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## **August Meeting Notes**

**Highlights from the  
Squadron Meeting  
August 13, 2002  
Tulsa Technology  
Center**

The meeting was called to order by Col. Jim Dagg. After the flag salute, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. A treasurer's report was read from Col. Alan Meeks. Including the \$1,000 donation from the Whirlpool Corporation, we now have approximately \$1,700 in our account.

A report was given on the work being done on the PT - 19. Col. Dagg encouraged everyone to go see the plane after the meeting.

Col. Bill Kennedy, PX Officer, told of the upcoming air show in Muskogee. The event will be Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was

passed around. We need as many members to participate as possible.

For our program, Col. Jim Gentry, gave an update on the plans for Celebrate Freedom, WW II Style, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Many planes have been secured for the daytime event. We are planning to have WW II re-enactors led by Correy Twilley, to participate. Col. Bill Forester will head the marshalling. Col. Ray Whiteman will work out parking, shuttling, and other transportation concerns. We still need more people involved. The fundraising is still on going. Deals have been made with Mazzio's Pizza and Coca Cola for the food. Dennis Sprague has arranged for Tulsa Tech to let us have popcorn and the use of their popper. New donations are still welcome. Posters will be finalized soon, and tickets will be sold through Carson's Attractions.

After a lengthy discussion about the Celebrate Freedom daytime event and the Hangar Dance, the meeting was adjourned.

Twenty-four members and guests attended.

### **Silent Auction**

During the Celebrate Freedom Hangar Dance we plan to have a **Silent Auction**. Juli Gentry's boss Deborah Cox has offered to head this fund raiser for us. We need approximately 100 items for this to be successful. Deborah is contacting local Tulsa businesses for items for the auction.

In addition to what Deborah collects, we need help from the membership. If everyone would donate two items, this project could be a real money maker for the Squadron. You could donate a couple of ways. You could get a business or your company to donate an item or service for the sale. You could purchase a couple of items and donate them. OR if you don't have **TIME TO SHOP!** You could simply send a check to Col. Alan Meeks, have it marked as a donation for the Silent Auction. Please do it by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Juli Gentry, Karen Dagg, and Deborah Cox will take care of the shopping for you. Thanks for your help!

## **Sept. Meeting Notes**

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**H**ighlights from the Sept. 10 2002 Meeting  
Tulsa Technology Center 7 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Squadron Commander Col. Jim Dagg. The flag salute was led by Cadet Scott Edwards.

A report was given by Finance Officer Col. Alan Meeks. Due to PX sales and donations we now have \$4,259.10 in our account. The Celebrate Freedom budget is for approximately \$9,000. We still need more donations.

Jerry Edwards gave a report on the PT-19. It is very exciting to see it go back together. Col. Sam McVay cleaned the air intake. And Chuck Heick will start working on the center wing section again when he gets back in town.

PX Officer Col. Bill Kennedy gave a report on the Muskogee Air Show. They did sell

\$393 worth of goods. Col. Jim Gentry had an exciting time riding in the B-25. Everyone said the airplanes were great!

Celebrate Freedom committee report was given by Col. Jim Gentry. The posters are almost ready. 'Diamond Lil' will be here. 'Fifi' is a maybe. While at the Muskogee Air Show he made contact with a Channel 8 producer and reporter Bill Mitchell. They are interested in doing a story.

Col. Jim Mills reported that he has secured a \$750 donation from Abbott Aircraft, Okmulgee, OK.

The program was a video on Runway Incursions.

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## **PT – 19 Update**

Once again, there is more progress to report on the PT-19. For a start, the control locks have been installed and are operational. The parking brakes have also been hooked up and work just like

advertised. The mounting band for the brake reservoir is in place along with the brake cylinders and all of the associated linkages for that system. Work is also underway on the plumbing for the instruments. The sub floor for the front cockpit has been reinstalled with only the finished floor yet to go. Work is also progressing on the cowling panel support brackets. The crews have also been busy rechecking all of the newly installed hardware to insure proper installation. This past weekend saw the tach. drive cables reinstalled and an original intercom box placed in its position in the rear cockpit. Chuck Heick has done a fantastic job of organizing the hardware bins and sorting out and labeling our meager inventory of parts. This next week we hope to have the cowl support brackets painted and installed along with the oil cooler mounting fixture. Much more is in progress, come on out and see, or better still, lend a hand.

**Update to the update**

It is almost impossible to describe what has been happening as of late. We have been test fitting the sheet metal panels on the fuselage and do they look great in place. Also, the front and rear cockpit seats have been reinstalled along with their bungee cord adjustment straps. The front cockpit finished floor in nearly ready for installation while a pattern has been created for a sheet metal floor under the rear seat. The plumbing for the instruments has also begun. You know, this thing might really turn into an airplane after all.

**CELEBRATE  
FREEDOM,  
WW II Style  
Event and  
Hanger Dance  
By Jim Gentry**

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

**ARE YOU  
READY?**

**We** have posters.....and flyers..... and

tickets! WE ARE ON A ROLL!!!

**WE** are now ready to go full steam ahead and promote our event! There is none like it!!!

For those of you that have not seen the beautiful flyers and posters you will be very proud to be associated with this event. They have received outstanding reviews from everyone. We have handed out a bunch. But we still need everyone to get the word out. This is OUR event to promote and make Green Country know the 'Sprit of Tulsa' Squadron has fully arrived and a wonderful group to be associated with. **We are promoting ourselves.**

WE NEED YOU to help get the word out. **WE cannot let up one moment!** We have 1500 tickets to sell. For those that have posters and flyers remaining, .....please bring them to the next meeting, because not everyone has had a chance to get their share. None of us can ill afford to be bashful. This is going to be banner success....but YOU must help. The 'Dance Committee' has worked very hard and

worked out so many details it will make you wished you had been on the committee. What we are doing is just good ol' grass roots advertising. We are creating a demand for a wonderful product! 135 flyers are being mailed to the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force group here in town. 70 are being mailed to the local group of the POW group. 705 flyers are being mailed to the fans of the 'Sounds of Music' which includes the dance clubs! Need I say more? Articles have been sent to the 'Spot', the Friday entertainment section of the Tulsa World. An article is being sent to the Beacon and others.

At the Claremore Air Show I met with the crew of the YL-37, the UH-34 Vietnam era helicopter. After talking with them and the two others on the crew...they are canceling a gig in Branson, MO to be at our event! They want to be on the ground floor. They even see the strong emphasis and dedication we are pouring into this event and they want to be involved. Kent Faith, of Roadhouse Aviation, is going to sell tickets,

handout flyers to his fuel customers, and is working with Texaco to cater BBQ for the pilots and workers for the day! He along with others will have many airplanes for the daytime event. I have talked with Dave Wheaton with the B-25 Martha Jean. He has to be at a function at Camp Gruber but is going to do a high-speed flyover when he leaves. One, maybe two WWI airplanes will be here along with the YAK 9.

Dennis Sprague has talked with the school about so many issues, I have lost track...but it is a bunch. He talked with the manager of the food services and she wants to personally get involved.....so she is going to work with Karen Dagg being able to use the school cafeteria. If that isn't just great news. Ray Whiteman was able to talk with Bill Mitchell at a convenience store and is still excited about doing an article. Jim Mills was able to get another excellent sponsor! And these great stories just keep getting better and better. Jim Dagg has worked miracles getting busses

lined up for the event among keeping the airplane on step! What is your success story! We all want to know the next meeting.

Kathryn Hansen called tonight and was so excited. She had been at a function in Miami, OK over the weekend and was talking about the dance and was proudly displaying the flyers. The editor there wants to do a story. She was talking to another lady...the lady was so excited; she is going to do a story. She just happens to be the editor of 'Vintage' magazine for Tulsa Senior Services! Kathryn was so excited about how much fun she is having. It has taken her by surprise the response she is getting. Carl Halfpap picked up a few flyers and posters on Thursday night but wasn't sure if he could find places for them. Saturday morning he wanted more!!! He just started looking at places as he drove by. None of this is rocket science, **it is only a willingness to open your eyes and think of the possibilities.** Kathryn just called again. She is going to a Ragtime meeting

tomorrow night and wants 50 more flyers!

**OUR SQUADRON NEEDS MANY MORE SUCCESS STORIES!!!!** Get

mentally prepared. Talk to your neighbors, friends, and where you work. I handed out 30 posters at church to those I know would help us out and who work in buildings where the signs can be placed!!!! They were very willing because of the quality of the signs and posters.

For the next meeting, be prepared to tell your story. **This is all fun...and people like to have fun!**

Jim Gentry  
Director of the BEST Darned Dance this side of the Pecos!

## Other News

The hangar is clean and organized at last. After 2 Saturdays, the hangar is not only cleaned but the parts have been sorted and organized. This should make the inventory go much easier. **Thanks to all who helped.**

## IMPORTANT NOTE!

Lil is expected to arrive sometime around the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. **Try to be there to greet this great old lady when she arrives. To advise of her exact arrival date and time, we will implement the calling tree.**

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## Squadron Leaders Notes

By Jim Dagg

It has been very satisfying to watch everyone come together to make this squadron a happening place. Saturdays have been starting off really well with many people from the squadron joining together at the airport restaurant at 7:15 for breakfast, and then going about our tasks for that particular day. It is also satisfying to watch these kids go to work and learn all about the mechanics of the game called life. If you are one of the few who has not been out lately to join in the fun, come on

out and join us this Saturday. We will meet at 7:15 at Piper's Grill at Riverside airport, have breakfast and some good conversation and then go to work. See you there and at next Tuesday night's monthly squadron meeting.

## **October meeting is coming up soon.**

**D**on't forget, the October meeting is just around the corner.

**October 8th 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