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## July Meeting Notes

Highlights from the July  
9, 2002 Meeting  
Tulsa Technology  
Center 7 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Col. James Dagg. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Col. Ray Whiteman. It was reported that we currently have \$1,645 in our treasury.

Col. Jim Gentry reported on our **Celebrate Freedom, WW II Style Event and Hanger Dance**. He asked Col. Jack Hitt to help arrange for some 1940's cars to be displayed. Col. Gentry will sign a contract for the Sounds of Music dance band this week. Col. Jim Dagg has already contracted for the tables and chairs. The American Legion may give us flags to use. Fifi may be here for our event also! We may be able to have the sound

system donated. We will print about 400 11 ½" x 14" posters and 200 large posters.

Jim Mills had seen items at Wings and Things which would be good to raffle. Jim will contact them. Ross Adkins will contact the TV stations. Ross also has a graphic artist in his office, and he will ask them to help on the posters. Karen Dagg is attempting to keep a master list of all corporations and businesses which we have contacted, so duplicate contacts are not made. We must be very careful about our records so that all people and companies are properly recognized. Karen must be informed as to contact's name, what they donated, and a complete company address. The next Dance Committee meeting will be here on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 P.M. Any one who is interested in helping is welcome!

If you are interested in ordering CAF shirts and hats, please contact Col. Bill Forester.

For the program a video was shown on "Flying the B-17". It contained some very good shots of

the EAA's B-17, Aluminum Overcast. Thank you to Col. Hitt for providing the program.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone went to see our new air conditioned workroom here at Tulsa Tech.

## PT – 19 Update

By Jim Gentry and Chuck Heick

Work has been slowed due to a lack of hardware to attach components to the airframe, coupled with the absence of so many people on vacation. Things are just beginning to pick up again however, as we have just had returned from the plating company, a couple of buckets of our hardware. This past week has seen a lot of progress on the fuselage. The fuel selector valves have been overhauled, detailed and put back on. The control lock system has also been mostly reinstalled, lacking only the installation of the rear seat control cable hookup. The parking brakes levers, firewall, engine mount, voltage regulator, and floor

panel under the front seat have also been put back on. This next weekend should see the reinstallation of the front pilot's rudder pedals and the bearings on the aft control linkages.

## **CELEBRATE FREEDOM, WW II Style Event and Hanger Dance**

**By Jim Gentry**

The next dance committee meeting will be held during the regular August monthly meeting time so as to bring the full membership up to date on the progress thus made, and of what still needs to be done. We need everyone there; your input is vital and although a lot has been accomplished, much more needs to be done. See you all next Tuesday, August the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Other News**

While on a side trip of our excursion to the Cavanaugh Museum of Flight last week, we happened across a place, out in the middle of nowhere, called the

**PATE MUSEUM.**  
 Located about 40 miles Southwest of Fort Worth Texas, it was interesting to see several airplanes on display by the side of the road. Among them were a C-119, C-47, Albatross, an F-86 and several other fighters and military vehicles. Sad to say, but the aircraft seem to be suffering from terrible neglect. The C-47 photo is below



Cliff McCluney and Dave Carter from the Coyote Squadron in Corsicana Texas were kind enough to deliver the outboard wings to the PT-19 wreck which we acquired back in January. The wings which we could not transport at the time were kept in storage at the airport in Lancaster until three weeks ago when Cliff and Dave made a road trip to Iowa to attend a formation clinic and decided to drop the wings off here.

They were able to contact Jim Gentry and Ray Whiteman who met them at the hangar. While Cliff and Dave enjoyed Chinese food, Jim and Ray copied about 900 pages of Ranger Technical Manuals that they had brought along. A big Thank You goes out to Cliff and Dave; we appreciate your help very much.

## Squadron Leaders Notes

By Jim Dagg

It's a small world, after having watched the video on the EAA's B-17 at last months meeting, the following morning when my wife and I were enroute to Massachusetts in our plane, we had stopped off for fuel at the OSU airport in Columbus Ohio, and while awaiting IFR release I was surprised when Aluminum Overcast taxied up behind us. She really looks great.

I had the opportunity to travel south of the border recently, (the Red River border that is) to the distant land of Texas, to visit with Joe Cragin of the

Cavanaugh Museum of Flight in Addison. The restoration of their PT-19 is nearly complete. My wife and I were able to get several very good photos of the plane to add to those that Jack Wells had taken just recently. They have really done an outstanding job on this airplane. If you can get the time, it is really worth making the trip to Dallas to see this facility.



**August meeting is coming up soon.**

Don't forget, the August meeting is just around the corner.

**August 13th at 6:30**

**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. 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