



NEWS In the Sky

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The OPA Board would like to thank each of you for your patience as we navigate through this trying time of what has been called the COVID-19 virus; or coronavirus. We value our Members and the health, safety, and wellbeing of each one of you, and your families, are at the foremost of each decision we make. Also, we want to comply with the orders and direction given by our public officials. Therefore, we are cancelling the monthly Membership Dinner Meeting for **Thursday, May 7, 2020**. We invite you to mark your calendars and save the date for our next scheduled Membership Dinner Meeting on **Thursday, June 4th**, as we believe life should be back to normal by then. **Greg Finley, VP OPA Communications.**

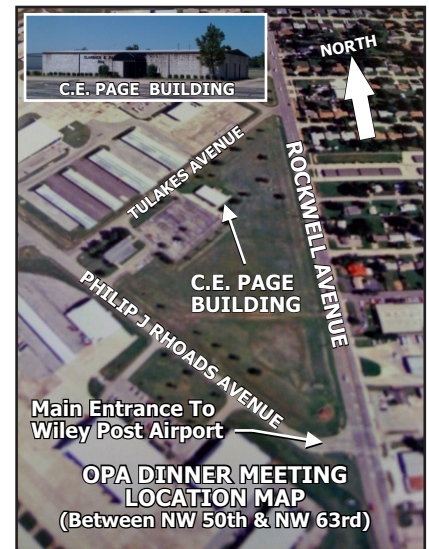
Elections for OPA Board Members and Officers will be held at the June Dinner Meeting. If you are interested in serving in one of those positions or on a committee, please contact any officer

Your OPA Board is working to reschedule presentations by Max L. Ary, Executive Director Stafford Air and Space Museum, and RAF Liasons Steven Thompson and Dave Powell.

**June 4th, 2020 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Teresa Camp
Cessna 182 self-fly African Safari**

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.



Teresa Camp earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. She started flying in the autumn of 2000 thinking it would make her a better engineer, but soon fell in love with the adventure associated with the lifelong learning to fly. She holds a pilot certificate with ratings as instrument, single-engine land, and single-engine sea, and owns a Mooney M20J. **She has competed in 4 transcontinental air races and in the summer of 2019, completed a self-fly African Safari in a Cessna 182 crossing through 3 countries!** She was born and raised in Southern California.

Teresa is a Special Projects Manager for Executive Transport at The Boeing Company. Before to coming to Oklahoma in 2018, she worked at Pratt & Whitney (P&W) in Connecticut,



developing advanced military engines for helicopters and fighter aircraft. Prior to P&W, Teresa accumulated over 28 years of program management and engineering experience at Boeing both in Southern California and St. Louis. During that time, she worked many diverse projects including the US Army's modernization with robotics, the F/A-18 Super Hornet, F-15 Strike Eagle, AV-8B Harrier, T-45 Goshawk, Phantom Works, ICBM systems, and Trident/Poseidon submarines.





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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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Charitable Contributions to the OPA Scholarship Fund

As many of you may know, my day job is being a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones. There is usually very little that overlaps between helping individuals with their financial planning needs and being a pilot (other than that the fact that the later typically takes away from the former, haha). But, when reviewing the Oklahoma Pilots Association's Vic Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund recently, it occurred to me that I might be able to give some sound financial advice AND help the OPA Scholarship Fund at the same time.

Allow me to tell you about Qualified Charitable Distributions or QCD's.

QCD's allow IRA holders to withdraw up to \$100,000 annually from their Traditional IRA or Roth IRA and deliver the funds directly to a qualifying charitable organization, resulting in a tax-free distribution that may satisfy the holders Required Minimum Distribution or RMD.

In other words, if you typically give to a charity, or your church, or your (shameless plug) OPA Scholarship Fund, you could use your RMD to make the contribution in a tax-free manner. It is important to note that it must be a direct IRA distribution payable to a qualified charity. This is a great way to help a charity while also helping yourself by not having to pay taxes on the distribution that you are otherwise required to take.

I recently visited with Jennifer Meckling at the Oklahoma Community Foundation, the organization that oversees the OPA Vic Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund, and she confirmed that our fund is a qualified charity. She has provided us with a letter that you would give to your financial professional to explain how the process needs to be completed and payment received. This letter has already been emailed to our OPA Members in our Newsletter notification email, however, should you need a copy please feel free to contact me anytime.

The OPA annually awards one, and sometimes multiple scholarships, for the minimum amount of \$2000. Any private pilot meeting the eligibility requirements may apply for the scholarship. Applications, along with the eligibility requirements, can be found on our website at www.opa.link/scholarships.html.

Help us create a legacy of assisting individuals on their way to becoming pilots by considering a donation to the OPA Vic Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund today. (Revised: It should be noted that the CARES Act - the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act passed on 3/27/20 - waives the required minimum distributions for all 401(k) and IRA's in 2020.) Thank you.

Brian Hancock, OPA President

Brian can be reached at his place of business by calling (405) 728-0221. If you need a copy of the Charitable Contribution letter, please feel free to contact him.)



March 7th OPA FlyAway Stillwater OSU Flying Aggies Fly-In Thanks to Greg Finley, OPA Fly Away Chair



We attended the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Flying Aggies 5th Annual Fly-In on March 7th. Although a little windy, the skies were sunny and there was a good number of aircraft on static display to see. In addition to the static displays, there were several representatives from both Part 135 and 121 operations to give employment information to current pilots and crafts for our future pilots. My favorite were recruiters for the U.S. Marine Corps... Ooh Rah!!! I may be a little partial here.

The highlight of the day was the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Ray and Linda Booker OSU Flight Center by OSU Flying Aggies President Jacob White, Dean Stephen Wilson, Linda Booker, OSU President Burns Hargis, and Pistol Pete. The ceremony was attended by many, including OSU A&M Regent Calvin Anthony, Stillwater Mayor Will Joyce, and Sen. Tom Dugger. A former Flying Aggie, OSU alumni Brent Kising is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and he was present to speak on behalf of Gov. Kevin Stitt.



Pictures from the March OPA Stillwater OSU Flying Aggies Fly-In



Thanks to Greg Finley, OPA Fly Away Chair, for the article and the great pictures.

Pictures from the March OPA Stillwater OSU Flying Aggies Fly-In



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Please contact any committee member with questions about Fly Aways or suggestions for future OPA Fly Aways.

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If you plan to go, please email Roger Walton at 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: Greg Finley (918)340-9184 gfinley@cox.net Brian Hancock: (405) 757-5706 - Hancock73660@gmail.com, or Bill Pappadopoulos: (405) 417-7876, or Danny Davis: (405) 990-5201 - abadavis@sbcglobal.net.

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2020 OPA Calendar

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May 7th - NO Dinner Meeting Stay Safe!

May 21st - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

May - NO OPA Fly Away
 To meet social distancing standards

June 4th - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

June 18th - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

June 13th OPA Fly Away - Ponca City, OK
 Enrique's Mexican Restaurant
 Wheels Down: 11:00 a.m.

July 2nd - No OPA Dinner Meeting

July 4th - Watch Fireworks at
 Wiley Post Airport - Time TBA

July 16th - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

July 11th Fly Away - Ada, OK
 Petrillo's Restaurant
 Wheels Down 11:00 a.m.

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1st Saturday - Ponca City Aviation Booster Fly-In
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