pretty much like I left it when I was here in January, just a little bit warmer.

It's so good to be back. ;)

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CONDOLENCES

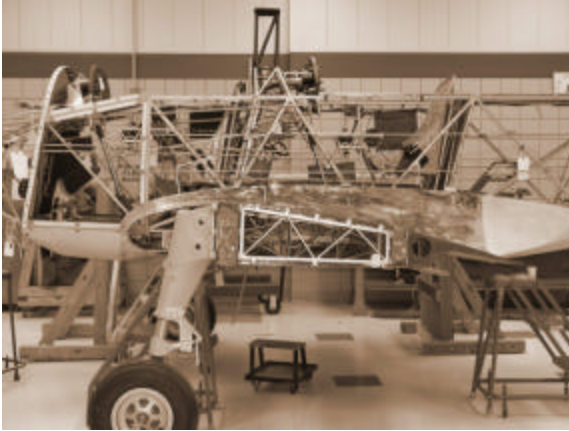
It has been reported that Col. Shad Morris father has passed away. We offer our sympathies to Shad and the rest of his family.

Condolences also go to Col. Jack and Barbara Wells on the passing of her brother. He was retired of the military and living at Lawton, OK. His services were held on the same day as services for former President Ronald Reagan.

The Travelers Return

Jack Wells and his wife Barbara have recently returned from a wonderful vacation in Northern Italy. Be sure to bug him to show you photos of their trip.

A recent view of our PT-19



This is what our PT-19 should look like when complete.



Lil and FiFi at Joplin



This is the PT-23 assigned to the Jay Hawk Wing from Wichita



FOR LOAN

I will loan the PBS special **1940's House** (DVD) to interested members. This documentary takes a modern British family and moves them back to the years of WWII. It showcases the lives of Londoners during these years of constant hardship. (Approximately 3 hours long) Karen Dagg

REFRESHMENTS

A special thank you goes out to Col. Tom Votovich for paying for the refreshments for the June meeting and Col. Bob Nichols for bringing brownies. Dollie Morris and Col. Katherine Hansen will provide refreshments for the July meeting. Please sign up to bring refreshments to a meeting. If you are unable to bring the refreshments, but you are willing to pay for them, please let Karen Dagg know so that arrangements can be made.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

If you need fundraising materials for CELEBRATE FREEDOM 2004, please let Karen Dagg know immediately. We need every one working on this now!

SQUADRON LEADERS NOTES

By Col. James Dagg

Iwould really like to commend all of the hard work so many of you have been doing recently. It makes the job of squadron leader much easier when so much support, dedication and just plain fun are as abundant as it is in this squadron. Thanks to all of you.

Benefit Bike Ride

A Benefit Bike ride conducted by the Tulsa Bicycle Club will be held for the Spirit of Tulsa Squadron this August. More information will follow.

TULSA TECH HAS A NEW DIRECTOR

By Col Dagg

The new incoming director for the Tulsa Technology Riverside Campus is Carol Farris. Carol's husband is a former Vietnam era Rotor Head, a Huey Pilot and her father is retired from Boeing in Wichita. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her great success in that position at what has got to be one of the finest aviation educational centers in the country. Col Gentry and I met briefly with Ms. Farris this week and we are all looking forward to a continuing working relationship between our two organizations.



Squadron patches are available from Col Bill Kennedy for \$2.00 each. Be sure to get several.

DANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a Dance Committee meeting followed by a brief Staff meeting this coming Saturday the 10th of July at 8:30 Am in Dennis Sprague's room at Tulsa Tech..

PT-19 TO PAY VISIT

Cliff McCluney reports that he and Dave Carter are going to try to stop in on their way back from Oshkosh and let a few people fly in their PT. There will be more information to follow which we will call you on as soon as we have it.