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SKY 5 Pilot Chase Rutledge flies for you every morning to bring you the latest in traffic, breaking news, and any information that will impact your day. Chase is also there for you when it matters. As a member of the First Alert Storm Team, Chase will bring you the most accurate and up to date information about severe weather in your area; and as breaking news happens he will be there to provide the information you need as the story develops.

Chase has been with the KOCO Channel 5 since 2012 as a backup pilot. After retiring from the Oklahoma National Guard on March 31, 2018, he assumed the full-time pilot position. He served 26 years with the Oklahoma Guard with 20 of those years in a full-time position as an Army Pilot and Instructor. He has served overseas and during countless missions across the nation; in support of the war on terrorism, disaster relief, and Homeland Security, to name just a few.

Chase has known that his dream was to be a pilot since he was six years old and he has never stopped pursuing that dream. Chase studied Telecommunications at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK; acquired all of his airplane qualifications at Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK; and then continued his flight training with the United States Army. He believes that all this experience has prepared him for what he calls his "dream job" here at Channel 5.

When Chase isn't flying, he is still dreaming of flying. However, while he is doing that he enjoys spending time with his family. He is an avid wood turner and enjoys traveling the world. Chase and his wife live in Edmond and they have four children. The six of them enjoy getting outdoors and enjoying what this great state and world have to offer. Chase enjoys hiking, skiing, camping ... well, anything that takes him to the mountains and back in the sky.



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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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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When I first received my pilots license my dad gave me a quote in a nice frame to hang in my hanger, it read: **"Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect."** In light of the recent airplane crash in Ponca City and the few that have happened recently involving local individuals from our community, I think it is important to remember some of the essentials of safe flying.

Always Use Your Checklist - The importance of a pre-flight checklist cannot be overstated. Even if you seemingly know it by heart, break it out and go through it, so that you are sure to make every check. It's better to figure out you have a problem at 0' AGL then at 6,500' AGL.

Keep Up with Preventative Maintenance - Not only is this a good way of protecting your investment but it goes a long way in ensuring that the aircraft you are stepping in to returns safely to the hanger.

Avoid Distractions in the Cockpit - I'm guilty of distracted flying, as I'm sure most are. I've been caught up in conversation or rubber-necking at the sites below; and have not paid close enough attention to my instruments, radio, ATC, or navigation. It's important to make sure you are flying the plane first. This may mean making sure your passengers know that your first responsibility is to ensure a safe flight, and they need to help you maintain a sterile cockpit, free of distractions.

Stay Proficient - "Always keep learning." Make sure you are staying abreast of current FAA regulations, keeping your ratings and licenses in check, and continue to practice maneuvers (especially emergency procedures) throughout your lifetime of being a pilot.

Don't Feel Pressured to Fly - Have you ever wanted to take a friend flying; or promised to be somewhere at a certain time, or just wanted to go fly so bad that you felt pressured to take off, despite less than desirable conditions. Do not get blinded by a variety of factors that make good decision making tough to do in the heat of battle. If you have any second thoughts about when to leave the ground, just don't do it. Trust your intuition and remember there will always be another day to fly.

Remember, flying safety begins with the pilot in charge. Your life and the lives of others may depend on it. Hopefully doing some or all these things will ensure you have many safe flights to come.

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Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting

OPA President Brian Hancock opened our meeting and Bill Pappadopoulos led us in the pledge to our flag. Greg Finley said everyone had a great time at the fly away to Grand Lake, Monkey Island and brought a Monkey Island hat for a door prize. The 99s thanked everyone for help with the Okie Derby by flying, serving as spotters, etc.

Jeff Sandusky honored us with pictures and great stories about Oshkosh and shared some 2017 EAA videos. This was the first year there were 600 thousand people at Oshkosh and the media went crazy about it. It was all over the TV and newspapers, not surprising with 976 media representatives there. Oshkosh created a 170 million dollars impact to five counties in only one week. There were no military group flights this year, but there were 1094 vintage planes, all at one airport. There were 867 commercial exhibitors and 12,300 campers. People attended from 57 nations. With a new anniversary next year, it is expected to be even bigger.



Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting Continued

Jeff showed us a map of Oshkosh to help him walk us through and provided official visitor & Camper's Guides and Schedules. Executives there drive red Volkswagens. The original red one is in the museum there. Once again, it was said that pilots into aviation because of the airplanes; but stayed because of the people. We heard about one generous person who gave a father and his two sons flight line passes because they couldn't afford them since they spent all their money just getting in.

He reminded us to be sure to download and read all 32 pages of the NOTAM before you leave for Oshkosh. They land 10,000 airplanes. If flying IFR you better have a reservation and be on time. There will be a plane landing just before and just after you. You don't talk on the radio but wave your wings when you come in. He said it's like a bunch of 6-year-old kids trying to get in line at kindergarten.

Jeff picked up his son in Kansas City on the way to Oshkosh. He recently graduated from college and after working for Garmin for four days they sent him to Oshkosh. There is a complete "pop up" city at Oshkosh, including a grocery store for the one week. Ford was their biggest sponsor this year and said it is their best marketing promotion; better than TV. There was a Nola research plane there. You can buy anything you want there, including an airplane on a trailer or old, used, worn out tires. There was even a half a million-dollar motorhome and trailer for sale there. Jeff and his son looked at a Stearman and he thought they were going to bring one home. Julie was in the camper and she didn't know how close they came to actually bringing one home. Jeff said they always eat well at Oshkosh and Cirrus provides a lot of the food; feeding over 300 people the first two nights. They eat and drink well, but responsibly. He said there were longer lines for the ice cream than for alcohol. The bottle of wine is part of the Collier Award Cirrus received. It is the most prestigious award in aviation.

Jeff said he had never seen so many P51 Mustangs in one place. They had authentic military camps set up, complete with period dress. We heard many interesting stories, but they sound much better coming from Jeff. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so we will show you more pictures instead of writing so many words. If you are seeing this issue of the newsletter in print, you should go to the OPA website and see all the great photos in color. Thanks to Jeff for a great presentation of Oshkosh through his eyes.



More photos from Oshkosh AirVenture 2018



Jeff said from the smile on his face, there must be some great memories.



OPA August 4th Fly Away - Fayetteville, Arkansas - Air and Military Museum

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



A cool morning flight to Fayetteville, AR for the August Flyaway gave way to a warm return flight with temps hitting the high 90's for those of us without AC in our planes. But that didn't put a damper on the good food and company had by all in attendance. After arrival in seven planes, we dined at a local favorite called Hugo's, located in a basement below a retail store. They served great hamburgers and home cut fries. Seventeen people attended, including: Lola and David Ames; Vi and Danny Davis; Brian Hancock and Brett Thompson; Dwayne Janes and Kirk Greenwood; Gerald Luton; Treasure and Danny Morgan; Danielle, Josie, Jett and Joey Sager; Jan and Roger Walton and Tony Cable and Jay Jones for a total of 19.

After lunch we toured the Arkansas Air and Military Museum at the airport. We viewed some great relics; including all manner of general aviation and military aircraft, and military memorabilia, including: uniforms, tools, weapons and vehicles. Many of the aircraft in the air museum are maintained in flying status, making it a truly unique museum.





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Aeronautics Aviation Education Program Sets Record Granted Amount

OKLAHOMA CITY – The month of August sends youth back to school which means a returned focus on vectoring young minds toward the exploration of aviation and aerospace for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC). Twenty-eight organizations were recently awarded Aerospace and Aviation Education Program grants or contracts totaling \$296,697 from OAC. The record amount of funding is a vital resource to educators for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) instruction concentrating on aerospace and aviation. The funding was approved by the Commission at their August 9 meeting.

The program, which has been awarding aviation education grants for over 30 years, is part of the OAC mission to encourage and promote aviation throughout the state of Oklahoma. Director of Aeronautics Vic Bird said aerospace supports 240,000 jobs with an average salary of \$73,300 annually. "Last year, after a two-year study, we learned that the Aviation and Aerospace sector in Oklahoma supports \$43.7 billion in annual statewide economic activity. A competent workforce, which includes our desperate need for aerospace engineers, will be needed to sustain this industry," said Bird. The nationally recognized program enjoys a positive reputation as one of the most robust aviation education programs among state aviation agencies. OAC has provided nearly \$1.9 million in education funding within the last 10 years alone.....



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September 15th OPA Fly Away

Guthrie-Edmond Regional Airport Fly-In

Thanks to Greg Finley for the article and flier



On Saturday, September 15th, the Guthrie-Edmond Regional Airport will host their 6th Annual Community Day & Fly-In. Located only 30 miles from downtown OKC, Guthrie is the home airport to a large number of our OPA members. This fly-in is sure to be full of excitement as there will be a number of aircraft displays, radio controlled airplanes, several activities for the kids, and a classic/exotic car show. Make sure to come hungry as there will also be several vendors available to purchase food and drinks.

The parking and admission is FREE and you can get more information at <http://guthrieedmondregionalairport.com> 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 Roger Walton: (405) 219-5149 - flyaway@opa.link, or Danny Davis: (405) 990-5201 - abadavis@sbcglobal.net

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2018 OPA Calendar

- September 6th** - Planes, Bikes, n' Cars 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:30 - Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - September 15th Fly Away** - Guthrie Edmond Regional Airport
6th Annual Community Day and Fly-In
Wheels Down - 9:00 a.m.
 - September 20th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - October 4th** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - October 13th Fly Away**- Muskogee, Oklahoma
Davis Field Airport
Tour the Batfish Submarine
Wheels Down - 11:00 a.m.
 - October 18th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - November 1st** - Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
 - November 10th Fly Away**- Fairview, Oklahoma
World's Oldest Fly In - Wheels Down - 8:00 a.m.
 - November 15th** - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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