



# NEWS In the Sky

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**July 2nd, 2020 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Officer and Board  
Elections in July**

**Speaker: Dr Kevin Kloesel  
University Meteorologist for OU Office of Emergency Preparedness**

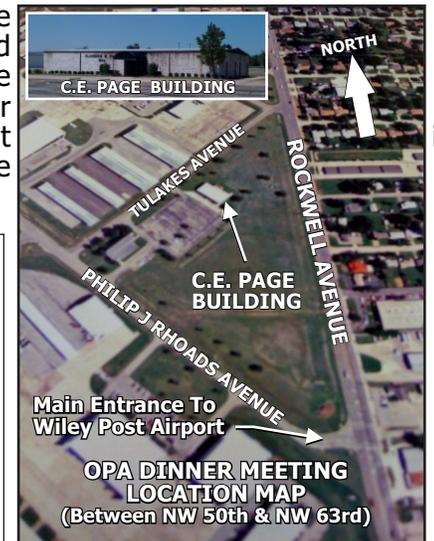
Dr. Kevin Kloesel is the Director, Oklahoma Climatological Survey, and the University Meteorologist for OU Office of Emergency Preparedness. Kevin is an Associate Professor in the College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences and holds a B.S., Engineering Science from the University of Texas at Austin plus hold his M.S. and Ph.D in Meteorology from Pennsylvania State University.

Kevin is responsible for providing weather forecast and weather safety information to the OU Office of Emergency Preparedness before, during and after weather threats of all types on the OU Campus. He also provides support to the OU Executive Policy Group in severe and winter weather situations to facilitate campus protection and closure decisions. He develops and leads high-impact weather safety training on the OU campus for its over 30,000 students, faculty, and staff, and for the over 40,000 pre-collegiate students that call OU home during summer sports and academic camps.

In addition, Kevin serves as Director of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey, one of the largest such Surveys in the country. OCS is charged with providing weather and climate data, analysis and expertise to stakeholders and decision makers throughout the state; and operates the Oklahoma Mesonet weather observing network.

Kevin is a tenured Associate Professor with teaching and research interests ranging from synoptic meteorology to societal impacts and decision-making in weather-impacted situations. He led the teams that won the Innovations in American Government Award from Harvard University and the Ford Foundation for their work with the emergency management community in Oklahoma, as well as awards from the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association. Kevin was awarded the American Meteorological Society's 2015 Charles E Anderson Award for "over two decades of dedication to engaging minority and underrepresented groups through community outreach and academic leadership."

A frequent guest on local, state and national radio and television programs, he has appeared on the National Academies of Science Distinctive Voices, NPR's Talk of the Nation, the Tavis Smiley Show, WeatherBrains, ABC Nightly News, The Discovery Channel, The Weather Channel, WxGeeks, the BBC, and dozens of local radio and TV shows from coast to coast. He has also provided keynotes at the National Tornado Summit and the SXSW Eco Conference. He has served on two National Academies of Sciences panels reviewing weather forecast performance for the nation, and works closely with the Norman Chamber of Commerce and Norman Economic Development Coalition to provide support for the growing private weather and climate enterprise in Norman. He also served as a content designer for Scholastic's 'The Magic School Bus Kicks Up a Storm' children's museum exhibit that s currently touring the US. Kevin formerly served as an Associate Dean and led the National Weather Center's outreach, tour, and visitor programs from 2006-2014.



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.

**August 6th, 2020 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: To Be Announced**



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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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## OPA President Brian Hancock



We have a few exciting changes happening at OPA with our website. The board has elected to update the site's look and content, as well as the domain name you use to find it; [www.opa.aero](http://www.opa.aero). The new .aero domain is specifically for aviation related organizations and companies.

The new site will have a fresh look and user-friendly feel. Most importantly it will be much easier for computer lackeys, like myself and others, to administer. What is not changing is all the great content found on the website, including access to our newsletter archive, calendar of events, and Dinner Meeting and Flyaway info.

We will send multiple notifications to all members and non-members, plus post on social media once the site is live.

Our goal with the new site is to become the preeminent aviation site in Oklahoma. What that means is, we would like to be the one location anyone can visit and find out what is going on with aviation in our state.

We will continue to share information and upcoming aviation events that we are aware of with you but if you, or someone you know, are sponsoring an aviation related event or need to share an aviation related story and would like the info included on our site please notify us at [info@opa.aero](mailto:info@opa.aero).

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We are also interested in your feedback. Once the new site is live and you've had a chance to look it over let us know if you would like to see something added to the website or find something that perhaps needs attention; like a dead link or misinformation. Again, notify us at [info@opa.aero](mailto:info@opa.aero). We appreciate all of your assistance in making sure the site is working properly and meets the needs of our users.

I hope you enjoy the new site and again want to thank you for being a member of the Oklahoma Pilots Association.

This is my last article as President of the OPA. I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who make this organization tick. I'm not going to name names because I'll inadvertently leave someone out, but everyone knows who they are; and I thank you!

I leave you in the good and capable hands of Greg Finley, your incoming President. Greg has served on the board as our Secretary and, most recently, as our VP of Communications and Flyaway Chair. He is a dedicated individual and will do an excellent job continuing the traditions of the OPA as well as moving us forward toward a bright future.

I'd also like to thank Kyle Fulton for volunteering at the position of VP of Communications. Kyle will be a great addition to the team and bring a new perspective and voice to the Board.

Last, I'd like to thank Lee Holmes for taking the reins of the Flyaway Committee and planning our future flyaways. I know we can expect great things with him at the lead.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the OPA over the last couple of years. I plan to continue to serve on the board in the Past President role and remain an active member of the organization. And, of course, I will see you at future OPA Dinner Meetings and Flyaways. Stay Safe and Happy Flying, Brian

## Highlights from the June Dinner Meeting

### Teresa Camp – An Adventure of a Lifetime in a Cessna 182

Thanks to Angela Drabek for the great article and Mike Grimes and Angela for the pictures

For our June meeting, Teresa Camp did an excellent presentation, and took us along on her 'Adventure of a Lifetime' to South Africa. A 10-day self-fly African Safari in a Cessna 182. With what became a dream of one Ninety-Nine aviator friend, became an adventure for other friends to follow along. An opportunity to see a part of the world in a spectacular way. Five Cessna 182's and a Cessna 210, crossing 3 countries, all interwoven with incredible experiences along the way.

She said she was hesitant to go on the trip because of cost, a total of over \$14,000, but knew that this was her once in a lifetime opportunity for such a trip. With over 16-months of preparation, she had to get not only a passport, but also detailed the steps it took to apply to get a pilot's license in South Africa.

She had to train in their airspace for the checkride, ultimately getting her African pilots license. Flying a 1982 Cessna 182 with a basic six-pack, a Garmin 430, and no autopilot, so it consisted of hand-flying the entire trip. The African's used different terminology than what we are used to in the states. And their charts are over ten years old, and that is considered 'relevant'. They rarely update their charts, and the charts depict villages as well as areas for vultures that should be avoided.

The flight planning consists of manifests. You must explain in depth everything about the flight, and all aircraft is taxed by the number of passengers. She said it was interesting to learn how much freedom we have in the US, as far as flying. They don't have ForeFlight, they have something called 'Easy Cockpit'. As well, the poverty in many areas was prevalent, in some areas the copper for the VOR's had been stolen, so you just learned to adapt and be aware.

In preparation for the flight, packing lightly, avoiding colors that attract insects; and taking along a survival kit, as well as battery packs for electronics. And their winters are our summers, so packing clothes for layers of hot days and cold nights.



She said her mom instilled in her to take a travel journal on any momentous trip and write in the journal daily. Each night, even late at night, writing down experiences. She said that became insightful, looking back, helping remember a lot of details that she would have forgotten otherwise.

Traveling through cultural villages in Zimbabwe and Botswana. Experiences such as eating 'mopain worms' with villagers, that were 'crunchy like a Cheeto', but definitely didn't taste good, and tours such as the Apartheid Museum. Outstanding accommodations that resembled more so 'glamping', not camping; extraordinary luxury with unexpected elegance; wines, catering, and laundry service, as well as indoor plumbing, yet all intermingled with the animals right at your doorstep. Sleeping accommodations consisted of exquisite views and amenities, with hot towels at the end of the day after a flight.



### Highlights from the June Dinner Meeting Continued

Safaris were set at either sunrise or sunset, taking advantage of incredible landscapes. Most safaris were in Range Rovers, but some were actually in boats. Some of the guides carried weapons; since the vehicles were open and there would be exposure to the animals; and the guides would advise everyone to 'not act like a predator or prey'. Guides would look for footprints and tracks, and all along the way they would give us insight to what animals were within the areas, and their activities in their natural environment.

From hearing roaring lions, to seeing a rare white rhino, the safari was everything that could be imagined and more. A journey through Africa that brought amazement to see so many different animals. From monkeys, lions, cheetahs, and elephants, to hippos, giraffes, eagles, jackals, and hyenas. To the less known wildebeest, and "Jesus' birds that walk on the water.

In concluding, Teresa's reflections on the trip were that she learned that it takes skill to locate and track wild animals. The African guides were not only valuable to help them find animals in their habitat, and view up close, but they also knew considerations for safety. She said, 'your safety is an illusion', reliant on your own behavior. You must be mindful that how you act can affect your own safety.

She also learned a lot about the people of Africa, that they speak English, and the ease in communication was rewarding. That they face difficult challenges with not only unemployment, but also poverty and immigration. And Africans love tourists, because they bring not only money, but jobs.

As far as aviation, she learned that a Cessna 182 is a great safari aircraft, and she learned about herself as a pilot. Through the journey she was able to build upon her skills, stretching her boundaries as an aviator, with the reassurance that 'I'm not a bad pilot'.

Teresa said that ultimately what she learned from the trip was that it was a great privilege to pilot her own aircraft across multiple countries, and that she greatly cherishes the freedoms and counts her blessings even more. In every sense, it was an 'incredible trip of a lifetime'.





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



Our OPA Fly Away for July is an all-time favorite. Enrique's is always a well attended Fly Away. The food is fantastic! They have items unlike any you find in other Mexican restaurants. If you've been there, you know exactly what I mean. If not, you really need to treat yourself to something special. If you like spicy, I recommend the shrimp and green chili enchiladas. And having their special chips and salsa is a must. I promise that they are worth the price. Their queso is also excellent with their chips. Photos are from the 2019 Enrique's Fly Away.



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### OPA June 13th Fly Away - Ada Regional Airport Article and pictures from Lee Holmes



George Braly and Tim Roehl treated over thirty members and guests of the Oklahoma Pilots Association to a fantastic experience and tour of their facilities, GAMI and Tornado Alley in Ada Oklahoma. As our pictures reflect, the tours of their top-notch facilities included interesting explanations and demonstrations of some of the technology that has gone into developing, production, marketing and delivery of the unleaded fuel for small aircraft that many others have tried to develop, without success. The fantastic tours included interesting explanations of how they developed the lean of peak perfections and the high altitude compressor. We were even treated to a demonstration of the BIG LOUD airplane motors running on the no lead fuel. On top of the fantastic tours, George and Tim provided us a delicious catered barbeque lunch that they refused to let us pay for; but gave us the opportunity to donate to a nonprofit group for the benefit of homeless children.

Placemats which further explain and demonstrate the development, production and delivery of the unleaded fuel were designed and provided for the OPA attendees at the fly-away luncheon. There will be one of these informative placements at each table at our July 2nd dinner meeting.

Thank you, George and Tim for a wonderful experience AND for developing a ground-breaking fuel that will give us cleaner engines, fuel efficiency, longer engine life AND the pride of the invention of a made-in-Oklahoma product that all of our planes will use.

Lee Holmes, Fly-Away Chairman



## OPA June 13th Fly Away - Ada Regional Airport

**Lee Holmes, our new OPA Fly Away Chair, asked Betty Smith to share her first GA flight and flyaway experience with us. Thanks to Dewayne Janes for inviting and piloting Betty.**

A few weeks ago, I was asked if I would like to go on a "Fly Away?" My first question was "What's a Fly Away?" I was told this would be a flight in a plane to Ada, Oklahoma. There would be other planes flying in to meet at the General Aviation Modifications, Inc. facility. The tour would be led by its founders George Braly and Tim Roehl. After the presentation there would be lunch and visiting and then fly back to Wiley Post. Well, I have flown commercial, so why not go. My horoscope had told me that day to do something different, something that I had never done before, so yes, I would go. My directions were to go to Wiley Post Airport, Saturday, June 13. Be there at 9:00. Park on 63rd Street west of Rockwell, close to the hangers. The drive through gate would be locked, but the small gate would be open.

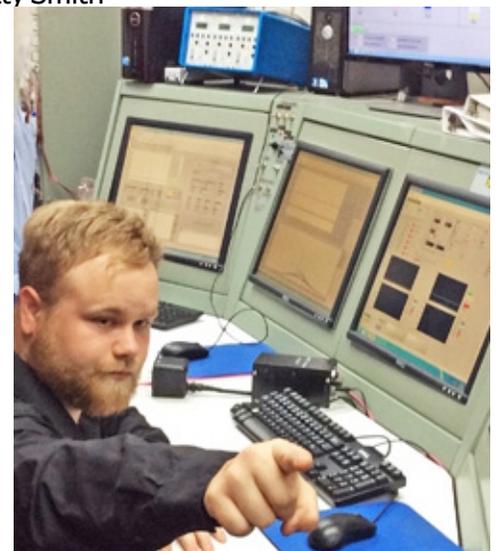
It looked vacant when I got there, and the only person I saw was a man half-way down the center of the rows of hangers. I yelled at him and said, "I'm looking for my pilot, Dewayne Janes." He said, "Go through that small gate and go south and you will see him." Sure enough, there he was with his plane and Co Pilot, Pat Farmer. I WAS GLAD THERE WAS A CO-PILOT. Pat, the Co-Pilot, helped me in the back seat after he offered me his front seat and, "No thank you, I'm fine back here" I said. Dewayne, the Pilot handed me earphones. I didn't know why until we got in the air.

I've never figured out how a plane got in the air; but it went very smoothly. I expected to be flying very fast, like they do in the movies, but we were hardly moving. I could see the ground below moving and I asked Dewayne how fast we were going. And he said, "160 miles an hour." I couldn't believe it. I could see all these houses and lakes and they showed me where Tinker was. He said it would take 30 minutes to Ada, but I know it must have been over an hour. He kept talking to someone and they were telling him about another plane in the air. I hoped he knew where it was. The plane seemed to be going down here and there and I hoped he had planned it that way. About that time, I saw a landing strip and he

landed so soft I didn't realize we were on the runway. When all of the planes arrived, we were escorted through several large buildings by Mr. Kim Roehl, one of the co-owners. The buildings were very impressive inside with all of the equipment, very organized and clean. I didn't understand when he was talking about pistons and routers, but everyone else did. After the presentation, we were escorted back for lunch, which was delicious. I met new friends and had the privilege of meeting George Braly and heard him sing a song in French. It was a brand-new experience for me. I kept my eye on the Pilot and Co-Pilot, Dewayne and Pat, because I did not want to walk home. Thanks, Dewayne and Pat, you made my day! Now I can mark this off my "Bucket List."



Thanks for the invite,  
Betty Smith





### OPA June 13th Fly Away - Ada Regional Airport Information and pictures from Lee Holmes



The attendees included: Danny and Vi Davis; Angela Drabek; Stan Young; Betty Smith; Wyvema Startz; Robert & Phyllis Hensley; Mike Hancock and Brian Hancock; John Myers; Jeff Brown; Dusty and Denny Boren; Dale Hughes; Lyn and Lee Holmes; Stacey and Pierce Wyatt; Sue Hughes; Steve W. Black; Dwayne Janes; Pat Farmer; Chuck Lewis; and Tim Kahle.



OPA extends our special thanks to our hosts at GAMI, George Braly and Tim Roehl.



OPA June 13th Fly Away - Ada Regional Airport  
GAMI Tour  
Thanks to Lee Holmes for the pictures



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If you plan to go, please email Roger Walton at [flyaway@opa.link](mailto:flyaway@opa.link) with the number in your group (or text, (405) 219-5149). If you have a seat available or need a ride please contact one of the following: Lee Holmes: (405) 833-7201 [Brian Hancock: \(405\) 757-5706 - Hancock73660@gmail.com](mailto:BrianHancock@gmail.com), or [Bill Pappadopoulos: \(405\) 417-7876](mailto:BillPappadopoulos@gmail.com), or [Danny Davis: \(405\) 990-5201 - abadavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DannyDavis@gmail.com).

**Humor**

**Critical Altitude:** Minus 6 feet.

**Critical Engine:** That part of your plane that used to be under the cowl, but is now in intensive care at the maintenance shop.

**Dead Reckoning:** You reckon correctly, or you are.

**De-Icer:** A device designed to work under all weather conditions, except icing.

**Engine Failure:** A condition that occurs when all fuel tanks become filled with air.

**Walkaround:** What you do while waiting for weather to clear.

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

**August 6th** - OPA Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

**August 20th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

**August** - **OPA Fly Away - TBA**

**September 3rd** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

**September 17th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

**September** - **OPA Fly Away - TBA**

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