

Touch and Go

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November - December, 2007

Jim Thompson Wins BFA Award

Jim Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa was honored at the BFA Annual Membership Meeting during the 36th Fiesta in Albuquerque when he was named the latest recipient of the BFA's highest award, the Shields-Trauger Memorial Award. Thompson was recognized for his 17 years of service to the BFA as a Director, President, NAA Delegate, and Chairman of the Competition Committee from 2000 to 2007. In accepting the award Thompson thanked his wife Connie for her unflinching support through the years and said he shared the honor with her.

SW Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days

Creston, Iowa

59 Pilots, their crews, and sponsors met at the Elks Club for pilot registration & for the Pilots' meeting for a possible Friday night flight. The winds were too strong for a task, but pilots were released to fly at their discretion. Several went out to find a launch spot, but since the winds didn't die down, no-one flew.

Saturday morning everyone gathered at the airport, and pilots were sent off with 2 targets. The winds changed, and one target was canceled. 32 pilots scored on the target at the airport, with Bret Christian #1 with a 5.03' drop. Due to the long flights & long pack-ups, the "Crappy Beer" contest had to be postponed - they had to mind that "8 hours from bottle to throttle" rule. Many pilots participated in Creston's great parade. The afternoon brought some light rain & the evening task was canceled. Then it was time for the "Crappy Beer" contest. Many new & interesting beers were brought forward - ones that many had never heard of! The winners (or losers) were "Arrogant Bastard Ale" (Wayne Mohring) for bottles & "Gubernija Grand 9.5" (Dan Bertsch) for cans & for



Wayne Mohring

overall.

Sunday morning, Rob called a 3 part task - a FIT, Maximum Distance Double drop & a Fly-on task. Ryan Kintzel was #1 on the FIT with a 5.00' drop. Aaron Foelske won the MXDD with 3281'. Brad Craig won the FOT with a 3.03' drop. A large crowd attended the brunch at the Super-Tel. This is the 30th year for Creston Balloon Days. 2 pilots have attended every year - Rob Bartholomew & Bill Griffin.

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| 1. | Todd Isley | 10. | Jon Shelton |
| 2. | Brad Craig | 11. | Cory Bloom |
| 3. | Brent Wiltse | 12. | Christine Bertsch |
| 4. | Ryan Kintzel | 13. | Rob Bartholomew |
| 5. | Bill Clemons | 14. | Jim Norris |
| 6. | Dan Corbin | 15. | Kirk Bloom |
| 7. | Mark Harris | 16. | Aaron Gebhart |
| 8. | Holly Pfeifer | 17. | Aaron Foelske |
| 9. | Scott Armstrong | | |

Rookie of the year - Holly Pfeifer

Next year's event will be September 19-21, 2008.

BOI Halloween Party

The theme was Pirates of the Caribbean & there were many scary pirates present. As usual, members & guests dined on great BOI Chili & Pot-luck. After eating & costume contests, the kids participated in a Treasure hunt. Thanks to all who helped decorate, brought chili, and helped clean-up.

Kids costume contest:

1. Abbie Curtis
 2. Hunter Van Patten
 3. Bailee Van Patten
- Coollest - Kelsey Clair
Most Humorous - Jayden Clair
Best Overall - Colton Craig

Adult costume contest

- Most original - Jeremy King
Scariest - Derek Nordhagen
Creepiest - Mike Guffy
Best Overall - Mike McCaughey

Chili Cook-off - 7 entries

1. Lynn Craig
2. Erin Patterson

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Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends!

Another Halloween at the Balloonport. Lots of costumes and lot of kids! I'm beginning to think that our sport of ballooning is going to be assured of continuing growth. Past President Gretchen wrote about our Founding Fathers' desire to "sow the seeds of enthusiasm for ballooning", but I don't think any of them envisioned this.

Speaking of Founding Fathers, Dad (Rob) has started to complain about sore joints and cold weather. Just when our BOI Retirement Home should be coming to fruition, we discover that most members of BOIRHPSAC have been recruited for sensitive diplomatic posts in Iraq or have been placed in a Federal Witness Protection Program.

Vice President Sandy and I have discussed our commitment to all BOI initiatives and we are compiling a list of members willing to volunteer for Board or Committee assignments that require late meetings and long hours. Please contact us if you are interested in additional service.

The weather has been great for flights and soon the holiday season will be upon us. I hope we have many opportunities to decorate the sky with beautiful balloons. If you have a great holiday flight, please submit an article to Carol for inclusion in Touch & Go. Actually, any holiday article could be welcome and fun. As we hunker down for winter, savor every day, fly as often as you can and always remember to:

Fly Safely,
Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

It appears another ballooning season has come to a close. The Halloween party (which, I hear, was a huge success) and daylight savings have passed, which usually means the flyable days are far between. Yet, I hear there are some pilots that are considering doing some winter flying and some may be attempting a long jump. If you do decide to brave this upcoming Iowa winter, then from all of us that are too wise (old) to do such things, we wish you the best of luck. I'd much rather take a nap in the warmth of the house.

I would like to take this time to say thanks to all of you who attended the parties throughout the year, thanks to all of you who wrote articles or submitted photos for the newsletter, and a thank-you to everyone who attended the BOI meetings. A big Thank-you to all who help coordinate the annual ground school. Your support by continuing to be a member is greatly appreciated. Before I end my article, I would like to take this time to congratulate one of our club members, Jim Thompson, who received the Balloon Federation of America's Shield Trauger award at the BFA's general meeting in Albuquerque, NM. This is one of the BFA's top awards. Again congratulations Jim on a well deserved award. For more information regarding the Shield Trauger award, check out the article on page 1.

That's all for now. I wish you and your family a Happy and safe Holidays! Please, do not forget our Troops!

Sandy Drake

Retirement Center Update

November 2007

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:

Despite extraordinary circumstances, your BOIRHPSAC has been dedicated to refreshment flow and the eventual construction of a Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home. Nightly gatherings of talented, selfless, and dedicated BOI members constituted a diverse pool of patriotic Americans. In retrospect, how were we to know that World Renowned Architect Phil Pash was also a top level CIA operative, and who could have guessed that MORK (Motorcyclists Over Road Kill) was comprised of paid mercenaries employed by our own government.

Perhaps in the future, the full story of BOIRHPSAC can be told. It will make you proud. The successes of our members have received recognition at the highest levels of confidential restricted access agencies. That is, of course, why we can't talk about it. In the interim, however, many BOIRHPSAC members have been deployed to hot spots around the world to promote world peace. Activities of the current BOIRHPSAC members to design and build our retirement home will be temporarily postponed until that goal is achieved.

Expenses will be submitted in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted

The Board received the BOIRHPSAC Committee report and sat in stunned silence. Michelle Craig asked, "What does all this mean?" Jen Nordhagen observed that Dick Drake, Don Prine and Wayne Wasson had been conspicuously absent from BOI activities during the past months. Mary Conklin mentioned she had recently received a hot air balloon postcard from Baghdad, Iraq.

Linda Bartholomew volunteered that Rob had been acting strange and keeping unusual hours. She requested a ponderance. Sherry Allsup called to ask if Red has been helping with the harvest throughout the past six weeks. Patti Todden requested a ponderance.

Brad Craig hinted that he and Derek Nordhagen may have received young father deferments, but are more than willing to meet nightly with others who will keep the dream of a BOI Retirement Home alive. Eric Brown immediately volunteered to serve on the hospitality subcommittee. A ponderance was called.

The entire Board retired to the refrigerator. Weighty issues were discussed. Is this the end of our dream? When will world peace be achieved? The computer beeped, an expense voucher has been received from Ankara, Turkey.

Christmas in the Aire



The National Balloon Museum is celebrating the season with an Open House on December 8th from 10:00-4:00. Come and view the Christmas Ballooning exhibits and the other historical ballooning displays. Our gift shop is full of unusual and exquisite ballooning items for that unique person on your Christmas list. All purchases will receive 10% off and our members will receive 20% off the price. Refreshments will be served.



Symptoms of Ballooning Withdrawal...

1. Observing current weather outside and constantly saying.. 'its flyable' or 'its not flyable'.
2. Thinking any dot on the horizon might be a balloon.
3. Making The Weather Channel forecast website your homepage and checking all your weather websites each day for tomorrow's forecast.
4. Checking with all your ballooning friends to see if they have flown recently.. every day.
5. Visiting your balloon once a day.. to say 'Hi'.
6. Cursing the weather predictions for each time it says its gonna be too windy, and then its not... looking outside and shedding a tear or two.
7. Daily watching all the new YouTube videos on ballooning.
8. Calling crew to 'keep in touch' and not for any future flights.
9. Looking at weather forecast in other states, with thoughts of a long drive for better weather.
10. Asking the boss for time off each week, in case it's good weather, and never using it.
11. Launching and watching pibals for no reason.
12. Finding projects that require the use of a propane torch just so you can sniff the Mercaptan.
13. Hooking the trailer up to the truck just to make sure it still fits and knows its place.
14. Re-reading and re-reading anything that has to do with ballooning.
15. Carrying your kid on your shoulders and, when you approach a low doorway, shouting, "VENT! VENT!!"
16. Making burner noises whenever you reach up to turn on an overhead light.
17. Listening on your walkie talkie for any chatter that "might" be between a balloon and its crew (at 11:30 at night).
18. Starting a website about ballooning history...
19. Hearing a song about flying (anything) and heaving a big sigh....
20. Driving down the road visualizing a landing in every decent field.
21. Wondering what it would be like to be flying at the speed the wind is actually blowing on days when it is obviously too much.
22. Thinking about how much of my paycheck I can put towards a balloon every time I come to work.
23. Checking Aerostatz.com and other sites several

times every day even when they haven't been updated in a while, in hopes that somehow there is a perfect system with lots of time left for a price I can actually afford!

24. Flying the Sim at www.balloonsimulator.com that helps. It's not the most realistic thing in the world, but the physics are pretty good about the response delays and you get to drop a baggie. Oh, and as their slogan says, it's "always flyable."
25. Putting balloons on your desktop & screensaver at work and at home.

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See what Kirk did with his \$10,000!

New Address: BJ Anderson
820 SE 60th
Des Moines IA 50327

New Email: Eldon "Gomer" Benus - hotairb@gmail.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gary Ruble - New Vice President of the Balloon Federation of America

B.F.A. Convention

Good Evening Balloon Enthusiasts:

I just wanted to take a moment of your time to tell you about the upcoming B.F.A. National Convention, to be held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 3-6, 2008.

The event is poised to be the premier event of the year for balloonists and a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Not only will the programming planned meet B.F.A. and insurance company standards for a sanctioned safety seminar and related premium discounts, but the registration price includes all seminar materials, ticket to \$50 Saturday evening banquet with a featured key note speaker, a one of a kind trade show, continental breakfasts, and tickets for complimentary beverages at evening cocktail parties. The seminar boasts some of our own members as speakers or presenters. Tom Sheppard, Debbie Spaeth, and Bill Zangs are going to be sharing their knowledge at the event.

I have attached a .pdf of the brochure with all the pertinent information. You may have already received this flyer in the mail.

The registration process kicked off in Albuquerque and currently totals about 80 registrants. The early bird, deep discount period for the B.F.A. National Convention ends October 31. It's a great savings and keep in mind that the Convention is open to everyone, B.F.A. member or not.

You can register on line at the B.F.A. web site: www.bfa.net, fill out the registration form on the brochure, or you can contact me and I will make sure that you get the early discount by October 31st.

While you are on the website, take a look around and let me know what you think. We are making updates and changes to the site frequently to make it more user-friendly and informative.

Feel free to contact me at any time with any and all concerns about the B.F.A. or hot air ballooning in general.

Best Regards,

Ken Walter
Balloon Federation of America
Great Lakes Regional Director

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A Tribute to Jack & Spock

By Bill Griffin

9/15/07

They have gone home with Captain, Jack and Spock.
Ever eager Jack in bomber jacket,
Who as Weather Dog replaced the Captain,
And clever Spock, he of the pointy ears,
Feline pal and constant boon companion,
Renowned in Carol's cartoons in BOI news.

Jack and Spock joked and played the day away,
Awaiting their mistress to fly away.
For they were those most notable of pets,
Balloonists' dog and cat, fliers you bet.

With his black earflaps and sustained fur blow,
Jack, the weather foretold, both true and bold,
While wily Spock the hours wiled away,
Drowsily dreaming flights of yesterday.

Farewell faithful companions and dear friends,
Jack and Spock, your ashes we commit now
To the soft winds where dog and cat may play
On sunny earth in skies of tomorrow.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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Creston



Inflating in tight spaces



Sunday morning



Crappy Beer



"Oh, that's bad"



Mike Reinert, Randy Stone, Rob Bartholomew & Gary Fouche



Bill Clemons



"Crazy Al"



Benji, Fred, Cory & Mike



Mark Harris



Rookie of the Year
Holly Pfeifer

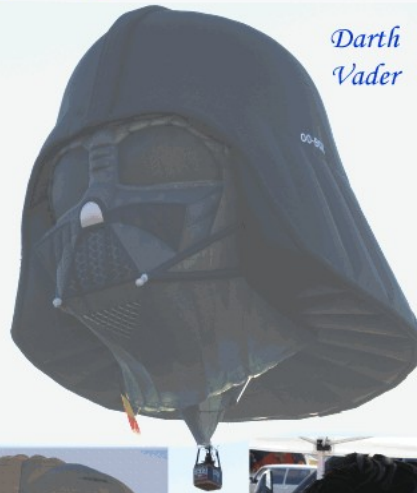


Top 5 - 1. Todd Isley 2. Brad Craig 4. Ryan Kintzel
5. Bill Clemons. Missing - 3. Brent Wiltse

Albuquerque 2007



Chris, Brian and balloons galore



Darth Vader



Chris, Jim and Carol



Mid-day nap in the shade



Now, that's a beer!

P H O T O S
B Y
M A R K
W E E K S



Crazy AI



Caitlin's initiation



Scott and Jim



Special Shapes Glow



Mark and friends



Dawn Patrol



Red in red



Bees

BOI Halloween party - Pirates of the Caribbean



Derek and friends



Pirate Rob



Linda



Breiden



Jaden Clair



A pirate and his ship



The Clair girls and Dad



Chili Cook-off Judges



Anthony and Kerrie



Carrie and Jeremy



Jen and Derek



Calendar of Events

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

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

December 8 **Christmas in the Aire** National Balloon Museum

January 20, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

January 26th, 2008 **Fashion Fundraiser** at the National Balloon Museum

February 16-17, 2008 **BOI Ground School**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

February 17, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

March 8, 2008 **IBA Continuing Education Seminar** Newton, Iowa

March 15, 2008 **BOI St. Patrick's Day party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

March 16, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

April 20, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

April 26, 2008 **BOI Ode to Spring** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

May 18, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

June 15, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

June 27-29, 2008 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race**. Contact Holly or Dale Dommer 614 684-8999

July 20, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

July 25- August 2, 2008 **National Balloon Classic** Contact Greg Marchant - 515-961-8415 or info@nationalballoonclassic.com

August 17, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

September 19-21, 2008 **SW Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days**, Creston, IA Contact Rob Bartholomew

September 21, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

October 19, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

October 25, 2008 **BOI Halloween Party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

November 16, 2008 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2008 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com

Happy Birthday

Kim Bridgewater	12-2	Jason Anderson	1-4
Mike Oberman	12-2	Norm Fee	1-4
Paul Randleman	12-3	Steve Van Wyngarden	1-4
Lyle Taylor	12-3	Ryan Kintzel	1-5
Jackson Garrett	12-4	Mel Appenzeller	1-7
Merrie Fouche	12-5	LuAnn Randleman	1-7
Jamie Bishop	12-6	Connie Thompson	1-8
Mandy Keller	12-8	Henry Borts	1-8
Juaquetta Holcomb	12-9	Julia Winkel	1-18
Carolanne Norris	12-10	Kathy McCoy	1-19
Stephanie Lawrence	12-11	Derek Pieper	1-19
Richard Techau	12-15	Stevan Ryan	1-20
Allison Kochheiser	12-16	Jane Winkenwerder	1-20
Madison Williams	12-17	Irene Bertsch	1-21
Gerald Knoll	12-21	Wyman Borts	1-21
Judy Ong	12-21	Bill Clemons	1-21
Derek Nordhagan	12-22	Allison Garrett	1-21
Nick McCaughey	12-24	Malinda Patch-Gray	1-21
Morgan Clark	12-28	Monica Winkel	1-21
Red Allsup	12-30	Elijah Fenster	1-23
Rochelle Kochheiser	12-30	Shawn Erger	1-26
Bob Pieper	12-30	Kerrie VanBroekhuizen	1-27
Cheryl Gebhart	12-31	Jocelyn Marhoun	1-28
		Brody Hermanson	1-29
		Josie Lin Nordhagen	1-29
		Bill Griffin	1-31



Happy Anniversary

Doug & Teresa Purdy	12-10
Derek & Jen Nordhagen	12-10
Richard & Sherry Techau	12-15
Roger & Jody Woodruff	12-16
Richard & Kristy Pash	12-19
Gary & Dixie Ruble	12-22
Dan & Irene Bertsch	12-26
Charles & Jane Winkenwerder	12-26
Jim & Connie Thompson	12-27
John & Patrice Winkel	12-29
Jason & Kimberly Jones	12-30
Bill & Louise Clemons	1-21
Charlie & Judy Ong	1-26



The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ November '82 – Classified ads: Thunder AX-7 155 hours - \$7,500; Barnes AX 7 100 hours - \$8000; Barnes AX6 for rent - \$50/night or \$125/weekend. Classified ads \$250 – cash only.
- ★ BOI Membership list – 60 members. Members balloon info:
 - Laurie Allbaugh – “Wildfire”
 - Sherry Allsup – “Moonshine”
 - Rob Bartholomew – “Charlie Brown”
 - Steve Blank – “Blazing Upshot”
 - Gary Fouche “Ats a My Balloon”
 - Bill Griffin - “Golden Griffin”
 - Steve Hoover - “Ats a My Balloon”
 - Gary Lawrence – “Red Baron”
 - Charlie Ong – “Rainbow Connection”
 - Don & Laurie Prine – “Mnementh”
 - Paul Randleman – “Wildwood Flower”
 - Donna Rieck – “Pneu Mania”
 - Jerry Riley – “Luck of the Irish”
 - Gary Ruble – “Light and Bearable”
 - Faye & Dennis Shelly– “Gypsy”
- ★ Jim & Georgia Oakes have received a new Barnes Dragon Fly Hot Air Balloon.
- ★ Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wood, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fouche and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hoover received a new Barnes Dragon Fly Hot Air Balloon.
- ★ 12-11-82 Party at Hoovers to christen Swizzle Stick. Article by Steve Hoover - “I do not want to mention any names, but our party did produce some very interesting people. Some of their initials are: S. Allsup sleeping under the buffet table, P. Randleman with his extraordinary Pecker Head (hat), L. Bartholomew and other ladies with grapefruits placed in strategic parts of their clothing, and B. Griffin promising free lessons to anyone who would sit on his lap. And believe it or not,

there were some takers.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ November 15, 1987 BOI Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting chaired by Carl Young; 8 Board members present; 20 other members present; Treasurer’s report - \$1084.82; Balloonists to participate in Indianola’s lighting display for Christmas by glowing; Planning for Ground School – one of the first 141 schools in the nation.
- ★ December 5, 1987 – BOI, Ltd Balloonport open house – celebrating their new facility
- ★ 12-13-87 BOI Meeting: 17 members present; Meeting chaired by Rob Bartholomew; Balance of \$887.28; '88 Ground school to be March 4-6, cost \$75 (\$35 for repeaters or 2nd family member); “Official Keg Committee” formed – Wayne Wasson in charge of getting beer and wine for all BOI functions; Don Prine to be Balloonmeister for '88 Ode to Spring – April 30 & May 1 to be held at the new Balloon Field.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ November 15, 1992 BOI Meeting: Christmas party to be 12-6-92 at the Four Season’s Club House.
- ★ 12-6-92 BOI Meeting: \$1,850.41 in treasury.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ November 16, 1997 BOI Meeting: 15 members present; Meeting chaired by Keith Williams; President Gretchen & Jared Netley are featured on the BOI Web page – the Prez is a celebrity!
- ★ Virginia VanHamme passed away 11-20-97. Virginia & husband Mike have dedicated members of Bill Griffin's Golden Griffin Balloon Team.
- ★ 11-23-1997 Paul Craven received private license
- ★ Chris Reinert has purchased his first balloon - Firestones' "Midnight Fire"
- ★ 2nd Annual Dockstader Memorial Flight & Chili Supper: Flight canceled, but a great time was had by all who attended the chili supper at the H & R Hangar at the Ankeny Regional Airport; 34 attended.
- ★ Jim Thompson is B.F.A. Director for North Central Region

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Mackenzie Lynn Hermanson born on Monday, Nov 4th to parents Jacob & Jennifer
- ★ Madelyn Jones born to Jason & Kimberly Jones 11-10-02.
- ★ Allison Jensen born to Tracy & John Jensen 11-21-02
- ★ November 17, 2002 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Bill Griffin; 8 members present; Motion made & carried that 90% of the funds in the BOI Treasury be converted to the Retirement Home research committee's

- fund. In addition to the funds from the BOI, work will begin to secure funds from the Vision Iowa Fund
- ★ 12-7-2002 Kathy McCoy received her Commercial license.
 - ★ 12-26-02 Holly Pfeifer received her private license
 - ★ BOI New Year's Eve: Most of the younger crowd couldn't make it until midnight, but the "mature" crowd saw in the New Year. Some of the card games continued on after midnight with members crying out "The last one out the door wins!" Don Prine reminisced about BOI parties that wouldn't get into full swing until about midnight and lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Guess the years have taken a toll!
 - ★ 2002 Balloons Over Iowa Championship: 1. Benji Clemons - 10,140 2. Brad Craig - 10,080 3. Bill Clemons - 9,810 4. Max Harris & Dan Corbin - 9,760

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA
September 16, 2007

Present: Don Prine, Joyce & John Jensen, Sr., Tom & Tammy Hatcher, Joel & Charlie Worthington, Bill Griffin, Phil Smith, Jeremy King, Scott Armstrong, Thad Bloom, Gerald & Mary Beth Conklin, Tammie Adkins, Jim Norris, Jen & Derek Nordhagen, Riley Nordhagen, John Jensen, Brad & Amy Craig, Colton Craig, Madison Williams, Ariel Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Bill Craig, Michelle Craig, Max & Carol Harris.

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Armstrong at 6:39:44.

Secretary's report: Minutes from August meeting presented. Max moved to approve secretary's report, Thad 2nd. Old Business speaks - "Not a Chance". It's good to have him back. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Discussions on whether money should be reported in kegs or in cans, now that we purchase cases for parties instead of kegs. There are 170 cans per keg.

The Chair has lost control of the meeting.

Discussion on 16 oz vs. 12 oz cans. Don requested input on the implications on bills submitted by the Retirement committee. The Treasurer makes a case for cases. Bottom line - we have the equivalent of 360 cases of beer. Members will now guard the Secret Case Factor. Bill moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Joel 2nd. Motion amended to add reporting of earnings in cases. Unanimous approval.

Old Business:

- ★ He's here!
- ★ Jeremy reported on "Light the Night". It is good to go - will benefit the Leukemia foundation. Those who plan to fly - 5pm, to glow - 7pm.
- ★ Conk's birthday is Friday. Happy Birthday Conk!

Touch & Go

- ★ Thad reported on the IBA Seminar - to be March 8th at the DMACC Campus in Newton. For speaker requests, contact Joel or Thad. There are a block of rooms held at the Holiday Inn Express.
- ★ Jill Rubin Memorial Flight October 20 in Newton
- ★ Bike Night Friday
- ★ Bill predicted at the last meeting that we would fly 3-4 flights, Brad Temeyer said less - Temeyer was right.
- ★ Creston was good. Max flew by someone at 50 mph - call him "Zippy".

The meeting is again out of control. There are 5 different conversations being held.

Jeremy called the meeting into control. Don called for a Ponderance on Soft Landings.

- ★ John Jensen presented evaluations from the Classic.

Members took a dinner break.

New Business:

- ★ 3 members present have been Classic Champions - Scott, Rob & John.
- ★ Guest Phil Smith introduced by Jeremy King. He is on Jeremy's crew. Is he a candidate for the keeper of the Virgin Sacrifice?
- ★ Discussion on Halloween party. Max moved to hire Al's dad as DJ. Joyce 2nd. Motion approved. Jen will contact him. The theme is "Pirates of the Caribbean". There will be a treasure chest hunt, costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, & chili cook-off.
- ★ Dates set for 2008 BOI festivities: St. Patrick's party - 3-15-08 Ode to Spring - 4-26-08 Halloween party - 10-25-08
- ★ Scott proposed a Leap Year Day flight - February 29. Discussion. That is a Friday, so discussion on having a flight & party March 1.
- ★ Carol received an invite from Nancy Griffin - B.F.A. Balloon Club liaison for a Balloon Club get-together at Albq - anyone who is going, contact Carol.
- ★ Discussion - this was the best attended meeting in a long time. There were 4 Board members, plus Old Business in attendance.
- ★ Jeremy King, Rob Nutting & BJ Anderson are planning on attending the event in Leon, Mexico.

Charlie is playing leap frog over Colton & Charlie doesn't have enough clearance!

Max moved to adjourn, Jeremy 2nd. Motion carried. Good job, Scott on chairing your first meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:29:41.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary.

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Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

October 21, 2007

Present: Jeremy King, Mark Weeks, Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Michelle Craig, Amy Craig, Colton Craig, Madison Williams, Ariel Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Jim Norris, John & Joyce Jensen, Bill Griffin, Max & Carol Harris

Meeting called to order by Chair Joyce Jensen at 6:37:24.

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

Treasurer's report: Same as last month. Discussion on the Secret Case Factor. Mark moved to accept Treasurer's report, Max 2nd.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here
- ★ Jen reported on the Halloween party. Al's dad will be DJ. Michelle is making maidrites.
- ★ Jeremy reported on "Light the Night". He had 2 balloons fly out (John Jensen & Bill Griffin) and 7 glowed (Jim Gebhart, Al Appenzeller, Holly Pfeifer, Grant Pfeifer, Robert Nutting, Sr., Todd Patterson & Jeremy King. They want balloons again next year. They doubled the income from 2006.
- ★ Jill Rubin flight - too windy, no flight
- ★ Leon, Mexico is a go - November 29- Dec 2
- ★ Bridges of Madison County flight - also weathered out.

New Business:

- ★ John Jensen, Sr. is "Just visiting". Currently working out of town
- ★ Discussion on the Pilot Pack for the Classic.
- ★ Guests introduced - Ken & Jerry Bolton. They purchased Brad Craig's balloon. They are from Carlisle
- ★ Mark reported on Albuquerque. A good time was had by all Iowans who attended. There were a few accidents, one with a fatality. Jim Thompson received the Shields-Trauger Memorial Award at the B.F.A. General Meeting. There were about 700 balloons. Jim Gebhart placed in the top 30.

Michelle moved to adjourn. Jim 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:18:41

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary.

Old-Timers Quiz

This is a test for all of you, old kids! The answers are printed below, but don't you cheat.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind?_____
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.



Light the Night 2007

3. "Get your kicks, _____."
4. "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed _____."
5. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____."
6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the "_____."
7. "N_E_S_T_L_E_S", Nestle's makes the very best _____."
8. Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?

10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night, and "_____".
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ & _____.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day the music died." This was a tribute to _____.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50s and 60s was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.

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B.F.A. Nationals

The B.F.A. Nationals will be held in Anderson, SC; it will take place the last week of August, finishing up on Sept. 1st. We will accept 50 balloons for the Nationals and 30 balloons for a weekend event which will start on Friday. There will be \$50,000 in prize money for the Nationals and \$20,000 in prize money for the weekend event.

Balloon Release of Liability for Dummies

You are going to go up in the air, really really high, with lots of flammable fuel, part of which is on fire from time to time.

What goes up must come down, sometimes softly and sometimes with great downward force due to gravity.

You could get hurt or get killed or get arrested for trespassing since we really do not know where we will land, just that we will land dead or alive.

If you do not want to potentially get hurt or killed do not get in the basket. Be careful driving home because lots more people get killed or injured riding in cars.

I am a pretty good pilot but I am a human being and I can make mistakes so if you do not want to take that risk go watch tv.

Yes I understand that this is real and not a video game or a TV reality show.

Signature _____

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Grand River Fun Days

We are having our 2008 fun Days on Sept 6th, which is a week before the Creston balloon days. We would love to have your group come down and fly any time, but would prefer an evening ascent. Your group would be welcome to join in any games, and we would provide each balloon with dinner tickets (Normally BBQ pork, etc). Any ideas on how we can make this happen? Contact Mary Stogdill 1-800-456-7675.



Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2008

February 15-17, 2008

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

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

When: Registration: Friday, February 15, 7:00 P.M.
Class: Saturday, February 16, 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Class: Sunday, February 17, 8:00A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Fees: Individual Enrollment Fee: \$195 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2008)
\$205 for regular Registration (January 1-February 10)
\$215 for late Registration (February 11-17)
Registration fee includes one set of books and a one year membership to BOI

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

Refresher Fee: \$97.50 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2008)
\$102.50 for regular Registration (January 1-February 10)
\$107.50 for late Registration (February 11-17)
Includes one year membership to BOI, no books included.

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

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

Email: _____

Which section are you interested in? Private _____ Commercial _____

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

Directions to BOI Balloonport:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area Motels:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings

Meetings are held every third Sunday of the month

6:30 p.m. at the Balloon Port. Schedule of meetings:

January 20 February 17 (No meeting in December 07)

Old-Timers Quiz Answers 1. A silver bullet. 2. Ed Sullivan 3. On Route 66 4. To protect the innocent. 5. The Lion sleeps tonight 6. The limbo 7. Chocolate 8. Louis Armstrong 9. The Timex watch 10. Freddy, The Freeloader, and "Good Night, and may God Bless." 11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned.) 12. Beetle or Bug 13. Buddy Holly 14. Sputnik 15. Hula-hoop