



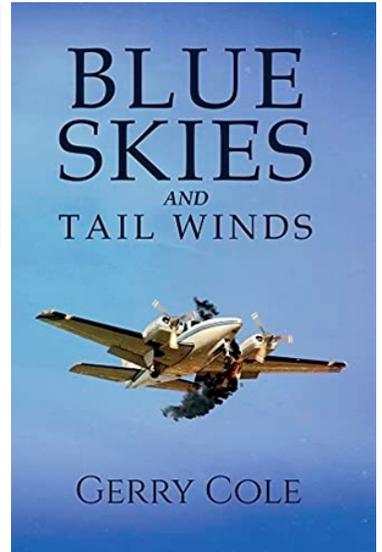
NEWS In the Sky

June 2022

(www.opa.aero)

**June 2, 2022 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Speaker: Author Gerry Cole grew up in Western New York where she attended local schools. She studied English and Composition at SUNY at Buffalo and has a minor in Spanish. She has been married to Jeremy for many years and together they have 3 children, Matthew, Leah and Shayna. They also enjoy 5 grandsons. They left the hustle and bustle of Los Angeles and live together in Edmond, Oklahoma with their 2 dogs.



Gerry Cole is the mother of local flight school owner Matt Cole, who owns Blue Skies in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Matt is a former OPA President and Board member.

The book 'Blue Skies and Tailwinds' focuses on a family that is struggling to get their lives back on track after a fiery airplane crash that almost claims the life of their son and brother. We are introduced to Mom, a stay at home parent, who has to learn new skills to be a caregiver to her son and Dad, a physician, who travelled back and forth from Los Angeles to Gainesville to be with his wife and son. Watch how they evolve and create a new life. Cheer with Mom and Dad as they see their son accomplish tasks the doctors said would not be possible. There is never a way to turn back the clock. There is only the constant beat of forward movement. Everyone in this family chose to go on, and the lives they live were chosen by themselves. They continue to thrive today.

June 2, 2022 - OPA Elections!

**July 7, 2022 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than noon the Tuesday before the Thursday Dinner Meeting, so we can get a count to the caterer (\$15 each). You can RSVP by sending an email to dinner@opa.aero

Speaker: Geoff Camp Oklahoma Director of Aerospace and Defense

More information in July "News in the Sky"

OPA Nominating Committee's Recommended Slate of Officers and Board Members

- President – Kyle Fulton
- Executive Vice President – Mike Grimes
- Treasurer – Roy Cowan
- Secretary – Angela Drabek
- Board Members to expire in 2024
- Dave Ames
- Rick Cacini
- Lee Holmes
- Bill Pappadopoulos
- Open
- Vice President of Communications - Open

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.





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 \$40.

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.

OPA Newsletter Staff
Editor: June Roy
Circulation: Mike Rangel

Members' contributions of articles and other information relative to aviation are encouraged.

2021-2022 OPA OFFICERS

President - Greg Finley	918 340-9184
Exec. Vice President - Mike Grimes	405 641-6860
Past President - Brian Hancock	405 757-5706
Treasurer - Roy Cowan	405 340-1425
Secretary - Angela Drabek	
Vice President of Membership	
Roger Walton	405 219-5149
	membership@opa.aero
Vice President of Communications	
Kyle Fulton	
	info@opa.aero

DIRECTORS

Term Expires 6/30/2023

Chris Call
Bill Hines
Eric Lang
Mike Rangel
Joey Sager
Jeff Sandusky

Term Expires 6/30/2022

Dave Ames
Rick Cacini
Hal Harris
Lee Holmes

Bill Pappadopoulos

College Student Board Member - Mason Mateson

EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

June Roy
Steve Haynes

OPA President Greg Finley



Each month, I usually go through the ritual of navigating through my various thoughts for several days in search of a topic for this article. If you remember anything from my last article you will quickly realize this is my last article as the President of our great Association as we will be having our Board elections in our June meeting. Even though this month's topic was staring me in the face, I still needed to take the time to organize my thoughts and somehow condense the many things that took place over the past two years.

Mostly, the past two years have been a recovery phase from the COVID-19 pandemic for, not only our Association, but also, the world. During this time, we have been able to see an increase in our monthly dinner meeting attendance and our fly-aways. Our catering has become more stable as it has returned to normal. We have had some great guest speakers over the past two years, and we are starting to see corporations lift speaking engagement restrictions which will allow us to continue having high quality speakers in the future. Additionally, our fly-away destinations are increasing as restaurants and event locations have been opening up more. I am excited for the future of our Association, and I look forward to following the leadership of our new Board.

Anytime someone begins to start thanking people for their efforts, one would run the risk of leaving someone out. Although I do not want to be the one to fall into that category, I do feel there are a few people in which I need to give special mention. I would like to give my appreciation to Brian Hancock (Past President) for his insight and advice along the way. Additionally, he assumed the position as the Chairman of our Vic Jackson Memorial Scholarship. Mike Grimes (Executive Vice President) has always been there to keep me on the straight and narrow and entertain my thoughts and ideas. Both men have always been there for me this past year to run the various Membership and Board meetings when work took me out of town.

Kyle Fulton has done a tremendous job at being the Vice President of Communications and making sure each one of you had information disseminated to you for the various fly-aways, meetings, release of the monthly newsletter, and other Association and aviation related topics. Angela Drabek has been exceptional as our Secretary while maintaining the Minutes of the Board meetings and our website. Thank you to Roy Cowan who did a phenomenal job at maintaining and monitoring the finances of the Association as our Treasurer. I appreciate Lee Holmes and his diligence in planning the logistics of our fly-aways each month as the Fly-Away Chairman. Our Vice President of Membership, Roger Walton, has been invaluable at maintaining the ever-changing membership list and processing new members.

I would like to give a special Thank You to the only non-pilot members of our illustrious Association. Ben and June Roy have been extremely wonderful as they worked arduously at taking photographs, notes, preparing, editing, and sending out our monthly newsletter. This newsletter goes out to, not only our Membership, but also several non-members, Fixed Base Operators and other pilot organizations and enthusiasts. I would like to ask each of you to continue keeping June and her family in your thoughts and prayers so, they will continue to be comforted since the passing of Ben just over a week ago.

Thank you to your Board Members for their support and insight as they helped lead this great Association. Although my space for this article is not long enough to mention them by name, it by no means lessens their efforts and importance serving on the Board. Last but by no means the least, I want to thank the most important among us... you. In fact, we would not have an Association without the Members and serving you is the reason the Board works hard. I value each one of you and I have been honored to have served you over these past two years as your President and in other various Board positions. That stated, you are not getting rid of me so easily... LOL. I plan to continue being active and plan to attend as many events as possible.

If you have any questions or comments about this article or have a suggestion for a future article, you can reach our new President at president@opa.aero

Memorial for Ben Roy

Thanks to Mike Grimes for the Article
And special thanks for the beautiful flowers from OPA.
And even more for the support of the members who attended services
or sent words of support and love and prayers. June

On Monday, May 16, 2022, Ben Roy a longtime member of the Oklahoma Pilots Association passed away peacefully at his home. Ben and June have also been producers of our OPA Newsletter since 2004. As we all know, Ben and June have given us a great newsletter.

Bentley (Ben) Edward Roy was born in Enid, Oklahoma on November 4, 1941. He met June Ann Warnock, his future wife, while he was attending Okmulgee Technological School, where he studied electronics. Ben was also a DJ at the local radio station. Ben made use of his DJ position to attract June and upon them being married he became a member of a much larger family as June has nine siblings.

Ben accepted a position with AT&T as a technician and retired as a supervisor after 35 years of service. Ben and June moved across the country over the years living in Louisiana, California, New Jersey, Texas, and settling back home in Oklahoma where they lived the last 26 years.

Ben enjoyed many activities in which he became deeply involved – ham radio, hunting and fishing, scuba diving, water skiing and aviation. Ben worked on his pilot's license while he was in California, including soloing; however, he was not able to continue his work on his pilot's license as his job took him away from California. He also enjoyed travel, camping, travels in his motorhome, fast cars and he earned a black belt in karate. Ben served law enforcement agencies in California, Louisiana, and Oklahoma as a Reserve Law Enforcement Officer both with Sheriff and Police Departments. Ben never lost his love for aviation; flying a number of places across Oklahoma to OPA Activities and especially trips to Enrique's in Ponca City and Pete's in McAlester.

Ben is survived by his wife June of 57 years of marriage, daughter Carol Ann Fewell and husband Gary of Ft. Worth, daughter Elizabeth Ann Biggs and husband Brent of Broken Arrow, son David Eugene Roy and wife Julie of Yukon and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ben was a great contributor to the success of OPA with our Newsletter, and June has agreed to continue that tradition.





OPA June 4th Fly Away to Chickasha, OK




Wings & Wheels Airshow

Saturday, June 4
Chickasha Municipal Airport

Featuring
Justin Lewis and the FLS Microjet
Kate Kyer · Stephen Covington
Pipes vs. Props with Curt & Paul Richmond

Enjoy free, all day family fun!
Car Show • Food Trucks
Free airplane rides for children at 8 a.m.
Airshow starts at 12p.m.
Bring your lawn chair & sunscreen
Info: chickasha.org/airshow
No weapons, coolers or alcohol will be allowed in.

Presented by the City of Chickasha & Chickasha Wings
Airshow coordination and operations by David Schultz Airshows LLC




2022 Wing & Wheels Airshow
Chickasha, OK
04 June 2022

current as of 5/19/22 Rev 9
(FOR PUBLIC RELEASE)

Time	Performance
8:00	Gates Open
8:00	Car Show Begins – Registration free
8:00	Young Eagle Flights Begin – Registration Free Ages 8-17
10:30	Car Show Ends
11:30	Car Show Awards
11:30	Static Display Aircraft Awards
11:15	Young Eagle Flights End
11:30	Airspace Closes
11:55	Opening Ceremony
12:00	All Veteran Group Flag Jump / National Anthem
12:15	Kate Kyer Pitts Aerobatics
12:30	Curt & Paul Richmond Motorcycle vs. Airplane
12:45	Curt Richmond Pitts Aerobatics
1:00	Justin Lewis MicroJet Aerobatics
1:15	Silver Dragon A-26 Flyby's
1:30	Stephen Covington Raptor Pitts Aerobatics
1:45	Airshow Ends
2:30	Airspace Reopens

Schedule is subject to change without notice due to mechanical considerations, weather conditions, and other matters beyond the control of the Event.

We hope that you enjoy the show!

The June flyaway will be June 4th to Chickasha (KCHK). This is their 2022 Wings and Wheels Fly-In and Car Show. Go to the website for all details. Everyone will meet at 11:30 a.m. in front of the office for an OPA group picture. I will not be there, Kyle Fulton will arrange for the group photo. The Young Eagle flights will be from 8 am to 11 am. The air show will be at noon. The airport will be closed before the airshow starts, check NOTAM or the internet, or fly in before 11:30.

Lee Holmes, Flyaway Chairman

Picture from the May Dinner Meeting



Highlights from the May Dinner Meeting Thanks to Lee Holmes for the article and Mike Grimes for the pictures

At our dinner meeting on May 5th, we were educated and entertained by lawyer and author, Bob Burke. To learn more about Bob, re-read the OPA May 2022 OPA newsletter.

One of the books given away by Bob was his published book about Wiley Post. He explained that Wiley's wife would not allow a book to be published about Wiley – but 50 years after Wiley's death the publication was not restricted legally. He personally had accumulated numerous artifacts and stories about Wiley. So, Bob was able to complete and publish the biography.

He then told us about Wiley going to prison and being paroled because of depression. He became a wing walker for a flying circus and worked at an oil field job where a hammer struck a metal piece causing a sliver to hit his eye. The eye became infected, and he lost the eye. Then he received \$300 and used that to purchase an airplane.

The book is **"Wiley Post; From Oklahoma to Eternity"**. Get it. Read it.



Pictures from the May Dinner Meeting



Thanks for taking notes Lee





OPA Fly Away April 30th - Cedar Mills at Lake Texoma - Gordonville, TX
Lunch at Pelican's Landing





**OPA Fly Away April 30th - Cedar Mills at Lake Texoma - Gordonville, TX
Lunch at Pelican's Landing**



HANGER FOR SALE - PAGE (KRCE)
 Nice fully insulated hanger with nice air conditioned office. More than enough room for a high wing. Call Martin Kubier 580-453-1546. Text or leave message. \$65,000.



ANGEL FLIGHT



We Need More Pilots.

Join Angel Flight Oklahoma and Make a Difference, One Flight at a Time.

Share your skills and love of flying to help those in need. Angel Flight volunteer pilots fly one or more flights a year. Flights are posted and scheduled online so you can pick a flight that's best for you.

To learn more, or to schedule a fly-along, call 918-749-8992 or visit www.AngelFlight.com.



CIRRUS AIRCRAFT
CIRRUSAIRCRAFT.COM

To Schedule a free demonstration flight in the world's best selling aircraft, contact
Jeff Sandusky
 405-650-5900
 jsandusky@cirrusaircraft.com

WILEY POST AIRPORT ATLANTIC FBO OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

OPA Newsletter Ad Rates

Approximate Ad Size Monthly Rate

Business Card 2"x 3 1/2"	\$30
One-Eighth Page 2 1/2" x 3 3/4"	\$40
One-Quarter Page 3 3/4" x 4 3/4"	\$70
One-Half Page 4 3/4" x 7 1/2"	\$120
Full Page 7 1/2" x 9 1/2"	\$240

Call Ben Roy, 405-802-9657
 or June Roy 405- 615-2071



Looking for a Location for a Special Event or a Meeting?

Try the Page Building at Wiley Post Airport!

For Page Building rental rates contact: Steve Schroeder: 405-691-8629 (home phone) sandsschroeder@cox.net or QB Governor Jim Sutton 405-760-1988 (mobile phone).

We are looking for new advertisements for our newsletter. If you can help us find new advertisers, please contact our editors, Ben or June Roy 405-615-2071

All scheduled items are subject to change as necessary.

2022 OPA Calendar

June 2 - OPA Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

June 4 - OPA Fly Away
 Chickasha Municipal Airport, Oklahoma
 Opens 8:00 am
 Airshow starts at Noon
 Wings and Wheels Airshow

June 16 - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

July 7 - OPA Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

July 9 - To be Announced
 To be Announced

July 21 - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

August 4 - OPA Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

August 18 - OPA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 Page Building, Wiley Post Airport

August - OPA Fly Away
 To Be Announced

Make dinner meeting reservations at dinner@opa.aero

\$15 per Dinner due to increased cost. If no RSVP, \$20 at the door if food is available.

Monthly Oklahoma Fly-Ins

1st Saturday - Ponca City Aviation Booster Fly-In
 Breakfast - Call Don Nuzum 580-767-0470

1st Saturday - Pauls Valley Lunch Fly In
 Call 405-268-3925 (Breakfast in Summer)

3rd Saturday - Enid Fly-In Breakfast - Woodring Airport (WDG) **April through October**

3rd Saturday - Goldsby Airport breakfast
 Donations benefit youth aviation

Please Print - Information Will Be Used For Membership Directory and Newsletter Database

Oklahoma Pilots Association Membership Application New Membership Renewal Update

Date _____ Referred By _____
 Your Name _____ Occupation _____ **Name tag** Yes No
 Spouse _____ Occupation _____ **Name tag** Yes No
 Address _____ E-Mail Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ **Receive by Mail**
 Phone (Residence) _____ (Business) _____ (FAX) _____

Pilot information: Are you a Aircraft Owner? Yes — No — Type _____ N# _____

MEMBER: Approximate Hours _____
 Private ___ Commercial ___ Instrument ___
 ATP ___ CFI ___ CFII _____

Please make dues check payable to:
 Oklahoma Pilots Association
 Mail to: 5810 Tulakes Ave.,
 Wiley Post Airport,
 Bethany, OK 73008

All material for newsletter publication should be sent to:
OPA NEWS
 C/o June Roy
 11749 SW. 54th St
 Mustang, OK 73064
 405-802-9657 Cell
 email:
broysprint01@earthlink.net

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$40
ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

The OPA General Aviation Newsletter is published monthly. Articles for the newsletter are sought from members, trade organizations, etc. Stories and articles can include flying trips, rebuilding and restoration experiences, special tips, activities, etc.

Material for publication will be accepted up to the deadline which is the 15th of each month, space permitting. The editorial staff reserves the right to accept, refuse, or edit any material submitted. Publication of articles and opinions in the OPA Newsletter is not an endorsement by the Association, nor does the Association assume any responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Newsletter. Permission is granted to reprint, provided credit is given to The Oklahoma Pilots Association Newsletter. **For circulation issues including newsletters not received or email and address changes contact Roger Walton 405-219-5149 or email mem@opa.aero.**



Clarence E. Page Building
 5810 Tulakes Avenue
 Wiley Post Airport
 Bethany, Oklahoma 73008