

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

November-December, 2006

SW Iowa Pro Balloon Race

Creston, Iowa September 15-17, 2006

Creston was just about a perfect ballooning weekend - spending time with family & friends, participating in one of the greatest parades around, Friday night fish fry & Karaoke, parties with sponsors, ice cream party, watching the Iowa Hawkeyes beat the Iowa State Cyclones, supper at Windrow & Knotty Pine, bathtub races, and of course - the Crappy Beer Contest. Oh, wait, perfect except **we didn't fly at all!**

We all blew into town with the wind Friday, watching the flags & knowing there would be no flying Friday evening. I've heard that the music label scouts should have been at the Elks club for Karaoke Friday night. Sounds like a good time was had by all!!

Saturday morning was again too windy, so the Crappy Beer Contest commenced at the motel parking lot. There were over 20 entries - separated into Bottle & Can divisions. Judging by the faces on some of the judges & the beer poured into the glass, there were some very Crappy Beers entered. The winners were Loren Pearson with Grolsch Beer in the can division & Don Fenster with Viking Hot Chocolate Beer in the bottle division. The overall winner was the Viking Hot Chocolate - everyone who drank it made a horrible face! Some of us non-beer drinkers sampled the Bloody Mary's & cranberry cocktails that were brought - nothing crappy about them.

Creston has always had a great parade and this year was no different. The majority of the balloon teams in town participated, adding to the amount of candy local kids collected. There was lots to do around town, leaving little time for naps. Saturday evening there were storms expected, so the flight was canceled & the balloonists were asked to leave the airport, to minimize the risk for danger if a serious storm would come through.

Sunday morning the storms were moving out, but still not flyable. The banquet was held at the new Supertel motel conference center. It was a great brunch, a few prizes and thanks to all the great sponsors. Hopefully next year we can add to the perfect weekend by adding a few balloon flights!

BOI Halloween Party

October 28, 2006

A large crowd of BOI members, families & friends gathered at the Balloonport for the annual Halloween party and Chili cook-off. There were 4 pots of chili entered in the contest: Georgia Oaks, Jack and Linda Williams, Mike Van Hamme, and Jen Nordhagen. Judges sampled all the chili and after everyone enjoyed the chili & the rest of the pot luck, Jen announced the judges favorites:

1st place to Georgia (mild with after kick, mild good flavor, slight after-burn)

2nd place to Mike (mild, liked different beans, sweet, good flavor, meaty, very mild soup)

3rd place - Jack & Linda (too spicy, a little hot, lots of chili powder)

Costume contest:

Kids: 1st place Nick McCaughey - as a ghoul; 2nd place Tyler Pedersen - as the tin man; 3rd place Trinity Keller - as a pink fairy. Baby winner: Parker Patterson - as a pea pod

Adults: 1st place Mark Degan as a "reggae guy". Most Original - the Fromm dinner table.

Thanks to everyone who helped with all the decorating and set-up work: Linda Bartholomew, Joyce Jensen, Patti McCaughey, Michelle Craig, Todd Isley, Derek & Jen Nordhagen, Eric Brown, Georgia Oakes, Nick McCaughey, Josie & Riley Nordhagen. Thanks also to the Appenzeller family for the great music.

Happy Thanksgiving



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National Balloon Classic - Scores from Fri a.m.

Friday AM	Total	Thursday AM	Competition #	
2842	6074	3232	42 - Brad Craig	1st
2831	4892	2061	43 - Adam Boden	2nd
2402	5667	3265	77 - Maury Petrehn	3rd
2386	4628	2242	71 - Ryan Kintzel	4th
2314	5287	2973	41 - Harold Graves	5th
2276	5112	2836	30 - Cory Bloom	6th
2243	4848	2605	8 - Matt Fenster	7th
2177	3528	1351	87 - Henry Schick	8th
2158	4829	2671	55 - Todd Isley	9th
2133	3303	1170	61 - Tim McConnell	10th
2127	5359	3232	27 - Scott Armstrong	11th
2122	4023	1901	85 - Holly Pfeifer	12th
2072	4754	2682	1 - Rob Bartholomew	13th
1990	4683	2693	46 - Tom Ricke	14th
1984	4424	2440	4 - Ken Schoeder	15th
1916	4202	2286	24 - Rich Jaworski	16th
1880	3341	1461	10 - Mike Reinert	17th
1852	3874	2022	88 - Terry McGonegle	18th
1852	4182	2330	99 - Bill Smith	19th
1847	3693	1846	32 - Christine Bertsch	20th

New email address

Charlie & Judy Ong: colorushappy@msn.com

Get well

- ★ Jim Thompson had hip surgery 10-31 and is recovering at home, doing well with rehab.
- ★ Betty Crawford is recovering from surgery.

Congratulations

Baby Girl

Reece Marie Rubin

**born to Macenzie and Jeremy Rubin
and sisters Madison and Avery**

11-08-2006 11:29 pm

Mercy Medical Center

7 lbs 2 oz; 20.25 inches long



Baby Boy

Colton James Craig

**born to Brad and Amy Craig
and sisters Ariel, Ashlynn, and**

Madison

11-12-2006 05:01 am

7 lbs; 20 inches long



Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends !

Halloween is over and our annual party at the Balloonport was great. We had a huge crowd, although this year it seemed like the majority in attendance were under ten years old. Dad said that it's easy to see that balloonists are not spending all their time and energy flying.

The weather for Halloween was cool and clear, but we can all remember going to the party and driving home in sleet and snow. This is the time of year when Old Man Winter can dish up nearly anything. I heard at least five pilots vow to fly Sunday morning. Although I slept in a little late, I only saw one balloon on the horizon. Some of our pioneer pilots remembered when every party lasted until 2 AM and every pilot flew at 7 AM, no matter what.

I would like to see lots of winter flights this year. If you wear fur, the cold isn't at all bad. It's probably most challenging for the crew. Don't forget to call me if you need experience on the top rope. As days grow shorter, don't hesitate to contact me at the Balloonport. This is a great time to discuss BOI programs and activities. Vice President Sandy and I have an open door policy and welcome your input. Monthly BOI Board meetings are open to all and provide a great forum for ideas.

For those of you hardy enough to take advantage of winter flights, always remember to

Fly Safely,
Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Greetings from Radcliff, Iowa

Since my last writing, I was trying to convince Dad (Dick Drake) into purchasing a non-standard balloon (a.k.a football shape/racer) after a comment that he made at one of the National Balloon Classic Pilot relations meeting. Here is where we left off: The other night, over a nice take-out meal from the Chopsticks Chinese place in Radcliff, (I definitely recommend this place—a hard place to find) Dad, Mom and I talked more about the football shaped balloon. We, Dad and I mainly, discussed the pros and cons of a non-traditional balloon vs. a regular shaped balloon during competition. It was an hour long discussion - should Dad get a racer or not. Finally, Mom (shaking her head) stated, "Dick, Dick, do you really think this will help you in competition?" Dad stated, "Sure it will, it is working for Brad Craig." Mom is still not convinced Dad needs a racer balloon. I told Mom that I had overheard Meika saying that Don Prine and Paul Randleman were thinking about getting a non-traditional balloon? Mom asked, "What were LuAnn's

and Gerry's thoughts on Paul and Don getting non-standard balloons?". Well, I don't know, Meika didn't go any farther. To change the subject of should or shouldn't Dad buy, I posed the question of what the design would be on the racer, if Dad bought a racer. I suggested that, I Sandy Drake would look great on the side of the balloon. Mom and Dad laughed and decided it was time to do dishes and watch *Deal or No Deal*. So, will Dad and Mom decide to go for the non-traditional balloon in 2007? Will Paul Randleman and Don Prine be next in line for a racer? Stayed tuned.

It's hard to believe 2006 is almost coming to a close. I know many of you are praying for good weather now that those crops are coming out. Hopefully, you will get some flying time in before the cold, snowy, weather sets in. And, for those of you who enjoy flying in the sub-temps, stay warm and fly safe!

I have not heard any reports back from the Iowa Fiesta group so I'm assuming all went well in New Mexico for Balloon Fiesta. Terry Montague, a Missouri Pilot who attended Fiesta, is looking for a ride out to Colorado to pick up his truck and balloon. Sounds like the engine went out of his truck coming home from New Mexico. I had always heard it was always the Iowa Pilots that encountered the problems (flat tires, flying trailer fenders, and courtesy visits by the Guymon, Oklahoma troopers).

It was good to see so many of you at the BOI Halloween party. Once again so many new faces at the party. What a great turn out. Great food, good laughs and great singing, well some of the singing was OK. Thank-you to everyone who helped get the party together and to the Appenzeller family for spinning the tunes.

Well, it's time for my column to come to a close. I wish all of you Happy Holidays! (Please don't forget about our troops!)

Until next year, soft landings,
Sandy Drake



Retirement Center Update

Rob Bartholomew, Dick Drake, Jim Fromm, Bill Griffin, Mike Oberman, Don Prine and Wayne Wasson, members of the Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee (BOIRHPSAC), submitted the following report:

Attendance by many of our younger BOI members at the BOIRHPSAC meetings is creating new enthusiasm and a definite increase in energy and ideas. Some members have been pairing off to continue discussions long after last call. Subcommittee rosters for 2007 are filling fast. In addition to BOIRHPSAC's charter members, the site acquisition subcommittee has 8 new members, and 17 additional volunteers have signed up the refreshment flow subcommittee. At this time, the finance committee has one liaison to our BOI Board and there are no current members on the negotiation and planning subcommittees. Applications for subcommittee membership may be submitted between 7:00 PM and 2:00 AM at any evening BOIRHPSAC meeting.

Because of Federal security concerns, World Renowned Architect Phil Pas (a paid BOIRHPSAC consultant) has been temporarily re-located to a small village in Alaska. Complicated travel logistics now make it more financially responsible to fly WRA Pash to monthly BOIRHPSAC meetings than to continue our past practice of sending committee members to Pash's residence. Monthly meeting sites in Acapulco, Puerto Del Sol, Las Vegas and Bora Bora are presently under consideration. Because of expanded interest and activity, BOIRHPSAC expenses are increasing. Appreciation is expressed for BOI's continuing enthusiasm for and support of our Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home. Expenses will be submitted in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted.

Discussion ensued. Connie Thompson said she was concerned about committee accountability and progress. Bill Griffin led Connie to the refrigerator where BOI Retirement Home Complex options are posted. Wayne Wasson encouraged Connie to attend an evening BOIRHPSAC meeting. He noted that both Jim Gebhart and Al Appenzeller had expressed similar concerns but after attending a meeting to get more information they have both become regulars.

Jen Nordhagen asked about the location of Bora Bora. Rob explained that Bora Bora was in Tahiti in the South Pacific. Additional questions were asked about meeting facilities in Puerto Del Sol, Las Vegas and Acapulco. Most members in attendance adjourned to the refrigerator or the BOI computer. The chair attempted to convene the meeting. The chair attempted to adjourn the meeting. Because the chair could not convene a quorum, Parliamentarian Bill Griffin ruled that the Board meeting would continue indefinitely or until the December meeting, whichever occurred first. Bill ruled that the BOIRHPSAC charter members will monitor all BOI financial transactions during the interim. Dick Drake said he can rest comfortably knowing that BOI assets are in good hands.



**Potential Retirement Home property
found NW of Des Moines**

Pilot Relations Committee Reports

November 9, 2006

The Pilot Relations Meeting met in Creston, Iowa during the windy SW Iowa Pro Balloon Races.

Present: Michelle & Dan Corbin, Jim & Cheryl Gebhart, Jim & Rita Fromm, Thad Bloom, Shelton family, Terry McGonegle, Phyllis & Dick Drake, Amy & Brad Craig, Brian & Chris Seymour, Bill Griffin, Max Harris.

Thank you everyone that attended.

- ▶ I have not received a decision from Jason Jones as of yet. I will hope to have an answer prior to the next pilot relations meeting.
- ▶ Discussed the 15 or so pilot evaluations.
- ▶ Sound system needs to be IMPROVED.
- ▶ Pilot Gift was good but need to improve the presentation.
- ▶ Pilot Pack maybe include a shirt, too
- ▶ Need to improve the registration process with more info. Have the registration ready by Jan. 15 (on the internet for download).
- ▶ Have the rule book ready by March 15 (on the internet for download).
- ▶ Question about the late fee and the need?
- ▶ Scores for Fri AM?
- ▶ Discussion about the Pilot Relations goals.
- ▶ Discussion about the representation of the pilots on the National Balloon Classic Board, since the Board has change the By-laws. Can the Pilot Relations get a copy of the By-laws?

If I forgot anything let me know.

John Jensen

October 12, 2006

Attendees: John Jensen, Max & Carol Harris, Brad Temeyer
Went over the issues and the replies from Greg. This was sent in an email a week ago. If anyone didn't receive the email, let me know and I can forward.

Several items that we will be working on:

- ▶ Pilot registrations (will be ready by Jan 15th)
- ▶ Classic Rule Book (Tom Ricke, Dick Drake, Matt Fenster, John Jensen). Anyone wanting to help, please let me know.

Also, I have NOT received any names for anyone wanting to be on the Classic Board (for pilot representation)

Thanks,
John Jensen

Attendees: John Jensen, Gary Haynes, Carol & Max Harris, Jim Fromm, Dick & Phyllis Drake. Thank you for all the phone calls and emails for those who were not able to attend.

- ▶ I emailed Shelton Family, Joel Worthington and Mark Weeks names to Greg to be added to the Classic Board for Pilot representation.
- ▶ Thank you - the Jon Russell Awards have been updated.
- ▶ Jason Jones has decided not to be the 2007 Balloonmeister. With past discussions, Matt Fenster was asked to do the 2007 Balloonmeister. Hope to have a decision by Dec 1st.
- ▶ Currently, no scoring person as of yet, but working on it.
- ▶ Working on a Registration Packet, will try to get something emailed by the end of November for corrections at the Dec. meeting.
- ▶ Rule Book - Dick Drake, Tom Ricke and John Jensen will be updating the 2006 Rule Book but are waiting for the 2007 BFA updates. If anyone is wanting to join this group, let me know.
- ▶ Curves organization is looking to add some 20 events around the U.S. -- FYI
- ▶ With the removal of the NABA organization, The Classic might see some additional pilots, as well as new private pilots too. Greg has told me 100 pilots. Discussion was giving the past pilots from Jan 15 to Mar 15, then opening ALL registrations to first come/first serve.
- ▶ Need to have private pilots license and the 35 hr requirement prior to application. Copies of the log book will be required for anyone less than 50 hours. Need to be current, bi-annual and annual prior to the Classic. A copy of the STC with need to also sent.
- ▶ Jim Thompson, has also stated that the BFA - Iowa Champion and the BFA - North Central Region Championship is available.
- ▶ Working on Jan 15 for the registrations for the web site.

I think that is it. Let me know if I forgot anything.

Thursday has been a little conflict with some, so December meeting will be TUESDAY, December 12th, @ 7:00 p.m. museum.

John Jensen

New Weather web site

<http://www.ryancarlton.com/wind.php>

Put in DSM at the upper right box, click MPH circle if you don't need the confusing math, the hit 'refresh'. Pretty good site.
Jim Fromm

Medora, North Dakota

by Brad Temeyer

After a summer chalk full of ballooning events, I left early on the Thursday September 7th to head to one of my last events of the year. The pilot I was crewing for, his girlfriend, and I wanted to hit the road as soon as possible as it was a long haul to our final location, 567 miles to be exact. We headed north out of Sioux Falls and met up for lunch in Fargo, ND with several pilots from Minnesota before beginning our trek west on Interstate 94. By early evening, we reached our destination of Medora, ND which sits adjacent to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The park is loaded with badlands, herds of wild buffalo, wild horses, elk, antelope and deer. The drive is well worth it just for the scenery.

Everyone pulled into town and had a little time to get settled before meeting up for dinner. For dinner, we got back on the interstate and headed west to the next exit. The exit lead to a gravel road which appeared to lead to the middle of nowhere, but after heading down the road a few miles there was one ranch - Buffalo Gap. Dinner was wonderful, with options of buffalo steak, elk burgers, and buffalo burgers. For those that were less adventurous, they also had beef steaks and burgers. After a great western meal, all the pilots and crew went out on the porch and sang a few rounds of Home on the Range while the nearly full moon rose over the Badlands. Shortly thereafter, everyone went back to their hotel rooms to retire for the evening.

On Friday morning, the event hadn't officially begun, so everyone slept in. We all met up at a small diner in town for breakfast before deciding what to conquer that day. Even though the town of Medora itself is very small with around 100 full time residents, there is a lot to do there. Some pilots spent much of the day driving through the National Park, while others headed just south of town to the award winning golf course. Others headed to the chateau de Mores, the summer home of Marquies de Mores and his wife Medora, built in 1883. By Friday evening, the remaining of the 10 registered pilots trekked into town in time for a very nice dinner at an old time hotel in downtown Medora.

On Saturday morning the skies were stone clear but the winds were too strong to fly, so everyone parted ways to partake in various activities. Many people headed west of Medora 5 to 10 miles for a hike through the Petrified Forest. The winds continued to blow Saturday evening, so again there was no flying. Instead many gathered around in a large circle for some tall stories and even taller drinks.

On Sunday morning, the skies were clear at 4 am but by 5 am a stratus deck moved in. Even though conditions were far from pristine, the winds had let up enough overnight to allow for a flight. The wind direction was out of the south

east, taking everyone towards the western edge of the National Park and towards the oil fields just north of the Petrified Forest. Because the park is off limits in terms of landing, everyone opted to head south of town to fly towards the town of Medora itself. Everyone launched from a hay field just to the south of the golf course, and flew over the golf course. It was a short flight because of stronger winds aloft, but every second in the air made the long trip worthwhile. We landed in a field full of sagebrush, which also had some recently shed snake skin on the edge (we are in the wild west after all). After packing up and getting refueled, we were back on the road heading home with our heads spinning with wonderful memories of event that will last well beyond the trip home.

Gender

You may not know this but many nonliving things have a gender:

- ☺ Ziploc Bags are Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.
- ☺ Copiers are Female, because once turned off; it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.
- ☺ A Tire is Male, because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated.
- ☺ **A Hot Air Balloon is Male, because, to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.**
- ☺ Sponges are Female, because they're soft, squeezable and retain water.
- ☺ A Web Page is Female, because it's always getting hit on.
- ☺ A Subway is Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.
- ☺ An Hourglass is Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.
- ☺ A Hammer is Male, because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.
- ☺ A Remote Control is Female. Ha! You thought it'd be male, didn't you? But consider this - it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying!

Submitted by Becky Wigeland

NTSB Reports

NTSB Identification: DEN05LA004.

Sunday, October 03, 2004 in Chama, NM
Aircraft: Worner Balloon Works NL-1000, registration: DOYES
Injuries: 2 Serious.

This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.

On October 3, 2004, at approximately 1120 mountain daylight time, a Worner Balloon Works NL-1000 helium-filled gas balloon, German registration DOYES, piloted by a private pilot, was destroyed when it was struck by lightning while in cruise flight at 12,000 feet msl in the vicinity of Chama, New Mexico. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident. The cross-country flight was being conducted under the provisions of Title 14 CFR Part 91 without a flight plan. The pilot and passenger received serious injuries. The flight originated at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 2, 2004, at approximately 2020.

According to the pilot, they were participating in the 2004 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta's Endurance Competition. The pilot stated that, while en route over the Chama area, he heard a "loud" bang and saw a "flash." He then noticed a large "L" shaped tear in the balloon's envelope as the balloon began to descend "rapidly." The balloon impacted mountainous terrain at an elevation of 8,000 feet, approximately ½ mile east of Chama. The pilot and passenger each sustained a broken ankle. The lightning strike and ground impact forces destroyed the balloon.

The pilot did not provide a Pilot Operator Aircraft Accident Report (NTSB form 6120.1/2) for this accident report.

NTSB Identification: FTW05CA001.

Sunday, October 03, 2004 in Austin, TX
Aircraft: Aerostar S-60A, registration: N70466
Injuries: 2 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

The 2,315-hour balloon pilot reported that after receiving a detailed weather briefing from the local Flight Service Station, he departed with two passengers for a local flight. Approximately one hour into the flight, unforecasted wind began to carry the balloon at a high speed. After several attempts to land, the pilot located an open field. Upon landing, the basket impacted the ground at a high speed, and the pilot and one passenger fell out. The balloon continued to drag the basket across the ground with the other passenger onboard until it collided with a chain link fence, crossed over a road, and was finally lodged in some power lines and electrical poles where it came to rest.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's excessive descent rate during the execution of a high wind

landing, resulting in a hard landing. A factor was the high wind.

NTSB Identification: FTW05CA002

Monday, October 04, 2004 in Crescent, OK
Aircraft: Thunder and Colt AA-1050, registration: G-BSRJ
Injuries: 2 Uninjured.

The 4,408-hour lighter-than-air pilot reported that upon landing in an open field during dark night visual conditions, the envelope of the hot air balloon struck a set of power lines. The pilot stated that during the approach to landing, his pilot rated observer used night vision goggles to examine the landing area for objects and did not see the power lines. The pilot added that the prior to landing, the wind changed direction from 080 degrees to 165 degrees and increased to approximately 13 knots.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to maintain clearance from the high power transmission lines. Contributing factor was the dark night and high wind conditions.

NTSB Identification: DEN05CA009.

Saturday, October 09, 2004 in Albuquerque, NM
Aircraft: Thunder and Colt 180A, registration: N784TC
Injuries: 1 Serious, 3 Minor, 3 Uninjured.

According to the pilot, during the hot air balloon's descent, he noticed that the surface winds had increased to approximately 18 knots. The pilot prepared his passengers for a high-wind landing. The balloon landed hard and bounced. One passenger, who remained in the balloon's basket, received a broken ankle. A second passenger, who remained in the basket, and two passengers who were ejected from the basket, each received minor cuts and scratches. The balloon was not damaged.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the balloon pilot's improper in-flight planning and failure to maintain aircraft control during descent into high winds resulting in a hard landing and subsequent serious injury to a passenger. Factors contributing to the accident were the high winds and excessive descent rate.

NTSB Identification: DFW05CA002.

Saturday, October 09, 2004 in Piedmont, OK
Aircraft: TBW Firefly 8B-15, registration: N2563W
Injuries: 3 Uninjured.

The 79-hour lighter-than-air private pilot elected to land the balloon after encountering adverse weather condition about

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Creston 2006



The Contenders



Crappy Beer Contest

The Judges



Let the Games begin!



Must be really bad



Oh, My!



One of the less crappy beers



The winners - Grolsch & Viking Hot Chocolate beer



"In 16 years, we can be judges!"



Prize winner Wayne Mohring - for traveling the furthest



Lining up for the parade

2006 Crappy Beer Winners!

BOI Halloween Party



Karen - the Walmart lady



Mark - the Reggae guy



Abigail & Allison Jensen



Patti - the Cylone fan



Scott - the cave man



Rita - having family & friends for dinner



**Chili cook-off winners
Linda, Mike, Georgia**



**Kids costume winners
#2 Tyler, #3 Trinity**



**Brandon B. watches while
Brandon P. hits the Pinata**



Kirk was brave, holding the pinata



Council Bluffs



18 passenger van!



How many kids can you get in a basket?



**SKINNY
COOKS CAN'T
BE TRUSTED**



Medora, ND



**Up close and personal
with a Buffalo**

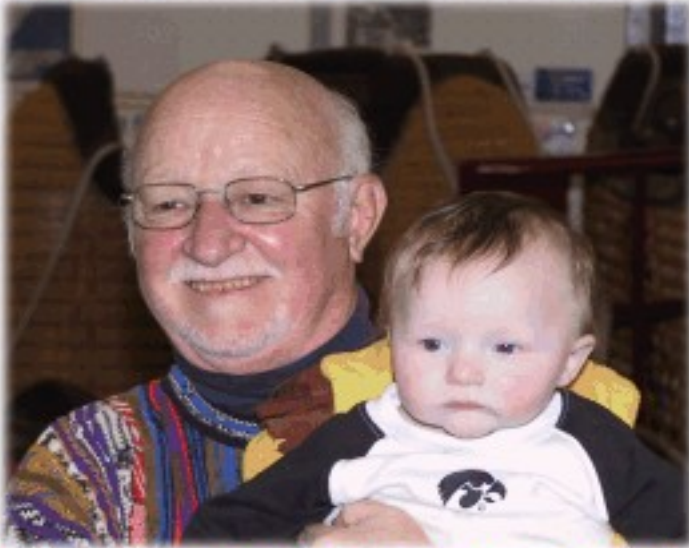


Golf course



Photos by Brad Temeyer

Babies, Babies, everywhere there were babies!
(No future membership problems for BOI)



Old Business & New Business!



It was a very exciting party!

NTSB Reports (continued from page 7)

15 minutes after departure. While landing on an open field with a downhill slope, the balloon was drifted towards a set of power lines. The pilot elected to initiate an emergency envelope deflation to avoid getting too close to the power lines. After touchdown, the envelope of the balloon came in contact with the power lines. The pilot added that adverse weather consisted of visibilities of less than a mile, lowering ceilings and fog.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to maintain clearance with power lines while landing. Contributing factors were the reduced visibility, fog, and low cloud ceiling.

NTSB Identification: DEN05CA006.

Sunday, October 10, 2004 in Albuquerque, NM
Aircraft: Aerostar SP-1, registration: N87SB
Injuries: 3 Uninjured.

Prior to launching the balloon, the pilot received a briefing which included weather information. After departure, the pilot flew south for approximately 20 minutes, climbed the balloon to 1,500 feet agl, and then flew to the north for 20 to 30 minutes. The balloon encountered a "gentle" breeze from the east, and the pilot descended the balloon to 300 feet agl, to find a safe landing area. The balloon encountered a breeze from the west which directed the balloon towards the original departure point. The pilot reported, "Suddenly, a strong gust from the east pushed [the balloon] west...toward the radio towers." The pilot searched for a landing area; however, several obstacles prevented an attempted landing. The pilot attempted to climb the balloon over the towers; however, the balloon impacted near the top of a 640-foot tall tower and came to rest entangled with the tower.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the pilot's failure to maintain clearance with the radio tower. Contributing factors were the pilot's improper compensation for the variable wind conditions.

NTSB Identification: DEN05CA010.

Sunday, October 10, 2004 in Albuquerque, NM
Aircraft: Aerostar S-60S, registration: N6377C
Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Uninjured.

According to the pilot, during a "stand-up" landing, the passenger fell inside the basket, and struck the pilot's leg. The pilot received a fractured lower leg.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the passenger striking the pilot's leg during the landing, resulting in a fractured leg.

NTSB Identification: IAD05IA004.

Thursday, October 14, 2004 in Auburn, ME

Aircraft: Raven Industries S-60A, registration: C-GGAX
Injuries: 1 Minor, 3 Uninjured.

During the descent, the pilot elected to decelerate the balloon by brushing the basket through an apple tree. During the maneuver, a branch from the tree came in contact with one of the passenger's hands, cutting it. The accident was downgraded to an incident when it was learned that the passenger's injuries were minor.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this incident as follows: The pilot's maneuver into a tree, which resulted in an inadvertent contact between a branch and a passenger.

NTSB Identification: DEN05LA047

Monday, December 20, 2004 in Questa, NM
Aircraft: Balloon Works Firefly 8, registration: N3287P
Injuries: 1 Serious, 2 Uninjured.

This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.

On December 20, 2004, at approximately 1030 mountain standard time, a Balloon Works Firefly 8, N3287P, operated by Pueblo Balloon Company and piloted by a commercial balloon pilot, experienced a hard landing in a field 5 miles north of Questa, New Mexico. The pilot and 1 of 2 passengers on board were not injured. The second passenger on board sustained serious injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident. The sight-seeing business flight was being conducted under the provisions of Title 14 code of Federal Regulations Part 91 without a flight plan. The local flight originated at Taos, New Mexico.

One of the passengers, a Federal Aviation Administration inspector on vacation with his wife (the other passenger), said they took off from "a rim" on the south side of Taos. The flight was supposed to last an hour. They were supposed to drift north and land on "a rim" north of Taos. While in the air, the winds picked up significantly. The pilot attempted a landing on the rim north of Taos, but aborted the landing because of the winds. The passenger said they drifted north and were in the air for almost 2 hours. As the balloon was approaching Questa Regional Airport, the pilot elected to put the balloon down in a field. The passenger estimated the winds were approximately 20 knots when they attempted to land. The pilot told the passengers "bend your knees and hold on. It's going to be a hard landing, a real hard landing." The passenger said the balloon hit hard once, then twice. His wife was thrown forward and her knee struck a propane tank. The balloon dragged for about 100 feet before stopping. On exiting the basket, the passenger's wife was unable to stand on her own. A later hospital examination showed she suffered tendon and cartilage damage to her knee.

Brookfield



**Congratulations
new balloon
owner - Brad
Temeyer**



**Paul Petrehn with
Petrehn Cup winner
Brad Craig**



**Marilyn & John
Esserman in the parade**

National Balloon Classic An Evening at the Ritz

Event: An Evening at the Ritz
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2007
Location: Embassy Suites, Des Moines, IA
Registration: 5:00 p.m.

Tentative evening schedule: Dinner – 6:45 p.m., Live Auction 7:45 – 9:00 p.m., Dancing – 9:00 p.m.

Tickets should be available through the Classic office by November 20. The ticket prices are \$50 per person for tickets purchased prior to January 11, 2007. After that date (subject to availability) ticket prices will be \$55 per person.

Contact the Classic Office 515 961-8415 or info@nationalballoonclassic.com

National Balloon Museum

December 3rd 1-4 p.m.
10% off all items in gift shop.
20% off if you are a museum member.
Free Christmas wrapping and refreshments.

The Museum will be closed for cleaning during the month of January. February through April – winter hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sunday 1p.m. – 4p.m.

Flying over the Bridges of Madison County



Benji Clemons



Jim Fromm



Bill Griffin



Max Harris

Joel Worthington

Calendar of Events

December 1st - 3rd **2006 Holiday Balloon Fest**, Battle Creek, Michigan. Contact Derrick Jones 269 209-1792 or derrickjjones@comcast.net

January 21, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

February 16-18, 2007 **BOI Ground School**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA. Rob Bartholomew at (515) 989-3708, email: balloonsover Iowa@msn.com

February 18, 2007 5 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

March 3, 2007 **IBA Continuing Education Seminar**

March 17, 2007 **St. Patrick's party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

March 18, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

April 15, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

April 28, 2007 **Ode to Spring** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

May 20, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

June 17, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

July 15, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

July 27-August 4, 2007 **National Balloon Classic** Contact Greg Marchant at 1-800-FLYIOWA or www.nationalballoonclassic.com

August 19, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

September 16, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

October 21, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

October 27, 2007 **BOI Halloween Party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

November 18, 2007 6:30 p.m. **BOI meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2007 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com

Happy Birthday

December

Nolan Schuler	12-12
Travis Hogan-Alexander	12-14
Richard Techau	12-15
Allison Kochheiser	12-16
Madison Williams	12-17
Michael Gritton	12-20
Judy Ong	12-21
Christine Bertsch	12-21
Gerald Knoll	12-21
Derek Nordhagan	12-22
Wayne Mohring	12-22
Randy Schmidt	12-26
Ashley Hogan-Alexander	12-26
Josie Smith	12-27
Morgan Clark	12-28
Taylor Hogan-Alexander	12-28
Sabrina Delaney	12-29
Sally Terry	12-29
Rochelle Kochheiser	12-30
Red Allsup	12-30
Bob Pieper	12-30
Cheryl Gebhart	12-31



January

Corey Knowlton	1-2
Norm Fee	1-4
Wendie Spence	1-4
Jason Anderson	1-4
Steve Van Wyngarden	1-4
Ryan Kintzel	1-5
Rachel Herman	1-5
Mel Appenzeller	1-7
LuAnn Randleman	1-7
Connie Thompson	1-8
Henry Borts	1-9
Chris Pedersen	1-10
Kinda Schuler	1-14
Rod Drexler	1-15
Jeff Reid	1-16
Kathy McCoy	1-19
Derek Pieper	1-19
Stevan Ryan	1-20
Jane Winkenwerder	1-20
Allison Garrett	1-21
Irene Bertsch	1-21
Wyman Borts	1-21
Bill Clemons	1-21
Clint Schmidt	1-22
Shawn Erger	1-26
Jennifer Pfeifer	1-27
Kerrie VanBroekhuizen	1-27
Jocelyn Marhoun	1-28
Josie Lin Nordhagen	1-29
Alan Paul	1-30
Bill Griffin	1-31

Happy Anniversary

Doug & Teresa Purdy	12-10
Derek & Jen Nordhagen	12-10
Richard & Sherry Techau	12-15
Mark & Larene Fisher	12-16
Roger & Jody Woodruff	12-16
Richard & Kristy Pash	12-19
Tom & Kim Hemmingsen	12-21
Gary & Dixie Ruble	12-22
Dan & Irene Bertsch	12-26
Charles & Jane Winkenwerder	12-26
Jim & Connie Thompson	12-27
Michael & Rhonda Gritton	12-28
Jason & Kimberly Jones	12-30

Bill & Louise Clemons	1-21
Charlie & Judy Ong	1-26



The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 12-5-1981 Paul Randleman received his Private license.
- ★ 12-19-1981 Laurie Allbaugh received her Private license.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ December 14, 1986 – BOI Christmas in Hawaii party at the Four Seasons Apartments Clubhouse.
- ★ December 31, 1986 – Oakes's annual NY Eve party.
- ★ January '87 – Gerald Conklin's retirement party

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 12-1-91 BOI Meeting: 15 Members present; Meeting chaired by Founding Father Bill Griffin; \$1,341.73 in treasury; Gretchen Frances Bartholomew introduced – 10 weeks old – looks just like daddy Rob! Bill Griffin was contributing to the delinquency of a minor by giving her beer.
- ★ 12-15-91 BOI Christmas party at 4-Seasons Clubhouse
- ★ January 18, 1992 BOI Meeting: 17 members present, including **Dan Campbell!**; Meeting chaired by Jim Gebhart; Work continues on BOI patches

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Norm Dockstader Memorial Balloon Flight and Chili Supper: For a number of years, Central Iowa Balloonists were treated to a winter flight north of Des Moines organized by balloonist Norm Dockstader. The flight, early in December, originated at the Sod Farm adjacent to North (Morningstar) Airfield. Following the flight, everyone gathered at Norm and Mary's house for a chili supper. The tradition died with Dock in 1992. It is time to again have a winter flight and to honor Dock. The flight is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 1996 – due to speedy winds, the flight was canceled. Guests enjoyed chili, desserts and entertainment.
- ★ Member directory – 69 members
- ★ 1-19-97 Ellsworth One Day Race - Dennis Firestone's radio controlled balloon; Dennis Firestone received 1st place; Crew of the year - Paul Randleman, Bill Woodman, Carol Firestone, Denny Anderson, Mark Weeks!
- ★ January 19, 1997 BOI Meeting: 16 members present; Meeting chaired by Carol Firestone; Dates set for '97 Ode– April 26-27, Bill Griffin to be in charge of festivities.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Sunday December 16, 2001 was the dedication of the stained glass window at the museum in memory of Jill Rubin. This beautiful window was done by stained glass artist Grant Dyer. The window shows Jill's & Jeremy's balloons, along with several others, flying over the

Indianola countryside.

- ★ Jon Russell visited friends in Central Iowa.
- ★ BOI New Years Party: Linda cooked the prime rib to perfection - it was delicious, as was the potluck furnished by the membership; LuAnn Randleman & Georgia Oakes were the big winners in the Quarters games; Jon Russell arrived later in the evening. It was good to visit with him & renew old friendships. One member was heard to say "I didn't recognize him with clothes on."
- ★ 2001 BOI Championship: 1. Jim Thompson - 15800; 2. Bill Clemons - 15690; 3. Todd Netley - 15470
- ★ BOI Reflector: There is now a Reflector / Discussion list for BOI Members. Any message sent into the group will be sent out to all who subscribe.
- ★ Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee is proud to announce that two tentative sites for a BOI retirement home have been identified. A recent committee meeting that adjourned in the wee hours of the morning, however, revealed that the committee is unable to make a recommendation. A secret ballot at 1:58 a.m. yielded one vote for each of the options, and five votes to continue our ambitious program of site visits.
- ★ NEW balloon event around central Iowa: Marshalltown will have the 1st annual Marshalltown Balloon Rally on June 28th, 29th, and 30th. Organizer – John Jensen.
- ★ Welcome New Members: Robin Hinshaw; Debbie Flinn & family; Becky & Bill Sponsler & family
- ★ January BOI Meeting: 13 members present: Chairperson – Tom Ricke; Treasures report shows balance of 5,749.19; Discussion was held and a motion made by Bill G. to have Bill and Brad Craig conduct a study to see if purchasing kegs is a better investment for functions or if cases of beer were purchased instead; Old business was mumbling & wandering.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

Sunday September 17, 2006

Present: Joyce & John Jensen, Sr., Rob Bartholomew, Michelle Craig, Brad & Amy Craig, Ariel Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Madison Williams, Jen & Derek Nordhagen, Josie Nordhagen, Riley Nordhagen, Caleb Nordhagen, Bill Griffin, Bill Craig, Linda Pickering, Michael VanHamme, Max & Carol Harris

Meeting called to order at 6:34:16 by chair John Jensen, Sr.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July meeting presented. Rob moved to approve the minutes, Max seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Tabled for the moment

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here.
- ★ Parties at the Classic: The food was good at the Pilot, Crew, Volunteer party. Some said the food ran out. Our compliments to Greg.
- ★ This is Caleb's 2nd meeting. He has attended more meetings than some board members!

Treasurer's report: We have 82 kegs. Discussion of the Secret Keg Factor with the new board members.

New Business:

- ★ Halloween party - the theme will be: Come as "What You Want to be When You Grow Up". Bill moved to put Jen & Carol in charge of the Halloween party. Brad 2nd. Joyce volunteered to help.
- ★ Jen asked about having Al's dad as DJ. Rob moved to pay him \$200. Max 2nd. Motion carried.
- ★ Halloween to be a 2 keg party. Discussion on what kind of beer.
- ★ Discussion on beefburgers for the party.
- ★ Derek questioned expanding Karaoke selection. Jen moved to purchase \$100 worth of additional Karaoke CD's. Michael 2nd. All approved.
- ★ Discussion on Ground school. It will be Feb 17-18, 2007. Discussion on charge - Bill moved to charge \$195 for early registration (prior to January 1, 2007), \$205 for regular registration (January 1-Feb 10), \$215 for late registration (Feb 11-17). Max 2nd. Motion carried.
- ★ Dates for next year's parties set:
St. Patrick's party - March 17, 2007
Ode to Spring - April 28, 2007
Halloween - October 27, 2007
- ★ Brad suggested that the Creston race should start on Thursday night. Discussion, discussion. Contact Rob if interested.

Rob moved to adjourn meeting, Michelle seconded. Motion approved. Members gave Round of applause to John for chairing his first meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:43:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, *Carol Harris*.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

Sunday October 15, 2006

Present: Joyce Jensen, Jen Nordhagen, Josie Nordhagen, Riley Nordhagen, Caleb Nordhagen, Michelle Craig, Bill Griffin, Joel Worthington, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Sandy Drake, Max & Carol Harris. Guests - Justin Voss & Bill Long

No current board members present, so Founding Father Bill Griffin designated Joel Worthington as Chair. Meeting

Touch & Go

called to order at 6:57:45.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the September meeting presented. There were no dogs present - could it be so?? Max moved to approve the minutes, Jen seconded. Motion carried, Dick voted "Not a Chance".

Treasurer's report: Same as last month - 82 kegs. Bill moved to accept Treasurer's report, Max 2nd. Discussion on Secret Keg Factor. All approved.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here. Do we need to do a Health & Welfare check? There was a recent sighting at the elevator. Maybe we should arrange a ride for him for next month.
- ★ Discussion on Karaoke CD's. Jen will purchase before the Halloween party.
- ★ Discussion on Halloween party. Jen called Al, his father will DJ party.
- ★ This is Caleb's 3rd meeting.
- ★ Sandy, the VP is here. She has designs on the Virgin from Ode '06.

New Business:

- ★ 14 balloons flew over Madison County. It was a nice flight over Winterset.
- ★ Guests Justin Voss & Bill Long introduced. They are both students at Iowa State. Justin is Ed Yost's great-nephew. Both are interested in ballooning.
- ★ The Jill Rubin Memorial flight will be Saturday, October 21st in Newton.

A Ponderance was called. Dick read from his Book of Imponderables.

Phyllis moved to adjourn meeting, Michelle seconded. The vote was close, the chair called for a division of the house. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:33:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, *Carol Harris*.

Let the minutes reflect that Old Business (Don Prine) did show up for the October Meeting - 1 week late!

2006 Worlds

Hot Air Balloon Championships

<http://www.balloon2006worlds.com/index-e1.html>

Those competing from the USA are: Paul Petrehn, Johnny Petrehn, Joe Heartsill, and Nick Donner. Cory Bloom of Indianola will be helping Nick Donner.

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Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2007

February 16-18, 2007

Want to know more about flying a Hot Air Balloon? Attend Balloons Over Iowa Ground School this winter and learn how. We teach you how to take the FAA written tests and give you valuable instructions on how to be a safe and competent Hot Air Balloon Pilot. We will be giving up to 20 hours of instruction in Private and Commercial Operations.

Where: BOI Balloonport, 18999 Blue Place, Carlisle, IA 50047

When: Registration: Friday, February 16, 7:00 P.M.

Class: Saturday, February 17, 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Class: Sunday, February 18, 8:00A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Fees: Individual Enrollment Fee: \$195 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2007)
\$205 for regular Registration (January 1-February 10)
\$215 for late Registration (February 11-17)
Registration fee includes one set of books and a one year membership to BOI

Family Enrollment Fee: Full price for 1st family member (based on date of registration), half price per person for any other family member. Registration fee includes one set of books per family and a one year membership to BOI for each student. Extra sets of books may be purchased.

Refresher Fee: \$97.50 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2007)
\$102.50 for regular Registration (January 1-February 10)
\$107.50 for late Registration (February 11-17)
Includes one year membership to BOI, no books included.

NOTE: Food and snacks will be provided as well as any handout materials and sample tests.

Please complete the following application form if you would like to attend:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: Daytime (_____) _____ Evening: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Which section are you interested in? Private _____ Commercial _____

Please make checks payable to **Balloons Over Iowa** and mail to: BOI, 18999 Blue Place, Carlisle, IA 50047. For more information contact Rob Bartholomew at (515) 989-3708, email: balloonsoveriowa@msn.com

Directions to BOI Balloonport:

From East on I-80 go south on Highway 65 Bypass (exit 141). Continue south on Highway 65 to the Highway 5 east exit (exit 72) - about 11 miles. Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mile. The Balloonport is on the east side of the road (if the road curves west, you've gone too far).

From north on I-35 - at the north mixmaster, go east on I-80 (exit 87). Go east to the Highway 65 bypass (exit 141). Go south on Highway 65 to the Highway 5 east exit (exit 72) - about 11 miles. Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mile. The Balloonport is on the east side of the road (if the road curves west, you've gone too far).

From west on I-80 - at the west mixmaster, go south on I-35 (exit 123B) about 4 miles to the Highway 5 bypass (exit 68). Go east on Highway 5 - 13-14 miles to the Carlisle exit (exit 72). Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mile. The Balloonport is on the east side of the road (if the road curves west, you've gone too far).

From south on I-35 - take the Highway 5 bypass (exit 68). Go east on Highway 5 - 13-14 miles to the Carlisle exit (exit 72). Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mile. The Balloonport is on the east side of the road (if the road curves west, you've gone too far).

From Indianola to the Balloonport - go north on Highway 65-69. Turn east on Scotch Ridge Rd. Follow that to Carlisle. Go east (Rt) on Highway 5 through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles. Turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mi. **Or** Go east on Highway 92. Turn north on SR23. Follow that to Highway 5 (7-8 miles). Continue north across Highway 5 to 190th Ave. Balloonport is 1 mile north of Highway 5.

Note - be very cautious of the train tracks as you are turning onto 190th Ave. This is a very busy train track.

Area Motels:

Apple Tree Inn - Highway 65/69 Indianola 1-800-961-0551 (on the north edge of Indianola - just south of the balloon museum)

Super 8 - Highway 65/69 Indianola (on the north edge of Indianola - just north of the balloon museum) 515-961-0058

Sleep Inn - 5850 Morning Star Court, Des Moines, IA 515 299-9922. Take Highway 65 to the University Ave. (Highway 163) exit - go east, motel on south side of Highway 163

Four Points Sheraton - 1810 Army Post Rd 515-287-6464 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - go north to Army Post Rd., then east)

Holiday Inn Airport - 6111 Fleur Dr. 515-287-2400 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - go north past Army Post Rd.)

Motel 6 - 4814 Fleur Dr. 515-287-6364 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - go north past Army post to corner of Fleur & McKinley)

Radisson - 6800 Fleur Dr. 515 285-7777 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - Radisson is just south of Army Post Rd., on the west side of Fleur).



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Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings

Meetings are held every third Sunday of the month 6:30 p.m. at the Balloonport. Schedule of meetings:
 January 21 - 6:30 p.m.
 February 18 - 5 p.m.
(note February time change due to Ground School)