



*Balloons Over Iowa
Ode to Spring
April 28, 2007*

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Please join *Balloons Over Iowa* in the celebration of *Ode to Spring*. Because this *Celebration* has traditionally signified the arrival of Spring and the start of the flying season, the event will include much merriment & joyous behavior.

Serious business will also take place. The Board of Directors chosen to lead this great club for the next year will be announced. One lucky pilot will be named "Pilot of the Year". Crew of the year and the famous Cleo award will also be announced. Don't miss this wonderful occasion!

Schedule:

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration at the National Balloon Museum, Indianola, IA.

5:30 p.m. Pilot briefing at the museum

6:00 p.m. Flight (weather permitting). Festivities to be moved to the Balloonport if flight is called off.

Pot luck will be held at the Balloonport after the flight. The club will provide meat & beer. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert & your own table service. After dining will be the announcement of the annual club awards and the crowning of the 2007-2008 Board.

Ode Officials:

Balloonmeister - Dick Drake

Prizemeister - Mark Weeks

Assistant Balloonmeister - Tom Ricke

Kegmeister - Elmo & Derrick Nordhagen

Weathermeister - Bill Griffin

Barbequemeister - Dwight Freitag

Assistant weathermeister - Jeremy Rubin

Keeper of the purse - Jen Nordhagen

Pilot registrationmeister - Jennifer Nordhagen & Carol Harris

Finder of the virgin sacrifice - Sandy Drake

Pilot packmeister - Mark Weeks

Keeper of the virgin sacrifice - Rob Bartholomew

Safetymeister - Leroy Clair

Virgin sacrifice - Missing

Launchmeister - Bret Christian

Protest jury - Meika Bartholomew

Scoremeister - Conklins & Balloon Crew

Cleanup committee - Left overs

Balloonportmasters - Rob & Linda Bartholomew

Kidmasters - Derek Nordhagen, Leroy Clair, Todd Isley

Front cover: 2006 BOI Champions 1. Brad Craig, 2. Rob Bartholomew, 3. Cory Bloom

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

March-April, 2007

2006 BOI Championship

#1 Brad Craig	6800
#2 Rob Bartholomew	6540
#3 Cory Bloom	6530
#4 Tom Ricke	6470
#5 Ryan Kintzel	6430
#6 Todd Isley	6400
#7 Ralph Rieck	6360
#8 Gary Fouche	6320
#9 Dan Corbin	6300
#10 Dick Drake	6280
#11 Jeremy Rubin	6250
#12 Jim Thompson	6210
#13 Leroy Claire	6200
#14 Bill Griffin	6140
#15 Bret Christian	6010
#16 Mike Hadley	5980
#17 Max Harris	5790
#18 Don Prine	2845



Ground School 2007

Ground School was held February 17-18 at the BOI Balloonport. 22 students from 6 states attended.

A huge thanks to all the instructors: Dick Drake - Sectionals, Don Prine - (Commercial) Instruction Techniques & Teaching Process, Jason Jones - Balloon Systems & Balloon Health, Bill Griffin - Weather, Matt Fenster - Instruments, Donna Rieck - FAR's, and Rob Bartholomew - testing. Thanks also to Rob & Linda Bartholomew for hosting the weekend.

Another huge thanks to everyone who helped with food - Linda Bartholomew, Phyllis Drake, Jen Nordhagen, and especially Donna Rieck for all the delicious goodies that Ground School is famous for.

Organizers for Ground School were Mike Oberman (Ground Schoolmeister), Joel Worthington & Al Appenzeller.

Students attending were: Ashley Butler, Bret Christian, Patrick & Tim Cloyd, Casey Frame, Roger Gray, Matthew Grote, Jake Hamlin, Jerry Jensen, Jeremy King, J.D. Montague, James Mueller, Malinda Patch-Gray, Todd Patterson, Jim & Teresa Phelan, Tyler Reinert, Ben Smith,

Jeff Thomm, Mark Weeks, and John & Patrice Winkel. Congratulations and welcome to BOI!

Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends! Dad says time goes faster as you get older, but it seems like cold weather has lasted a long time. I heard some North Central BOI members considered burner power for heat instead of electricity. One balloonist reported using his burner to clear the driveway of snow. I don't know if this has been an exceptionally bad winter or if we are just getting softer. Dad says the Founding Fathers used to fly during blizzards, and still talks about a memorable retrieval of Bill Griffin. Dad says he would fly now if he wasn't so busy with the farm.

Although March comes in like a lion, I hope nothing discourages attendance at our St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th. Initiation of new members is always a solemn experience but I personally like the Giant Leprechauns best. The food is tremendous. As those in attendance get younger and older, Vice President Sandy and I look forward to ample opportunity for liberal samples of everything. Sandy did, however, spend an inordinate amount of time around the keg last year. Just because she wags her pretty tail, you don't have to give her a drink.

April 28th is Ode to Spring. Dick Drake has been selected the Balloonmeister this year. I think the Board is tired of getting weathered out. Dad says the Founding Fathers used to fly "no matter what" and still talks about memorable high wind landings. Dad says he would test the elements now if he wasn't an FAA Examiner responsible for modeling exemplary flight behavior.

I did listen to every instructor at our Balloons Over Iowa Ground School. It was another great success. The instructors all said no matter how anxious you are to fly, it's important to use good judgment. I think they read my column, they told everyone to always remember to:

Fly Safely,

Meika

Balloons Over Iowa President

Meika Bartholomew

Balloons Over Iowa Vice-President

Sandy Drake

Founding Fathers

Rob Bartholomew

Terry Boettcher

Bill Griffin

Don Prine

Jerry Riley

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Letter from Vice-President Sandy

First, I must apologize to Carol Harris for my tardiness in getting this article to her. I have no excuse, but I will blame much of it on the last major snowstorm. It was nice just lying around watching it snow, but the lying around became more and more. Next thing I knew, 4 days had passed. Thus, missing the deadline. Sorry.

Balloons over Iowa just completed another successful ground school in February. Mike Oberman and his instructors did a great job instructing the students. And, I must not forget Linda Bartholomew, Phyllis Drake, and many volunteers who brought in wonderful food. Now, Mom is looking over my shoulder, as I'm pawing this article out on the computer. She is asking how I would know how wonderful the food was at Ground school. Well, this is where I must thank the many students that handed me treats under the table. I think the Butterfinger candy bar that Donna Rieck gave me was the best. Well, from what I was able to taste of it since Dad took it away. But anyway, again great job to Mike Oberman and his team for a job well done. I talked to Meika the other day to see how the students did, but she had not heard any updates as of yet.

Two BOI events are fast approaching, both of which are a sure sign that spring is just around the corner. The St. Patrick's Party and BOI new member initiation is scheduled for Saturday, March 17th. This is an event you will not want to miss. Be sure to bring your famous Irish stew to enter in the stew contest, and later in the evening, back by popular demand, are the Giant Green Leprechauns. I swear I saw the Leprechauns performing the other day with the Wiggles or maybe it was the Doodle Bops.

The 2nd event, which is a definite sign spring is here, is Ode to Spring, scheduled for Saturday April 28th. This is a must attend event. This is Iowa's first "official" balloon race of the season. The Prizes are so awesome they are kept in a vault off site from the Balloonport. The potluck is out of this world. This event is full of surprises and I stress "surprises". Also in the evening, certain members (selected by the Founding Fathers) will be awarded "Crew of the Year" and the prestigious "Pilot of the Year" award (every pilot/student pilot is fighting to get this award). One of the last awards to be given out during the evening is BOI's top honor award, the "Cleo Award". The old board will be recognized for the service during the year (great job!). The Founding Fathers will announce the new members of the board.

In closing, sorry Carol for being tardy with my article. Mom and Dad told me no more treats until I paw this article out. Second of all, our thoughts and prayers goes out to the many people who lost their lives in the latest massive storms that rolled through the Midwest and southern part of the US. Mother Nature really dealt some nasty cards this time. I hope to see everyone at one or all of the upcoming BOI events. Do not forget the monthly BOI meetings - the 3rd Sunday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

Until next time, keep looking up!

Sandy Drake

Retirement Center Update

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

Winter may be a time of limited activity for balloonists, but BOIRHPSAC members consider this to be a time of renewed opportunity for committee action. Nightly meetings are being held with special emphasis from sub-committees for site acquisition, finance and refreshment flow. Some BOIRHPSAC members have reluctantly agreed to leave the safe, friendly and congenial atmosphere of our local meeting site to visit warmer climates. Ever cognizant of stretching BOI finances to its' last drop, no trip is undertaken unless significant time can be devoted to the three primary objectives BOIRHPSAC has at this time.

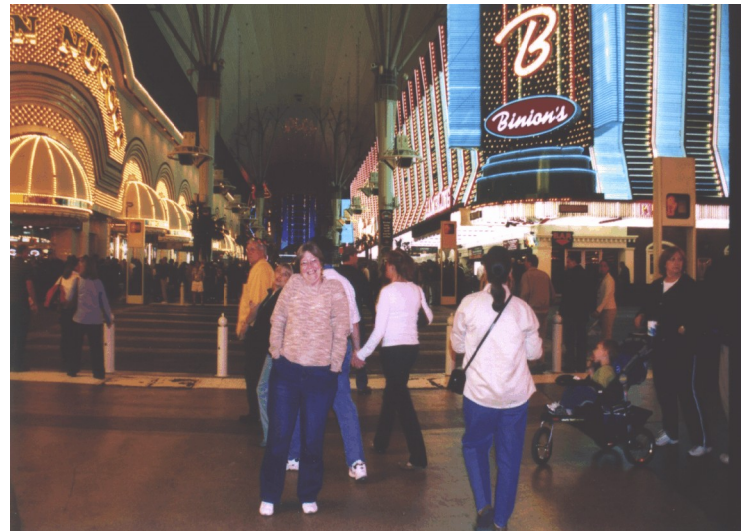
It isn't easy when refreshment flow is your constant companion, but a recent site visit to Las Vegas by Don and Gerry Prine brought them into proximity with a well known financier. Spending a week at one of his residences placed them close to the type of investors our BOI Retirement Home needs. Although not yet an official committee recommendation, it may be suggested that our retired members call 877- 878-6711 to make temporary condominium accommodations until our retirement home becomes a reality.



Important financial meetings were held here during the Prine's recent visit.



Located on the Strip - a perfect site to accommodate BOI retirees busy life styles



Gerry Prine, just prior to a five hour revenue enhancement meeting

Location, location, location. The Stardust is presently being demolished to make room for a new facility. Could it be our BOI Retirement Home Complex? Your BOIRHPSAC will actively pursue this option.

Many arduous hours were spent by Gerry in meetings at Binion's Casino pursuing alternative sources of income. Although no immediate success can be reported, your BOIRHPSAC continues to support educational opportunities. The Prines are eager to return to the tables and invest BOI Savings. In the interim, expenses will continue to be submitted in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted.

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Possible Retirement site found in Florida by a BOI member. This facility might need some repair due to Hurricane damage.

Retirement Center Update (continued)

Dick Drake expressed interest in pursuing alternative sources of income. Dick is near retirement and he said that the banking business is getting a little staid. Phyllis started to say something but appeared to be choking. Many BOIRHPSAC members retired to the refrigerator to attend a seminar on Texas Hold 'Em being conducted by Gerry Prine. Mark Ziino called and asked to have a seat reserved at the seminar. Terry Boettcher called and volunteered to give a lecture on probability. Bill Griffin started a presentation on weather on the overhead at the east end of the building. The Chair was disoriented.

Chuck Winkenweder called to inquire about the proximity of the potential retirement home site to the Las Vegas Airport, citing airspace concerns. Gary Fouche called to ask if anyone had analyzed traffic patterns as they might affect chase crews. Jim Oakes called and requested BOI funds to defray expenses incurred during Bike Week in Daytona. A donation was taken. Brad Craig, responsible married man, expressed concern that the Las Vegas strip may contain elements that would distract his chase crew.

Wayne Wasson expressed thanks to the Prines and appreciation to all who have raised such important issues. Wayne assured those present that BOIRHPSAC is responsive to members concerns and will immediately convene a task force of committee members to conduct additional research in Las Vegas. A line of volunteers formed near Wayne, at a table, by the refrigerator. A ponderance was called.

BFA News

Notes from the President

February Board Meeting
February 17, 2007

The Board held its February board meeting last Thursday (the 15th) via teleconference. The meeting which lasted just under two hours reviewed the budget and various activities underway. Sharon reported the membership was up slightly and Tim confirmed the news with a better-than-planned fiscal picture for January. Both points were good news but a good January does not alone make a healthy year. I hope everyone will keep up the personal efforts to strengthen the organization.

The website work directed by Phil Bryant with major work on the parts of Fred Dinkler and Glen Moyer continues to show promise. The content and capabilities are looking very good. In related work, Fred has established report capability for the office using the new database structure. All this effort will soon emerge as enhanced services to our members.

Work on the National Convention in Louisville is ongoing and the big news is that Maury Sullivan will head a team to establish the educational content of the convention. He is soliciting inputs from contacts throughout the United States. Any thoughts on this should be sent directly to him at TequilaTom@aol.com. Scott McClinton is working with Mark Sullivan, our CIA representative, on a proposal to bring the 2008 CIA meeting to Louisville at the same time.

Jim Thompson reported that 108 invitations have been sent out for the 2007 Nationals to be held in Waco, Texas. Currently the plan is to accept 50 competitors which represents a substantial increase over the past two years the event was held in Anderson County, South Carolina. Jim and his committee struggled with the various options for developing the invitation and acceptance procedure and have come up with a good compromise to accommodate those who competed under the BFA and NABA banners last year. It seems no solution would have made everyone happy.

Other brief items discussed included developing a BFA podcast for the new website. Glen Moyer explained how this would work and the value it would bring to the efforts to improve up-to-date communication. Pat Newell suggested some changes to the life membership structure to recognize veteran members. Don Edwards updated the Board on his efforts to establish a commercial operators' criteria for quality operations. Nancy Griffin suggested a "club meeting" during Albuquerque Fiesta in order to allow representatives from throughout the U.S. to share issues, ideas and solutions to their current operations.

This note is an attempt to get BFA actions and considerations news to balloonists a bit quicker, and perhaps to allow comment and input before final decisions are made. Hope you find it helpful and informative.

Ray Bair, BFA President

BFA Youth Camp

This year's BFA Youth camp takes place in Tyler, Texas on the Tyler Junior College campus July 15-19. We welcome campers aged 10 to 17 for the 5 day camp. If you would like more information about the summer camp or an application for a youth, please contact me off list. Also remember, adult volunteers are needed to make this camp happen and we would love for you to join us!

Shelley Caraway
Chair, Balloon Federation of America Youth Programs

How Many Are We?

A Comment on FAA Pilot Statistics

Many times I have heard the question "how many balloonists are there?" We first struggle to define what a balloonist is; Does it include crew, officials, spectators?

Setting that problem aside, it would be interesting to at least know how many pilots we have in our midst. Even that seems an insurmountable question. A recent effort by Dave Sullivan, a Designated Pilot Examiner and Master Instructor from Georgia has revealed a number of interesting, if not consistent results.

Dave initiated his study with a question to the IS manager at the FAA Airman Certification Branch several months ago. The response he received was 1569. While surprised at the low number, he pondered it for awhile. Recently he renewed the question and received a comparable answer of 1524. This just doesn't satisfy the "ho-ho" test so he downloaded a copy of the airman certification branch data base and went to work on his own. His efforts led to 7791 people in the United States with LTA category, Balloon class ratings. No data is available that suggests how many are active, or even alive for that matter.

Armed with this information he returned to the IS manager at the FAA Branch. Apparently the earlier questions had got them to thinking and they responded:

The number of airmen records with balloon ratings that meet our active criteria (under 70 and a complete record) is 10,592. This includes student pilot certificates that had the balloon rating on them (NOTE - ratings are not supposed to be placed on student pilot certificates any longer).

The total number of balloon ratings in the system is 24,214.

To clarify, he explains the discrepancy between his number of active certificates and Sullivan's number, is due to the fact that there are a large number of pilots who choose not to have their personal data releasable (therefore not in the internet database). The total number (24,214) is the total number of LTA certificates that have EVER been issued.

In a response to Dave's findings, Jim Thompson, a BFA Board Member from Des Moines, Iowa added the following comments. "The big problem, of course, is the fact that LTA does not require medicals, so the number of certificates issued includes those pilots who have deceased and those that are no longer active. I did a survey here in Iowa a couple of years ago and the number of balloon pilots still alive that were no longer active was greater than the number of active pilots". Glen Moyer, editor of BFA's Ballooning Journal, confirms a similar experience and suggests that perhaps only 25% of all issued certificates might still be active. In addition, he talked with the major insurers a couple of years ago and learned there were about 3700 balloons insured at that time.

So, the question remains, how many are we? Each time I address the question, I seem to downgrade my estimate. Early on I would have suggested over 10,000, then perhaps less than 10,000. I followed that with between 6000 and

8000. I am now closer to the lower number of 6000. The adjective "active" is the part most difficult to handle. Hopefully this article will lead to discussion and perhaps better estimates. Take your best shot.

Ray Bair, BFA President

Trading Paper for Plastic

You can keep your paper pilot certificate forever, but if you want to continue flying, sooner or later you'll likely have to get one of the new, tamper-resistant, plastic certificates. The FAA issued a proposal that would require pilots to get a plastic certificate within two years (five years for other airmen certificates) after the regulation is finalized in order to continue exercising their airmen privileges. The rule would also require aircraft owners to notify the FAA within five days after the sale or transfer of ownership of their aircraft. Some 82 percent of AOPA members said they supported this rule when they were surveyed in 2005, and 55 percent already had a plastic certificate. The FAA has been issuing plastic certificates since 2003, after the 9/11 terror attacks prompted the agency to act on a proposal published in the late 1980s but never finalized. All pilots can voluntarily request a plastic airmen certificate online, and you can keep your old paper certificate. Ordering a new certificate costs \$2, but if you want the FAA to remove your social security number from the certificate or its records, you can get a plastic certificate for no cost.

Columbia, Missouri

Columbia, Missouri is hosting a balloon event this year, August 24-26 2007.

We are interested in hearing from special shape operators that would be interested in attending. Columbia was the host for the US Nationals from 1995-97. This event will be held in the southern part of Columbia which is a change from the National which were held north of the city limits. If you have a shape and would be interested in attending please send a prospectus with a photo via email or regular mail to

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Adventure of the Heart

February 4-5, 2007 - Rich Jaworski has set two new world records in an amazing 23 hour 12 minute flight. Rich's incredible odyssey began shortly after 10 AM in Grand Forks, ND on Sunday, February 4, and concluded just before 9:30 AM on Monday, February 5 about 9 miles west of Page, ND. Throughout Rich's flight, temperatures hovered below zero, ranging from -25°F at launch, to a "high" of

-15°F on Sunday afternoon. Assisting Rich on his flight were NBC member and pilot Matthew Grote as Crew Chief, Mike and Shirley Leimbach and Sue Markl, all of Sioux Falls, SD, as crew, with Mike acting as FAI Observer, and Joanne Ragle and Tom Peterson back in Omaha operating the Adventure of the Heart communication center. You can see a plot of Rich's course, follow the flight log, and see photos of the flight at Rich's website .

Rich's flight duration shattered the old Mark set by him in Adventure of the Heart nearly one year ago. Rich and Mike will now submit documentary evidence of the flight to the NAA, the US delegate to the FAI for ratification of his record achievement. Please join with us in saluting Rich Jaworski for his outstanding effort!

Tom Peterson

IWCC Balloon Fair Ends Eight-year Run

It is with regret that we announce the end of one of the area's premier ballooning events. We wish to thank Jo Kossow of the Iowa Western Community College Foundation, and Dr. Kinney and all the faculty and students of Iowa Western Community College for our outstanding relationship – we are sorry to see the event end, but it ends on top in our book!

"After many hours of in-depth discussions and financial consideration Iowa Western Community College Foundation has decided that we will no longer host the "Lighter Than Air Balloon Fair". Given the rising cost of hosting the event along with the labor intensive work required to secure sponsorships, we have decided that it would be in the College's best interest for us to pursue some new areas of fund-raising and building donor relationships.

"We have all thoroughly enjoyed the eight years of working with the Nebraska Balloon Club. And we hope that you each will still continue to be supporters of Iowa Western Community College as you fly those beautiful balloons across the countryside.

"We send our best wishes for the future of the Nebraska Balloon Club."

Sincerely,
Jo Kossow, Executive Director
Iowa Western Community College Foundation

Pilot Relations

January 11, 2007

Present: Shelton family, Harris Family, Jensen Family, Jim Fromm, Gary Haynes, Jim Gebhart.

Minutes from the past months of meetings: (below each recommendation is the response from the Classic Board of Directors at their January 25, 2007 Board Meeting).

- Event Schedule: Trying to add a PILOT'S schedule of events to be added to the registration packet, trying to pass on more info prior to the event.
- Classic Board: Only one pilot on the board. Pilot Relations Recommendation: That at least 1-2 pilots be added to the NBC Board to increase the involvement with the Pilots & Crews. Several names have been passed on but no one has heard a reply from the NBC President. Also requesting a copy of the NBC bylaws.

Board Action: The vote was no on taking immediate action. The recommendation was tabled and will be considered as part of the normal process of adding members in the fall; the Board will consider its overall need for members at that time.

- Pilot Gift: \$40 in Chamber (Balloon) Bucks, can be accepted at the Balloon Field Gift Shop.
- BFA Sanction: Jim Thompson responded to holding the North Central Regional Championship at a cost of \$400. Spoke with Greg and the Classic Board doesn't feel the Classic event receives has any advantage of holding the BFA Regional event. On the web site, Regional event is \$250, but Classic directors still are at the same conclusion. Classic Directors will be holding an open sanction only. Pilot Relations Recommendation: At least go with an OPEN sanction.

Board Action: The vote was yes to the open sanction as long as there was no cost associated with being a sanctioned event.

- Classic Registrations: The event registration packet has viewed for the final proof. Greg will be meeting with Simpson college about housing costs this upcoming week. Simpson has some buildings up for remodel but maintenance doesn't know which building or a time frame. It sounds like Feb. 1st.
- Night Glow/Candle Glow: Greg stated the Classic Board voted to have night glows 6 nights (not Sat, Mon or Sat). This would be an way to keep the crowd and help improve the spectator involvement. Pilot Relations Recommendation: The commercial pilots will have their normal two required nights. The remaining 80 pilots will sign up for any of the remaining nights the day of registration. This way the pilots would know which night to glow for their personal schedules. If the night glow is winded out, then there will be the candle glow.

If the night glow is cancelled due to rain, then the pilots will move to the next night. Since this requirement is a change from years past, someone (executive director) needs to spell out at the mandatory meeting what is expected of the pilots for the night glow & sponsor rides.

Board Action: The Board basically agreed with the concept included in the recommendation of having the pilots know which nights they would be night glowing. The details of how to schedule may be different from a sign up process, such as using odd/even numbers with the fly-in/fly-out process. It may be beneficial/easier for the pilots flying into the field to be scheduled to night glow. The Board then also discussed what happens if a pilot doesn't glow; it results in: point deduction, \$ penalty, and possibly removal from the event. Same as with not giving sponsor rides. These points should be included in the rule book. Pilots could night glow according to the odd/even flight schedule (resulting in approximately 1/3 of the odds and evens night glowing on any given night. On Wednesday for the Night Glow Extravaganza more pilots would be needed.

- Final Saturday Evening Events: Discussion with the schedule for the final ceremonies. Pilot Relations Recommendation: Since the last Saturday evening flight is the big cash grab night, move the Pilot meeting to 5:30 pm at the stage. At 6:00 pm have the awards and then by 6:30 be released for the balloon flight. If there is a need for supplemental weather briefing, then have it after the awards. This would involve the pilots, crew, sponsors and the spectators. Live music would have to work around the meeting times but is manageable.

Board Action: This recommendation was accepted by the Board as long as this activity was approved by the Balloonmeister. Flights and meetings regarding flights need approval from him.

- Awards Committee: Jim Fromm, Bob Shelton and Mark Weeks
- Daily Awards Committee: Jim Gebhart, Crazy Al, Jim Fromm
- Banner/Baggie Deposits: Tabled until after the 2007 event. Pilot Relations Recommendation: to send a postcard to the pilots of the unclaimed pilot deposits.

Board Action: This recommendation was declined by the Board of Directors.

Other items:

- Consider a raffle for one spectator to receive a Balloon Flight per day.
- Updating the phone numbers on the Pilot badges. Also crew chiefs receive the same badges.
- Having the announcers read the pilot scores during the

evening flights.

NBC News

National Balloon Classic's registration info is available.

Please contact: info@nationalballoonclassic.com

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Duane Woodruff. Duane passed away due complications of pneumonia. As some may or may not know, the Woodruff family are very good supporters of the Hot Air Balloons, National Balloon Classic and assisting with the rural relations. The Woodruff family allows us pilots the use of their land for launching and landing, as well as target goal locations any time of the year.

Morning Coffee with Jack & Friends

featuring Jack the Weather Dog
by Carol Sherman



New BOI Member wishing to crew

Ashley Butler of Iowa City recently completed Ground school & wishes to crew - Call her at - 804-317-8727

New email address

Don & Gerry Prine - gerryprine@msn.com.

Balloons Over Iowa Repair Station

Rob & Linda Bartholomew

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Great Pershing Balloon Derby

Event Dates:	September 1st - September 3rd, 2007
Event Name:	31st Great Pershing Balloon Derby
City, State:	Brookfield, MO
Pilot Contact:	Sherry Techau Green Hills Ballooning, Inc. P.O. Box 451, Brookfield, MO 64628
Phone #:	660-258-5290 (home)
E-mail:	rstechau@classicnet.net
# Balloons:	45
Prize Purse:	\$1,550
Website:	N/A
BFA Sanctioned?	Yes

Seeking Nominations for the "Spirit of Annie" Award

The "Spirit of Annie" is an award established by the Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association (NOBPA) in memory of a very special Observer, Annie Pryne. It is awarded through a selection process approved by the Board of Directors of NOBPA. The award is designed to acknowledge an individual who personifies the love of ballooning and ballooning people, with dedication to competition and the hard work associated to improving the sport as Annie did.

Annie Pryne's spirit was incredible and nothing, not even her age or terrain, stood in her way when she accepted the responsibility to make sure that all competitive pilots were treated equally and fairly. Both a fixed wing and hot air balloon pilot herself, Annie became an observer with an attitude of enthusiasm and commitment of excellence. This attitude carried over into every challenge in life she faced. One memory of Annie's spirit for many who new her personally, was a spray can of paint in one hand and tape measure in the other, standing in the middle of an

intersection protecting a baggie.

The "Spirit of Annie" award is dedicated to keeping alive the spirit of Annie Pryne, a warm, caring and invincible individual!

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINEES

1. A nominee must be a member of the Balloon Federation of America (BFA).
2. A nominee may be an Observer, Official or Event Worker who best personifies the "Spirit of Annie" attitude, and demonstrates "Being the Best You Can Be".
3. A nominee must have Observed or served as an Official or Event Worker for no less than three (3) years.
4. A nominee must hold a credible presence in the sport of ballooning and be respected by observers, officials and pilots.
5. A nominee must show a willingness to share their experience and knowledge with colleagues and be bold enough to speak out when needed.
6. A nominee must enjoy and demonstrate the ability to interact with people from all aspects of the sport of ballooning,

SELECTION PROCESS

Award Selection Committee makeup - All past award recipients and the current President of NOBPA, acting as a voting representative of the NOBPA organization.

Award Coordinator - Non Committee member acting as Coordinator of the Award and the Award Committee (Non Voting Participant).

All nominations must be received by May 15, 2007

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Calendar of Events

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
 June 22-24 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race**, Ottumwa Iowa.
 Contact Dale or Holly Dommer
 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
 Sept 1-3 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby**, Brookfield, MO.
 Contact Sherry Techau - rstechau@classicnet.net
 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 Anniversary

Gary & Elaine Lawrence 4-5
 Keith & Cathy Williams 4-8
 Jim & Cheryl Gebhart 4-9
 Wayne & Janet Mohring 4-11
 Gene & Evelyn Frame 4-12
 Mike & Pam Hadley 4-13
 Steven & Gretchen Ryan 4-19
 Jamie & Rhonda Bishop 4-24
 Brian & Chris Seymour 4-28
 Gerald & Mary Conklin 4-29
 BJ & Wendi Anderson 5-1
 Mike & Shelly Mitchell 5-8
 Terry & Gina Garrett 5-12
 Larry & Barb Van Wyngarden 5-12
 Terry & Karin Riepe 5-18
 Jay & Juaquetta Holcomb 5-29
 David & LaVerna Edmister 5-31



Happy Birthday

Jeremy King	4-1	Melissa Bloom	5-1
Emma Thompson	4-1	Rosa Tierman	5-2
Keonna Kintzel	4-1	Jessica Stone	5-2
Mike Mitchell	4-1	Larene Fisher	5-3
Mark Delaney	4-2	Dean Ann Netley	5-3
Roger Gray	4-2	Rachel Ong	5-4
Carol Harris	4-3	Amber Clark	5-5
Kim Hemmingsen	4-4	Bill Marhoun	5-6
Angelica Corbin	4-4	Barbara Jones	5-6
Regan Bishop	4-4	John Lewis	5-7
James Mueller	4-4	Heather Mell	5-7
Ryan Stone	4-5	Jerry Jensen	5-8
Bandit Brown	4-5	Scott Konvalin	5-8
Andy Clark	4-6	T.J. Konvalin	5-10
Mike Herman	4-7	Jensen Bishop	5-10
Jennifer Hermanson	4-8	Ward Roscoe	5-12
Joseph Seymour	4-9	John Winkel	5-12
Rick McCubbin	4-10	Paige Erger	5-14
Casey Frame	4-11	Donna Rieck	5-15
Barb Knoll	4-11	T.J. Appenzeller	5-15
Lisa Stone	4-12	Crystal Nollen	5-16
Justin Winkel	4-12	Daisy Pieper	5-18
Gavin Pash	4-12	Don Prine	5-18
Barb Van Wyngarden	4-12	Holly Pfeifer	5-19
Peggy Bloom	4-13	Elsie Cloyd	5-22
Ron Dalby	4-13	Melissa Coe	5-22
Jay Holcomb	4-14	Karen Worthington	5-23
Jim Gebhart	4-14	Jeff Lawrence	5-25
Kathi Pfeifer	4-14	Nathan Dobesh	5-25
Steve Pfeifer	4-14	Tarah Graham	5-26
Brad Craig	4-15	Diane Roscoe	5-27
Dixie Ruble	4-17	Jeanne Wiley	5-29
Gary Lawrence	4-21	Sherry Techau	5-31
Barbara Lewis	4-21		
Tony Oberman	4-21		
Ralph Rieck	4-22		
Kelley Morgan	4-22		
Kimberly Jones	4-22		
Rhonda Gritton	4-23		
Michael Wilhelm	4-23		
John Brinker	4-24		
Jacob Hermanson	4-24		
Christopher Reinert	4-25		
Patti Todden	4-25		
Cathy Williams	4-26		
Ashley Jensen	4-26		
Donna Hill-Snipes	4-27		
Kelly Danielson	4-30		



**Belated Anniversary
 Congratulations to
 Rob & Linda
 Bartholomew
 March 10**

The Way It Was

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ April 25, 1987 – 9th Annual Ode to Spring: Officials: Balloonmeister – Jerry Riley; Assistant Balloonmeister – Bill Griffin; FAA & BFA Liaison – Rob Bartholomew; Safety officer – Dave Edmister; Weather officer – Gary Ford; Weather Briefer – Dr. Phil West; Rural Relations – Steve Hoover; Flight winner – Dan Terry; 1987 Pilot of the Year – Dave Edmister; 1987 Crew of the Year – Andy, Patty, Amy, Angel Ogden
- ★ 87-88 Board: Gerald Conklin, Gary Ford, Steve Hoover, Jill Rubin, Carl Young

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ March BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Tim Massey; Ode 1992 - Cost - \$20 - \$10 for membership, \$10 to fly, \$25 for those who want to fly, but don't want to be a member. Those who are flying were to BYOB (bring your own banner).
- ★ 3-22-1992 Garry Miklus received his Private license.
- ★ April BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Joyce Blevins; Patches are to be ordered – 3.5" - \$5, 10" - \$10.
- ★ Ode to Spring: Official Officials (in order of importance) - Official Balloonmeister - Mark Ziino, Official Assistant Balloonmeister - Jerry Riley, Official SafetyMeister - Carl Young, Official Fabric Suckermeister - Jim Fromm, Keeper of the Virgin Sacrifice Mark Weeks, Official Snake Wrangler - Monica Fromm, Official P.H.A.R.T Recruitmeister - Don Prine, Official Fart expellmeister - Jim Oakes, Official Pilot Packmeisters - Jim & Rita Fromm; Flight weathered out - winds 15 mph with gusts to 25; Pilots were carrying beverages in Coozies, not to keep the beverage cold, but to keep their hands warm; Members grilled outside on the bathtub grill and partook in Pot Luck; Jerry Riley awarded the Cleo Award in Honor of the one Individual who not only howled at the balloons, but also would howl at the moon; Tim Massey given Pilot of the Year Award - to quote Rob "Usually it only takes one little foul up per year to win this award; however, this years winner set a record by having at least one goof off per month"; Crew of the year – Mike & Virginia Van Hamme; Ford/Smith Memorial Award given to a person who exemplifies the love of ballooning - Mary Conklin; New Board members: Leslie Malcom, Gerry Prine, Mark Weeks, Marv Blevins, Terry McGonegle; Indoor task winners - #1 Dick Drake (representing the Classic as Assistant Balloonmeister, #2 Ron Fawson (student pilot extraordinaire) #3 Jim Fromm (representing some Reality Co) #4 Chuck Winkenwerder (FAA Representative)

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ St. Pat's Party: Judges were Gerald Knoll, Dean Ann Netley and Jeff Musi. Lynn Craig won Irish Stew Cookoff, 2nd – LuAnn Randleman, 3rd - Georgia Oakes. 16 new members included Jodi DeZurik, Linda Frerichs, & Barb & Gerald Knoll. Leprechauns again out of control.
- ★ March BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Dick Drake; Bill Griffin chosen as Balloonmeister for Ode; Prices for Ode set - \$15 membership, \$25 to fly, \$50 to fly without membership; Motion made, seconded & passed that now any member can second a motion - but still only a board member or Founding Father can make a motion.
- ★ Rob & Linda celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary
- ★ Gretchen's first letter to the club! *Mark & I had a talk the other day and he was telling me about all the newsletters that he received from other clubs. Apparently the president usually has a column which he/she uses to share a few thoughts. Mark said it was time that I started doing the same. I'm a little hesitant. Not because I have no worthwhile thoughts (some of them are even publishable) or because of a lack of commitment (after all, I've been told this position is "for life"). It is more along the lines that I prefer to perform my duties as President quietly in the background. I guess you could say I'm not a high profile leader. And as the saying goes "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" besides he said it would reap large rewards (I wonder what kind, he was not specific about that).*
- ★ Rich Jaworski flew a long jump from Blair, Nebraska to Lake of the Ozarks
- ★ Jim Thompson retired from the City of Des Moines
- ★ Charlie & Judy Ong celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary
- ★ April BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Denny Anderson; Membership applauded Gretchen for the fine job she did on her first article in the newsletter.
- ★ 4-25-1997 Kim Rosenboom received his Commercial license.
- ★ 4-27-1997 Todd Netley received his Commercial license.
- ★ Ode to Spring: Ode to Spring Breaks Flying Record - 18 balloons flew for the 19th Annual Balloons Over Iowa Ode to Spring! First balloon flight at Ode since 1990; Bill Griffin flew as the Hare Balloon; 17 hounds – no winner; Best Chase Vehicle award – Brian Seymour for arriving at Registration in an ambulance; Honorable mention – Mike Oberman who flew the closest to the Hare; Pilot of the Year - Bill Clemons; Crew of the Year – Conklins; Cleo award - Mark Weeks; New board - Phyllis Drake, Kay Fee, Gerald

Knoll, Dean Ann Netley; Keith Williams; Officials: Balloonmeister – Bill Griffin; Assistant Balloonmeister – Gary Ford, Weathermeister – Bill Griffin, Adjunct Balloonmeister – Troy Ford, Safety Officer – Rob Bartholomew

- ★ Events on 1997 calendar – Ode to Spring; Grinnell; Team championship in Battle Creek, MI; Ottumwa; Classic; Storm Lake; Brookfield; US Nationals in Columbia, MO; Creston; Albuquerque.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee continues its hard work – continuing important negotiations with world-renowned architect Phil Pash, planning and conducting a variety of site visits, exploring alternative designs, and closely monitoring BOI's budget
- ★ News from the BFA: Jim Thompson has been appointed by the NAA to be their representative to the BFA Board. Jim has also been named the chairman of the competition committee; BFA announced the top points Champion for 2001. Johnny Petrehn received an average score of 950.6 per task. Second place was Nick Donner with 922.6 points; Third place was Brad Craig with 882.7. BOI pilots in the top 50 were Dave Edmister, Jason Jones, Rob Bartholomew, Jeremy Rubin, Paul Quandee, Mike Reinert, Bill Clemons, Jim Thompson, Bill Griffin, Mark Harris, Jodi DeZurik & Todd Netley.
- ★ Brad Craig announced as 2001 Iowa Balloonist Association All Iowa Champion
- ★ St. Patrick's Party - March 16, 2002: The Irish Stew judges were John Jensen, Todd Netley & LuAnn Randleman; 1st place - Wendie Spence, 2nd place - Donna Rieck and 3rd place to last year's winner Helen Bartholomew; A framed photo of President Gretchen during a Ponderance was presented to Rob & Linda; New members initiated into BOI included: Jacob Hermanson; Carter Page; Nicholas, Kristy & Richard Pash; Pat & Nicole McCabe; Allan & Mandy Keller; Amy & Aaron Foelske; Alan & Alex Paul; Kyle McKasson; Keith Welling.
- ★ Calendar of Events for 2002 include Ames, Ottumwa, Clinton, Marshalltown, Balloons & Toons, National Balloon Classic, Council Bluffs, Storm Lake, Brookfield, Creston, Albq.
- ★ March BOI Meeting: Chairperson Aaron Gebhart; Membership was so impressed by our financial status they were moved to sing a round of "99 kegs of beer on the wall"; Jim opened discussion on beer hats, then moved to purchase beer hats for Board & Founding Fathers, The old beer hats need to be placed in a

prominent place - maybe hanging next to the dead alligator in the Balloonport; Old Business Don Prine was heard to say "I love it when we have somber, meaningful discussions"; Richard Pash had the first flight in his new balloon tonight. Richard received his first ride in a balloon many years ago from Old Business Don Prine. He is the son of early BOI member Denny Pash.

- ★ 4-02 Chris Reinert bought a new balloon.
- ★ 4-9-2002 Bonnie Marhoun received her Commercial license.
- ★ Veisha flight - weather was so bad, even Barbie elected not to fly
- ★ April BOI Meeting: Chairperson Aaron Gebhart; Retirement home report: Site visits continue. Architect continues to work on design. A big announcement is to be made in the near future. The committee is on the verge of a breakthrough. Dick Drake speaks on the issue of using RV's - there has been some resistance from members due to property taxes. Members ponder the thought of having a retirement home unveiled during our 25 year anniversary - Could it be? Plans continue for BOI's 25th anniversary in 2003. Officials will be the original officials from the first Ode when possible. Royce Pierson won the first Ode. The first prize was a broken surf board. The idea of BOI was formed at a bar located where "Beave's Pizza" is now located.
- ★ Ode To Spring 2002: Officials - Balloonmeister - Brad Craig, Assistant Balloonmeisters - Scott Moon & Tom Ricke, Weathermeister - Bill Griffin; It was a miserable, rainy, windy day and there was no flying for another Ode to Spring. Bill Griffin announced that Ode to Spring 2003 will be the 25th anniversary of BOI; The 2001 Crew of the Year, Bill & Becky Sponsler & family brought up the traveling trophy and told of their addition - a baggie. Do you suppose this has anything to do with a certain pilot who left his baggie in the van & flew right over the X at Albuquerque? The 2002 Crew of the Year award was given to Linda Bartholomew; Iowa Pilot of the Year was awarded to Danny Campbell. Danny is the only pilot to be awarded this honor twice; Cleo award - Dick Drake; 2002-2003 Board - Michelle Craig, Mike Hadley, Mark Harris, John Jensen and Julie Ricke. Indoor task: 1st place - Andy Ogden. Congrats Andy! 2nd place - Gerald "this is the best night of my life" Knoll, 3rd place points - Don Prine, last place and the award for the most whining - Jim Gebhart! The top 3 winners were given medals and prizes.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
Sunday January 21, 2007

Present: Bill Griffin, Joyce Jensen, Sue Anthony, Joel Worthington, Al Appenzeller, Rob Bartholomew, Brad and Amy Craig, Colton Craig, Ariel Williams, Madison Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Michelle Craig, Jeremy King, Charlie Worthington.

Meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by Chair Brad Craig

Secretary's Report: No secretary report. She is in Hawaii looking at retirement home sites.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer not present.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here.
- ★ No one got an invite to a Christmas Party at Don's.
- ★ Plotters have not been purchased yet. There was a discussion on how many to order. Michelle made a motion to order 50 plotters. Bill G. 2nd the motion. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- ★ Colton is attending his first meeting.
- ★ 7 people have signed up for ground school.
- ★ Al mentioned that the Ritz is coming up in Feb.

Brad has lost control of the meeting.

- ★ St. Patrick's party is March 17. Joyce and Michelle will be in charge. Bill will contact the leprechauns.

Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Next meeting will be after ground school Feb 18 at 5:00 pm. Meeting adjourned 7:31:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Craig, Temporary Secretary,

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA
Sunday February 18, 2007

Present: Mike Oberman, Michelle Craig, Don & Gerry Prine, Ralph & Donna Rieck, Bill Griffin, Max & Carol Harris, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Anthony & Kerry Van Broekhuizen, Breiden Van Broekhuizen (this was Breiden's first BOI Meeting), Linda & Rob Bartholomew, Bret Christian.

Meeting called to order at 5:25:42 p.m. by Founding Father Bill Griffin.

Don called for a ponderance. The Chair called the Ponderance out of order since Dick doesn't have his book of Imponderables. Dick did an impromptu Ponderance on how we put our faith in the Chart makers.

Secretary's report: Minutes from November & January meetings presented. Max moved to approve Secretary's report, Phyllis 2nd. Chair called for "Ayes" to approve. Membership in an uproar - we must vote "Okey-Dokey".

Chair has lost total control 5 minutes into the meeting.

Discussion on November minutes. Dick questioned why no one got invites to Don's Christmas party. Gerry only knew of the party a few minutes ago as she read the minutes. It's all Don's fault. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Grounds school income of \$2164.37 leaving us with a balance of 104 kegs. There are extra plotters from Ground School that will be for sale for \$15, so that may add to the profit. Dick presented an unscientific audit of the 20 year beer consumption at the Balloonport - \$94,758. Discussion, Discussion (you had to be there).

Old Business:

- ★ He's here!
- ★ Ground school. 22 students from 6 states. 2 have called back to say they passed the written test. Students and instructors were provided with plotters this year. The class size was excellent. The speakers didn't need microphones or speakers and the two groups speaking didn't over-ride each other. The food was great. Thanks to Linda, Phyllis, Jen, and Donna. Discussion on sending books to students ahead of time, with some direction on what to study. Discussion on analysis of what questions missed on the written test. Dick moved to form a committee to gather stats from students tests. Committee to be Joel Worthington & Mike Oberman with chairman to be Charlie Worthington. This committee should report to the board ASAP. Rob 2nd. Don made a friendly amendment to increase their salary by 20%. Discussion, discussion (how do you give 1/5th of a plotter?) Friendly amendment accepted by Dick & Rob. Charlie, Mike & Joel voted "Not a Chance". Motion carried.

Todd Patterson & Bret Christian arrived - both passed commercial test. Congratulations! Round of applause given.

- ★ Gerry moved that Ground school 2008 be Feb 15-17 and that it will always be the 3rd weekend in February. Don seconded with a "Yes, Ma'am". All voted "Okey-Dokey", except Ralph. As an aside - Don (who normally votes "Not a chance") will not vote against a motion that Gerry makes.
- ★ An additional congratulations to all Instructors, students, organizers, cooks and hosts (Rob & Linda).
- ★ Retirement home report will be in the next newsletter. Site visits continue as well as investigation into sources of revenue.
- ★ St. Patrick's party March 17 to include Irish Stew Cook-off

★ No one has been in VanHamme's bottom.

New Business:

★ Rob moved to have Dick Drake be balloonmeister for 2007 Ode to Spring. Many members seconded. Discussion on the Drake Relays being on the same weekend. It is the Drake Relays' fault if the weather is bad. Motion carried unanimously.

Return to Old Business

★ Bill Griffin's balloon photo is not at the airport.

Gerry moved to adjourn, Michelle 2nd. Don wants a ponderance. Voting close, chair sided with the Okey-Dokeys. Meeting adjourned 6:28:07. Members dined on leftovers.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary.

Dues are due now! If your mailing label does not say 07-08, please complete this form & return it to Carol with \$20 dues per family.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Application		Dues: \$20/year
Name: _____	_____	Birthday: _____
Address: _____	_____	Spouse Name: _____
City _____	_____	Spouse BD: _____
State / Zip _____	_____	Anniversary: _____
Home Phone # _____	_____	Family: _____ Birthdays: _____
Email Address: _____	_____	_____
Balloon Name: _____	_____	_____
List any other Birthdays, special occasions or Events: _____	_____	_____
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_____ Commercial Pilot _____ Private Pilot _____ Student Pilot _____ Crew _____ Balloon Enthusiast	_____	_____
Mail to: Balloons Over Iowa Attn: Carol Harris 2305 Hillside Ave West Des Moines, IA 50265	_____	Would you like to receive the Newsletter by: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Email with link to Newsletter posted on a Web site - you can then read, save or print the newsletter. The benefit of this over the attached file is that the large file doesn't clog up your email server. <input type="checkbox"/> Both

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Dues!

If your label does not say 07-08, your dues are due. Complete the membership form (page 15) & bring to Ode or send it & \$20/family to:

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If you attended 2007 BOI Ground School your dues are complimentary up to April 2008.



Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings

Meetings are held every third Sunday of the month 6:30 p.m. at the Balloonport. Schedule of meetings:
 March 17 <> April 15 <> May 20

Newsletter Deadline

May 10

Send articles, pictures, birthdays, anniversaries, announcements, events, funny balloon stories, etc. to:
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