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**October 7, 2021 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m.  
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**Speaker: David Sneed  
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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.

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## OPA President Greg Finley

### IMPORTANT! Catering and Dinner Meeting News from OPA President Greg Finley

A few months ago, we needed to raise the cost of our membership dinner meeting meals from \$13 to \$15. I wanted to remind you that this was done mainly to offset the cost of meals as we lost our usual caterer because he did not choose to continue his business because of COVID. The rising cost of food products and supplies, along with our new caterer, caused us to raise our price of the dinner meal.

Now that we have been operating with our new price for a few months, the Board has noticed that we have been insufficient in the cost of our dinners. We have narrowed down the cause to a couple of items. First, not everyone who attends our dinner meetings are sending us an RSVP as requested in our monthly meeting reminder emails. This causes a shortage of food and suggests that we need to order an overage the next month. In the distant past with our old caterer this did not create a big issue because he brought a significant amount of food; but he only charged us for the actual number of people who attended the meeting. Our new caterer charges us for a required specific number of attendees, which is provided each Tuesday afternoon prior to the meeting. We obtain this number because of RSVPs to our reminder emails.

The second cause of the insufficiency is that some of those who do RSVP do not notify us of any cancellation. As you can see if someone lets us know they are coming, and we order their food, but they do not arrive and pay for it, we have a deficit for the meal and we cannot guarantee that will be the time we have extra people attending to compensate for the shortage.

Because both situations are difficult to predict each month, we are reaching out to you, our membership, to help bring a balance to the dinner costs. We are keeping the cost of the meal at \$15 but we ask that you RSVP to the meeting reminder email or send us a separate email NO LATER than Noon each Tuesday, prior to the dinner meeting Thursday. If you later need to cancel, PLEASE let us know as soon as possible. We will create a list of those who do RSVP and maintain it at the entrance table. If you have not RSVP'd by the deadline and it has been determined we have enough extra food, you will be able to purchase a meal ticket at the cost of \$20. First and foremost, we want you to attend the meeting, and we hope to continue having enough food for everyone. We do not want this to deter you from attending. As a suggestion, the meetings are always the first Thursday of each month and I encourage you to go ahead and mark those dates on your calendar and plan ahead of time to attend the meetings.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and I ask you to feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at [president@opa.aero](mailto:president@opa.aero)

### Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting

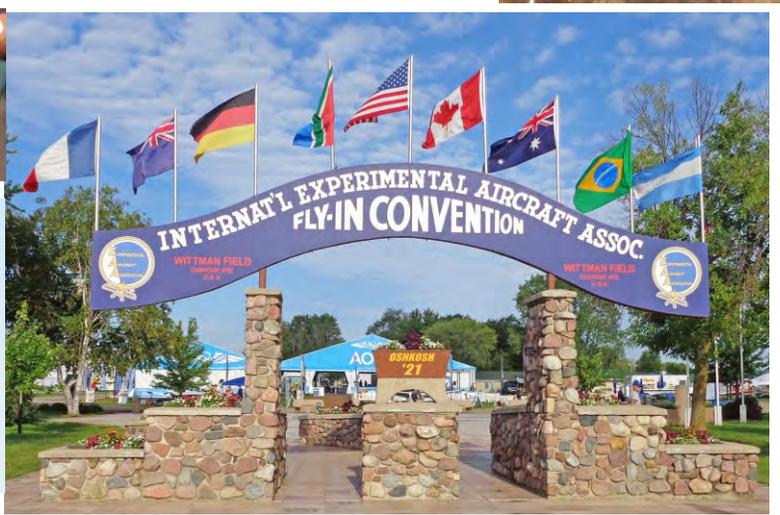
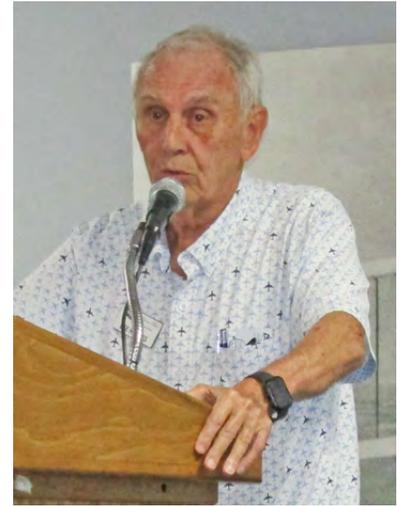
Thanks to Mike Grimes for the Meeting Photos and Information and Jeff Sandusky for the Oshkosh Photos

OPA President, Greg Finley opened the meeting and was informed that the cookies were good! Lee Holmes said that the OPA Fly Away to Weatherford was great and that if you haven't been recently you should go. They had a good guide who was entertaining and interesting. The August Fly Away is to Enid for the Barnstormers Breakfast. Lee said his son and wife, and their two children were there.

Someone said there is a new flight school at Wiley Post, but they didn't know the name. Greg mentioned that we need new advertisers for the newsletter, like the new flight school at Wiley Post! Everyone should try to make contacts with companies for ads. You can contact our editors, Ben and June Roy.

Greg reminded us to read the article in the newsletter about the dinner meeting charges, if we have not already read it. (It is on page 2 of the September newsletter.) Our old caterer owned his business and personally served it at our meetings. Dave only charged OPA for the cost of dinners for the number of people who actually showed up and always brought extra food. He stopped catering due to Covid. The new caterers are not as flexible as Dave. So if 50 turn in their RSVP and 60 show up, a hand full of people won't get fed. We have to pay for the number who turned in their RSVP even if they don't come to the meeting. We don't want to make money on the food, but we are paying more than we receive and can't afford to keep losing money. But we want you to come, even if you didn't RSVP. If there is food available you can pay \$20 at the door the night of the meeting.

Greg introduced our speaker, Mr. Oshkosh, Jeff Sandusky! Jeff took those present on a tour of Oshkosh, from takeoff in OKC at 100 degrees, to the return home after the gates had closed and the lights were turned off. He started with the Notam regarding Oshkosh and how important it is to plan ahead and make reservations. If you've never been, talk to one of our members who have been there.



### Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting

Thanks to Mike Grimes for the Photos and information from the meeting and to Jeff for the Oshkosh photos.

Jeff went through the check in after landing at Oshkosh, through all the different areas you can check out to look at fantastic airplanes, from new prototypes to old Warbirds. There is a whole city built inside the airport for Oshkosh, including groceries, gas, and anything you would like to buy. Over 6,800 people attended this year with 10,000 aircraft and 12,000 campsites. There was an average of 115 takeoffs and landings per hour at the airport. Jeff walked the entire location during Oshkosh, taking pictures to share with us as he walked. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, so we are going to share as many of Jeff's over 1000 pictures with you that we can fit in the newsletter! Thanks to Jeff for a great presentation! (Watch for more Oshkosh photos in our newsletters!)



### Photos from the Oshkosh Presentation at the August Dinner Meeting



## OPA President's Summertime Column! Greg Finley

Recently, I have had a two-part article about flying in the summer and the effects it could have on your aircraft. We all know that our seasonal temperatures have been quite high so, it seems a good time to discuss the effects of how the heat can affect us both physically and mentally. It does not matter how our airplanes operate if we – the pilots – are not able to fly. There are six heat conditions that can have a direct effect on our ability to fly. We should all be able to identify each one as well as know what to do if we find ourselves or one of our passengers suffering from any one of these illnesses.



The first and most serious heat-related illness is heat stroke. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature. The body's temperature will rise rapidly as high as 106°F within a period of 10 to 15 minutes. The sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. Symptoms of heat stroke include confusion, altered mental status, slurred speech, loss of consciousness, hot, dry skin or profuse sweating, seizures, and very high body temperature. Heat stroke can be fatal if treatment delayed. If you suspect someone has heat stroke, you should call 911 for emergency medical care, move them to a shaded, cool area and remove outer clothing, cool them quickly with a cold water or ice bath. If the bath is not available, you should wet their skin by placing cold wet cloths on their skin or soak their clothing with cool water and circulate the air around them to speed cooling. Also, you should place cold wet cloths or ice on their head, neck, armpits, and groin; or soak the clothing with cool water.

The second illness is heat exhaustion which, is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt, usually through excessive sweating. People who are most prone to heat exhaustion are those that are elderly, have high blood pressure, and those working in a hot environment. The symptoms of heat exhaustion include headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, irritability, thirst, heavy sweating, elevated body temperature, and decreased urine output. The best way to treat heat exhaustion is to take the person to a clinic or emergency room for medical evaluation and treatment or call 911, remove them from the hot area and give liquids to drink, remove unnecessary clothing, including shoes and socks. You should cool them with cold compresses or have them wash their head, face, and neck with cold water, and encourage them to take frequent sips of cool water.

Another heat illness is Rhabdomyolysis. It is a medical condition associated with heat stress and prolonged physical exertion. It results in the rapid breakdown, rupture, and death of your muscles. When muscle tissue dies, electrolytes and large proteins are released into the bloodstream which, can cause irregular heart rhythms and seizures. It can, also, damage the kidneys. Some symptoms of rhabdomyolysis are muscle cramps and pain, abnormally dark (tea or cola colored) urine, weakness, exercise intolerance, or can even be asymptomatic. Someone displaying some of these symptoms of rhabdomyolysis should stop their activity, increase oral hydration (water preferred), seek immediate care at the nearest medical facility and ask to be checked for rhabdomyolysis.

Heat syncope has symptoms of a fainting episode, light-headedness or dizziness that usually occurs with prolonged standing or sudden rising from a sitting or lying position. Factors that may contribute to heat syncope include dehydration and lack of acclimatization. The best way to treat this illness is to sit or lie down in a cool place and slowly drink water, clear juice, or a sports drink.

Heat cramps can usually affect someone who sweats a lot during strenuous activity. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture levels. Low salt levels in muscles causes painful muscle cramps or spasms in the abdomen, arms, or legs. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion. Someone suffering from heat cramps should drink water and have a snack and/or carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement liquid (e.g., sports drinks) every 15 to 20 minutes. Also, they should avoid salt tablets and get medical help if they have heart problems, is on a low sodium diet, or if cramps do not subside within 1 hour.

The final heat illness is a heat rash. It is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. Heat rash looks like red cluster of pimples or small blisters and usually appears on the neck, upper chest, groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases. Someone experiencing heat rash should go to a cooler, less humid environment and keep the rash dry. Powder may be applied to increase comfort but resist the use of any ointments or creams.

The best way to help prevent any of these illnesses is to continue to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water each day. Instead of gulping large amounts at a time you should take a mouthful of water at least 10 minutes apart. Although it will help with flushing out your bladder, drinking large amounts of water will not give enough time for the liquid to absorb into your blood stream, muscles, etc. Smaller amounts will get absorbed without being pushed through your bladder. Also, staying cool and reducing the amount of time you are in a hot environment will reduce the possibility of suffering a heat related injury.

Although the intent of this article is to help prevent you or a passenger from having a heat illness or injury while in flight, these are some good things to keep in mind for your everyday activities as well. If you have any other ideas or questions, please contact me at [president@opa.aero](mailto:president@opa.aero)



## August 21 - OPA Fly Away - Enid, OK

### Thanks to Lee Holmes for the article and Photos



Planned for wheels down about 8:30 for breakfast at the airport restaurant. The restaurant was packed when I arrived – solo because my planned for passenger was not feeling well Saturday morning.

Bill Halpain and passenger Betty Smith landed just a few minutes after I did. Bill's plane is the pictured A36, N99SB and mine in the back is my C182, N1473M. In the restaurant Bill Hines and Roy Cowen had already filled their plates – and so had Danny and Vi Davis. Dee Ann Edinger and Kenneth Hollrah had driven the 7 miles from their home-hangar and “public airport”, 1OK (One OK).

After eating, we gathered beside Kyle and Debra's Fulton's 180 Cessna for a group picture. On the left side of the picture are young misters X? and Y? I got busy getting the picture taken by a friendly lady and did not ask their names. Mea Culpa. The blue and white Piper Arrow is Roy Cowan's. OPA members – if you do not know someone or cannot remember their names – ask them. They probably will know their own name and smile while telling you their name(s).

After pictures, we walked thru the terminal building to a hangar which contains a 1944 A26, named “Lady Liberty.” This plane flies as part of the Commemorative Air Force. The picture outside the back of the plane is of Henry Klempan and his 13-year-old son, Kian. Henry is the Squadron Leader for the A26. He lives in Midwest City, works at Tinker and is not a pilot. He comes to Enid nearly every weekend to help with the plane. We may have him come speak at our dinner meeting next year about Lady Liberty.

How lucky I was to have the pleasure of meeting Kian. He was and is my highlight of the OPA Fly Away to Enid. I told him about EAA Young Eagle Flights, and he became very interested and is looking forward to getting a free, online, private ground school course after doing the Young Eagle(s) flight. I asked him if he wanted to walk out to the tarmac and see my plane. He said yes. He will be starting 8th grade.

As we were walking, he modestly said “I'm not bragging, but I know a lot about airplanes. I have a Flight Simulator which allows me to fly a lot of different planes. So, I buy the book for each airplane and study each plane's information so I can fly them on the Flight Simulator. I have the books for over 15 airplanes”!!!

I said “you are not bragging – you are sharing truthful information that is important. Most 13-year-olds do not have any knowledge about an airplane.” Maybe someday we will ask Kian to come speak at our OPA meeting and share some of his early years' knowledge and experiences!

Unfortunately, the Enid airport museum was closed – so no visit there. In case the Enid Flyaway had been “rained out”, we were scheduled to go at 9:00 A.M. to the Yukon Veteran's Museum at 1010 West Main in Yukon. Board member Rick Cacini would have provided us with donuts and coffee – and a tour. For future flyaways that will usually be an option. All OPA members are welcome, even if not planning to fly.

If you have suggestions for future flyaways, please call me, Lee Holmes 405-833-7201. (See more photos on Page 8.)



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Enid, OK Pictures  
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September 25th - OPA Fly Away - El Reno, OK  
Wheels Down - 9:00 am



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Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- September 16 - OPA Board Meeting** 6:30 pm  
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- September 25 - OPA Fly Away**  
El Reno Airport Fly-In/Community Day
- October 2 - OPA Fly Away** - Norman, OK  
Max Westheimer Aviation Festival
- October 7 - OPA Dinner Meeting** 6:30 pm  
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- October 21 - OPA Board Meeting** 6:30 pm  
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- November 4 - OPA Dinner Meeting** 6:30 pm  
Page Building, Wiley Post Airport
- November 6 - OPA Fly Away** - Pauls Valley, OK  
OK Antique Assn Fly-In & Car Show
- November 18 - OPA Board Meeting** 6:30 pm  
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- 3rd Saturday - Goldsby Airport breakfast  
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### Upcoming Events

- September 11 - Okmulgee Airfest
- September 18 - Guthrie Event
- September 25 - El Reno Fly In - Community Day
- October 2 - OU Aviation Festival
- November 6 - Pauls Valley Antique Fly-In & Car Show

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