

# THE STICK AND RUDDER

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER Col. Ron Norman

We had a great visit to Arkansas. The museums are really worth the trip. I enjoyed visiting with Bob Powell, WWII glider pilot. I was also pleased to find him a copy of a Life magazine, from 1942, with glider pilots on the cover. Bob was delighted. But the best shopper's award goes to Dean & Cindy Williams, I don't think Dean ever did make it to the car show.

We are making great progress on both the tug and the PT-19.

We now need to turn our attention to our big fundraiser Celebrate Freedom. We need everyone's help. We also need your help with the events at Bristow and Muskogee, and the visit by Ol' 927. These events will be great chances to promote our dance and sell tickets.

See you at the next meeting!

### DUES

Squadron dues are either \$25 per year or \$15 per month to the Hangar Fund. Finance Officer Col. Doug Ritter

### NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at the CAF hangar, at 7 pm. It will be a potluck dinner, at 6:30. Bring what you can.

### SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS

Saturday morning for breakfast at "First Watch" at 82nd and S. Lewis. Meet at 7 AM then go to the CAF Hangar to work.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE July 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Col. Ron Norman. The flag salute was led by Col. Tom Brian. Thanks to all who brought food. The minutes of the June meeting were read by Col. Karen Dagg and approved. Col. Doug Ritter gave a financial report which was approved.

**Tug Report:** Chuck Heick said work is progressing on the tug. Jerry Edwards said it will be fast!

**PT-19 Report:** Jim Dagg reported that the center wing has been mated to the fuselage. It was a learning experience. Col. Gentry reported that the vertical stabilizer is almost finished.

**B-24 Report:** Ol'927 will be going to Oshkosh. Tulsa City Commissioner Rick Elson has expressed an interest in the aircraft's visit to Tulsa in September. He would like to get the media involved. Ol'927 will park at Roadhouse Aviation September 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. There will be tours during the week and rides on the weekend. We will need volunteers to help. We will also use this

as our first chance to promote Celebrate Freedom.

**Helicopter Parts:** Ron Norman reported on the helicopter parts. The parts have been moved out of Bill Kennedy's hangar. We then moved the BT-13 back to his hangar. The BT will be put up for sale.

**Hangar Dance:** Jim Gentry reported that the Ugly Angel helicopter and the AA Flagship Detroit have accepted invitations to Celebrate Freedom. Nancy Brian has arranged for the vocal group Talk of Tulsa to perform also. There will be a Hangar Dance meeting Thursday, at 7pm.

### Special Events:

Bob Powell, WWII Glider Pilot is working to arrange for Gail Halverson, Berlin Airlift pilot, to visit Tulsa in February.

This Saturday, everyone is invited to go to the Ozark Military Museum, at Drake Field. We will meet at First Watch for breakfast, and we will leave from the CAF hangar about 8:30. Jerry Edwards will head up the

work crew at the CAF hangar this Saturday.

Jim Gentry shared a book signed by the Tuskegee Airmen of WWII. The book is being donated to the Tulsa Air & Space Museum by one of his co-workers.

The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,  
Col. Karen Dagg

### HAPPENINGS:

#### Speakers at the TASM:

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Amelia Earhart & Louise Thaden/Ride into History

October 7 Kim Jones, WWII, Why don't we all go in costumes and uniforms?

November 4, Doug Watson, Will Rogers.

#### Road Trips:

On Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Squadron members and cadets took a road trip to visit the Arkansas Air Museum, Fayetteville, AR, at Drake Field. After the museum visit we dined on fried chicken and shopped at local antique stores. Special guests were Bob Powell, WWII glider pilot, Dean & Cindy Williams, TMVG, and Alyssa Stewart, granddaughter of Jim & Karen Dagg.

Col. Bill Kennedy thought the car caravan was too slow, so he flew his 120 and joined us there. Cadet Scott Edwards hitched a ride home. It's too bad that they missed the dinner and the shopping. Other CAFers attending were Ron Norman, Cadet Jeff Swanson, Beth Dagg, Tom Brian, Cadet Nathan Brian, Jim and Karen Dagg.

On Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, six members of the Squadron flew to Beaumont, KS, to have dinner at the Beaumont Hotel. This unique place, offers landing on a grass strip, then taxiing down a road to park next to the railroad track. But don't forget to stop at the stop sign on the corner. The most important aspect of this trip is that it offered our newest pilot, Nathan Brian, a chance to make his first out of state flight. Way to go, Nathan! Others making the trip were Greg and Debbie Vogt, Jim and Karen Dagg, and proud papa Tom Brian.

**OI'927** will be with us at Roadhouse Aviation, on September 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> for tours and rides. We will probably need volunteers to

do various jobs. Gentry will have more information later.

OI'927 appears on the cover of the August issue of Fly-Low. The cover picture was taken by Jim Gentry. Wow, way to go Colonel!

### **Tulsa Military Vehicle Group 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally**

Bristow, September 28-29, Friday and Saturday. We usually have the PX there and marshal the aircraft, so we will need volunteers. [www.tmvg.org](http://www.tmvg.org) for more information

**CAF Airsho 2007, Midland, TX on September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.** Go to [www.commemorativeairforce.org](http://www.commemorativeairforce.org) for complete information.

**Muskogee Airshow, Muskogee Airport, on October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.** We will marshal aircraft and have our PX there. We will need many volunteers, because we will also be selling dance tickets at this event.

**Borrowing Jigs** On July 21<sup>st</sup> we were visited by CAF Cols. Dick Curtis and Howard Botts. They and Wayne Bormann, all from the

Wichita Wing, are owners of a PT-19 project plane.

They flew down to pickup some of the jigs made by Jim Dagg for our PT. They also plan to join our Squadron and will try to come to Tulsa for Celebrate Freedom.

**C-47 in Bristow.** Many of our members and cadets have been working, in Bristow, on the C-47, owned by the Heartland Museum. When the plane is flyable, it will be ferried to Tulsa Tech for more restoration, by the CAF workforce.

**HANGAR DANCE NEWS** At the time of our upcoming meeting, we will be 3 months away from our big fundraiser, on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Now is the time to buy or find a donor for at least 3 Silent Auction items.

Now is the time to start talking the event up to your friends, family, clubs, civic groups, church groups, and co-workers so they will want to attend.

Now is the time to try to find a company you deal with or know the owners of to be a corporate sponsor, or to at least purchase a corporate table.

This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year for this event, but it doesn't magically happen by itself. We need everyone's help to make this year a success.

John McNulty arranged for the Dance Leadership Committee to have a taste testing from the Catering Connection. We voted to use CC as the dinner cater for the dance. The food was great! We will be able to offer a choice of two dinners. Thanks John for doing such a great job.

**SICK CALL**

Mel Tilbury suffered a concussion from falling at a dance. Send cards to 8146 S Jamestown, Tulsa, 74137

Nancy Brian broke her shoulder while walking her dog. She was overheard saying she felt like such a 'Dagg'. Send cards to 3308 W Pittsburg St, Broken Arrow, 74012

**Photo Gallery**\*Cover Photo Center Wing Section mated with the fuselage.



READY!



GO, CAREFULLY!



SET!



SUCCESS!



Arkansas Air Museum



The energetic and delightful Talk of Tulsa



Vehicles Galore



Dick Curtis & Howard Botts from Wichita.



Bob Powell met other WWII vets, brothers WB & Lowell Burkart, at Ozark Military Museum.



Greg & Debbie Vogt at the Beaumont Hotel, KS.



Bill Kennedy checks out another project plane.



Tom & Nathan Brian parked at Beaumont, KS.



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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tues. August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**at the CAF Hangar, Jones Airport**



**One step closer to the dream!**

