



NEWS In the Sky

February 2019

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February 7, 2019 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Harry Weatherford

Topic: the differences between the FAA and ICAO flight plan formats

When a pilot files a flight plan for a domestic flight he has the choice of using one of two formats: the FAA format (which has been around a long time and is very familiar to the general aviation community) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) format which is rarely used here in the States but widely used in the rest of the world. It is expected that at some point in the future the FAA will retire its flight plan format and require all flight plans use the ICAO format. To help our pilots make this transition, Harry will essentially be presenting a seminar on the differences between the two formats.

Harry has spent the last decade doing volunteer work for the FAA Safety Team. Here is a little background for those who may not have met him. He retired from the Tulsa Oklahoma TRACON in 1989, after a thirty year career in Air Traffic Control. Since then he has owned a real estate brokerage, a heat & air business, and a retail liquor store. Harry also operates Precision Flight (a Flight Safety & Simulation School) which he operates out of the basement of his liquor store in Mustang. Harry is an Air Transport rated pilot with fifty years of flying experience. He also holds instructor ratings for airplanes, both single and multi engine.



March 7, 2019 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
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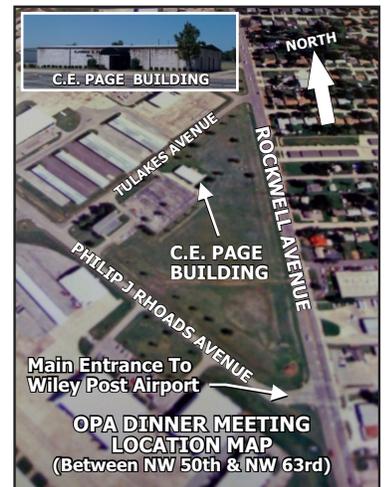
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Speaker: Kelly Keller

Territory Manager, Appareo Aviation - Central U.S.



Kelly Keller is the Central US Territory Manager for Appareo Aviation, parent company of the **Stratus** brand of avionics. Based out of Fort Worth, Texas, Kelly is a third-generation pilot. Her grandfather was a WWII B-17 bomber pilot who flew two tours in the European theater; and her father was a Vietnam veteran, airline pilot, A&P/IA, and avid advocate for general aviation. Kelly has been a Private Pilot since 2010, with ASEL and ASES class ratings and is currently finishing up her Instrument rating.



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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I know every pilot, at one time or another, has offered to take a friend or family member for a plane ride. As pilots we are predestined to share our love of flying. I am not sure if it's the smiles we see on the faces of others as we soar over cities, towns, and fields or if it's just the mystique of the plane itself; but sharing our passion is a pilot's obligation.

Our love of flying does not have to stop there. Every month the Oklahoma Pilots Association hopes to promote the passion of flying through dinners and other special events that connect pilots and non-pilots together to share this experience. Our guest dinners, guest speakers, and flyaways encourage and enhance that passion. As members, just as with pilots, it should always be our goal to share these times with others. And, that is the point of this article.

I would like to ask that you invite someone to the next OPA dinner or flyaway. Bring a neighbor that is enamored with your passion, a hanger buddy that you know has never been, a student pilot whose newly found love can be enhanced by the experiences of the veterans in the room.

Like any organization, attendance and membership is needed to survive and thrive. The OPA is no different. As our members age, new blood is required to keep the mission alive. Not only will this help the OPA to continue to be the best flying organization in the city and state; but just like when you let that guest in your plane take the controls for a few minutes, you will brighten their smile a little more by sharing all this organization has to give; great presentations from our guest speakers, a purpose to fly to new destinations on a weekend, and, most importantly, the camaraderie of your fellow pilots.

So please, the next time you RSVP to one of our dinner meetings, think about who you could share the evening with to promote our love of flying and our organization and invite them along.



OPA Fly Away January 12th - Black Bear Diner - OKC



Thanks to Brian Hancock for the article, Roger Walton for attendees and Gerald Luton for photos

As seemingly has become tradition, the OPA Fly Away to Enrique's was canceled due to low ceilings and bad weather. However, ten brave souls showed up at the alternate location of Black Bear Diner on Memorial Road. Despite the grim conditions a good time was had by all in attendance. Patrick Allmond; Randy Buttram; Angela Drabek; Bill Halpain; Brian Hancock; Sonie and Al Liebler; Gerald Luton; Jan and Roger Walton enjoyed the food and conversation.





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MEDIA ADVISORY January 28, 2019

Aeronautics Commission Hosting Aviation & Aerospace Day at State Capitol on March 19

Who: Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission

What: "AERO Oklahoma" Aviation & Aerospace Awareness Day 2019

When: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: State Capitol: First, Second, and Fourth Floor Rotunda's

Why: The purpose of "AERO Oklahoma" Aviation & Aerospace Day is to recognize Oklahoma's aviation and aerospace industry as a vital economic engine for our state. As Oklahoma's second largest industry, aviation has a significant impact on the lives of our citizens. It is a unique opportunity for Oklahoma military, aerospace companies, private and commercial pilots, airport managers, municipal officials, drone pilots, educators, flying clubs, and the many users of the Oklahoma Airport System to meet one-on-one with state legislators and other elected officials to remind them of Oklahoma's strong aviation heritage and show them firsthand how the industry continues to solidify our state as a worldwide leader in aviation, aerospace, and aerospace and defense.

This year, the Commission is organizing a career fair to be held during the event and aviation and aerospace industry exhibitors will visit with employment seekers. Applicants should be prepared to present their resume. Major companies such as AAR, American Airlines, Boeing, Consolidated Turbine, Pratt Whitney, and Northrup Grumman, will be among the many exhibitors. High school, vocational, and college students are encouraged to attend.

Background: Exhibit booths will open at 10:00 am. On the fourth floor rotunda at 10:30 am, state leaders are set to welcome the aviation and aerospace community with remarks about the important economic impact of aviation and aerospace in the state. A Tinker representative will then speak from the podium regarding the impact of military aviation and the bases and installations in Oklahoma. Victor Bird, Director of the Aeronautics Commission will conclude the day with remarks at 1:45 pm.

Action: Many of the state's top aerospace entities will be participating in AERO Oklahoma and the Aeronautics Commission is now accepting applications for booth space. All exhibitors must be based in Oklahoma or have offices in the state and play a significant role in the aviation and/or aerospace industries. For booth information, contact Sandra Shelton at sshelton@oac.ok.gov.

Registration for the public is free through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-aero-oklahoma-aviation-aerospace-awareness-day-at-the-capitol-tickets-52096847072>. Attendees may purchase a \$10 lunch ticket separate from their free registration, but lunch is not required to attend the event.



Second Annual Oklahoma Women in Aviation & Aerospace Day Celebrated in Tulsa December 6, 2018

In a crowd of 400 aviation and aerospace professionals and students, the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in partnership with the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association, the Tulsa Airport Authority Trust, and BizJet International hosted the second annual Oklahoma Women in Aviation & Aerospace Day event December 6 at the BizJet hangar at the Tulsa International Airport.

In 2017 the Oklahoma legislature passed a bill to officially recognize the contribution of Oklahoma women in the State's aviation and aerospace industry. Oklahoma Women in Aviation & Aerospace Day (OK WIAA) is now recognized annually on December 9, in honor of Pearl Carter Scott. Scott was born December 9, 1915 in Marlow; and learned to fly at the age of 13 under legendary aviator Wiley Post. She became the youngest pilot in the United States with her first solo flight on September 12, 1929.



The stage was flanked by two BizJet engines in the Tulsa-based company's largest hangar as dignitaries presented their remarks. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission's director Victor Bird delivered the welcome.

Mayor of Tulsa, G.T. Bynum, Jed Cochran representing United States Senator Jim Inhofe, State Senator Kay Floyd of Oklahoma City, and Jennifer Hoffman, Director of Sales & Marketing, BizJet International, delivered brief remarks prior to the keynote speakers. This year's event highlighted two trailblazing aviators from the Tulsa community – Nan Gaylord and Jennifer Wise.

The event Chairs were Alexis Higgins, Deputy Airports Director, Marketing & Community Relations for Tulsa International Airport and Kristy Slater, General Aviation Manager for Oklahoma City Department of Airports. Both are members of OAOA and have been longtime public servants in Oklahoma's aviation community. Sandra Shelton, Public and Government Affairs Liaison for the Aeronautics Commission managed marketing of the event.

Many of the state's top aviation and aerospace entities participated in Oklahoma Women in Aviation & Aerospace Day, including hosts, the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association, Tulsa International Airport, BizJet International, and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. Community partners included American Airlines, Creative Food Group, Delta Airport Consultants, Dr. Peter & Meredith Madden, KSA, L3 Aeromet, NFP, Olsson, Pratt & Whitney, Spirit AeroSystems, and Stillwater Regional Airport.

Representatives from AAR Aircraft Services; Ada Public Schools; Atlantic Aviation; Boeing; City of Tulsa; Claremore Regional Airport; Gilchrist Aviation; Green Country Aircraft; Grove Regional Airport; Garver USA; Guernsey; Guthrie Edmond Regional Airport; FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; FIRST Robotics; Mead Hunt; HW Lochner; Lawton Regional Airport; Ninety-Nines Oklahoma Chapter; Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science & Technology; Oklahoma Department of Career Tech; Oklahoma Department of Commerce; Oklahoma State University; PCC Airframe Products; Riverside Flight Center; STARBASE Oklahoma; The Chickasaw Nation; The Osage Nation; Richard Lloyd Jones Jr. Airport; Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Spartan School of Aeronautics; Spec Tech USA; Stafford Air and Space Museum; Sundance Airport; Tulsa Chamber of Commerce; Tulsa Air & Space Museum; Vance Air Force Base, Vigilant Aerospace and the University of Oklahoma were among the attendees at the event.

Senator Kay Floyd visited with students from her home town. Photo credit to Paula Kedy, Ada Public Schools. (Right) Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum addressed the crowd. OAC Staff Photo below. Pictured are event organizers Sandra Shelton, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, Alexis Higgins, Tulsa International Airport, and Kristy Slater, Wiley Post Airport. OAC Staff Photo below right.



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**OPA Fly Away February 9th - Ponca City
 Enrique's Mexican Restaurant
 Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.**



If you have lived in Oklahoma long enough you most likely have heard someone say, "If you don't like the weather, wait a little bit and it'll change". This reminds me of a story I once heard. This man went on to discuss how the Smokey and Shenandoah Mountains protect various parts of the Eastern Seaboard from unwelcomed, harsh weather. He went on about how the same thing takes place within and around the West Coast, due to the Rocky Mountains protection. Then, he exclaimed that the only thing between Oklahoma and the North Pole is a barbwire fence.

As you know, this seemed to have held true during the month of January, because we needed to cancel our much-anticipated flyaway to Ponca City, OK, and use a local alternate location. Fortunately, we have put Enrique's back at the top of the list for this month so, please mark your calendars and come hungry for lunch on Saturday, February 9th, at Enrique's Mexican Restaurant located on the Ponca City Regional Airport (KPNC). Wheels down at 11:00 am!

Greg Finley, OPA Fly Away Chair



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- February 7th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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 - February 9th Fly Away** - Ponca City, OK
 Enrique's Mexican Restaurant
 Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.
 - February 21st** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - March 7th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - March 9th Fly Away** - Pawhuska, OK
 Lunch - Pioneer Woman Mercantile
 Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.
 - March 1st** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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 - April 4th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - April 13th Fly Away** - Stillwater, OK
 Flying Aggies Annual Fly In
 Wheels Down - 8:00 a.m.
 - April 18th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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