



# NEWS In the Sky

**August 2019**

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**August 1st, 2019 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**OPA Officer and Board Member Elections  
During Dinner Meeting!**



**Jeff Sandusky will take us on a tour of 2019 Oshkosh AirVenture**



**Jeff made a new friend last year.**

**September 5th, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.  
"Planes, Bikes, Cars & BBQ"  
at Southern Wings Hangar at  
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Dinner at 7:00 p.m.**

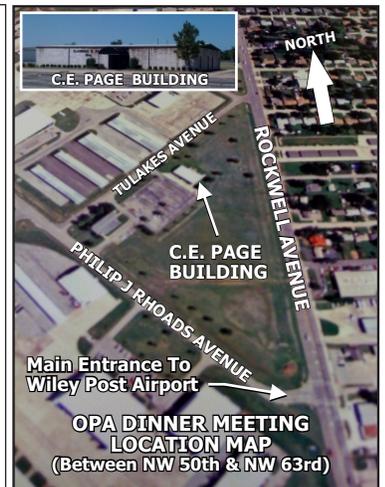
**Please contact Roger Walton for dinner reservations so we will  
have enough food for everyone. [dinner@opa.link](mailto:dinner@opa.link) 405-219-5149**



**You don't have to be a pilot to join OPA; just a love of aviation.  
Talk to any officer or board member.**



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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Oklahoma Pilots Association is a member-controlled not-for-profit organization for all pilots and aircraft owners. OPA strives to serve the needs of general aviation pilots statewide, promoting aviation, education and safety in personal and business flying.

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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In early June my wife and I took a trip to Virginia to spend a few days camping outside of Shenandoah National Park. We flew (commercial) in and out of Washington DC and ended up having about 24 hours to spend in DC before we departed to come home.

I asked my wife what she wanted to see and do in DC and the only thing she REALLY wanted to do was to go see Dorothy's Shoes from the Wizard of Oz that are located in the Smithsonian Museum of

American History.

Being the nice wife that she is, she asked me what I wanted to do... and then I drove right past the Museum of American History to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar - Hazy Center located on Dulles International Airport.

This off-the-mall portion of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum allows the Smithsonian to offer a much wider display of aircraft, including aircraft that would be nearly impossible to move to the row of Museums



found in the core of our nation's capitol. They included a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, an Air France Concord, The B-29 Enola Gay, a Boeing 707, and, of course, the Space Shuttle Discovery.

We spent the better half of a day exploring the aircraft and artifacts on display... which was not really enough time to absorb all the museum has to offer. If in the area with a few hours to kill, I highly recommend a visit. You will not be disappointed. Enjoy the photos.

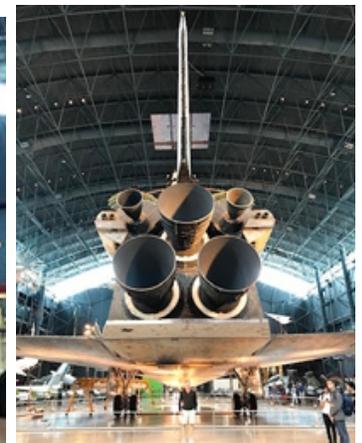


p.s. Yes, I took my wife to see Dorothy's shoes... I'm not that big of a jerk. ha-ha.

Photos from Brian's trip to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum



Thanks for sharing with us Brian



# OPA Independence Day Celebration at Wiley Post Airport

Thanks to Hal Harris at AirOne for hosting dinner for us before the fireworks.



Thanks to Gerald Luton and Brian Hancock for the pictures



Don't forget that we will hold OPA Officer and Board Member Elections during the August Dinner Meeting!



# Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally - August 17, 2019 - Sundance Airport - KHSD

Funding the "Wings of the Future Scholarship" - Sponsored by The Oklahoma Chapter of the Ninety-Nines

Register Online at [www.OkieDerby.com](http://www.OkieDerby.com)

Contact them if you can't fly the rally, but want to help.

## More Pictures from the July 4th Celebration

Thanks to Gerald Luton and Brian Hancock



### OPA July Fly Away - McAlester Regional Airport Saturday, July 13th - Pete's Place, Krebs, OK



Thanks to Greg Finley for the article and Gerald Luton for the photos



It was just a beautiful day for flying! This past month we gathered together at the McAlester Regional Airport (KMLC) on Saturday, July 13th, where we all used crew cars and a loaner from the restaurant to arrive at Pete's Place for an Italian-style family cuisine lunch. Before the arrival of our members, I was able to speak with a long-time pilot and resident of McAlester. He reminisced about the "old days" when the airport consistently had many airplanes based there, as well as the transient ones. As OPA airplanes started to arrive, he watched with excitement and commented on the airport being busy, just like it was many years ago. If anything, I'm glad to be a part of bringing back some nostalgia and making his day a little brighter. I only wish I had been able to get his name and take a photo with him before he was lost in the crowd and vanished for the day.

All in all, we had a great turn-out of thirty-one members attending this event. They arrived in eleven airplanes and one car. I would like to thank Roger Walton for coordinating this flyaway and going the extra mile by making sure we had great weather. Please mark your calendars and start making plans to join us as we all go to Bentonville Municipal Airport (KVBV), in Bentonville, AR, this coming August 10th, when we visit the Crystal Bridges Museum.



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**OPA July Fly Away July 13th - McAlester Regional Airport - Pete's Place, Krebs, OK**  
Thanks to Gerald Luton for the photos



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**OPA Fly Away August 10th - Bentonville, Arkansas  
Municipal Airport (KVBT)**

From OPA Fly Away Chair Greg Finley

Mark your calendar and start making plans to join us as we make the 174 nm flight to Bentonville Municipal Airport (KVBT), on Saturday, August 10th. We should all plan to be wheels down by 11:00 am, then we'll have lunch together at a place that is still to be determined. After lunch, we'll visit the many wonderful art and architectural exhibits in the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art before returning. For more information on the museum, please visit

<https://crystalbridges.org/>  
Also, you can start your flight planning at

<https://www.airnav.com/airport/KVBT>.



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## 2019 OPA Calendar

- August 1st** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- August 10th Fly Away** - Bentonville, Arkansas  
 Crystal Bridges Museum  
 Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.
- August 15th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- August 17th** - Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally  
 Sundance Airport - OK Ninety-Nines  
 Funding "Wings of the Future Scholarship"
- September 5th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Southern Wings Hangar, Wiley Post Airport
- September 14th Fly Away**- Bartlesville Municipal  
 Frank Lloyd Wright Tower  
 Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.
- September 19th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- October 3rd** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- October 12th Fly Away** - Cedar Mills, OK  
 Splash in-Fly In  
 Wheels Down - TBA
- October 17th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

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 Breakfast - Call Don Nuzum 580-767-0470
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