

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

July - August, 2007

Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends!

The June issue of Budget Travel, a magazine distributed nationally, reported "We drove south to the National Balloon Museum. The memorabilia really makes you want to ride in a balloon, or at least see one inflated. That said, we get a kick out of the photos of the two dogs who have acted as President of the Balloons Over Iowa club."

It is gratifying to be part of an organization that is achieving national recognition. Dad says the National spotlight is on Iowa because we have the first presidential caucus in the nation. Vice President Sandy and I hope the National Balloon Classic will provide us a forum to share information about our political values.

BOI welcomes anyone interested in our great sport of ballooning. We meet often enough to maintain friendships, we live within our means. We value volunteerism. We appreciate the beauty of nature and ballooning. Critics may contend that our political views do not encompass all the complexities of modern life. We don't claim to have solutions to the problems of the world. For over 25 years, BOI has promoted friendship by sharing the beauty and excitement of hot air ballooning.

Soon we will celebrate the 2007 National Balloon Classic. This is the 38th consecutive year balloons have filled the skies over Indianola. I hope everyone will visit the National Balloon Museum, share a picnic at the Balloon Field, and pull up an envelope at the Balloonport for an afternoon visit with Sandy and me. And for all our pilots, always remember to:

Fly Safely,
Meika

Ed Yost

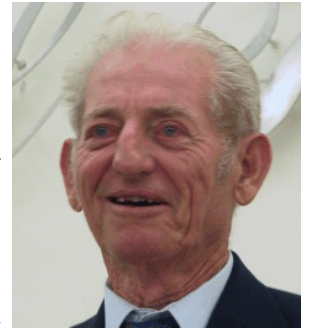
1919-2007

Paul "Ed" Yost, considered the father of modern hot-air ballooning, has died from natural causes at his home in Taos, New Mexico. He was 87.

Yost piloted the first flight of a balloon using the envelope-and-propane burner system he developed. The 25-minute, three-mile flight departed from Bruning, Neb., in October 1960, using an envelope made with a newly-developed heat-resistant fabric with heat generated by a propane burner. Yost's invention turned modern hot-air balloons into viable and maneuverable aircraft. In addition, he further refined the modern-day balloon with other features which he patented. These include nonporous synthetic fabrics, maneuvering vents, and deflation systems for landing. Yost also designed the distinctive "teardrop" shape of the hot air balloon envelope itself.

Born in Bristow, Iowa in 1919, Yost joined the High Altitude Research Division of General Mills in Minneapolis in 1949. He and three others from General Mills founded Raven Industries in 1956. Yost helped found the Balloon Federation of America and helped organize the first U.S. National Ballooning Championship at Indianola. He was inducted into the U.S. Ballooning Hall of Fame in 2004.

Yost is also known for other balloon flights. In April 1963, he and Don Piccard made the first hot air balloon flight across the English channel, flying from Rye, England to Gravelines Nord, France in three hours, 17 minutes in a balloon named the "Channel Champ." In 1976, Yost set 13 aviation world records for distance traveled and amount of time aloft during his solo attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean by balloon. He designed and built his balloon, the "Silver Fox," in his home garage. It featured a gondola that was shaped like a boat in the event that he would be forced down at sea—which is precisely what occurred.



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Letter from Vice-President Sandy

It's lunchtime here in Radcliff, IA. Mom and Dad have decided to take me out to lunch at the Cardinal Café on Main Street. This is one of my favorite places, especially when we are able to sit outdoors and eat. I'm not sure which food item is my favorite, but I guess I have to say whatever is handed over to me is the best. I'm also hoping that after we are done eating, I'll be able to stroll down to the corner gas station and visit with people. That's another favorite place to hang out.

While I'm sitting outdoors at the restaurant, enjoying the fresh air and great food, this may be a good time to paw out the next article for Carol. It seems that a few weeks ago I was just finishing up the last article.

Can you believe it is July already? Before you know fall/winter will be here, but we won't go there. I hope everyone had a safe and healthy 4th of July weekend. A special belated birthday greeting to Mary Conklin, who celebrated her birthday on the 4th of July. Wow, talk about a birthday celebration (including parades and fireworks)!

Many events have been taking place since the last newsletter. I'm looking forward to reading reviews and as well as viewing photos. Meika and I were hoping to get to a few of the events, but with our hectic schedules it just wasn't feasible to get away. Maybe next year.

In about 3 weeks, the 2007 Community State Bank National Balloon Classic will get under way. I can hardly wait, as this is an event I'm actually able to attend, even if it's the last part of the event. I'm looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone there. Let's hope for good weather and a little less humidity/heat.

And don't forget - while at the Classic, be sure to stop by the National Balloon Museum and check out the new exhibits being displayed. Did you know you are now able to order merchandise online? Yes, that is correct. Check it out at www.nationalballoonmuseum.com. Even if you are not at the Classic, you can stop by anytime. Many famous balloonists have stopped by the Museum for a visit. Karl and Lucy Stefan were at the balloon museum a few weeks ago. For the new balloonist getting involved, you ask who are the Stefan's? Well, stay tuned as the museum will have a full article about what all these wonder people have done for ballooning.

Mom is tugging on my collar so that means they are ready to head back to work. I hope this finds everyone doing well and are able to get some flights in. If you are ever in Radcliff stop by and we will head over to the Cardinal Café.

Until next time,
Soft landings ,
Sandy Drake



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The National Balloon Museum Has received a donation of a Lindstrand balloon called “CHOO CHOO”

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the National Balloon Museum to see “Choo Choo”
and make an offer.

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Ed Yost (continued)

Ed Yost is survived by his two sons Greg and Dale Yost, and his granddaughter Nicole Yost. Mr. Yost's family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the National Balloon Museum in Indianola, Iowa.

Wild Parsnip

The Midwest is good for growing things, but some of them can ruin your week(s) if you get into the wrong patch of stuff while ballooning. Poison ivy is something I'm pretty good at identifying and avoiding, and we carry Tecnu in all our vehicles. It's about the only thing I know of that will remove the oil AFTER you've gotten into it. <http://www.tecnuextreme.com/>

I ran into this wild parsnip crap a few weeks ago, and my legs looked almost as bad as the dude in the picture. I had no knowledge of it before I got into it and did not figure it out for a couple days after I'd gotten the blisters. It is THICK here in Iowa in most any area that has not been mowed and is really something to avoid. I had pea sized blisters from it in a bit over 24 hours that lasted for a few days. Three weeks later I'm still picking scabs.

So, if you live here, give yourself and your crew a refresher course on this stuff, help them and your passengers avoid some nastiness.

Have fun!
Jim Fromm

From: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/seek/veg/plants/wildparsnip.htm>

Warning: Steer Clear of This Invader: wild parsnip juice + ultraviolet light = burned skin

Alias (scientific name in Latin): *Pastinaca sativa*

Homeland: Europe and Asia

Arrival Date: No one is quite sure when this plant arrived and whether someone brought it to this country on purpose or whether it hitched a ride as seed with an immigrant. There are records of this plant in Wisconsin from as early as 1894--more than 100 years ago.

Invaded Territory: You'll find it in open habitat--along roadsides, in abandoned fields, and prairies. It is an aggressive plant and once it gets established will spread rapidly. It doesn't like shade.

How to Identify: Wild parsnip is a member of the carrot family. It spends its first summer as a rosette of leaves fairly close to the ground. The plant is anchored in place by a long, thick taproot. When conditions are right--usually in its second summer--it sends up a single flower stalk that holds hundreds of yellow flowers in flat-topped, umbrella-like clusters called umbels. The flower stalks can grow to be

more than 4-feet tall.

Disguise (don't be fooled by look-alikes): Wild parsnip can be confused with prairie parsley, a native prairie species listed as threatened in Wisconsin.

Don't Get Burned By This Invader: Wild parsnip is one of a few, unique plants that can cause phyto-photo-dermatitis. (Try to say that quickly three times.) What this means is that chemicals in the juices of this plant with the help of ultraviolet light can burn your skin. These chemicals are found in the green leaves, stems and fruits of wild parsnip.

The chemicals in the plant that cause this problem are called furocoumarins. When absorbed by your skin, they're energized by ultraviolet light, causing a breakdown of cells and skin tissue. This leaves you with a red, sunburn-like area. (Don't think you're safe on a cloudy day - you can still get burned since ultraviolet light is present even on cloudy days.) Once exposed, your skin will turn red within 24 to 48 hours. In many cases, after the skin reddens, blisters appear--some of them pretty big. Sometimes the area that was burned takes on a dark red or brown discoloration that can last for as long as 2 years.

Parsnip burns often appear as streaks and long spots. Can you guess why? It shows up where a juicy leaf or stem dragged across the skin before exposure to the sun. The good news is, while it might hurt for awhile, the burning feeling will go away in a day or two. This is different from poison ivy where the itching can last for weeks.

Controlling Wild Parsnip: It's best that you avoid wild parsnip and let adults try to control this alien invader. The best way to get rid of wild parsnip is by finding it early in its invasion when there aren't many plants. Cutting the root of each plant just below ground level can help stop the spread. This can be done with a dandelion-digging fork, a sharp shovel or spade. If the population is large, a power brush-cutter is sometimes used. Regular mowing, or grazing by cows, keeps wild parsnip from flowering and making seeds. If you're going to be near this invader, be sure to wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, and pants.

Get Well wishes to Warren Stone, long time balloonist from Indianola. His pickup truck rolled over him recently and he is in Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Younker Rehab. His family has set up a website to provide information about his condition: <http://www.caringbridge.org>



Get Well wishes to Pat Alger (AKA Grandma Pat - Carol's mother) who had a pacemaker implanted. She is recovering at home.

National Balloon Museum

Collector's Item

Limited Edition DVD

Ten Years of Ballooning in Indianola, IA

1984-1988 filmed during the US Nationals

1989,90,99,2000,2001 filmed during the Classic

Photographed by Robert Horton

On sale at the National Balloon Museum---\$15

Screen Saver—"Balloons Over Indianola"

It will be on display at the Museum during the Classic.

On sale at the National Balloon Museum---\$10

Thanks You!! Thank You!! Thank You!!

To all the balloonists that have volunteered and are scheduled to volunteer during our museum tours. The response has been very positive from our guests. We still have a few more openings to cover so if you are interested , please call Becky Wigeland at 515-961-3714. If you are visiting Indianola during the Classic, you are also qualified to help.

A big thank you to John Jensen, Jon Shelton, Bill Griffin, Al Appenzeller, Tim McConnell, Scott Allsup, and Rob Nutting for showing ballooning up close and personal.

Come and Join us at the **US Ballooning Hall of Fame** in the National Balloon Museum!

July 29th, (Sunday) 2007 from 1:00-4:00.

The induction ceremony is at 2:00

This year's inductees are **Deke Sonnichsen** - co-founder of the BFA, founder of WHAMOBASS (the longest running USA balloon rally), and the first editor of Ballooning Journal and **Malcolm Forbes** - the famous balloonist and publisher and the founder of the first balloon museum. Malcolm will be represented by his brother, Wally.

After the induction ceremony we will have a "Remembering Ed" session, , in honor of the late Ed Yost at which everyone can tell their best Ed stories. Everyone is welcome!!

Collecting ballooning history is still on full speed at the National Balloon Museum. We have had several early ballooning pioneers participate in live interviews. Previously we had Ed Yost interviewed at his induction, and earlier this year we had Tom Sheppard from Wisconsin discuss the BFA, NABA, the Observer Corps and many other topics.

Last month we had Karl and Lucy Stefan from Ft. Collins, CO come and relate the beginning of The Balloon Works with Tracy Barnes and Dodds Meddock, working with Jean and Jeanette Piccard, working with Raven Industries, and the many papers and articles Karl has written. Lucy was positively full of great stories and background on many early ballooning events and personalities.

During the Classic, we will conduct our next interview with Deke Sonnichsen.

New email address:

Terry and Karin - kriepe@embarqmail.com.

Jen & Derek Nordhagen - djjrcnordhagen@msn.com

Congratulations

★ Peyton Schulte - 9# 11 oz - 22" long born 3-25-07 to parents Courtney & Adam .

★ Savannah Christian - 8#, 4oz, 20" long, born 10-20-06 to parents Melissa & Bret Christian.

★ Jodi Jensen graduated from UNI

★ Alex Paul graduated from Sidney, IA Junior/Senior High School

★ Kristi Bloom graduated from Indianola High School

★ Bret & Melissa Christian were married 5-5-07

★ Brett & Melissa Boerner were married 5-12-07

★ Matthew Grote has received his Commercial Balloon Pilots license.



New BOI members:

Larry & Tesha Huffaker - Newton, IA
huff_puff@operamail.com

Larry & Tesha are crew & photographers for Joel Worthington. Tesha is "Granny Claus" - does a Christmas donation for 150 needy children. She collects cans to buy gifts. At the Classic, she would like to collect any pop or beer cans. She will also collect cans at BOI parties. Tesha's photo won the Photo contest at the National Balloon Museum. It will be on the 2007 postcard.

Pilots needed

I have done several balloon presentations for the museum over the past weeks. The Balloon Museum is looking for pilots to help with a 30 min presentation of the balloon basket and to answer any questions. Please call Becky or any volunteer to schedule one or two available dates. Becky's email address: flamingbecky@aol.com. Thanks, John

NATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM TOURS

Friday, July 27, 10 a.m. O We May Nap	22 seniors	1 ½ hr.
Tuesday, July 31, Mary's Personalized Tours		1 ½ hr.
Thursday, August 2, 3 p.m. Friendship Village, Ft. Dodge	50 seniors	1 hr.
Saturday, August 4, 1 p.m. Allied Tour & Travel, Fremont, Neb.	40 seniors	1 hr.
Monday, August 13, 1:30 p.m. Ankeny Christian Child Care Center	25-30	1 hr.
Tuesday, August 14, 1:30 p.m. Ankeny Christian Child Care Center	25-30	1 hr.
Saturday, September 29, 3 p.m. Woosley Tours	30 seniors	
Saturday, November 3, 9:15 a.m. 9 SW Lions	20 seniors	2 hr
Saturday, April 26, 2008, 10 a.m. Women Pilots' Convention	40 seniors	1 ½-2 hr

Propane prices across the country

North Carolina - \$1.65 per gallon
 Wisconsin - \$1.68 per gallon
 Oklahoma City, OK - 1.80 per gallon
 Stockton, CA - \$1.90 per gallon
 El Paso, TX - \$2.09 per gallon
 Denver, CO - \$2.20 per gallon
 Omaha, NE - \$2.25 per gallon
 Atlanta, GA - \$2.50 per gallon
 Monmouth Jct, NJ - \$2.75 per gallon
 Connecticut - \$2.89 per gallon
Sioux Falls, SD - \$3.34 per gallon

Light the Night

We're looking for Pilots to come "Light the Night" It started last year when I contacted the Leukemia society about their fund raising event. They thought it would be a great idea for a hot air balloon to help light the night. At last year's event, Jim Norris and I did a night glow next to the big umbrella in downtown Des Moines. It was a big success and the Leukemia Society wanted more. This year they have more room and would like more balloons if possible. So I said I would try to help. The event this year is Saturday September 22, the weekend after Creston. It will be held at the Farm Bureau Headquarters, West Des Moines. We have room for about 15 or so balloons to glow. We've also had some interest in balloons launching from this field. This is an event based on donations, so if anyone is interested in donating rides that would be great too. If interested or for more information please feel free to give me a call 515-249-9790 or email koat@mchsi.com.
 Jeremy King

Crew available:

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 Norwalk, IA 50211
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 Craig is Senior Airport Operations Officer at the DM Airport

BFA Nationals Blog

From Michelle Craig: We are going to try to keep a blog up on the Nationals.

<http://bfachampionshipsiowapilots.blogspot.com/>



Jim Norris & Jeremy King at 2006 "Light the Night"

Calendar of Events

July 15-19 **BFA Youth Summer Camp** Tyler, TX. Contact: Shelley Caraway 903-986-0933 balloonist@peoplepc.com

Jul 20-22 **Waukesha, WI Skyfest** Contact: Ken Walter @ WWindDancer@cs.com or www.wiballoongroup.org

July 17-22 **US National Balloon Championships** Waco, TX. Contact: BFA (515) 961-8809 bfaoffice@bfa.net

July 27-29 **Galesburg Great Balloon Race** Contact: cptfire@sbcglobal.net

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

August 3-5 **7th Annual Seymour Hamburger Festival Balloon Rally** Seymour, WI. Contact: Tom Wittman 920-993-6985 BumsInParadise@new.rr.com

August 10-12 **Hartford Balloon Rally** Hartford, WI Contact: www.Wiballoongroup.org or Ken Walter @ WiWindancer@cs.com

August 17-19 **Centralia Balloon Fest** Centrailia, IL www.centraliail.com

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

August 24-25 19th **Lincoln Balloon Fest** Lincoln, IL. www.lincolnilinois.com/balloonfest Contact: Annette Chapman 217-735-2385, events@lincolnilinois.com

August 24-26 **Wisconsin Rapids**, WI www.cmnballoonrally.com

August 24-26 **Columbia, MO** gsw1@mchsi.com

August 25-27 **Children's Miracle Network Balloon Rally** Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Contact Steve Woller: wausauballoon@msn.com

Sept 1-3 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby**, Brookfield, MO. Contact Sherry Techau - rstechau@classicnet.net

September 7-8 **Macomb IL Balloon Rally** Contact: balloons@macomb.com

September 7- 9 **Huff n' Puff Rally** Topeka, KS www.huff-n-puff.org E-mail: info@huff-n-puff.org

September 14-15 **Eagle Creek** Shelbyville, IL bdenhardt@insightbb.com

September 14-15 **Forest Park**, St. Louis, MO www.greatforestparkballoonrace.com

September 14-16 **SW Iowa Pro Balloon Race** Creston, IA. Contact Rob Bartholomew 515 989-3708

September 15-17 **Faribault Airfest and Balloon Race** Faribault, MN Contact: steve@mnvalleyballoons.com

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

Oct. 6-7, 2007 **Milton Historical Society Heritage Days & Balloon Event** Milton, WI. Contact Jim Bushelle: n1965n@ticon.net

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

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

Oct. 27-28, 2007 **John Symonds Memorial Challenge** LaCrosse, WI. Contact Tom Wittman BumsInParadise@new.rr.com

October 6-14 **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** Albuquerque, NM www.aibf.org

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

November 30-December 2 **Battle Creek, MI Holiday Fest** www.holidayballoonfest.com

December 1-2 **Bluff's and Valley Balloon Race** Caledonia, MN

Happy Anniversary

Todd & Errin Patterson	8-2
Tom & Julie Ricke	8-4
Fred & Judy Schoening	8-5
Jerry & Rosa Tierman	8-9
Paul & Valerie Craven	8-13
Dan & Jeanne Wiley	8-14
Aaron & Elizabeth Gebhart	8-18
Mike & Julie Herman	8-24
Al & Mel Appenzeller	8-26
Wyman & Mendi Borts	8-27
	
Randy & Kathy Schmidt	9-1
Allan & Mandy Keller	9-4
Marv & Joyce Blevins	9-8
Bob & Janice Shelton	9-14
Rob & Erika Nutting	9-20
Bob & Penny Pieper	9-25
Nolan & Kinda Schuler	9-25
Tarah Graham & Ryan Wrigley	9-26
Ward & Diane Roscoe	9-28
Jeff & Rhonda Thomm	9-29

Happy Birthday**August**

Mendi Borts	8-2	J.D. Montague	9-1
Todd Netley	8-2	Monica Thompson	9-2
Amy Craig	8-2	Nathan Ziino	9-4
Jen Nordhagen	8-3	Thad Bloom	9-4
Jena Erger	8-3	Corrin Clemons	9-4
Morgan Fenster	8-3	Caitlyn Clair	9-5
Al Appenzeller	8-4	Celsey Clair	9-5
LeRoy Clair	8-4	Bill Sponsler	9-5
Matt Fenster	8-4	Wendi Anderson	9-6
Christine Clemons	8-4	Gabe Dalby	9-7
Kathy Schmidt	8-5	Hailey Schmidt	9-7
Carla Brinker	8-5	Tedd Maxfield	9-8
Jesse Smith	8-5	Joel Worthington	9-9
Jenny Bridgewater	8-5	Ron Nollen	9-9
Dan Bertsch	8-6	Steve Jones	9-10
Gary Fouche	8-8	Mark Harris	9-11
Alex Oponski	8-8	Georgia Oakes	9-11
LaVerna Edmister	8-8	Michael Hadley	9-13
Mark Fisher	8-9	Tim Cloyd	9-13
Annette Nedere	8-10	Cathy Clair	9-14
Wrigley Ryan	8-10	Eric Brown	9-16
Elizabeth Stefani	8-12	Bailey Marhoun	9-16
Sarah Stefani	8-12	Karin Riepe	9-18
Maureen Drexler	8-12	Adena Worthington	9-19
Michelle Dalby	8-13	Anna Schirn	9-20
Michelle Craig	8-13	Becky Wigeland	9-20
Sharon Foltz	8-14	Tricia Kruse	9-20
Terry Garrett	8-15	Gerald Conklin	9-21
Mike Blevins	8-15	Carolyn Holland	9-23
Pam Hadley	8-16	Larry Van Wyngarden	9-23
Cynthia Nutting	8-16	Zachary Nutting	9-23
Brenton Wrigley	8-16	Eric Carlton	9-24
Ariel Williams	8-16	Alyssa Craven	9-24
Jon Danielson	8-19	Wayne Wasson	9-24
Paul Schneider	8-21	Brian Seymour	9-25
Jeff Bridgewater	8-21	Tesha Huffaker	9-25
Brad Holcomb	8-21	Teresa Purdy	9-26
Emilee Norris	8-21	Rita Fromm	9-26
Robert Nutting, Sr.	8-22	Gil Wigeland	9-27
James Thompson	8-23	Dan Corbin	9-27
Katie Mitchell	8-26	Jason Jones	9-27
Julie Ricke	8-27	Madison Rubin	9-28
Brandon Pieper	8-28	Jeremy Rubin	9-28
Bruce Thorman	8-29	Mike Reinert	9-30
Deb Nollen	8-31	Michele Corbin	9-30
		Jennifer Delaney	9-30
		Tiffany Anderson	9-30
		Debbie Thorman	9-30

The Way It Was**25 years ago in BOI History:**

- ★ 7-3-1982 Dennis Shelley received his commercial license.
- ★ 7-27-1982 Laurie Allbaugh received her commercial license.
- ★ 8-8-1982 Charlie Ong received his commercial license.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 7-4-87 Farewell party for Edmister's & Fee's
- ★ July 19 BOI Board of Directors Meeting. Official meeting date to be the third Sunday of every month at 6:30, 7:30 Daylight Savings Time. Carl Young to handle arrangements for BOI to present a safety seminar for pilots.
- ★ 1987 Nationals. Balloonmeister – Jim Burk. Non-competitive Balloonmeister – Dennis Shelley. #1 Bruce Comstock (his 6th championship), #2 Rob Bartholomew, #3 Bill Bussey, #9 Jim Thompson, #10 Denny Cox. Joe Heartsill placed 15th for the Rookie of the Year award.
- ★ Mini Nationals: Balloonmeister Jerry Riley wrote out coordinates & sealed them in an envelope. The task was for the pilots to fly for 30 minutes or longer & try to land close to the coordinates Jerry had chosen. 28 Iowa Pilots went out & worked the winds. Upon landing, they wrote down their coordinates & returned to the launch field. The winner was declared by some very handy and skillful flying. Congratulations go to one of the top pilots in Indianola, Steve Hoover.
- ★ August '87 – Iowa Pro Hot Air Balloon Championship – Oskaloosa. 1 competitive flight. #1 Pat Fogue, #2 Norm Fee, #3 Richard Schick, #4 Dick Drake, #5 Ralph Rieck.
- ★ August '87 – Storm Lake 3 flights. Dan Terry 1st & Gary Ford 2nd in the Bathtub races.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1992 National Balloon Classic: Balloonmeister – Rob Bartholomew; assistant - Dick Drake. Specialty Balloons – Sinclair Dinosaur, Hog Heaven, Serena's Song. Executive Director – Chris Goodale. Gary Lawrence wins the National Balloon Classic; #2 Becky Petrehn, #3 Tom Forenz, #5 Jim Gebhart, #6 Dennis Shelley, #7 Jim Oakes, #8 Don Prine, #10 Mike Reinert.
- ★ August 1, '92 – a Storm Lake Tradition moves south – first Bathtub races at the National Balloon Classic
- ★ BOI Meeting: BOI voted to match IBA's \$500 contribution for the Dr. West Tower.
- ★ 8-15-1992 Jason Jones received his private license.

- ★ 8-20-1992 Denny Anderson received his private license.
- ★ 8-30-1992 Garry Miklus received his commercial license.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ June 15, 1997 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Gerald Knoll; Outdoor meeting; BOI is concerned that the Classic is the same time as the July monthly meeting. Next year, the Classic will need to look at the dates for BOI meetings and schedule their event around BOI. Gerald, on behalf of the NBC regrets their event overlapped the meeting & assured the membership this will never happen again. Motion made & passed to skip the July meeting.
- ★ Ottumwa review: 30 balloons registered for the 20th Annual Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race; Fri night - a few balloons flew, some glowed; Sat a.m. - CNT; Sat - only 1 balloonist flew, others glowed; Sun a.m. - CNT; Winner - John Johnson, 2nd - Maury Petrehn, 3rd - Ralph Rieck
- ★ Wisconsin Dells review: 100 balloons registered; 2 tasks - one fun flight; large crowds of spectators - 5,000 in a.m. & 30,000 in the evening; Peter Fay from Colorado won 1st place.
- ★ 7-6-1997 Terry Montague received his private license.
- ★ National Balloon Classic 1997 : Weather was HOT! - heat indices from 100-116! Evening tasks included Ping-pong ball drop & Corn-cob lob (corn cobs were later judged & scored extra points for creative use of a baggie). Pilots able to fly the Indianola Box. Special shapes included - Skycrusher, Oggy the sea serpent, Balloon Hilda & Norwest Piggy Bank Miss Penny. 15,000 partiers from RAGBRAI rolled through town - Bill Griffin, Bill Clemons & Benji Clemons tethered in the fog at the balloon field as the bikers passed by, Fromm's & others tethered downtown. Winner - Johnny Petrehn #2 Paul Quandee, #3 Terry McGonegle, #4 Bill Clemons, #5 Rob Bartholomew. Crew of the Year - Sue Martindale crew. Jon Russell Award - Bill Clemons. Benji Clemons received 1st place in Balloonist category during NBC Parade. Gerald & Mary Conklin crowned King & Queen of the Classic Parade. Jill Rubin crew won 2nd place in bathtub races
- ★ Paul Craven received student pilot license
- ★ Don & Gerry Prine are grandparents - Don's daughter Jane had a baby boy
- ★ Meet your BFA candidates - Jim Thompson, Ken Tadolini & Tina Reeves
- ★ Gerald Conklin underwent knee surgery
- ★ Nationals - Columbia Missouri - only 4 flights with 11 tasks. Plagued by rain, fog & wind; 1st Joe Heartsil, 18th JJ Johnson, 25th Bill Clemons, 32nd Dick Drake, 34th Jim Thompson, 39th Rob Bartholomew, 67th Jason

Jones

- ★ August 17, 1997 BOI Meeting: New members: Max, Carol & Mark Harris. Meeting chaired by Gerald Knoll. Rob reported on Nationals - only flew 4 times. Membership approved \$50 to have a BOI page on the Classic's Web site.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ July - Steve Fossett completed an around the world flight, making him the first solo balloonist to circumnavigate the globe. He launched the Bud Light Spirit of Freedom from Western Australia and landed in the outback of Australia 14 days later.
- ★ 7-6-2002 John Lewis received his private license.
- ★ 7-14-2002 Richard Pash received his private license.
- ★ Brian & Chris Seymour bought a new balloon
- ★ Balloons & Toons - 2 tethered on the square, 9 flew over town.
- ★ July 21, 2002 BOI meeting: members met around Rob & Linda's pool. Meeting chaired by Michelle Craig. BOI has a two new pilots - Richard Pash & Aaron Foelske. John Jensen received his commercial license.
- ★ National Balloon Classic: 100 pilots from over 20 states. Balloonmeister Dick Drake; assistants Jim Gebhart and Don Prine. The Volunteer of the Year award was given to the scorers. The Crew of the Year award was given to Brian Seymour's "Aerial Command" crew. The John Russell Spirit of Ballooning award was given to the Harris family. The New Competitor award - Dave Sullivan. The top 3 were - #1 Maury Petrehn #2 Johnny Petrehn #3 Brad Craig. 13 of a possible 17 flights were flown.
- ★ 2002 U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championships Twenty-eight pilots competed in Anderson, South Carolina for the BFA Hot Air Balloon Championships. Brad Craig finished 11th with 5415 points and was named the Rookie of the Year. Jim Thompson finished 12th only one point behind Brad.
- ★ Elizabeth Hewus and Aaron Gebhart were married August 17.
- ★ Iowa Western Community College Lighter Than Air Balloon Fair - thirty pilots, 2 flights. Rich Jaworski was Balloonmeister, Brad Temeyer did the weather.
- ★ August 18, 2002 BOI meeting: 3 members present. No business conducted.
- ★ 8-24-2002 Grant Pfeifer received his private license.
- ★ Jim Gebhart had hip surgery



Emmetsburg Wild Rose Casino



Balloons finally in the air Sunday a.m.

Too windy to glow Tom Ricke, balloonmeister



A good principal goes to the library as a good example for his students!



Brad flying right over the target Sunday evening.



L to R: Jason Jones & Cory Bloom tied for #2, Ryan Kintzel #1



Scott Moon & Co. at the WDM parade

More new Balloons



Cory Bloom



Jason Jones



Ryan Kintzel

Ottumwa



This pretty much sums up the weekend - lots of standing around waiting for the weather to improve!



Safety officer Brian Bennett & Balloonmeister Bill Clemons



Safety officer protecting himself & his family in case the water gets too high!



Winner - Ken Walters



The balloons got out of the bags for a few minutes!



Jon Shelton, Kirk Bloom



Jeremy King



Jerry Tierman, Thad Bloom, Bob Shelton, Benji & Casey Clemons

Here's an idea for next year - a calendar - "The Men of BOI"!



Photos by Rosa Tierman & Carol Harris

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 20, 2007

BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

Present: Joyce Jensen, Rob & Linda Bartholomew, Derek & Jan Nordhagen, John Jensen, Jr, Jim Norris, Brad & Amy Craig, Anthony & Carrie Van Broekhuizen, Michelle Craig, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Sue Anthony, Bill Griffin, Tim & Elsie Cloyd, Max & Carol Harris

Meeting called to order by Chair Jim Norris at 6:48.

Treasurer's report: We have between 60 & 70 kegs. Is this confusion due to change from kegs to cans? Will Treasurer's report now be in cans? Jen & Rob say the report will still be in kegs. Joel moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Sue Anthony seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here.

New Business:

- ★ Joel presented emails from Ground School students. Synopsis of comments: Too much to learn in too little time. Getting books before hand would help. Brain overload. Most comments positive.
- ★ John Jensen reports that 61 pilots have registered for the Classic.

Secretary's report: Minutes from April meeting presented. Members asked if we need to have a search party for Old Business - he hasn't been at a meeting since February. Report from members - some people still believe in the Retirement home. John will look for sites in Texas when he goes for Nationals. Bill moved to approve secretary's report, Sue 2nd. Motion approved.

Back to Old Business:

- ★ Is Van Hamme's bottom still too wet? Rob says it probably is.
- ★ Question for the Treasurer - how did changing to cans for Ode work? It was a small party so there is leftover beer in the refrigerator. Any club member can come in & help themselves.
- ★ Carol reported on how the recent increase in postage will affect the newsletter. Postage will increase from \$.63 to \$.97. Discussion on increasing dues for those who get the paper version of the newsletter. Issue tabled- too late to change dues for this year - will discuss later in the year.
- ★ John reported on the Iowa Championship - 90 letters were mailed out. Competition will begin with the Emmetsburg race next weekend.
- ★ Rob reported that there will be ATV races on his field June 10th. He would like some balloons to fly over the camping area. The first 10 balloons to fly out or in - he will pay propane.

Sue moved to adjourn, Brad & Joel 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:25:06.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

Sunday, June 17, 2007

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

Present: Rob Bartholomew, Jeremy King, Bill Griffin, Max & Carol Harris, Brandon Pedersen

Meeting called to order by Chair Bill Griffin at 6:46 on Rob & Linda's deck around the pool.

Secretary's report: Minutes from May meeting presented. Max moved to approve secretary's report, Jeremy 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer not present. Report is that she's gone to the ponies. Should members be worried about our treasury?

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here. The search committee has also gone missing.
- ★ Emmetsburg - #1 Ryan Kintzel, #2 Jason Jones/Cory Bloom tie #3 Chris Reinert
- ★ Sanction flight 6/9/07 - #1 Scott Armstrong, #2 Ryan Kintzel.
- ★ Bill hit a deer east of the balloon field
- ★ 10-15 balloons flew over Bike Night 6/15

New Business:

- ★ Pilot Relations report - 90 balloons registered
- ★ Jeremy is working with the Leukemia Society "Light the Night". It is the weekend after Creston. Balloons would fly out or glow. Location - Farm Bureau, West Des Moines.
- ★ Carol reported on member info - Currently 143 members, 41 still to pay dues, 9 Honorary members.
- ★ Galena this weekend
- ★ Rob reported on the ATV races on their farm. 250 contestants
- ★ Rob recently went to Examiners School. Discussion on future changes

The President has arrived! Welcome Meika. Ellie is on guard doing a parameter search.

Jeremy moved to adjourn, Rob 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:34:48.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary

Event Reviews

Ottumwa, IA

June 22-24, 2007

by Herb Heriford

Seattle looked different somehow this year as we floated into the park to try to work our way to the north toward the target behind a flotilla of other balloons with the same thing in mind. The long narrow lakes surrounding the balloon field were the result of the rerouting of the river which cut through the middle of town either by Mother Nature in centuries past or the wisdom of the Army Corp of Ingenuity much more recently. The surface winds are from the east but the trees surrounding the target will affect our approach as we move into the field so pulling the top at just the right time to avoid being pushed too far to the left will be very critical.

My passenger, Connie Wilson's father, has the baggies in hand ready to execute the first toss into the minimum distance target, the gravity drop onto the X and the second shot at the second triangle of the Minimum drop. Normally this would be my job but since he had been waiting 2 years for this ride we figured he should get an extra benefit of some sort. Little did we realize how much extra he would get!

His first toss was decent...probably 10 feet from the point. The gravity drop was unquestionably the closest to the center of the X of all those we could spot and the third marker landed just inside the point of the top triangle! Not bad for someone who had never tossed a baggie before!

As we lifted out of the field to the north we cleared the trees with plenty of room to keep the observers off our backs and began a descent toward the upper part of the park beside the river for a, hopefully, stand up landing.

Then I suddenly realized that this couldn't be me! I'm not that good of a pilot! I then proceeded to pull the top out a full 30 seconds too late and we found ourselves bouncing off the top of the levy beside the river and doing an unexpected splash and dash in the river swollen by the constant rain in the city. Now, if you have ever witnessed me doing a splash and dash you know that it is not one of my strong points unless you like being dunked up to your waist in muddy cold water. In this case not only were we dunked but also found that a large sycamore tree that had been uprooted by the spring rains had been submerged by the strong current and was just waiting for a balloon to eat. It apparently got a limb entangled with the wicker basket and proceeded to drag us down the river toward the small lock and dam that helps to generate electricity for the area. Going over the dam wouldn't pose such a problem except that below the dam was a bridge. So, the way I figured it I would need to keep the balloon inflated

and hot until we passed over the dam and then if we could manage to dislodge the tree limb stuck in the basket we would be hot enough to lift up and over the bridge.

Unfortunately, the limb held tight. That required a plan B.

The obvious choice is to let some heat out of the balloon so that it would squeeze under the bridge and be ready to re-inflate as soon as we passed under it. The partially deflated envelope hit the side of the bridge, was pushed back and the back side of the balloon laid down in the water as the front side slipped under the floor of the bridge. It seemed an agonizingly long wait before the top cleared the east side of the bridge and popped upright with just enough clearance in the mouth of the balloon for me to begin burning frantically to get it tightly packed again.

Then suddenly...My alarm went off! I'm not in Seattle! I'm in Ottumwa Iowa! This is the 2007 Ottumwa Pro Balloon Races! I thought Seattle looked a little different this time of year. One similarity, however is that I hear it rains all the time in Seattle. Just as it does in Ottumwa!

Well, rain wasn't really the problem in Ottumwa this year. It was low clouds. The ceiling was between 700 to 1200 feet all weekend, or at least every time we were supposed to fly. Several of the balloons inflated Saturday night for a very well attended glow in the park but other than that we never got our balloons out of the trailers. The winds, however, were perfect! If we could have flown they would have been great flights!

It was still a very pleasant weekend. My crew keeps introducing me to the wonderful selection of restaurants this town has! There is a Mexican place hidden down by the river bridge of which we spoke earlier in this letter that has the most wonderful mushroom quesadilla I've ever had! (Actually, I had never had one before!) (If you've had a Taco Bell one...it's nothing like those!) It also looks an awful lot like a place you would find in Mexico. Pretty much all that happened that weekend could have just as well happened in a restaurant with a room big enough to fit 55 pilots, crews and a great announcer to tell us all that the flight was on weather hold. The one time I went out to play disc golf I did 3 "holes" and it started raining. I think I could have walked that far inside a restaurant!

Still, I want to thank the folks at Ottumwa including my faithful crew, Connie and Mark Wilson and others that always seem to show up at just the right time, my sponsor Carol at Total Perfection, who I have met only over the phone but am trying to get to come to Indianola for a ride (assuming the rain in Iowa ever stops) and of course Bill Clemons and all of the organizers of the event. They worked awfully hard and were undoubtedly much more disappointed than the pilots were. Keep up the good work!

Thank You! LOL

Herb

Disclaimer: All events having to do with flying in this story are figments of a very active imagination. Any likelihood of Herb scoring that well is highly improbable. As for the river events, do not try that at home. These are professional balloonists and they don't have enough sense to do anything else. Any similarity to life in the real world was completely accidental and should not be construed. It could be expanded upon, exaggerated, or claimed as your own story if you are ever standing around bored and kicking rocks waiting for a weather hold to evaporate, however.

The Great Galena Balloon Race

The Great Galena Balloon Race, a fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) has been one of the nicest rallies we've attended, and this year's event in Galena and the Galena Territories was no exception. The weather Friday night was perfect for the scheduled tether. I was there to fly one of Andy Williams' (www.buyaballoonride.com) 15 passenger ride balloons and our flight Friday was picture perfect! The ride balloons launched first, took a nice hop out to the north, a scenic drop down low over Lake Galena, talked to some boaters, watched other balloons pass over, then climbed out to get a nice view of the balloons around us and the beautiful rolling countryside. Our second landing spot turned out to be a great one, a mowed hay field, the same Andy had already landed in, with a farmer and his friends and family on ATVs with beer! Nice and friendly folk for sure. We returned in time to catch the night glow on the balloon field, a nice way to end the evening. A few of the pilots doing tethers raised about \$1300 that night for JDRF. Way to go!

Saturday morning's flight was a judge declared goal, as usual Andy and I went out first in the big buckets toward the target east of the field. My story is that I really did not start flying for the target until I was within less than a quarter mile, and the left that was there did not allow me to get onto the green where the target was, so Andy kicked my butt on that one. We hung around a bit low by the target watching other pilots maneuver their balloons, then climbed out over the ridge and headed east out of the territories. Lots of nice ridges and valleys went by quickly with the 15-20 winds at the 300-700 AGL level and when Andy set down we were still to the right of him despite trying to get left through the whole flight. Anyway, we found a nice little hayfield in a valley, had a whisper quiet landing in it with almost calm winds there. That's the great thing about the Galena area; the winds in the valleys are calm for a long time while there is good speed aloft.

Saturday night's flight was a bit on the edge, weather-wise. There was a line of storms about 50 miles south of us, moving quickly, but east south-easterly, so after watching the radar loop on Andy's cell phone we decided the relatively calm conditions we had there would allow flight if pilots decided to. I had a family of 15 for my basket, a mix of kids and adults, a friendly bunch. Again, Andy and I led out, and we messed around with the hills and valleys in the territories watching the other balloons launch and then land shortly afterward. We flew out easterly, and were 10-15 miles out by the time we hit our landing spots. Andy managed to get into a deep valley in front of a house; I missed it and flew on a mile or so until I found a nice big tall grass field. It was not well sheltered from the wind and we landed at about 8 mph, smooth as silk, and rode the basket for 50-75 feet until it stood up again and the envelope flattened out across the grass. As we were packing up we were told by one of the passengers that one of the girls was having some kind of allergic reaction to the grass or something in the field. Her face was swelling around her eyes and her throat was feeling tight! Not good, and we were a long way from anywhere. Fortunately, our crew chief, Zach Prickett, is an EMT so he did some checking on her as we quickly packed up. By the time we returned to the balloon field her symptoms had diminished somewhat, but it was a tense ride back. The event had scheduled a very nice dinner waiting for us on the field and the rest of the pilots and crew, so we got to relax a bit there before turning in.

Sunday morning's weather was not good, as rain was approaching, so the task was canceled. The brunch was moved ahead so people could get on the road home earlier. Once again the brunch was held at a beautiful tent-covered deck overlooking Lake Galena. The rain had pretty much stopped and it cleared a bit into a very nice morning. It was announced at the brunch that the event had raised a record amount of money for JDRF that year; about \$14,000. Once again, Andy and the event's committee did a great job for all of us balloon folk and for the JDRF!

If you've never flown the GGBR you really should consider it. It's very well done, first class all the way, and fantastic scenery!
Jim Fromm

Wild Rose Casino Invitational

Emmetsburg, Iowa

May 25-28, 2007

Friday evening, Race Director Tom Ricke lead the pilot meeting. It was too windy to fly and too windy for night glow, so pilots set up for Candle-lighting. There were lots of "Men in Black" around as Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton was staying at the Casino.

Saturday morning's flight was canceled, so the pilots & crews had the day to themselves. We are lucky to have family in the area, so we dined on fresh bullheads & fresh asparagus, served by Grandma Pat. At the pilots meeting, we were put on hold until 7pm, but eventually the flight and night glow were canceled.

Sunday morning - IT WAS FLYABLE!! Tom called a 5 part task - 4 targets & a Minimum distance double drop. The winds changed shortly after launch, so many pilots had problems getting to targets, some didn't even see a target. 5 pilots scored on 3 targets, 6 scored on 2 targets. Max reported thermals & several rapid wind changes.

Sunday evening winds were a little brisk. Tom called tasks - 3 Judge Declared Goals at the Casino. Winds were borderline - gusting over 10 mph and not forecasted to drop. There were storms out in Nebraska, so we were getting outflow from that. 6 balloons flew - Brad Craig, Jason Jones, Ryan Kintzel, Leroy Clair, John Jensen, Tom Ricke. Brad Craig & John Jensen scored.

Monday morning winds were borderline at flight time and expected to go to 20 mph by 9am, so the flight was canceled. Competition results announced - #1 - Ryan Kintzel, #2 - Tie - Cory Bloom & Jason Jones.

Thanks to Tom & Julie for organizing this fun race. I hope it is able to continue. The casino is a great sponsor - providing meal coupons for the buffet & a coupon for gambling money. NW Iowa is flat, beautiful country.

Carol Harris

BFA News

Press Release sent on behalf of the Balloon Federation of America

New and Improved WWW.BFA.NET is now online!

After several months of dedicated hard work by a handful of tireless BFA volunteers and with some professional finishing touches added by Cindy Montano of Montano Designs, the new and improved BFA website is now online and ready for members' use.

This new website has been a major undertaking for the BFA and it is intended to aid the entire ballooning community, however, you must be a BFA member to enjoy and utilize the site to its fullest. That the BFA has accomplished this task with only minor expenditures and with the unwavering dedication and skills of Fred Dinkler, Phil Bryant, and Glen Moyer speaks volumes to the volunteer spirit for which the BFA is dependent for its continued success.

Construction of the new site is only the beginning. Follow-on effort now transfers to all BFA members to use and support

the site to the benefit of everyone. This new website is designed as a "living" document and many of its features allow, if not depend on, member contribution of content to keep the site up-to-date. We also look forward to hearing from you regarding improvements and additions.

Here are a few of the features we hope you will enjoy:

Public and Members Only content - while much of the site is available to the general public, there are specific areas and content restricted to BFA members only. Upon your first visit to the site, BFA members will need to log on and create a 'user name' and password in order to access the site fully. Instructions for doing so are found on the home page along with a link to a more detailed PowerPoint presentation for further assistance.

Member Roster - our BFA member roster is now online and is one of the items restricted to members only. And it is searchable! By using some simple filters you can search for all balloonists in Virginia, or all balloonists named Smith, or all balloonists named Smith who live in Virginia and so on. Plus each BFA member has access to their BFA member file anytime. If you change address, phone number or need to update any other information you can do so at any time. You can even post a photo of yourself or your balloon. You can add or delete any information you wish (for example, Pilot Certificate number) or if you do not want this information seen by other members you can delete it. You can also choose to have your entire profile 'unlisted' if you prefer.

Classified Ads - No more forms to fill out and fax, plus they're FREE. Anyone can view the current ads but only BFA members will be able to post ads. And you can include photos of the equipment for sale. Instructions are found onsite.

Calendar of Events - now you can view upcoming events in a weekly, monthly or yearly view. Plus the listings can be expanded and provide more information. Event organizers are free to enter their own event onto the calendar.

News - now the news is categorized by primary interests; i.e., competition, FAA, BFA, general ballooning and more. Plus if you have information to share with the ballooning community BFA members will be able to post their own news items and press releases directly on site.

Podcasts - If you've been missing the old SKYLINES, then check these out. BFA Editor Glen Moyer has created three new podcasts. They are:

Skynotes: a 5 to 10 minute summary of the news of the day from the sport of ballooning. This program will be updated monthly. Now you can sit back and listen to the news if you don't like reading it on the web.

Light 'n Variable: a longer (15-20 minute) one-on-one interview program that will feature guests from all segments of the ballooning community.

On Target: designed for those interested in competition, this program will focus on issues and topics specific to the competitive world. Plus there are plans for daily podcast updates from the US Nationals, future World Championships and possibly other major events.

All of these programs are in Mp3 format and a player is found right on the website. The files will also be available for download for your listening convenience on an iPod or other personal Mp3 player.

And there's much more. Safety seminars, Long Jump, expanded sections for the Hot Air Competition Division and Gas Division, BFA Youth programs, etc. all are found on the new www.bfa.net

As noted above, this is a 'living' site and we expect some of you will find glitches we've missed. Please use one of the links found under "Contact US" to inform the proper member of the web support team and we'll get to work on them.

A few final notes.

This site was built using an open source software called Joomla. You may find that in many cases you are required to click on one or two links more than you expect before the final detailed information you're seeking is displayed. This is a function of the design of the software and is not something we can change. It may seem awkward at first, possibly even inconvenient, but it's a small price for the convenience of creating new and improved capabilities.

When logged in and you want to see a member's profile, to see their address or phone number for example, in the Member's Roster you must click on a button that reads "Edit." This is also an unfortunate design feature of the

software. It should read "View" but we are unable to change this. Just be assured that no one can 'edit' any other member's information.

Now please log on, explore and let us know what you think. You'll find email contacts for the office and the entire Board of Directors under the 'Contact us' link.

FAA Funding Proposal

As I hope you are all aware, the FAA has submitted a proposal to Congress to do away with the current funding structure and impose a fee-based service platform. This would impose a serious burden upon general aviation, of which we are a part. While balloonists are not going to be affected by a proposed 70 cents/gallon increase in the tax on aviation fuel, we are going to be affected by other proposed

fees, including:

- \$150 per year to register your aircraft (balloon)
- \$35 to replace a lost pilot certificate
- \$50 to add a rating
- plus fees for flight service briefings, ATC contact, and any other fees the FAA thinks are necessary, all without Congressional oversight to rein them in.

What can you do?

The AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) is spearheading efforts to make Congress aware that we, the flying public, are opposed to a "European-style funding model" (the FAA has stated that they view the Europeans as a model for this new system). Even if you don't belong to the AOPA, you can still sign their online petition at https://www.aopa.org/faafundingdebate/petition_form.cfm, and sign up to receive email updates letting you know when is the best time to contact your congressional representatives and senators to voice your opposition to the FAA's proposed funding structure.

By the way, it is not just the AOPA that opposes this funding proposal. The General Accounting Office has stated that the FAA proposal would result in a net DECREASE in revenue to the FAA. This at a time when the FAA claims that more funds are needed to overhaul the current ATC system. In truth, the airlines have been allowed to write their own ticket in creating this funding proposal, through decreased taxes and fees for airlines, and increased taxes and fees for general aviation. If the proposal is adopted by Congress, the FAA will then be free to make up the shortfall by raising fees, without oversight, as they see fit.

Nearly 20% of general aviation pilots have stated that they would not be able to afford to continue flying if the FAA's fee-based structure is implemented. Do not let this proposal draw you into becoming part of that 20%. Join with me, contact your congressmen and -women and let them know that you join in the revolution against taxation without representation.

Tom Peterson

Omaha, Nebraska

<http://www.aopa.org/epilot/redirect.cfm?adid=11589>

The following reprinted from the SE Michigan Balloon Association Newsletter.

The Log Book

by Randy L. Coller, D.P.E.

A pilot's log book can be a beautiful thing, or it can be a disorganized mess. It's the Pilot in Command (PIC) who is

responsible for the log book.

Do you need a fancy, expensive, bound copy? No. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is purposefully vague on exactly what a log book consists of; there are requirements however.

Any documentation a pilot produces relative to logging time must be acceptable to the "Administrator." That means the Administrator of the FAA and his or her designated staff.

If you are just starting out, get a standard pilot log book available from most pilot supply stores. I like the blue cover ASA book. It's designed more for fixed wing, but it's a standard format and can be adapted easily for Lighter-Than-Air (LTA). I keep two log books, one for my fixed wing time and one for my LTA time, but even that isn't necessary.

The smallest log book is not big enough for the serious pilot. When I started flying, the mistake I made was I got the cheapest (and consequently) the smallest log book. Now I have several because it wasn't big enough. My preference is the next larger size. See <http://www.mypilotstore.com/mypilotstore/sep/548>

The huge "professional" models are strictly for the career pilot who will accumulate thousands of hours.

When checking pilot credentials at balloon events, I've seen everything in the way of log books. The big fancy "balloon" log books are popular and nice to look at. They are almost a work of art, but they are not practical. Their size is cumbersome and the wide lines for entries take up too much space.

When you get a log book, the first thing you should do is complete the first page. Include your phone number in case you misplace the book.

Lets take a look at the regs to see what your log book should contain. All regulations referenced below are in italics to distinguish them from my comments. Non-pertinent portions that pertain to instrument flying, etc. have been removed. The complete regulation can be found at: <http://www.risingup.com/fars/info/part61-51-FAR.shtml>

Sec. 61.51 - Pilot logbooks.

(a) Training time and aeronautical experience. Each person must document and record the following time in a manner acceptable to the Administrator:

- (1) Training and aeronautical experience used to meet the requirements for a certificate, rating, or flight review of this part.
- (2) The aeronautical experience required for meeting the recent flight experience requirements of this part.

That's simple. All you have to log is 1) the time to meet the requirements for a pilot certificate, 2) that time to meet the recent flight time requirements i.e. the three takeoffs and landings in the preceding 90 days in order to carry passengers, and 3) compliance with the flight review requirements.

The FAA gives some direction for filling out a log book:

(b) Logbook entries. For the purposes of meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, each person must enter the following information for each flight or lesson logged:

(1) General --

- (I) Date.
- (ii) Total flight time or lesson time.
- (iii) Location where the aircraft departed and arrived, or for lessons in a flight simulator or flight training device, the location where the lesson occurred.

(2) Type of pilot experience or training --

- (I) Solo.
- (ii) Pilot in command.
- (iii) Second in command.
- (iv) Flight and ground training received from an authorized instructor.
- (v) Training received in a flight simulator or flight training device from an authorized instructor.

(3) Conditions of flight --

- (I) Day or night.

(d) Logging of solo flight time..... a pilot may log as solo flight time only that flight time when the pilot is the sole occupant of the aircraft.

(e) Logging pilot-in-command flight time.

(1) A recreational, private, or commercial pilot may log pilot-in-command time only for that flight time during which that person --

- (i) Is the sole manipulator of the controls of an aircraft for which the pilot is rated;
- (ii) Is the sole occupant of the aircraft....

(3) An authorized instructor may log as pilot-in-command time all flight time while acting as an authorized instructor.

(4) A student pilot may log pilot-in-command time only when the student pilot --

- (i) Is the sole occupant of the aircraft or is

performing the duties of pilot in command of an aircraft requiring more than one pilot flight crew member;

- (ii) Has a current solo flight endorsement as required under 61.87 of this part; and
- (iii) Is undergoing training for a pilot certificate or rating.

Note: A student pilot can only log Pilot in Command (PIC) time when he or she is the sole occupant of the balloon. All other time is considered "dual."

(h) Logging training time.

- (1) A person may log training time when that person receives training from an authorized instructor in an aircraft, flight simulator, or flight training device.
- (2) The training time must be logged in a logbook and must:
 - (i) Be endorsed in a legible manner by the authorized instructor; and
 - (ii) Include a description of the training given, the length of the training lesson, and the authorized instructor's signature, certificate number, and certificate expiration date.

As most pilots know, you should be ready to produce your documentation and log books upon a reasonable request from the FAA.

(i) Presentation of required documents.

- (1) Persons must present their pilot certificate, medical certificate, logbook, or any other record required by this part for inspection upon a reasonable request by--
 - (i) The Administrator;
 - (ii) An authorized representative from the National Transportation Safety Board; or
 - (iii) Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer.

If checked by the FAA, you will be required to produce your pilot certificate and current, valid government issued photo ID. You do not have to immediately produce your pilot or aircraft log books. You will be given a reasonable time to comply with their request. The only exception to this would be for a student pilot as explained in the regs that follow...

- (2) A student pilot must carry the following items in the aircraft on all solo cross-country flights as evidence of the required authorized instructor clearances and endorsements--
 - (i) Pilot logbook;
 - (ii) Student pilot certificate; and

- (iii) Any other record required by this section.

If you are a student and if you are checked by the FAA, those items must be in your possession or in the balloon basket, not in the chase vehicle.

A few words of advice:

1. Record your time in tenths or hours and tenths, not minutes or hours and minutes. Adding time is much easier if you use tenths.
2. There is no reason to log tether time. It doesn't count towards a rating. You should however log tether time in the balloon log.
3. When applying for a private or commercial certificate, you must also show evidence that you received ground training (FAR 61.51 (d) (1) (iv)). That can be maintained in your pilot log, or other reliable record. You need to indicate the general areas covered and it must be endorsed by the instructor. My recommendation is to record ground instruction time in the back portion of your log book.
4. Flight Reviews (not applicable to student pilots) are best recorded in the back of the book for easy reference. You can quickly find when the last one was so you know when the next one is due.
5. When applying for a rating, you must fill out an FAA 8710-1 form. You are not required to list all your flight time, only that time required for the rating you are seeking. The FAA recommends that you list all your time, here's why. When you take the check ride, your log is verified by the examiner. If you lose your log book, the 8710-1 is evidence of your flight time up to the day of the check ride. Your log book can be re-created from that.
6. Don't try to pad your time for a rating. The FAA frowns on fraudulent log book entries, Here is some advice from an attorney, John S. Yodice, that was published in AOPA Pilot, Jan. 2001, "The FAA will always seek the revocation of all of the pilot's FAA certificates based on fraud or intentional falsification with respect to FAA records or applications. Even unintentional mistakes, which we all make, can create legal problems for pilots when trying to explain them away to a skeptical FAA."
7. Fly safe!

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Pilot Relations Committee

The May Pilot Relations Meeting was Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the museum.

Present: Dick & Phyllis Drake, Bob Shelton, John Jensen

Topics:

- ▶ Maps - If anyone knows of any areas that need to be removed or added to the Classic Map, please let John know.
- ▶ Upcoming dates -
 - Crew training - Al Appenzeller or Joel Worthington (Wednesday prior to the Classic)
 - Flight over Des Moines - Rob Bartholomew - Monday before the Classic
- ▶ Balloon Field - Laser Fest - thanks for everyone's cooperation with the propane at the field.
- ▶ Sponsor items for pilot gifts - Will need a list from Greg for the contact info to gather the items for the pilots gifts.
- ▶ Committees - Crew of the day, John Russell, Crew of the year - Joel Worthington, Jim Fromm, Bob Shelton, Jim Gebhart and Crazy Al.
- ▶ Pilot registrations. -- Group went over the current 60 pilot registration, some pilots need to update some info. Will review and email.

Thanks,
John Jensen

June Pilot Relations

Attendees: John Jensen, Gary Haynes, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Crazy Al, Robert Nutting Sr, Robert Nutting Jr., Bob Shelton, Max & Carol Harris.

Next Pilot Relations Meeting: July 10th - Tuesday (Thursday 12th - is Balloons & Toons) 7:00 p.m.

- ▶ Pilot Compound Speakers: Thanks to Leroy Clair and ABC Electric from Des Moines for their donation. Speaker workday will be Monday - JUNE 18th - 9:00 a.m. Thanks to Robert, Gary F, Jake H and myself for volunteering - come one - come all.
- ▶ Awards Committees: Jim Fromm - Chairperson, Jim Gebhart, Crazy Al, Joel Worthington, Bob Shelton. There will be a box placed on the front table for nominations. Also will contact: National, Balloon Works, Cameron and Lindstrand reps to acquire their 2 daily pilot gifts. Bag of some sort with \$15 worth of items.
- ▶ Registrations: from Greg -- believe we are at 84

registered pilots, we will have 4 or 5 special shapes, and I believe we will have 4 ride balloons. There are 3 pilots that I believe will be at our event that have not registered. I would anticipate that we will be in the approximately 100 balloon area for the event

- ▶ Maps: Landowners info will be added. Maps will start printing around July 12th.
- ▶ Pilot Packs: Greg is working on getting the items from the sponsors that are wanting to participate. Pilot Relations will put the packs together during the next meeting-July.
- ▶ Crew Training: July 26th 6:30 p.m. at the Balloon Field. Crazy AL will organize with Joel Worthington
- ▶ Flight over Des Moines: Crazy Al will organize the pilots -Date - July 24th – 6:00 AM, location TBA. Rain date July 25th. Rob Bartholomew - Balloonmeister & Bill Griffin - Weatherperson
- ▶ Questions: Housing -- response from Greg -- The information regarding the Colonial and Washington apartments was supplied on the housing form. It read "Colonial and Washington apartments may not be available due to upgrades; comparable housing will be provided if they are not available." We will be in the wait and see mode depending on Simpson's progress. Those people that have chosen Picken dorm or Hamilton House, for the most part, will be taken care of in those facilities. If someone chose Hamilton House and there was no room, we will move them to an available apartment when they become available. I have a meeting next week with Simpson housing to discuss progress on the Colonial and Washington apartments. We will not make definitive housing assignments until we are sure of the status of these apartments. We do have a back-up plan in place with Simpson.
- ▶ Non-Classic Scheduling items:
 - Indianola Bike Night - 3rd Thursday of each Month; Contact: Brian Seymour - 515-371-3222 cell, email: ifdchief@dybb.com. Dates - June 15th, July 20th, Aug 17th, Sept 14th. Signatures offered a gift certificate to the first 8 pilots
 - Balloons & Toons -- July 12th -- 6:00 pm on the square. Contact: Jim Gebhart - 515-961-6042 email: jamesgeb049@msn.com

Thanks,
John Jensen

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Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings

Meetings are held every third Sunday of the month 6:30 p.m. at the Balloon Port. Schedule of meetings:

August 19

September 16

All members, guests, pilots, crew, balloon enthusiasts, and anyone interested in the sport of ballooning welcome to attend