



NEWS In the Sky

November 2019

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

Speaker: Col. James (Jim) T. Putnam, USAF (Retired)

Putnam is Vice President of Gerrity Chapter 215 Air Force Association and President of Chapter 24 OKC Experimental Aircraft Association. Jim served over 27 years in the Air Force as a munitions and aircraft maintenance officer and major acquisition program manager. His experience included a wide variety of tactical aircraft weapons systems. He retired as the host base Inspector General for Tinker Air Force Base and the 22,000 military and civilian employees in the Air Logistics Center and the five wings hosted on base. He commanded maintenance squadrons four times, was a deputy group commander and twice took his squadron to win the Best in TAC and finished his career by winning the Lt Gen Flynn Award for the Best Inspector General Office in Air Force Material Command. Jim served in 26 different positions at 12 air bases, including three overseas tours. He has led a wide variety of organizations from shop, branch, squadron, group, senior academic instructor, to division chief in two Air Logistics Centers.

Jim had a 14 year career with the Northrop Grumman Corporation. He worked with the F-18, a classified radar project, direct support of a Navy Test Squadron, and spent the majority of his time working on the B-2 Stealth Bomber program. Jim has a BS in Engineering from the USAF Academy, and a Master's in Aviation Management (Summa Cum Laude) from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College and of the Defense Systems Management University and holds Department of Defense certifications. Jim has been married over 40 years and has two sons; a C-17 captain aircraft commander in the Air Force, and an industrial safety engineer for the State of Oklahoma. He enjoys flying his private aircraft, water sports, hunting, shooting, travel and military history. If you heard Jim speak in 2015, you know you don't want to miss his presentation.



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**December 5th, 2019 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Annual Christmas Dinner and Celebration Entertainment: Carol Ann Fewell

Carol Ann Fewell is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma where she majored in Communications. She entertained as part of high school and college traveling show choirs, as well as singing as a solo and ensemble artist. Carol has made four appearances at Carnegie Hall with a guest choir, accompanied by the New York Pops Orchestra, under the direction of the late Skitch Henderson, and once by Doc Severinsen. She performs at local Opry venues and the El Reno Country Music Show. Carol hosted a karaoke show for several years at Risky's Barbecue in downtown Fort Worth. Carol regularly entertains at local retirement venue and also provides solo services for weddings, funerals and special events. Carol serves as Director of Communications at Keller United Methodist

Church and is married with three children. She will sing a variety of musical selections. Carol is the daughter of "News In the Sky" editors, June and Ben Roy. If you would like a professional recording of Carol's music, she will have CDs featuring 10 songs available at the Christmas party for just \$10 each!





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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A Great Group of Volunteers

Over the years I have learned that the members of the OPA are wonderful at helping their fellow pilot. Members of our organization never fail to volunteer and lend a helping hand... especially if flying is involved!

Such was the case when Sue Hughes with the Waynoka Airport contacted us for assistance with their Young Eagles flights a few weeks ago. Just five days before their event Sue contacted us and asked if we could put out a call for pilots to fly as a part of their Young Eagles program. Sue was desperate and only had one volunteer at the time. Greg Finley, our communications officer, obliged her request and in a short time Sue had an additional six volunteers with five aircraft and one helicopter. Sue wanted to make sure that our members knew how much she appreciated our quick response to help her out. (See her letter and photos). In her own words her request was answered "beyond (her) wildest dreams."

Whether it is taking a member along as a guest for a flyaway, flying blood across the state for the Oklahoma Blood Institute, flying relief efforts for catastrophes, or simply handling our finances, our communications, our website maintenance, et al, our organization has always been blessed with a large contingent of folks willing to step up when they are needed. Thank you for being such a great group of individuals to represent.

Stay Safe and Happy Flying, Brian



Everyone is "thumbs-up" before Oklahoma City-based OPA member Dusty Boren boards with (from left) Anna Milledge and son Wyatt, Angel Ibarra, and Teagan Harris in his Bonanza 636

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OPA Pilots Rescue Waynoka Airport's Young Eagles Rally Thanks to Sue Hughes for the article and photos

The perfect combination of courageous kids, generous volunteers, and blue skies pilots helped make Waynoka Airport's Young Eagles Rally a resounding success. The October 12 event enabled 30 youth (and one adult) to take, what was for most, their first flight in an airplane—and what was for all, an experience they'll never forget. But the Young Eagles would never have gotten off the ground on Saturday without help from the OPA. Just 5 days before the event, only one volunteer pilot was confirmed. "I started to panic," admitted Sue Hughes, Waynoka Airport Board President, organizer of the event, and OPA member, "and then I thought to put out a MAYDAY call to OPA members." Within 4 days, she was contacted by so many pilots, she wondered where to park that many aircraft at their rural northwest Oklahoma airport. "After almost cancelling the event, having too many aircraft to manage was a wonderful problem to have," said Hughes.



As it turned out, just the right number of volunteer pilots and aircraft—most from the Oklahoma Pilots Association and several from EAA Chapter 455—arrived on Waynoka Airport's Runway 17 to help with the event. The rally drew five pilots from the OPA: David Johnsen arrived in a Citabria 7ECA; Steve Zahorsky of Weatherford came in his RV7; Kyle Fulton, also from Weatherford, flew his Cessna 150, while his brother Ricky arrived from Alex in his Cessna 180 Skywagon; and Dusty Boren touched down in his Bonanza 636 from Oklahoma City.

Representing EAA Chapter 455 were Alva pilot Terry Cline, who arrived in his Piper 140 Cherokee; and Dee Ann Ediger, who flew her Cessna 177 Cardinal from Enid. She recruited three more pilots from her Enid-based chapter to help with ground support: husband Ken Hollrah and his brother Richard, as well as Woodring Airport's new director, Lt. Col (Ret.) Deirdre Gurry.

While many young participants had reservations about their flight, post-flight reactions of their Young Eagles experience were 100% positive. One of the rally's youngest, 8-year old Xiexer Blackbird-Alvarado, emerged exclaiming "I want to be a pilot now." Upon returning to the ground after her flight, Serenity Green, 11, observed that "everything is more beautiful in the sky than it is here."

Most Young Eagles who got the chance to sit up front actually took the controls and briefly flew their airplanes. Hearing this, reluctant flyer Wyatt Milledge asked to sit in the back. It's a good thing pilot Dusty Boren didn't honor Wyatt's request, because the 10-year-old emerged from the flight declaring his aspiration to be a pilot after controlling an airplane himself. Wyatt was joined by his mother Anna for emotional support during the flight, which was the first non-commercial airplane ride for both.

Non-flying parents enjoyed the event, too. Misty Smiley, who watched her 13-year-old son Kile fly, was appreciative of the "really good things [the event] did for the kids. They all seemed to love it!"

According to Sue Hughes, president of the six-member board that manages Waynoka Airport for the city, "We decided to host a Young Eagles Rally as a thank you card to the residents of Waynoka for supporting the airport for so many years." She explained, "It's important to keep our airport relevant to our non-flying neighbors, so they can start to appreciate the value of such a facility the way our flying community does."

Hughes continued, "Not many cities this size [population of about 1000] maintain an interest in sustaining a municipal airport; and because of this, many rural airports are disappearing. The FAA and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission are trying to reverse that trend by helping to fund airport improvement projects that are beyond the scope of many small-city budgets." Waynoka Municipal will benefit from one of these funding programs with a runway overlay project scheduled for next fall.



Highlights from the October OPA Dinner Meeting

Brian Hancock opened our meeting and Bill Pappadopoulos led us in the pledge to our flag. Greg Finley shared OPA Fly Away information. October is to Cedar Mills on the 19th and November has been changed to Fairview for the World's Oldest Fly In and Airshow. He asked that everyone give suggestions for future fly aways to the committee.



Our speaker, Mark Kranenburg, was the GA Manager of Wiley Post and C E Page Airports in OKC from 1994 to 2001. He served CA airports until he returned to OKC in 2005 as Airports Director. He said that Kristi runs the show at Wiley Post and does it well. Mark said after he graduated from Norman High he could go to college or join the USAF. He thought he'd flunk out after partying with fraternities and end up dishing out ice cream. So, he chose the AF and served in Desert Storm. He was an air traffic controller in the AF and at FAA.

Mark told us about the extensive renovations planned for Will Rogers World Airport. They include major terminal expansion, parking renovations, a new pedestrian tunnel and 4 fast-moving elevators, and a new 4000 square ft. area with displays for the public. You won't have to be a boarding passenger to enjoy it. Anyone will be able to go up there to see it. Terminal Drive is being redone and temporarily will have 2 lanes open instead of 4, so it may take a little longer to get to the terminal. They are doing their best to make it all as painless as possible.



Kranenburg said they are proud of Wiley Post Airport and Kristi and her group do a great job there. He said 70% of the operations are transient, which means that people are flying in and out for good economic reasons. Seventeen million dollars have been invested in the last 10 years. There are a couple of new projects scheduled. Every piece of pavement has been, or will be, touched. It has a jet capable runway and there needs to be priorities to see that there's good pavement and apron out there.

The FAA wanted to do away with contract control towers, but they are a great program and save the FAA a lot of money. He said it would be too unsafe to take away the tower at Wiley Post. They have high performance jets and new training pilots trying to compete for the same space. He said GA pilots need to keep their eyes open and fight every year to keep contract towers. He said the more traffic patterns used, the better to keep contract towers open. Mark said that most private airports are there to make money, which makes them horrible for GA.



Mark said there is land available at Wiley Post to build your own hangars, but not much interest. There is also not much commercial interest here, but a lot at the Will Rogers area. He said they can create the infrastructure and backbone; but can't make them chose to build here. Our thanks to Mr. Kranenburg for a very informative presentation and his service to our state and country. Also, thanks to Gerald Luton for donating \$100 for the door prize drawing!



October OPA Fly Away - Cedar Mills Airport - Safety Seminars & Fly/Splash In



Thanks to Greg Finley for article; Angela Drabek & Brian Hancock for photos



The flyaway for October was especially exciting for me because of the variety of things to do and they were all wrapped in a neat little package of being at the same location. After landing on the excellently maintained grass runway of the Cedar Mills Airport (3T0), that gave the appearance of a golf course fairway, we were able to line up our planes, sit in our chairs, and watch a large number of airplanes land and take off. This particular day sported the most beautiful weather I've seen in quite some time, including the best temperatures for this event. This flyaway was also a great time of attending one or all of the four safety seminars scheduled for the day; such as, IFR & GPS, Multi-Engine: Extra Safe or Extra Scary, Longitudinal Stability & Loss of Control, Accidents & Incidents, and Creative Aviation Ingenuity. Additionally, these seminars qualified for FAAST credit for those who participate in that FAA safety program. If attending seminars was not your cup of tea; then this was an excellent opportunity to fish or walk around the marina campsites, or visit the gift store. All in all, there were at least 15 of us who attended the event and broke the day up with an exceptionally great lunch at the Pelican Landing Restaurant

We hope you all make plans to join us in November as we attend the 68th annual fly-in and airshow in Fairview, OK. For more information about our flyaways and other OPA events, you can visit us on our website located at www.opa.link or follow us on Facebook.



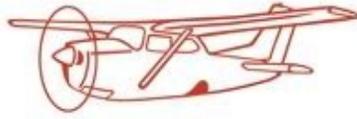


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**Saturday November 9th - OPA Fly Away - Fairview, OK
68th Fairview Fly-In and Airshow**

Wheels Down Breakfast 8:00 a.m. by 12:30 if no breakfast



The Fly Away for the month of November is sure to be one of the better events to attend. This month we're going to fly out to the **World's Oldest Fly-In & Airshow**.

It is the 68th Fairview Fly-In and Airshow located at the Fairview Municipal Airport (6K4) and only 60 nautical miles away from Wiley Post. I want to encourage you to mark your calendars and plan to attend this great event.

The gates will open at 7:00 am, on Saturday, November 9th. We should all plan to be wheels down by 8:00 am so, we can partake of the free breakfast to anyone who flies into the airport. Also, keep your eyes and ears open because a free turkey is provided to every 10th airplane that lands. The airport will close to both inbound and outbound aircraft at 12:30, so they can start a tremendous airshow featuring Russell Husbands in a Decathlon; Kate Kyer in her Pitts S2B; Chet Kuhn in a Wolf Pitts; Jeff Shetterly will be flying a T-6; and Kyle Franklin will be in his bi-plane. Also, the Tulsa Glue Dobbbers will be present flying their RC airplanes.

Thanks to Greg Finley, OPA Fly Away Chairman, for the article and photos



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Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- November 9th Fly Away** - Fairview, OK
68th Annual Fly In & Airshow - World's Oldest
Wheels Down - 8:00 a.m Photo 11:00 a.m.
- November 21st** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- December 5th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- December 14th Fly Away-** To Be Determined
- December 19th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

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2020 OPA Calendar

- January 2nd** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- January 16th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- January 11th Fly Away** - Ponca City, OK
Enrique's Mexican Restaurant
Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.

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