



NEWS In the Sky

June 2018

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**June 5th, 2018 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Speakers:

AOPA President Mark Baker, AOPA Senior Vice President of Aviation Strategy and Programs and **Katie Pribyl**, leader of AOPA's Aviation Strategy and Programs Division.



Mark and Katie will discuss topics near and dear to every pilots heart including ATC, FBO Fuel prices, and increasing the pilot population to meet demand in the U.S.

Mark will discuss the present state of business for AOPA and Katie will provide our members with a comprehensive overview of AOPA's efforts to grow the pilot population.

Mark Baker is a longtime general aviation pilot and only the fifth president in the 75-year history of the AOPA. Prior to his appointment at AOPA, Baker served in numerous senior executive roles, including COO at Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, President and CEO of outdoor outfitter Gander Mountain Company, Chief Merchandizing Officer and Executive VP for The Home Depot, and CEO of Orchard Supply Hardware Stores Corp. He uses his extensive business experience to help AOPA build value for its members, with a special emphasis on aligning association resources with member priorities. Baker, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, has also served on numerous corporate boards and has taken leadership roles with nonprofit organizations, including City of Hope, a top biomedical research, treatment, and education institution in Duarte, California. In conjunction with his role as president and CEO of AOPA, Baker chairs AOPA's Political Action Committee, is CEO for the AOPA Foundation, President of the International Council of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Associations (representing pilots in 72 countries), and publisher of AOPA Pilot, the world's largest and most influential aviation publication. Baker took the left seat at AOPA on September 6, 2013.

Katie Pribyl is responsible for its "You Can Fly" Program and the Air Safety Institute. Under the "You Can Fly" umbrella, Katie and her team are building initiatives designed to get lapsed pilots back in the air; provide more affordable access to aviation through flying clubs; support best practices in flight training; and introduce high school students to aviation. The AOPA Air Safety Institute has been producing free programs with the goal of helping pilots fly safer for more than 60 years. From groundbreaking online courses, to popular live seminars and videos, ASI covers the spectrum of aviation safety education. Katie earned a degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and flew the Canadair Regional Jet with Atlantic Coast Airlines/Independence Air before serving as the Director of Communications for the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. Katie is also a CFI and rated seaplane pilot. Her idea of the perfect weekend involves flying her 1956 Cessna 180 Skywagon in her home state of Montana.

**July 4th, 2018 - Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Watch Bethany Fireworks After**

4th of July Celebration
at
AirOne Flight Academy

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Aviation Manufacturers Association. Katie is also a CFI and rated seaplane pilot. Her idea of the perfect weekend involves flying her 1956 Cessna 180 Skywagon in her home state of Montana.

We will elect OPA Officers and Board Members at the June Dinner Meeting! Be there to cast your vote.

The Oklahoma Pilots Association (OPA) meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Clarence E. Page Building, located on Wiley Post Airport. From N. Rockwell, enter the airport at the traffic light (Phillip J. Rhoads Ave.), take the first right, and drive back to the light gray brick building.



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Membership consists of student pilots through airline transport pilots, both civil and military and is open to all pilots and aircraft owners. Annual membership dues are currently \$35.

OPA holds monthly dinner meetings at the C. E. Page Building on Wiley Post Airport in Oklahoma City. Distinguished guest speakers present educational and safety related programs at the monthly dinner meetings.

OPA hosts monthly Fly Aways for lunch or dinner and weekend Fly Aways to interesting destinations.

OPA, through its charitable non-profit corporation, accepts money or property donated to fund the Vic Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund which is awarded annually to a college student with career aspirations in the field of aviation. Your contributions of money or property are tax deductible.

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**OPA President
Matt Cole**



Coming up this July it will be two years since I took office as your president. It has been a really fun ride and an honor serving you in this capacity. (All officers noted in this article are the suggestions of the OPA Nominating Committee; and are subject to acceptance by a vote of the OPA members.) I leave you this summer in the very capable hands of my successor, Mr. Brian Hancock, who will be your next president. Brian has been an incredible help as the head of the Fly Away Committee and Vice President of Communications for the OPA Board. Taking Brian's place as VP of Communications will be the current secretary, Mr. Greg Finley, who has also done an awesome job in this capacity over the last couple of years. In Greg's place as secretary, I am very proud to announce we will be adding a female aviator to the board! Ms. Angela Drabek has agreed to step in as the OPA Board Secretary when Greg changes positions. This is a very exciting upcoming fiscal year for the OPA and I look forward to serving you in the coming year as past president. So, on behalf of the First Lady and myself, thank you very much and see you at the airport.

**B-29 Original from Boeing
Doc B-29 Restored with Friends**



Highlights from the May OPA Dinner Meeting

After some great Cinco de Mayo dinner, OPA President Matt Cole opened our meeting. Bill Pappadopoulos led us in the pledge to our flag. We learned that Alan Arms earned his High-Performance Endorsement in a Cessna 182. John Harris moved here from Dallas not too long ago and joined us for the evening. He is taking instrument training from Hal Harris, who invited him. Bill Camp and his pilot wife, Teresa, shared their evening with us. They are from Connecticut. Gail Foote, from the Oklahoma Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, gave us an update on the 2018 Okie Derby. The 40th Anniversary Proficiency Air Rally will be held August 18th at Sundance Airport in Yukon. Fifty gallons of aviation gas will be awarded to the first-place finisher. The rally funds the "Wings of the Future Scholarship" program. Bill Beck told us that a lot of GA airports are closing, but he is opening a private airport barely inside SW Lincoln County, 2 3/4 miles North of McCloud on Highway 102. Anyone can fly in to the 1100' strip; but don't do it yet. It's not quite ready.

Hal Harris introduced the OPA Vic Jackson Memorial Scholarship recipient for 2018, Matthew Wiley. His mom, Teresa and Janelle King accompanied him. Matt said there are 3 things he wanted to say: Thanks to God for the ability to be here; Thanks to his mom who supported him and wouldn't let him quit college, flying school, or other things in the past; and Thanks to Hal and the committee for selecting him to receive the scholarship. Matt is currently doing an internship at Boeing. He worked at Weatherford Airport a couple of years and found a great flight instructor there. He wants to help people and hopes to fly and run a helicopter ambulance business. This scholarship will help him toward that goal. Matt received the application from his roommate, who was going to apply, but saw it was only for pilots and he is not one. Congratulations to Matt from all the OPA members.

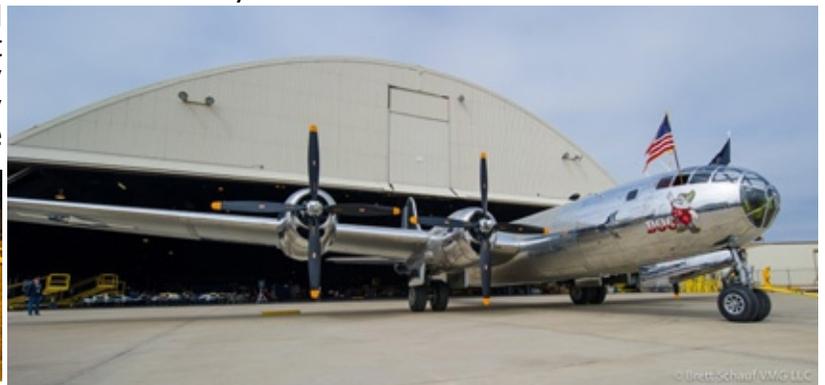


Brian Hancock said the OPA April Fly Away/Drive Away to Weatherford was great, even though weather was windy, and the city smelled like smoke from all the wildfires in Oklahoma. They received a great tour of the Stafford Museum from Max Ary. The May OPA Fly Away is to Lambert's Café in Arkansas. He reminded us that the June Dinner Meeting speaker is AOPA President Mark Baker. We are expecting a lot of people and may have to move the meeting to Tony Plant's Hangar if too many RSVP.



Brian then introduced our speaker, Scott Sarver, one of Doc's Friends, who restored the B29 "Doc". Brian said Doc was one of the featured fly-in aircraft at Oshkosh last year. After Scott retired he developed a passion for restoring bombers, which led him to Doc.

Scott thanked us for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Doc's Friends. He said the B-29 Superfortress didn't exist before WWII. It was only a thought then, but it took less than 3 years to become an operable Boeing airplane. The primary plant was in Wichita, and it was producing 4 – 5 planes a day. It was extremely advanced for its time. They learned about the plane on the job. It had a ceiling of 35,000 feet and they planned to bomb from high altitude. They didn't understand the jet stream back then. It was especially strong over Japan, so they were hitting the ocean. They started bombing from 5000 feet and were much more effective.



Highlights from the May OPA Dinner Meeting - Continued

Doc first went to battle in 1944 and went to the USAF in March of 1945 as part of the radar training squad. Doc's name came from the Snow White Squadron. He was the Doc of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. In 1956 he was mustered out of the Navy and set on the bombing range like most B-29s that survived the war. He said the Navy was teased that they were bad shots because they didn't hit it, but they said they just took pity on Doc. He was scheduled to be hit 6 times, but he was the only one never hit. Scott had restored a B-25 and made a deal with Tony Mazzolini in 1998 to trade it for Doc. They had to drag Doc out of the desert and build a road to get it out. The tail was missing, but most everything was there. They had to use caterpillars and loaders to get it out of the desert. It was too far gone to be able to fly it out. They took it apart and put it on 7 flatbeds to take it to Wichita. In 2013 it was sold to "Friends of Doc".

It took 16 years and 350,000 man-hours to restore Doc. When they asked Boeing for copies of the blueprints, they just laughed and said they were destroyed years ago. They were able to get a copy from the Smithsonian. They were built to fly 300 hours, then use a new one, so it had no corrosion proofing. They treated it when they put it back together. All control surfaces were fabric covered because it was faster, cheaper, and easier to repair fabric and be able to fly the next day. It had an extra engine in the bomb bay when it left Boeing, because it was expected to fail in not too many hours. Doc has the same engine as B-29 Fifi, with over 1500 flying hours so they expect theirs to do well. The original 17' propellers were redone in Texas. It has a Garmin, but most of the instruments are original. Since it was not painted there was a lot of polishing going on during the restoration. Scott said if anyone has extra time on their hands they should come on up.

Their first year to operate in the show circuit was 2017 and they have 62 hours of operation to date, flying 6 times. They expect to do 10 – 12 shows in 2018. Oshkosh last year was the first time two B-29s flew together in 50 years. They are the only two flying and that's all there will ever be. There are none left to restore. Doc flies with a minimum crew of 6 and can carry 16 people. They are trying to get approval for carrying passengers. Doc uses 500 gallons per hour in flight with a fuel cost of \$3500 an hour. The over-all cost per hour is \$10,000. There are only 6 – 8 pilots and they don't fly that much. It's hard to get people qualified. It is a handful to fly. Airspeed is about 220. They got it up to 12,500 feet on a trip back east dodging weather. That's the highest flown and probably the highest it ever will be.

They are selling 8 x 8 brick pavers for \$200 to be placed at the airport in Wichita where Doc is hangered to help cover expenses. The OPA Board members at the last meeting donated \$20 each toward purchasing one for OPA and a collection at our meeting covered the rest of the price. Brian Hancock has information on buying them if you are interested. Brian and his brother purchased one for their dad for Christmas. Matt presented Scott with a one-year OPA membership and our thanks for a very interesting presentation.





May 12th OPA Fly Away - Springfield, Missouri Lambert's Restaurant - Home of the "Thrown Rolls"



Thanks to Brian Hancock and Roger Walton for the info, write-up, and photos

They say, "if you leave Lambert's Cafe hungry that's your problem." With huge portions and someone throwing rolls, serving okra, fried potatoes, and plate size cinnamon rolls non-stop; they would be right!



A great lunch was had by all at the May flyaway to Lambert's Cafe, Home of the Thrown Rolls. With lots of local transportation help from David Ames' and Bill and Theresa Camps' families, ten OPA members and three guests enjoyed catching and eating rolls; and eating home-style cooked food while enjoying the atmosphere of Lambert's and each other's company. The thirteen people arrived in four airplanes and three cars that were provided by relatives in the Springfield area. Those enjoying the thrown rolls included: David and Lola Ames and sister JoAnn Hawkins and nephew, Kenny Sisson and Melinda; Bill & Teresa Camp; Randy and Kathy Buttram; Roger and Jan Walton; and Brian Hancock and Patrick Almond.



Photographs from the May OPA Fly Away



**OPA Vic Jackson Memorial Scholarship Recipient:
Matthew Ray Wiley**

Matthew Ray Wiley grew up in Moore, Oklahoma in a single parent home. He was raised by his mom and grandmother. He graduated from Moore High School. While in high school he and a friend started an FCA Chapter, for which Matt received an FCA All-State award. He played basketball all four years of high school and soccer for the last two years. He attends college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, majoring in Engineering Technology. While attending college he worked at the Stafford Airport in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He began flight training while working at the airport. Currently Matt holds a Private Pilot Certificate with Airplane Single Engine Land Ratings.

Matthew Wiley plans to get his MBA at OSU. He would like to further his dream of flying while attending OSU. He has a plan to enter the aviation business after graduation. The scholarship will enable Matt to complete flight training sooner. Matt's hope is to change the face of the Air Ambulance Industry; but in the process change aviation in many ways.

Matthew Ray Wiley came well recommended for the scholarship award. We look forward to hearing about his accomplishments flying.

Hal Harris, Chairman
Oklahoma Pilots Association Scholarship Committee



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**June 16th OPA Fly Away -Dodge City, Kansas - Wheels Down - 10:00 a.m.
Tour Front Street and Boot Hill Museum**



Noon: Gunfight - Lunch after at - Guymon Petro Bar and Grill

This month's Fly Away is to Dodge City (KDDC) to witness a real life gun fight straight out of the old west. Wheels down is planned for 10 am and the gun fight starts at noon. There will also be time to tour the famous Front Street and Boot Hill Museum prior to the shootout. After the gunfight we will have lunch at Guymon Petro Bar and Grill across the street from where Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp once roamed the saloons and protected the streets. Join us for this exciting western flyaway adventure. Please let us know if you will join us by sending an email to flyaway@opa.link and reference [Dodge City in the subject bar](#).

Usually we need a head count (for the restaurant & for ground transportation when needed), so if you plan to go along, please email Roger Walton at flyaway@opa.link with the number in your group (or text or call: (405) 219-5149). We'll meet you on the ramp. If you have a seat available or need a ride please contact one of the following: Brian Hancock: (405) 757-5706 - Hancock73660@gmail.com, or Bill Pappadopoulos: (405) 417-7876, or Roger Walton: (405) 219-5149 - flyaway@opa.link, or Danny Davis: (405) 990-5201 - abadavis@sbcglobal.net



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- June 7th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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 - June 16th** - Fly Away - Dodge City, KS
Wheels Down - 10:00 a.m. - Tour Front Street & Boot Hill Museum - Gunfight at Noon - Lunch at Guymon Petro Bar & Grill afterwards
 - June 21st** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - July 4th** - No Dinner Meeting
Dinner 7:30 p.m. at AirOne
Watch Bethany Fireworks After
 - July 14th** - Fly Away - Grand Lake
Monkey Island - Aqua Bar and Lounge
Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.
 - July 19th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - August 2nd** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - August 11th** - Fly Away - Fayetteville, AR
Fayetteville Air Museum - Wheels Down - 11:00
 - August 16th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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