

Balloons Over Iowa



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

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

Schedule:

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

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

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

Pot luck will be held at the Balloonport after the flight. The club will provide meat & beer. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert & your own table service. After dining will be the announcement of the annual club awards and the crowning of the 2008-2009 Board.

Ode Officials:

Balloonmeister - Scott Armstrong

Assistant Balloonmeister - Jeremy Rubin

Weathermeister - Aaron Foelske

Assistant weathermeister - Adam Boden

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Pilot packmeister – Jim Fromm

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Gephart

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Balloonportmeisters - Rob & Linda
Bartholomew

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Keeper of the purse - Jen Nordhagen

Finder of the virgin sacrifice - Kirk Bloom

Keeper of the virgin sacrifice - Thad Bloom

Virgin sacrifice - Cory Bloom

Protest jury - Rob B, Bill G, Dick D

Cleanup committee - clean up after
yourself...unless your mother is actually
there.

Front cover: 2007 BOI Champions 1. Scott Armstrong, 2. Brad Craig, 3. Rob Bartholomew

Touch and Go

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March, 2008

2007 BOI Championship

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| 1. Scott Armstrong | 10. Leroy Clair |
| 2. Brad Craig | 11. Tom Ricke |
| 3. Rob Bartholomew | 12. Bill Griffin |
| 4. Ryan Kintzel | 13. Gary Fouche |
| 5. Aaron Foelske | 14. Joel Worthington |
| 6. Todd Isley | 15. BJ Anderson |
| 7. Dick Drake | 16. Brian Seymour |
| 8. John Jensen | 17. Todd Patterson |
| 9. Bret Christian | 18. Don Prine |



Ground School 2008

Ground School was held February 16-17 at the BOI Balloonport. 14 students from 4 states attended.

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

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

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

Students attending were: Phillip Smith, Steven Goff, Tom Hatcher, Sue Anthony, Steve Davidson, Sean Smith, Darcy Hoch, John Winkel, Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Dan & Katie Walker, Eldon Benus, and Tim Cloyd

Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends!

I'm taking pen in paw on March 2nd to prepare my letter for our next issue of "Touch and Go". Dad says that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." It's 60 degrees outside and feels downright balmy. That's scary. Even cousin Bill Griffin can't predict this year's weather. Neither Vice President Sandy nor I can remember a winter with fewer flights. Cousin Bill says the weather will always balance out and is predicting great flying this spring and summer and an incredible Ode to Spring. We all hope that's true.

The countdown is on for our St. Patrick's Day Party on March 15th. Our membership continues to grow and many contribute that to our solemn initiation ceremony. Personally, I think it is the great Irish stew. Some claim to see Giant Green Leprechauns at the party, but that might be wishful thinking. Guess you have to attend to know for sure.

Although the BOI Retirement Home Committee appears to have suspended operation until world peace is achieved, BOI continues to support activities of the site selection sub-committee or the CIA. Expenses for Don Prine and wife, Gerry, to spend a week in Key Largo, Florida have just been submitted. The dates coincide with the retirement of Fidel Castro. Dad and Mom are booking a flight to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. I hope they won't be in any danger. It makes me proud to see BOI supporting these membership initiatives.

Anyway, Spring is just around the corner. Lots of annuals are being performed at the Balloonport, so I know pilots and crews are prepared and anxious to fly. I enjoy lying on an envelope and eavesdropping on all the conversations. Pilot Gomer wants us to "Honk if you love peace and quiet." Whatever you do, always remember to:

Fly Safely,

Meika

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Meika Bartholomew

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Letter from Vice-President Sandy

OK, what is up with this weather? What will this spring/summer bring? I will be anxious to ask Bill Griffin and Brad Temeyer to see what their spring/summer predictions are. I'm sure you all are hoping for some good flying weather!

Despite all the weekend snowstorms the past couple months, things have been a busy. For some, busier than others. The National Balloon Classic's Puttin on the Ritz was held in February. From stories I've heard everyone at the event had a great time. I had plans to attend, but fell under the weather so I had to stay home. Maybe next year.

The 2008 Ground school just wrapped up and another successful ground school. I actually paid attention to the speakers this year. If you were not able to attend the 2008 Ground School or know someone who would be interested in attending be sure to mark the 2009 school on your calendar. Dates have not been officially set yet, but visit with Carol and she can get you dates once they are finalized. As I always say every year, this is one of the best ground schools in the Midwest. Thank you to all the instructors and volunteers!

March 15th is the BOI's annual St. Patrick's and New Member initiation bash. This is an evening you will not want to miss. There are fabulous prizes given away for the best Irish stew, and a new member initiation complete with Giant Green Leprechauns. To top the evening off, there will be membership Karaoke. I have heard that the Karaoke contest is become so popular that American Idol judges (Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson) are working their schedules to see if BOI really has the next Idol.

Be sure to mark April 26th on your calendars. This is the first Iowa Balloon race of the season - Ode to Spring. BBQ, competitive flying events (weather permitting) with fabulous prizes, indoor competition, awards ceremony, outgoing board member recognition and new board recognition. Awards given that evening include crew of the year, Pilot of the year (this is a prestigious award given to pilots), and the highest award in BOI - the Cleo Award. There have only been two pilots who have had the honor of receiving "Pilot of the Year" twice.

I would like to take this time promote a publication called Hot Air Balloon Crewing Essentials by Gordon Schwontkowski. This is a great publication for new crew just getting into balloon and even experienced crew to brush up on their crewing skills. The publication shows how to assemble the balloon safely, proper radio communications, landowner relations, fan safety, type of clothing to wear, and much more. I definitely recommend this book. Pilots—if you are looking at getting your crew something, this would be a great gift. Copies are available for sale at the National Balloon Museum. Contact the museum at 515-961-3714 or visit their web-site at www.nationalballoonmuseum.com.

Many of you have heard rumors that I have been a little bit under the weather. Yes, those rumors are true. It's nothing serious at this time, but with some medication and a little bit of rest I should be back up to par in a few months. I'm really excited to actually take a vacation this year. Meika highly suggested I go as she thought it would do me good to get

away. I'm really excited to spend time with the family. I will definitely send a postcard.

Until next time keep looking up!

Sandy Drake.

Floating Through Time In Germany, Switzerland and France

The National Balloon Museum has built a tour to include the first balloon museum (Chateau De Balleroy), the Zeppelin Museum and factory, and a ride in a zeppelin. We have added area interests from Switzerland, Germany, and France that are part of the package with many possible side trips. We are putting it out to the Ballooning community and any interested persons. Our deadline for signing up is April 25th, 2008. We scheduled it between the National Balloon Classic and the Albuquerque Fiesta so that all the balloonists wouldn't be affected. The prices for rooms are set-up for double occupancy. Please let us know if you have any interest in joining us on this tour. We will try to answer any of your questions.

Becky Wigeland
National Balloon Museum
www.nationalballoonmuseum.com

September 11 - 25, 2008

- Day 1: Your journey begins in Des Moines as you board your overnight flight to Munich
- Day 2: Arrival in Munich. Make your way to the hotel and enjoy the city.
- Day 3: After breakfast you will take in the sites of Munich on a double-decker bus Hop on Hop off tour. Spend your day discovering the Palace of Nymphenburg, the former summer residence of the Bavarian Princes and Kings. Visit the Olympic grounds where you will find other attractions like Sea Life, the BMW museum and the new BMW car world. Enjoy a fantastic panoramic view from the top of the 290 meter high artist quarter of Schwabing where you may stroll along Leopold Street.
- Day 4: Day at leisure or optional tour of the Royal Castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. If you take this tour you will visit two of Ludwigs II's dream castles in the heart of the Bavarian Alps.
- Day 5: Today you are off by train to Friedrichshafen to tour the Zeppelin museum and factory.
- Day 6: Take in the sites of Lake Constance and an optional Zeppelin flight. 30 minute flight over Friedrichshafen \$292.00 per person. 1 hour flight around Lake Constance \$519.00 per person
- Day 7: Travel by train to Zurich, Switzerland the rest of the day is yours to explore.
- Day 8: Take a step back in time as you travel to Lucerne. After a panoramic tour of the town you will proceed to a typical Old Town Restaurant where traditional Swiss dishes will be served. You will start with a cheese

Fondue, followed by a hearty bratwurst and a delicious dessert. During lunch you will be entertained with yodeling, singing, alp horn-blowing and flag-throwing. After lunch take time and explore Lucerne before your return to Zurich.

- Day 9: Day at leisure or optional tour of the Appenzellerland and a chocolate factory. This tour takes you on a journey where old traditions are still alive. Learn the art of making chocolate and observe the traditional way of cheese making.
- Day 10: Back on board the train you will travel to Caen, France. Relax and enjoy the scenery.
- Day 11: Spend today at The Chateau De Balleroy. Wander through the Chateau and explore one of the very first balloon museums.
- Day 12: Day at leisure with optional tours to museums and Normandy beaches.
- Day 13: Take the train to Paris and enjoy the day wandering the Champs Elysees or visiting the Louvre.
- Day 14: Today you will experience Paris starting with a 2 hour tour with an escorted driver. You will see the Champs-Elysees, the Arc de Triumph, Concorde Square, the Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, the Trocadero, the Opera, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, Orsay Museum, Madeliene Church and many more. After having shown you the key spots of Paris, you will be taken for lunch at restaurant/cafeteria Café Seine, where there will be a table reserved for you. You will then embark a delightful cruise along the Seine, offering you a fantastic opportunity to take in the sights of Paris, from the famous river. Your tour will terminate at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. The rest of your day is at leisure.
- Day 15: Return flight home

Rates:

- Round trip air from Des Moines: \$917.00 per person on Northwest Airlines
- Hotel and tours: \$1735.50 per person double occupancy, \$2625.00 per person single occupancy
- Rail passes: Eurail Select Pass Saver, 5 days in 2 months \$400.00 per person

Optional tours:

- The Royal Castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof \$154.00 per person
- Appenzellerland with chocolate factory \$169.00 per person
- Full day tour of Museums and Normandy Beaches \$111.00 per person
- Half day tour of Museums and Normandy Beaches \$66.00 per person
- Prices vary for Zeppelin flights.

Not included: Admission to Zeppelin museum and Chateau De Balleroy or Hotel transfers.

Hotels:

- Munich - Germania, a moderate hotel centrally located

in the city.

- Friedrichshafen - Best Western Goldenes, an historical hotel centrally located in the city.
- Zurich - Montana, traditional hotel located city centre and walking distance from Main station.
- Caen - Otelinn, traditional hotel with in 10 minutes from city centre and 15 minutes from the D-Day Beaches.
- Paris - Astrid, a superior tourist hotel in the hub of the city. It offers an excellent view of the Arc de Triumph and is close to the Champs Elysees.

Balloon Museum Hosts Ballooning Fashion Flare Brunch

Seventy-five people attended a fashion show and brunch featuring clothes, quilts and wall hangings made from hot air ballooning fabric or fabric decorated with balloons was hosted at the National Balloon Museum in Indianola, Iowa on January 26. The event was called Ballooning Fashion Flare Brunch. There was a youth division for under age 16 and an adult division for persons 16 and over. Entries were in seven categories: Sundress, Nightwear, Hoodies/Jackets, Children's Play Outfits, Shorts Outfits, Wall Hanging and quilts.

The designers were: Michelle Polson, Barb Jones, Monica Thompson, Emma Thompson, Clara Thompson, Janice Shelton, Kathryn Hanson, Tesha Huffaker, Linda & Allison Brown and Donna Rieck. The designers were from Indianola, Newton, Des Moines, West Des Moines, Minneapolis and Ellsworth. The clothing items were modeled by Nikki Casey, Kali Vanderpool, Michelle Polson, Barb Jones, Emma Thompson, Clara Thompson, Monica Thompson, Janice Shelton, Tesha Huffaker, Jim Fromm, and Larry Huffaker.

The winning designs were voted on by the attendees by putting quarters in jars for each item. The design which got the most quarters was the winning design in each category. Michelle Polson placed first in the Sundress and Shorts Outfit categories. Janice Shelton won first place in the Quilt and Hoodie/Jacket category. Barb Jones won in the Wall Hanging Category. Emma and Clara Thompson tied for first place in the Children's Outfit category. Each winner received a \$25 gift certificate in the museum gift shop and a certificate of congratulations.

Door prizes were provided by the following Indianola merchants: The Victorian Cottage Shoppe, The Treasurers, Taylor Floral and Gifts Boutique, Joe's Hallmark Shop and Kerry's Flowers and Creative Touches. A wonderful brunch was catered by Catering by Kathryn of Indianola. Ballooning material was donated by Balloons Over Iowa of Carlisle, Iowa, Midwest Balloon Services of Patterson, Iowa and National Ballooning Ltd. of Patterson Iowa.

Plans are already underway for the 2009 Ballooning Fashion Flare Brunch to be held the third Saturday of January 2009 in Indianola. For information contact museum curator, Becky Wigeland at 515 961 3714 or

flamingbecky@aol.com.

I want to thank everyone for supporting the National Balloon Museum's first Ballooning Fashion Flare either by donating material, attending the Flare, designing and sewing the balloon fashions, and modeling the fashions. Everyone had a great time and we are planning on having the next one on the third Saturday in January of 2009 (January 17th). So get your thinking caps on and you have almost a year to come up with a fabulous original design made of balloon material or material with balloons on it. Come join the fun. See you next year!!!

Becky Wigeland

FAA Mandates Plastic Pilot Certificates

Still hanging onto your paper pilot certificate? You'll need to upgrade to a plastic pilot certificate by March 31, 2010. The FAA released its final rule on Feb. 28, announcing the required switch to the certificate it deems is more counterfeit resistant.

If you are attached to your paper certificate and original issuance date (the plastic certificate will have a new one), don't worry. You can keep your paper certificate for nostalgia; you just can't use it to fly. If you do miss the 2010 deadline, you won't have to take a checkride or any exams to get back in the air as pilot in command. Simply request the plastic certificate through the FAA's Web site (http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/). The cost is \$2. However, if you change your pilot certificate number from your Social Security number, the switch is free.

Temporary, student, and flight instructor certificates are not impacted by this rule. Those with nonpilot certificates, such as ground instructors, flight engineers, and mechanics, will have until March 31, 2013 to change to a plastic certificate.

Pilots can request the plastic certificate Because the FAA is currently processing replacement certificate for pilots who fly internationally to meet the "English proficient" endorsement, pilots might want to wait a few weeks before requesting a plastic certificate to prevent a backlog.



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Ballooning Fashion Flare Brunch



Monica Thompson



Wall Hanging by Barb Jones



Nikki Casey



Quilt by Linda & Allison Brown

*Janice Shelton - first place in the
Quilt and Hoodie/Jacket category*



Calendar of Events


- 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*

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Happy Birthday

Jeremy King	4-1	Melissa Bloom	5-1
Keonna Kintzel	4-1	Jessica Stone	5-2
Emma Thompson	4-1	Rosa Tierman	5-2
Roger Gray	4-2	Rachel Ong	5-4
Carol Harris	4-3	Amber Clark	5-5
Regan Bishop	4-4	Barbara Jones	5-6
Angelica Corbin	4-4	Bill Marhoun	5-6
James Mueller	4-4	John Lewis	5-7
Ryan Stone	4-5	Jerry Jensen	5-8
Phillip Smith	4-7	Jensen Bishop	5-10
Jennifer Hermanson	4-8	Marcy Hoch	5-10
Joseph Seymour	4-9	Ward Roscoe	5-12
Rick McCubbin	4-10	John Winkel	5-12
Casey Frame	4-11	Paige Erger	5-14
Barb Knoll	4-11	T.J. Appenzeller	5-15
Gavin Pash	4-12	Donna Rieck	5-15
Lisa Stone	4-12	Tammy Hatcher	5-17
Barb Van Wyngarden	4-12	Daisy Pieper	5-18
Justin Winkel	4-12	Don Prine	5-18
Peggy Bloom	4-13	Elsie Cloyd	5-22
Ron Dalby	4-13	Melissa Coe	5-22
Jim Gebhart	4-14	Melissa Nutting	5-23
Jay Holcomb	4-14	Karen Worthington	5-23
Brad Craig	4-15	Nathan Dobesh	5-25
Dixie Ruble	4-17	Jeff Lawrence	5-25
Gary Lawrence	4-21	Diane Roscoe	5-27
Barbara Lewis	4-21	Jeanne Wiley	5-29
Tony Oberman	4-21	Sherry Techau	5-31
Kimberly Jones	4-22	David Ong	5-31
Ralph Rieck	4-22		
Michael Wilhelm	4-23		
Jacob Hermanson	4-24		
Katie Walker	4-24		
Christopher Reinert	4-25		
Patti Todden	4-25		
Ashley Jensen	4-26		
Cathy Williams	4-26		
Jon Hatcher	4-26		
Donna Hill-Snipes	4-27		
Kelly Danielson	4-30		



New addresses:

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Happy Anniversary

Gary & Elaine Lawrence	4-5
Keith & Cathy Williams	4-8
Jim & Cheryl Gebhart	4-9
Mike & Pam Hadley	4-13
Stevan & Gretchen Ryan	4-19
Jamie & Rhonda Bishop	4-24
Brian & Chris Seymour	4-28
Gerald & Mary Conklin	4-29
BJ & Wendi Anderson	5-1
Bret & Melissa Christian	5-5
Terry & Gina Garrett	5-12
Larry & Barb Van Wyngarden	5-12
Brett & Melissa Boerner	5-12
Terry & Karin Riepe	5-18
Jay & Juaquetta Holcomb	5-29



The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ March 26-27 – Ground School. Cost \$50 (\$25 for 2nd family member)
- ★ April 16 – Ode to Spring & FFA Safety Meeting.
- ★ 3-13-1983 Ralph Rieck received his Private license.
- ★ 3-19 & 20, 1983 BOI Initiation: The annual initiation of new members into Balloons Over Iowa was conducted the evening of Saturday, March 19 and the morning of Sunday, March 20. Initiation rites were conducted by Messieurs Boettcher, Griffin, Bartholomew, King and Prine in an environment characterized by great solemnity and little sobriety – or visa versa. A smashing time was had by all, particularly Paul Randleman, who as I understand is home now and appreciates all the cards and letters. Rabbi Boettcher conducted the ceremony wearing a flowing off white habit discarded by a defrocked monk and was assisted by King and Prine, who were semi formally attired. Bartholomew and Griffin directed the initiates through the complex and intricate occasion to a new and rhythmic chant, discovered by them sometime earlier in the evening, of “pinch-pinchy”. The highlight of the evening occurred, after Paul Randleman regained consciousness, when a unanimous ballot was cast for Ted Mart as recipient of the most prestigious Tucker Comstock Award.
- ★ April 17, 1983 Ode to Spring: Gary King – Balloonmeister; Rob Bartholomew – Safety Officer; Bill Griffin – Weather officer. Crew of the Year – DJ Dare

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ March, 1988 Ground School. Instructors – Rob Bartholomew, Jerry Riley, Bill Griffin, Don Prine, Dennis Firestone, Jim Oakes, Donna Rieck, Bill Woodman, Dave Edmister & Steve Hoover. Gary Ford

was Groundschoolmeister & Wayne Wasson was the assistant.

- ★ March '88 newsletter: Events on the '88 calendar – Dubuque, Waterloo, Mason City, Kansas City, Quad Cities, Ottumwa, Grinnell, Nationals in Indianola, Iowa championship in Oskaloosa, Storm Lake, Altoona, Creston; BOI yearly dues \$10
- ★ 10th Annual Ode to Spring: Balloonmeister – Don Prine; 1st Assistant Balloonmeister - Jerry Riley; 2nd Assistant Balloonmeister – Dave Edmister; Safety Officer / FAA & BFA Liaison – Rob Bartholomew; Weather Officer – William Griffin; Mother Nature tried to win again, but being the corn fed Iowans that we are, we didn't let her stop the race. The launch field was very crowded with approximately thirty balloons. Almost all inflations went well except one of our Founding Fathers, whose top blew out. Extra ballast had to be carried due to high winds in the area and our imaginative pilots came up with various items such as sand, beer, crackers and even money to help weigh them down. Even with this added weight, some of them reached record breaking altitudes, getting dangerously close to some anvil clouds that were creating much turbulence. At the end of the event, some balloons still hadn't descended from their lofty heights. This may have been attributed to the fuel they were using. With electrical storms in the area, propane was not used as fuel, helium was opted instead. The pilots had to create their own steering winds to guide their balloons to the X. Some met their fate early in the race. Win or lose, everyone had a great time. 1988 Pilot of the Year – Norm Fee; Crew of the Year – Jim & Sandie Cate & Donner; 88-89 BOI Board – Sherry Allsup, Sandi Cate, Dennis Firestone, Ted Mart & Dan Terry.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 3-16-93 St. Pat's party: Georgia Oakes won Irish Stew Cook-off; New members- Jenn McMahan, Kristi Brown, Jan Orner, Ron Cordray, Eric Mildebrath, Mark Weeks, Gary Page, Bill Smith, Geri McGonegle, Jay Reinert, Terry McGonegle, Rick Poe, Joe Ringo, Terry Hayes, Mike & Barb Hadley, Chuck Schrader, Lizz Todd, Joel Blom; The Leprechauns were a little rowdy, however not as rowdy as some of the initiates.
- ★ March 21, 1993 BOI Meeting: 13 Members present; Meeting chaired by Gerry Prine; Altoona Balloona canceled for '93; BOI's new theme song – “Get Me To The Keg On Time”. Rob Bartholomew named as Father Confessor. Even though Wayne was late to the St. Patty's party, he remains Kegmeister – he has promised to do his duty as Kegmeister.
- ★ April 18, 1993 BOI Meeting: 12 Members present; Meeting chaired by Mark Weeks
- ★ Ode to Spring: Balloonmeister - Jim Fromm; Assistant Balloonmeister - Mark Weeks; Flight Rained out;

Baskets decorated as May baskets for a parade around the square; Pilot of the Year – Danny Campbell; Cleo award - Linda Bartholomew; Crew of the Year - Fromms; New board - Jeri McGonegle, Barb Thompson; Joel Blom, Mike VanHamme, Denny Desenberg

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ St Pat's party: Irish Stew Cookoff – Judges – Mike VanHamme, Martha West & Jim Gebhart; 1st place Becky Wigeland, 2nd Helen Bartholomew, 3rd - Louise Clemons; BOI initiation – 30 new members including Barb Knoll; Max, Carol & Mark Harris; Sean Purdy; Deb, Tamra, Danielle & Michael Hudnutt; Martha & Steve West; Drew & Kathy Gocken; Betty Crawford; Camie Powers; Gil Wigeland; Eric Brown; Derek Nordhagen & Jeremy Rubin; The leprechauns maintained tradition & got out of control; It was the best of times & the worst of times - the barley pop machine went dry at 9pm!
- ★ March 15, 1998 BOI Meeting: 23 members present; Meeting chaired by Keith Williams; Jim Oakes to BBQ for Ode to Spring – Gretchen voted for a hog roast; History made – BOI to purchase POP (for the kids at Ode); An attempt was made to change BOI voting from Okie Dokie & Not a Chance to Yes or No – motion failed; Motion made to have outgoing board wear their beer hats during the awards ceremony at Ode – then remove them & present them to the new board.
- ★ April '98 - Max, Carol & Mark Harris have purchased a balloon. Mark is training with Bill Clemons
- ★ 5-26-1998 Dan Corbin received his private pilot license.
- ★ Veisha flight - 10 balloons launched from the south parking of the ISU football stadium & flew over Ames - last minute gathering of pilots. One pilot & co-pilot flew over a dorm with some nude sunbathers. All gathered at Denny & Jodee Anderson's for BBQ & refreshments
- ★ April 19, 1998 BOI Meeting: 20 members present; Meeting chaired by Dean Ann Netley
- ★ Ode to Spring; The only balloons that flew were latex & filled with helium - a Tornado watch put the damper on the hot air type flying; Pilots were given a wonderful pilot pack & competed in a balloon flight at the Balloonport - the winner was a tie between Don Prine & Jill Rubin with Don winning the coin toss for 1st place & Jill receiving 2nd, 3rd place was Mike Oberman; A keg record was broken - the keg ran out at 7:30, luckily a 2nd tap was available; BBQ Pork served by the Swine & Dine BBQ team – Jim & Greg Oakes; No one met the criteria for Pilot of the Year; Crew of the Year was the Jill Rubin crew; Conklins added replicas of their hats “Old Fart & Mrs. Old Fart” to the traveling Crew of the Year Trophy; Cleo award to Jill Rubin; New board members - Jodi DeZurik, Cheryl Gebhart, Brian

Seymour, Steve West & Cathy Williams.

- ★ May 17, 1998 BOI Meeting: 14 members present; Meeting chaired by Cheryl Gebhart; BOI purchasing 30-60 more chairs - parties getting too big; Meika Bartholomew introduced - Gretchen's new sister. Meika voted in as BOI vice president

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ St. Patrick Day party. Six cooks submitted Irish Stew for judging for the Cookoff. 1st place - Jim Fromm, 2nd place - Ann Diehl, 3rd place - Wayne Wasson. 11 new members initiated including: Heather Fromm, Robert Fromm, Brett Sacora, Mark Degen, Michele Degen, Debbie Flinn, Ray McDole, Lana McDole, Niki Hoffman, Anthony Vandroekhulzen and Nicole Churchill.
- ★ At the IBA Safety Seminar, Rob Bartholomew was named 2002 IBA Champion and Dick Drake was named 2002 Iowa Balloonist of the Year
- ★ March 15 BOI meeting: Meeting chaired by Mark Harris; 15 members present; Retirement Home Committee Report: 27 plans for possible centers. The committee is working hard, but is "Hopelessly bogged down". They are meeting nightly at their office until 1-2 a.m., bending elbows; Sandy Drake chosen to be the Head of Security for the Presidential & VP detail
- ★ March 28th, 2003 Rob and Linda Bartholomew celebrate their 25th Anniversary as a repair station.
- ★ March 30 Casey Clemons born to Benji & Christine Clemons.
- ★ 4-20-03 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Don Prine; 15 members present
- ★ 25th Annual Spontaneous International Invitational Balloons Over Iowa Ode to Spring Balloon Bash April 26, 2003: Ode Officials: Balloonmeister Emeritus: Elton Freeman; Co-Assistant Balloonmeisters - Dick Drake & Rob Bartholomew; Safetymeister - Jerry Riley; Weathermeister - Jerry Riley; Assistant Weathermeister - Bill Griffin; The official tasks were canceled, but four balloons took off from the "Honey hole" at the balloon field – Brad Craig, Todd Netley, Aaron Foelske & John Jensen and landed near Carlisle; The original Balloonmeister – Elton Freeman spoke about the beginning of ballooning in Iowa; Wayne Wasson popped out of the BOI Anniversary cake! Honored guests introduced - previous Ode to Spring winners, Pink Fuzzies, Giant Leprechauns; 2003 Crew of the Year: Last year's winner Linda Bartholomew added a red truck with Gretchen & Meika in the back to the traveling trophy. This years winners - Linda Pickering & Jack & Linda Williams – members of the Golden Griffin crew; 2003 Pilot of the Year: Eric Brown; 2002 BOI Champion: Benji Clemons; 2003 Cleo Award: DeanAnn Netley for her work as the Kidmeister;

Founding Fathers Award: Carol Harris for her work on the BOI History; 2003-2004 BOI Board: Carol Harris, Derek Nordhagen, Richard Pash, Patti Todden, Wayne Wasson. This is the first time that the Founding Fathers have had to choose members to be on the board who have been on previously; Hypnotist Ray Thompson presented a great show – hypnotizing Jim Gebhart & Tom Ricke.

- ★ April 28th Julianna Mae was born to Mason & Heather Fromm. Proud grandparents are Jim & Rita Fromm.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

January 20, 2008

Present: Bill Griffin, Ken & Jerry Bolton, Dick Drake, Rob Bartholomew, Scott Armstrong, Brad & Amy Craig, Colton Craig, Madison Williams, Ariel Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Jeremy King, Phil Smith, Michelle Craig, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Jen & Derek Nordhagen, Riley Nordhagen, Josie Nordhagen, Caleb Nordhagen, Elmo Nordhagen, Sandy Drake, Bill Craig, James & Brendon Cahill, Max & Carol Harris

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Armstrong at 6:37:43. Members popped a top.

Secretary's report: Minutes from November meeting presented. Bill G. moved to approve secretary's report, Max & Dick 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Pending, the treasurer is at the computer

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here
- ★ Jeremy reported on Mexico event. He said it was the best event he'd attended. Flying was great. Leon is NW of Mexico City about 100 miles. It is at 6000 feet elevation.

Treasurer's report: We have 278 cases

Return to Old Business:

- ★ Ground School: we have 6 interested at this point. It is Feb 16-17.

Bill called for a Ponderance. Dick read from his Book of Imponderables "Why are graves 6' deep?" You had to be there.

New Business:

- ★ Carol received inquiry about the club from someone who is organizing a Balloon Club segment at the BFA National Convention. Bill read the reply that Carol sent. Max moved to double Carol's salary. Bill 2nd after

adding a friendly amendment. Motion carried.

- ★ Rich Jaworski made another flight this weekend for a record breaking attempt. He flew for 19 hrs.
- ★ We need a balloonmeister for Ode. Scott Armstrong "volunteered".
- ★ Guests introduced - James & Brendon Cahill. They are interested in crewing. They have crewed some for Todd Patterson.
- ★ Ode to Spring will be our club's 30th anniversary.
- ★ Brad reported on the recent Pilot Relations meeting. The Classic board has voted to raise the registration fee to \$150 & to pay-out to the top 10 places instead of the top 20. Discussion, discussion.

Bill moved to adjourn, Joel 2nd. Motion passed. Dick voted "not a chance" in the absence of Old Business. Meeting adjourned 7:42:04.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

February 17, 2008

Present: Bill Griffin, Ken & Jerry Bolton, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Linda Bartholomew, Brad Craig (arrived at 5:36), Phil Smith, Michelle Craig (arrived at 5:33), Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Sandy Drake, Max & Carol Harris

Meeting called to order by Chair Dick Drake at 5:17:01.

Let the minutes reflect that Sandy has a glove already

Secretary's report: Minutes from January meeting presented.

Phil Smith arrived - he passed the written test. There were lots of questions on Airspace. Darcy Hoch passed also.

Bill G. moved to approve secretary's report, Max 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Not present

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here. He was at Ground School. Dick is Substitute "Old Business".
- ★ Ground School - we lucked out weather wise. It was not as icy as predicted. Thanks to Donna Rieck for all the goodies. The instructors were given a round of applause. Discussion on the rate of pay for instructors. 14 students attended. Thanks also to Linda & Phyllis for cooking the meals. They were busy ringing chicken heads & boiling the feathers off! Thanks to Boltons & the rest who helped set up
- ★ Carol passed out brochures on the BFA convention.

Someone requested a ponderance, but Dick did not bring his

book of Imponderables.

- ★ Bill moved to have Carol send next year's Ground School info to IBA, Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri clubs and we will reciprocate with their info. Phyllis 2nd. Motion carried.

New Business:

- ★ Bill moved to have Joel investigate the cost of purchasing a Laptop & InFocus projector & ELMO. This could be used also by the Balloonport staff. Carol 2nd. Discussion. Instructors could do their Ground School presentations on Powerpoint or used paper on the projector. Motion carried, one "Not a chance".

The President, Security officer & VP emphatically greet Rob.

- ★ Becky Wigeland has requested a donation for the museum. Bill requests info from Jen on our prior donations. We will table this for now.
- ★ Brad reported on Pilot Relations. The Classic board decided to continue to pay the top 20, but no pay out for morning tasks. They will pay top 5 in the evening. Registration will be \$150.

Michelle cracked her knuckles. Members in awe.

- ★ Discussion on Green Beer for St. Pat's party. Since we now purchase cans, that would be hard to do.
- ★ Carol moved, Phyllis 2nd that Jen be in charge of St. Pat's party. Motion approved.
- ★ Galena race is June 20-22. \$50 payable to Dick Drake!

Max moved to adjourn & get to the food. Brad 2nd. Motion carried, one "Not a Chance". Meeting adjourned 6:13:57.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary.

February Pilot Relations Meeting

Attendees: John Jensen, Jeremy King, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Brad Craig, Benji Clemons, Todd Isley, Bob & Janice Shelton, Joel Worthington, Leroy Clair, Dale Crain, Al Appenzeller.

Ritz: The Ritz occurred on Feb 9th @ the Des Moines Marriott. A new venue allowed more space to talk and mingle. Many pilots and crews were attendees. Estimated 425 attendees. Pilot & crew were well represented and supported the event as in past years.

Pilot Proposal:

- The Classic Board decided to keep the increase (\$50) in pilot registration. Will be \$150.
- Pilot housing per diem from \$22 to \$25. Could be a possible increase from Simpson, but the Classic increase will cover the Simpson increase.
- Kept the Banner at the normals of 600 for one banner and 800 for two banners. No increase

- Kept the Prize money from 1 to 20 and NOT changing it to 1 to 10.
- Kept the Per flight money the same but removed the per flight money in the AM (Sun - Sat).

Classic Map: Will start working on the Classic Map PZs.

Classic Registrations: Should be coming out in Feb or March.

Sat Eve - Pilot, Crew & Volunteer party -- Sheri Clark and her brother gave the Classic Board a proposal for cooking the meal and with the assistance of IBA and BOI in providing the food. The Classic would provide the paper products, pop and beer, and entertainment.

The NEXT Pilot Relations will be March 6th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Balloon Museum.

Hope to see everyone there.

John Jensen

2008 BFA Hot Air Balloon Camp

The co-ed (yes, that opens a new discussion) 5 day 2008 hot air balloon camp is scheduled to occur July 13-17 in Texas. If you know of a teenager 13-18 who would like to attend, please contact me for details. The group last year had a great time and several are returning (one will be coming for her 4th time!) in 2008.

Some of the sessions include:

- ▶ Mini ground school (the kids will build and fly their own tissue balloons)
- ▶ Field first aid (presented by the American Red Cross)
- ▶ Weather meteorology (with visits to the National Weather Service and the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility)
- ▶ GIS (geocaching and mapping sessions)
- ▶ Competition ballooning (the kids will complete a series of tasks)
- ▶ Hands on ballooning (many of the campers are recruited at events and are new to ballooning so this is always a great session)
- ▶ Career exploration (Campers investigate careers associated with ballooning)
- ▶ Balloon repair (fan maintenance, proper rigging and visual inspection of equipment)
- ▶ Event planning (campers will discuss ways to use ballooning in schools for projects- great outreach tool)
- ▶ Power Line Safety (Electric Co. with a visual display)

Our attendees range from experienced to newbies so don't let those ballooning wanna-be's get too intimidated. We welcome ALL interested in learning more about ballooning.

The cost this year is \$375 per camper. This covers all expenses for the camper including housing and meals. We stay on a college campus in the dorms for 5 days and yes, we are gladly accepting scholarship donations.

Please make donations payable to:

BFA Summer Camp Scholarships
P.O. Box 400
Indianola, IA 50125

Thanks and have a great evening.

Shelley Caraway
BFA Youth Program Chair

Breaking the Sound Barrier Without an Airplane

Joe Kittinger is not a household aviation name like Neil Armstrong or Chuck Yeager. But what he did for the U. S. space program is comparable. On Aug. 16, 1960, as research for the then-fledgling U. S. space program, Air Force Captain Joseph Kittinger rode a helium balloon to the edge of space, 102,800 feet above the earth, a feat in itself. Then, wearing just a thin pressure suit and breathing supplemental oxygen, he leaned over the cramped confines of his gondola and jumped--into the 110-degree-below-zero, near-vacuum of space.

Within seconds his body accelerated to 714mph in the thin air, breaking the sound barrier. After free-falling for more than four and a half minutes, slowed finally by friction from the heavier air below, he felt his parachute open at 14,000 feet, and he coasted gently down to the New Mexico desert floor.

Kittinger's feat showed scientists that astronauts could survive the harshness of space with just a pressure suit and that man could eject from aircraft at extreme altitudes and survive. Upon Kittinger's return to base, a congratulatory telegram was waiting from the Mercury seven astronauts--including Alan Shepard and John Glenn. More than four decades later Kittinger's two world records--the highest parachute jump, and the only man to break the sound barrier without an aircraft and live--still stand. We decided to visit the retired colonel and Aviation Hall of Famer, now 75, at his home in Altamonte Springs, Florida, to recall his historic jump.

FORBES GLOBAL: Take us back to New Mexico and Aug. 16, 1960.

Joe Kittinger: We got up at 2 a. m. to start filling the helium balloon. At sea level, it was 35 to 40 feet wide and 200 feet high; at altitude, due to the low air pressure, it expanded to 25 stories in width, and still was 20 stories high! At 4 a. m. I began breathing pure oxygen for two hours. That's how long it takes to remove all the nitrogen from your blood so you don't get the bends going so high so fast. Then it was a lengthy dress procedure layering warm clothing under my pressure suit. They kept me in air-conditioning until it was time to launch because we were

in the desert and I wasn't supposed to sweat. If I did, my clothes would freeze on the way up.

How was your ascent? It took an hour and a half to get to altitude. It was cold. At 40,000 feet, the glove on my right hand hadn't inflated. I knew that if I radioed my doctor, he would abort the flight. If that happened, I knew I might never get another chance because there were lots of people who didn't want this test to happen. I took a calculated risk, that I might lose use of my right hand. It quickly swelled up, and I did lose use for the duration of the flight. But the rest of the pressure suit worked. When I reached 102,800 feet, maximum altitude, I wasn't quite over the target. So I drifted for 11 minutes. The winds were out of the east.

What's it look like from so high up? You can see about 400 miles in every direction. The formula is 1.25 x the sq. root of the altitude in thousands of feet. (The square root of 102,000 ft is 319 X 1.25 = 399 miles) The most fascinating thing is that it's just black overhead--the transition from normal blue to black is very stark. You can't see stars because there's a lot of glare from the sun, so your pupils are too small. I was struck with the beauty of it. But I was also struck by how hostile it is: more than 100 degrees below zero, no air. If my protection suit failed, I would be dead in a few seconds. Blood actually boils above 62,000 feet. I went through my 46-step checklist, disconnected from the balloon's power supply and lost all communication with the ground. I was totally under power from the kit on my back. When everything was done, I stood up, turned around to the door, took one final look out and said a silent prayer: "Lord, take care of me now." Then I just jumped over the side.

What were you thinking as you took that step? It's the beginning of a test. I had gone through simulations many times--more than 100. I rolled over and looked up, and there was the balloon just roaring into space. I realized that the balloon wasn't roaring into space; I was going down at a fantastic rate! At about 90,000 feet, I reached 714mph. The altimeter on my wrist was unwinding very rapidly. But there was no sense of speed. Where you determine speed is visual--if you see something go flashing by. But nothing flashes by 20 miles up--there are no signposts there, and you are way above any clouds. When the chute opened, the rest of the jump was anticlimactic because everything had worked perfectly. I landed 12 or 13 minutes later, and there was my crew waiting. We were elated.

How about your right hand? It hurt--there was quite a bit of swelling and the blood pressure in my arm was high. But that went away in a few days, and I regained full use of my hand.

What about attempts to break your record? We did it for air crews and astronauts--for the learning, not to set a record. They will be going up as skydivers. Somebody will beat it someday. Records are made to be broken. And I'll be

elated. But I'll also be concerned that they're properly trained. If they're not, they're taking a heck of a risk.

Submitted by Judy Ong

BOI Club Information

I was recently contacted by Kathy Thompson of the NE Ohio Balloon Pilots Organization. She is putting together a segment for the National Balloon Convention on Balloon Clubs. She requested a variety of information on our club. I replied, then shared my reply at the next BOI meeting. Some of the members liked the reply so much that they voted to double my salary if I published the reply in the next newsletter. So here it is - bring on the big money!! Carol

Our club membership is currently 114 family memberships. I currently have 399 on the birthday list, so I would think somewhere in the 400 member range would be close to accurate. I don't have a specific list of pilots, but counted out 92 and some families are multiple pilot families, so probably around 100 pilots. We have members from 9 states, but the majority are from Iowa.

Our club has, for the most part - 2 purposes - social & education. We have 3-4 large social events per year, plus monthly meetings. We have a Ground School every February which attracts students & pilots (for commercial testing) from many surrounding states. One of the ways we attract new members is to provide a yearly membership to the club for all those attending ground school. Ballooning is definitely not dying in Iowa. We normally have 20-40 students at Ground School every year. We have a St. Patrick's party with initiation of new members, Irish Stew cook-off & appearances by the Giant Leprechauns (an event not to be missed). In April is Ode to Spring - the first Iowa flying event of the year in which members come to fly, renew memberships, gather for a pot luck, appoint new board members, and present club awards. We, along with the other club in Iowa sponsor a tailgate event/party the last night of the National Balloon Classic in August. Then, we end the year with a Halloween party - pumpkin carving contest, chili cookoff, potluck, costume awards, etc. We meet monthly, unless it's flyable, then we all go fly.

BOI was formed in 1978 by the 5 we now refer to as "Founding Fathers". We celebrated the 25 year anniversary in 2003. We've never really had a problem with membership & no one worries too much about the future - every year Ground School seems to come off (run entirely by members who volunteer their time) and our social events continue to be popular.

Structurally, our club is pretty loosely run. Our President for life is Meika Bartholomew. She & our Vice President - Sandy Drake, are both dogs. Meika belongs to one of the Founding Fathers - Rob Bartholomew and Sandy belongs to long time member Dick Drake. They both write articles for

the bi-monthly newsletter (they're quite smart for dogs) and make like they run the club. The Founding Fathers choose 5 members to be on the Board of Directors for the club - no election, or any political maneuvering - they're just told they are on the board for the year. Only 2 or 3 members have been on the board for a second term, they've always been able to find new members to fill the positions. The board really has no power, either, they just chair the monthly meetings. Our club has only 1 rule "There are no rules!". No by-laws. We don't vote Yay or Nay at meetings, we vote "Okey-dokey" or "Not a chance". Sounds too simple to work, but it does work. We don't have a landowner program and our dues are \$20 per family.

Most balloonists in the state belong to both balloon clubs. They have the annual Safety Seminar, we have the Ground School. We each put out newsletters, alternating months. Since many balloonists from Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, etc come to Ground School, Safety Seminar, and local balloon events, the memberships of both clubs as well as many friendships cross state lines.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rich Jaworski. Rich recently completed another record setting flight. He flew 19 hrs and 3 minutes, which did not beat his record setting flight of last year, but covered 250 miles, breaking the AX-4 distance record.

Rich Jaworski landed "Adventure of the Heart" on the frozen surface of Big Doctor Lake, just outside of Siren, WI at around 4:30 am.

Rule Places Time Limit on Aircraft Transaction Paperwork

If you're planning to sell your aircraft, be aware of a new FAA rule. Effective March 31, once you sell or transfer your aircraft to a new owner, you have 21 calendar days to complete the information on the back of your registration card and return it to the FAA. The agency had proposed to set a five-day time limit, but after AOPA objected to this unrealistic requirement, the FAA adopted the 21-day rule. In addition, the FAA is also requiring that requests for new aircraft registration include typed or printed names along with signatures. The mandate is part of the FAA's Drug Enforcement Assistance Act, in which the agency is working to keep the U.S. aircraft registry up to date.

Know Your Fellow Balloonists

Max & I had a conversation with another balloonist once about the people involved in ballooning - how most get along when involved in ballooning, but we really don't know much about their other life - work, etc. I thought it would be fun to do something about people's jobs &/or other interests, so, match the balloonist to his/her regular job. Next month I'll have one with some balloonist's other interests.

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| 1. | Scott Armstrong | _____ | a. Aircraft Mechanic (Iowa Air Guard) |
| 2. | Eldon "Gomer" Benus | _____ | b. Assist. Manager Godfathers |
| 3. | Bret Christian | _____ | c. Banker |
| 4. | Ron Dobesh | _____ | d. Banker |
| 5. | Dick Drake | _____ | e. Emergency Room RN |
| 6. | Sandy Drake | _____ | f. English language Learner Consultant |
| 7. | Matt Fenster | _____ | g. Feeder driver for UPS |
| 8. | Bill Griffin | _____ | h. Fire Chief |
| 9. | Carol Harris | _____ | I. Furniture Repair |
| 10. | Mark Harris | _____ | j. Hospital administrator |
| 11. | Max Harris | _____ | k. Hy-Vee |
| 12. | Jacob Hermanson | _____ | l. Meteorologist |
| 13. | Jay Holcomb | _____ | m. Nurse practitioner |
| 14. | John Jensen | _____ | n. Oracle Applications Supervisor (computer technology) |
| 15. | Rob Nutting | _____ | o. Owner Tristate Golf Cars |
| 16. | Steve Palash | _____ | p. Owner NCM Graphics - an office supply/print shop |
| 17. | Don Prine | _____ | q. Paramedic |
| 18. | Terry Reipe | _____ | r. Pharmacist |
| 19. | Karin Reipe | _____ | s. Propulsion Technician / Military |
| 20. | Tom Ricke | _____ | t. R&D Program and Engineering Manager (RF and radio design) |
| 21. | Donna Rieck | _____ | u. Retired |
| 22. | Brian Seymour | _____ | v. School administrator |
| 23. | Sherry Techau | _____ | w. Service counter clerk |
| 24. | Richard Techau | _____ | x. Warehouseman |
| 25. | Brad Temeyer | _____ | y. Web Developer |
| 26. | Patti Todden | _____ | z. VP of Banking operations |

If you'd like to participate in future versions of this - send Carol the following information:

Name _____ **Occupation** _____ **Other interests** _____

Something no one knows about you _____

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Dues!

If your label does not say 08-09, your dues are due. Complete the inserted membership form & bring to Ode or send it & \$20/family to:

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If you attended 2008 BOI Ground School your dues are complimentary up to April 2009.



Newsletter Deadline
 May 10

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

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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:
 April 20 <> May 18 <> June 15