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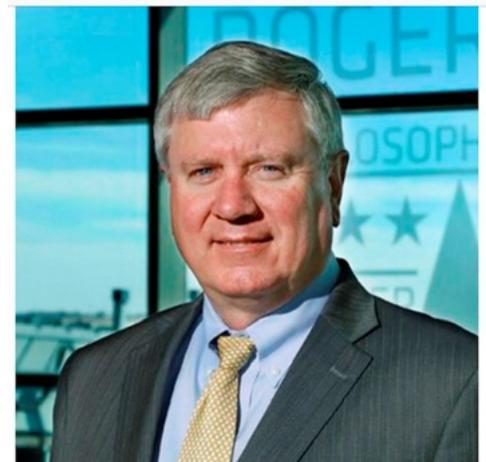
**October 3rd, 2019 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Mark Kranenburg
OKC Airports Director**

Mark Kranenburg is the Director for the City of Oklahoma City's Airports Department. He oversees the management and operations of the city's three airports: Will Rogers World Airport, Wiley Post Airport and Clarence E. Page Airport.

Mr. Kranenburg began his civilian career in aviation in 1993 as an Airport Operations Officer at Will Rogers World Airport. In 1994 he became the General Aviation Manager of Wiley Post and Clarence E. Page Airports, a position he held until 2001. He then served as the Assistant Director of San Bernardino County's six general aviation airports and later as the Director of Riverside Airport in Southern California. Mark returned to Oklahoma City in 2005 to accept the position of Airports Director.

Mr. Kranenburg holds a degree in Aviation Management and is an Accredited Member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). He has served on AAAE's Board of Directors and Policy Review Committee and is a Past President and Legislative Chairman for the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association. Mr. Kranenburg also served as an air traffic controller in both the United States Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration.





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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I thought I would use my article this month to highlight a few aviation related events and news items you may or may not be aware of:

Governor Stitt declared August Aviation and Aerospace Awareness Month in Oklahoma; highlighting the economic impact aviation and aerospace has had on the state. The industry accounts for \$44 billion in annual economic activity and employs over 200,000 people.

ICAO flight planning goes into effect August 27, 2019. Beginning on that date, all flight plans must be submitted using the International Standard Form. This form requires a lot of the same information used on the domestic form. The big difference is that you'll need to include your airplane's navigation, communication, surveillance (transponder) and survival equipment in greater detail. Most major iPad apps and online web planning services already support the ICAO flight plan form.

This past weekend (8/17) many OPA members supported the Ninety-Nines Okie Derby Air Proficiency Rally through volunteerism or participation. But did you know that this famed organization, whose members have included Amelia Earhart, Louise Thaden, and Jerri Cobb, will celebrate their 90th year on November 2nd? A 90th Anniversary Celebration Dinner is planned for the evening of November 2nd at 6pm inside the Ninety-Nines headquarters building on Will Rogers Airport (KOKC). Tickets can be purchased from the Ninety-Nines website; www.ninety-nines.org.

Speaking of Women and Aviation, the 3rd Annual Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day luncheon is planned for November 1st inside the AAR Aircraft Services Hanger at Will Rogers International Airport (KOKC). It is sponsored by the Air Force Association Central Oklahoma Gerrity Chapter in community partnership with the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. This year they will celebrate the life of Oklahoman and American Aviator, Jerri Cobb, and salute the 90th year of the Ninety-Nines. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at www.eventbrite.com.

The FAA will NOT be extending the ADS-B deadline. This requirement states that all aircraft flying in designated controlled airspace - generally the same airspace where transponders are required - must be equipped with ADS-B out avionics by January 1, 2020. More information can be found at www.faa.gov/nextgen/equipadsb/.

Finally, the FAA has indefinitely suspended a search for a replacement for leaded aviation fuel. Lead in fuel prevents engine knock, or detonation, that can result in sudden engine failure; however, lead is also a toxic substance that can be inhaled or absorbed through the skin. A search for a reliable replacement has hit many roadblocks with recent test fuels falling short of the desired results.

Stay Safe and Happy Flying!

Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting - Oshkosh

OPA President Brian Hancock opened our meeting and Bill Pappadopoulos led us in the pledge to the American flag; then Frank Bice led us in the pledge to the Oklahoma flag. (Yes, there really is one.) It is: "I salute the Flag of the State of Oklahoma. Its symbols of peace unite all people." Mike Grimes presented the slate of officers and board member suggested by the nominating committee and asked for any nominations from the floor. The suggested slate was accepted by acclamation by the members. Greg Finley said everyone had a great time at the Pete's Place OPA Fly Away. The August 10th Fly Away will be to the Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, Arkansas. Frank Lloyd's house is on exhibit at the museum. It was moved there piece by piece and reassembled. We were reminded that the Okie Derby is August 17th. Brian asked everyone to bring a friend or family member, etc. to one dinner meeting this year. He graciously agreed to serve another term as OPA President and said his goal is to increase membership. He reminded us that our next meeting will be at the Southern Wings Hangar for Planes, Bikes, Cars and BBQ.

Jeff Sandusky showed us a great video history of Oshkosh AirVenture. If you missed the meeting, you can see it on the Oshkosh website. Then he took us on a fantastic tour of Oshkosh; of course, starting with the NEED to actually read the Notams, and he dared anyone to fly in without preplanning. And don't try to fly in without IFR reservation.



Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting - Oshkosh Continued

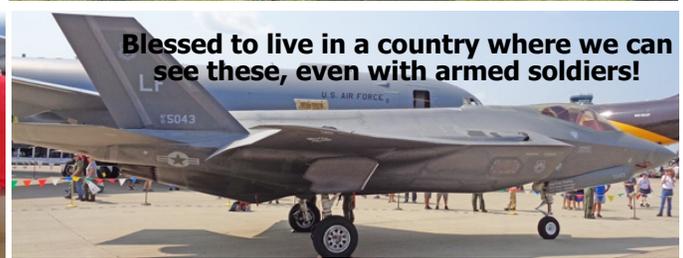
Jeff said 642,000 people attended during the week and 2758 were international visitors. Ten thousand aircraft were there, which is 1/10th of all current airplanes. There were 127 airplanes taking off and landing every hour for a week. He said an 89 Blackbird flew from California to Oshkosh in 45 minutes. (I think Jeff said it took them longer than that to get to land.) Jeff picked up his son, Keegan, in Kansas and was informed that he would be flying to Oshkosh with Jeff in the right seat. Keegan has graduated from college and now works for Garmin. They saw the OSU plane at the airport in Lee's Summit. The weather included 70 mph wind and a tornado warning, with heavy rain. When they landed, in between storms coming in, they couldn't get to their assigned parking spot because a semi-truck tractor was in the way and couldn't be moved until the next morning. That was because the tractor was buried to the axels in mud. They worked it around and got the plane there. There were planes stuck in the mud everywhere and campers in line 6 hours to get in. After the wet start, Oshkosh was great!



Now, those are bullets!



Blessed to live in a country where we can see these, even with armed soldiers!



Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting - Oshkosh Continued

The Cirrus party before Oshkosh officially opened hosted 1500 guests. Cirrus also provided meals the rest of the week for about 400 every night; and the ice cream bar was even more popular than the alcohol bar. Jeff did a fantastic job of taking pictures from all areas of the fly in. He walked from 6 to 11 miles each day, taking over 1200 pictures to show us. (It was not easy to narrow them down to the ones that we could fit in the newsletter.) He covered the entire Oshkosh adventure for us. There was something for everyone there, from sunglasses and used plane part, to any kind of airplane you could wish to see or buy. There were warbirds, complete with an authentic crew set up with vintage uniforms, all the way to one of a kind, and prototypes. You could shop in the grocery store, get nails done, and buy a chair, a tractor, a motorhome, or just about anything you could imagine. And all the shops set up before and disappear after the week is over. There was even a 3 month old UPS 747 with less than 1000 miles on it. That was probably the last chance to see a brand new one because they are going out of production. There was a floor covered with ball bearings so the cargo can move without problems. And even an airplane inside an airplane! We could tell you more of what Jeff shared with us; but think you would prefer that we show you as much as we can fit instead. Thanks to Jeff for a wonderful trip to Oshkosh AirVenture!



Jeff said, when he retires, he wants to rent, not sell these chairs at Oshkosh. They were always filled with someone sleeping.



More Pictures from Oshkosh



President Eisenhower's Twin Engine "Air Force One" Now used for "Victory Flights for Veterans"



OPA September FlyAway Saturday the 14th Bartlesville Municipal Airport (KBVO)



Thanks to OPA FlyAway Chairman Greg Finley for the article and picture

WOW! Can you believe we are already talking about September 2019? September is one of the two yearly equinoxes; when the sun crosses the celestial equator, and on a certain day [9/23/2019] both day and night will be of equal length. Aside from beginning to prepare for fall and the soon approaching winter; we are preparing for our September FlyAway. So, mark your calendars and start your planning to attend our monthly flyaway to the Bartlesville Municipal Airport (KBVO) on Saturday, September 14th. We plan to be wheels down by 11:00 am when we will all go visit the Price Tower, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and have lunch as a group. Originally designed as a downtown apartment building in New York City, Frank Lloyd Wright was able to convince H. C. Price to build the tower in Bartlesville to house his pipeline corporate headquarters. This masterpiece of copper and concrete forever changed the Oklahoma skyline.

For more information on the Price Tower, visit <http://www.pricetower.org>. Also, you can start your flight planning to KBVO by visiting <https://www.airnav.com/airport/KBVO>



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

From OPA Fly Away Chair Greg Finley



Saturday, August 10th Last month we decided to fly over to Bentonville Municipal Airport (KVBT) in Arkansas so we could visit the much talked-about Chrystal Bridges Museum of America. After ten of us arrived at the airport in three different airplanes, we were met by a couple of members who drove and helped with ground transportation. All in all, the twelve of us were able to make it over to the museum after the FBO allowed us to keep the crew car all day. Those two vehicles and the use of Uber trekked us the 4 miles down the road to our destination of art of all kinds, nature trails, and architectural feats, including those of Frank Lloyd Wright. During our stay in the museum, we enjoyed a great lunch in the Eleven at Chrystal Bridges Restaurant, and an even better time of fellowship with our OPA family. Attendees included: Patrick Allmond, Phil Thurston and Ricky Fulton; Roy Cowan; Bill Halpain; Bill Hines; Al and Sonie Liebler; Christa and Dean Ritter; and Jan and Roger Walton.



If you have not been attending our monthly flyways, I would like to encourage you to mark your calendars each month and take some time to join us. Several members who are not current or have no immediate access to an airplane still attend by filling empty seats when we have some. Just let us know you need a ride, and we'll match you up with someone who may have an empty seat. If driving suits you better, we do have some members who drive each month and meet us at the airport to join in on the fun, food, and fellowship. Whether you fly or drive, we'll be happy to see you at our monthly flyaways!

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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Flights for Life

Photos and article from Gerald Luton



Bill Halpain made a Flights for Life mission in July and was kind enough to invite me to go with him. The Oklahoma Blood Institute driver arrived about 1340 with eight boxes of blood products for us to take to KLAW. We departed KPWA at 1356 and arrived at KLAW at 1430. An OBI driver was waiting for us, but we had to wait about 15 minutes for another driver to arrive from Wichita Falls. Lawton Aviation Services gave us each a bottle of water comfortable chair to sit in while we waited. We had 8 more boxes of blood products on the turn trip to KPWA. We departed KLAW 1500 and arrived back at KPWA at 1530. I was very excited not only for the chance to go flying, but at the same time to be helping others. What's not to like?

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- 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 17th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- October 19th Fly Away** - Cedar Mills, OK
 Splash In-Fly In
 Wheels Down - 9:00 a.m.
- November 7th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- November 16th Fly Away** - Wynoka Municipal Transcontinental Museum
 Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.
- November 21st** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

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