

# Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

January-February, 2009

## BFA Director at Large Award

by Nancy Griffin, BFA Director at Large

Each year the Directors of the Balloon Federation of America has the opportunity to select a person or persons that the Director would like to honor. Now when you are one of three Directors at Large, you have lots of good ballooning folks to choose from. It is a tough decision for sure. I usually look for a person that works behind the scenes.

This year I looked towards the National Balloon Museum. I have known about this person for a long time. Years of dedication to the Museum was a good start.

At the Annual General Meeting in Albuquerque I read the following words about this person. The best is that we (a group of fellow Museum folks) have kept this a secret since then.



The person who I'm giving my award to this year has been with the National Balloon Museum since about 1979. This person is the kind of volunteer everyone should have in the organization. She does love ballooning. Yep, now you know it is a lady - Mary Conklin.

There were a number of people who helped me with the following history of Mary's time at the Museum.

*Written by Mark Weeks:*

- ▶ She leads tours of the Museum
- ▶ She is an official scorer for the National Balloon Classic in Indianola, IA each year.
- ▶ She assists the Museum treasurer in many ways.
- ▶ She spent countless hours in getting donor lists for the main building of the Museum and the addition.
- ▶ She keeps the cash register drawer in order.

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## Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends!

As 2008 draws to a close, members of our ballooning community have been congregating at the Balloonport to reminisce about the past year and to voice their hope for the future. As your President, I am a good listener and occasional counselor.

I'm sure all years have high points and low points, but the consensus appears to be that the ups and downs have seldom been so pronounced and vivid. Many are blaming global warming for our disastrous floods and traumatic tornados. At the least, there have been lots of times and places where flying a balloon would have been ill advised.

On the national scene, the woes of Wall Street have contributed to economic collapse. Banks and auto manufacturers are vying for their piece of a 700 billion dollar bail out. BOI members have expressed resentment at the need to use our tax dollars to salvage institutions whose greed, management, and irresponsibility have led to a world-wide recession. It is particularly distressing when BOI has always modeled responsible planning and financial stewardship.

World wide we are still subjected to the presence of Al-Qaida and their persistent terror attacks. Conflict continues in Iraq. Israel and the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are lobbing bombs and mortars at each other. Pakistan and India, two nuclear armed neighbors, are massing at their border. Somali pirates have attacked over 40 ships in the Gulf of Aden.

Despite these gloomy scenarios, balloonists seem to be able to always find some cause for optimism. For every period of high fuel prices we have a period of low fuel prices. The election of a Democratic President (in the interest of honest journalism, however, this occasion is on the high list for some and the low list for others), the Olympics with Michael Phelps being acclaimed the greatest Olympian ever, and Iowa's own Shawn Johnson bringing home the gold. Iowa's football team made it to the Outback Bowl. However, that optimism is somewhat tempered by Iowa State athletics.

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## Letter from President Meika (continued)

Despite some problems, our ballooning community appears to remain positive. Many of the conversations in the Balloonport this time of year revolve around resolutions for the future. There is no way I can list them all, but representative resolutions are:

- Treat my chase crew more humanely
- Build a 21st century rail system
- Build the Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home
- Exercise and lose weight
- Plant more trees and shrubbery
- Pay my propane bill promptly
- Increase production of electricity using renewable sources of solar and wind energy
- Use manure more effectively

And my favorite, during 2009, make every flight, every party, and every new friend a vivid experience. Savor the great things we have, and always remember to:

Fly Safely,  
Meika

## Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Greetings from the Mexico Puppy/Dog Resort! The weather here in Mexico is awesome!

I just realized it's time for another article for the Balloons Over Iowa newsletter. Since I'm out of town I'm having to paw this article out on Dad's smart phone.

I think I need to have Dad get me one of these or at least have one on hand to make me look important as I take my walk around Radcliff!

I decided it was time to take a vacation somewhere warm. I've heard reports that folks in Iowa had 60 degrees one day, an ice storm the next, and flooding after that.

I'm not sure I'm ready to come back to all that. The Puppy/Dog Resort in Mexico is a great place to vacation!

Before I sign off, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'm not sure where 2008 went. I just hope 2009 brings us better weather, a better economy, and some great ballooning!

Congratulations to Jim and Connie Thompson who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! Best wishes to you both.

Time for me to sign off. I'm heading out for more sightseeing and some badly needed time in the sun.

As always, keep looking up.  
Sandy Drake

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- ▶ She spends countless hours keeping inventory counts for the Museum gift shop.
- ▶ She currently is the Secretary for the Museum Board and Endowment Board (we think she may have had this position since she started with the Museum)
- ▶ The best part is Mary Conklin is a wonderful person. Along with her husband Conk, their dedication to Museum is very much appreciated by all.

*Written by Maxine Weinmen:*

The Museum moved into the house on N. E St. in the fall of 1979. The Museum had the building and that enabled IBI and BFA to have offices there. The Mary was always interested, willing, and volunteering.

Even though not employed by the Museum--in 1981 when Jim and I were told by BFA to take an exhibit to the World's in Battle Creek- Conklins took (in their pickup) the panels we didn't have room to take in Laverty's motor home. We actually hadn't had much contact with them before that--and not much even then! But--they were a big help!

The relationship went on from there--working at the Museum I got to interact with Mary a lot as she was working in the IBI office and for the Museum membership drive, etc. When we moved from "the house" to North C St. Mary and Conk helped a lot. Mary and I ripped cupboards off the wall in the kitchen of the house and they were installed in the "copy" room at the present Museum building when we moved there!

We moved into the present building in 1988 and the Museum needed someone there at least part time to answer phone, etc. I am not sure when she started that position--and don't remember the hours--not full time by any means--but--she has been employed or volunteered since that time!

Mary has always been very committed to Indianola balloons and to the Museum!

*Written by Gary Ruble:*

Mary and "Conk", Gerald, have been fixtures at the Museum for a long time, probably in some way from the start of the formal Museum. Mary spends so much of her time during off hours that usually goes unnoticed.

After the Classic, she inventoried all of the items that we brought back from the balloon field. A necessary thing, but one that didn't get a lot of attention. Much of what she does is like that.

*Jim and Connie Thompson:*

We are sorry we will missed the presentation. Mary is such a good friend and so dedicated to ballooning.

## New Email addresses:

Bill & Becky Sponsler - bbsponsler@gmail.com

Paul Schneider - paul.schneider@mchsi.com

## Email received:

*GOMER IS ALIVE..... well kind of....haha*

*Still recovering the business and self from the Flood of 2008.....it has been hard this year.*

*Say HIGH or HI to everyone.*

*Gomer*

## Balloons Over Iowa Repair Station

Rob & Linda Bartholomew

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## Happy Anniversary

Ralph & Donna Rieck 2-3

Ken & Meg Allbaugh 2-6

Jim Snipes & Donna Hill-Snipes 2-14

Mary Huntington & Don Trebbien 2-14

Todd & Patti Isley 2-23

Jerry & Deb Jensen 2-25

Rob & Linda Bartholomew 3-10

Roger Gray & Malinda Patch-Gray 3-11

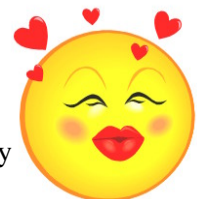
J.D. & Ruth Montague 3-14

Patti Todden & Richard Swanson 3-15

Mark & Sheri Moen 3-19

Thad & Peggy Bloom 3-27

Tom & Tammy Hatcher 3-31



## Calendar of Events

January 17 **National Balloon Museum's Ballooning Fashion Flare and Brunch**, Indianola, IA.  
**C o n t a c t** B e c k y a t  
 www.nationalballoonmuseum.com or call  
 515-961-3714

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

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

February 21-22 **BOI Ground School** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

March 8 **Time Change** "Spring Forward".

March 14 **St. Patty's Day party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

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

April 25 **Ode to Spring** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

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

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

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

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

July 31-August 8 National Balloon Classic Contact Greg Marchant - 515-961-8415 or info@nationalballoonclassic.com

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

September 5 - 7 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby** Brookfield, MO. Contact Sherry Techau 660 258-5290 or rstechau@classicnet.net

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

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

October 31 6:00pm **BOI Halloween Party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

November 1 Time Change "Fall Back".

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

*Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2009 to Carol - [hotairflyn@aol.com](mailto:hotairflyn@aol.com)*

## Happy Birthday

Maya Dalby	2-1	Jackson Bishop	3-1
Dunky Christian	2-1	Bill Christian	3-1
Tracy Urell	2-2	Chris Seymour	3-2
Max Harris	2-4	Gary Ruble	3-3
Luana Shull	2-4	Danie Dobesh	3-4
Becky Sponsler	2-4	Louise Clemons	3-7
Woofwoof		Jerri Hoover	3-7
Huntington-Trebbien	2-5	Jim Oakes	3-7
Gabe McCaughey	2-6	Deanna Ziino	3-7
Dan Harris	2-7	Mary Huntington	3-8
Linn Hoskins	2-7	Adam Schulte	3-8
Chris Oponski	2-7	Elaine Lawrence	3-9
Todd Patterson	2-7	Jennifer Winkenwerder	3-9
Darcy Hoch	2-8	Rob "B.J." Nutting	3-11
Patti Isley	2-10	Gavin Pash	3-12
Charles Winkenwerder	2-11	Kole Hoch	3-14
Jacquie Elsasser	2-12	Sherry Allsup	3-15
Patrice Winkel	2-16	Erika Nutting	3-15
Marsha Hoskins	2-17	Fred Schoening	3-15
Errin Patterson	2-17	Mason Fromm	3-16
Mark Moen	2-19	Judy Schoening	3-16
Quenton Nutting	2-20	Ronald Dobesh	3-17
Denny Craig	2-22	Steve Hoover	3-17
Theodore Mueller	2-22	Carmen Winkel	3-17
Richard Pash	2-24	Jim Snipes	3-18
Michele Rubin	2-24	Joel Foley	3-18
Bill Craig	2-25	April Oberman	3-21
Randy Stone	2-27	Larry Huffaker	3-23
Nelle Bartholomew	2-28	Jeff Thomm	3-23
Tom McCoy	2-28	Beth Pieper	3-24
Andy Ogden	2-28	Ruby Pieper	3-25
		Peyton Schulte	3-25
		Breiden VanBroekhuizen	3-25
		Peyton Schulte	3-25
		Bonnie Marhoun	3-26
		Brenda Reinert	3-26
		Rob Bartholomew	3-28
		Janice Shelton	3-30
		Meika Bartholomew	3-31



## BOI Year in Review - 2008

### January

- ◆ Ballooning Fashion Flare and Brunch. 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.
- ◆ Rich Jaworski made another flight for a record breaking attempt. He flew for 19 hrs.
- ◆ January BOI Meeting - 27 members present; meeting chaired by Scott Armstrong; We have 278 cases; Scott Armstrong "volunteered" to be balloonmeister for Ode; Guests introduced - James & Brendon Cahill; 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.

### February

- ◆ The National Balloon Classic's Puttin' on the Ritz was held February 9, 2008 at the Downtown DM Marriott
- ◆ Ground School was held February 16-17 at the BOI Balloonport. 14 students from 4 states attended.
- ◆ February BOI Meeting - 14 members present; meeting chaired by Dick Drake

### March

- ◆ St. Patty's Party. Irish Stew cook-off - First place was awarded to Jeremy King, 2nd - Lynn Craig & 3rd - Amy Craig; 24 new members initiated.
- ◆ March BOI meeting - 14 members present; meeting chaired by Thad Bloom; 357 ½ cases; BOI donated \$500 to the National Balloon Museum for flashing the outer walls prior to painting; Report on BOI - Retirement Home. Some members of the committee remain under government protection
- ◆ Mark Moen and Sheri Clark were married on March 19th in Hawaii

### April

- ◆ BFA National Convention held in Louisville, KY April 4-6, 2008.
- ◆ April BOI Meeting - 11 members present; chaired by Joel Worthington; We have 279 cases
- ◆ Ode to Spring - it was too windy to fly; Balloonmeister Scott Armstrong called an outdoor non-flying task - won by Don Prine!; BOI yearly awards: Crew of the Year - Steve & Kathi Pfeifer. Last year's crew of the year (Diamond Jake crew) added a cooler of Mt. Dew, a miniature fan, and a spider to the traveling trophy; Pilot of the Year - Jeremy King; Cleo Award - Jim Fromm for

his years of dedication to ballooning; 2008-2009 Board of Directors - Kirk Bloom, Jeremy King, Todd Patterson, Ken Bolton & Caitlin Oponski.

- ◆ Jennifer and Maury Petrehn became parents of a baby girl, Danielle Elizabeth Petrehn, born 4-29-08

### May

- ◆ May BOI Meeting - 14 members present; meeting chaired by Ken Bolton

### June

- ◆ Great Galena Balloon Race - 3 flights, one glow
- ◆ Sioux Falls Great Plains Balloon event - John Ninomiya flew his cluster balloon; 2 flights
- ◆ Clinton 08 - 2 glows, one flight
- ◆ Ottumwa - A wise suggestion was given at the first pilot's meeting - "Before you land, look down, if you can see yourself, don't land there!" 1 flight
- ◆ June BOI Meeting - 13 members present; meeting chaired by Jeremy King
- ◆ Jeremy King received his commercial license June 21

### July

- ◆ Ken Bolton received his private license July 5, 2008
- ◆ Adam Magee received his private license July 9, 2008. Adam is the son of Liz & Noel Magee.
- ◆ July BOI Meeting - 5 members present; meeting chaired by Kirk Bloom
- ◆ National Balloon Classic - 13 flights; Friday evening - Kersten Memorial outhouse flight. Aaron Gebhart knocked over the outhouse - the first time it has been hit in probably 10 years - he received the "Shitter-hitter" award; Gary Cass got a \$5000 pole-grab. John Russell award: Karin Riepe; Crew of the Year: All crews; Landowner of the Year: Jim Nichols; Newcomer of the Year: Ron Frusher; BCFA Pilot of the Year: #1 Kim Rosenboom, #2 Holly Pfeifer; Classic top 5 - 1. Johnny Petrehn 2. Maury Petrehn 3. Cory Bloom 4. Joe Heartsil 5. Steve Jones

### August

- ◆ Warren Stone passed away August 16th at home
- ◆ Barbara Van Wyngarden won the National Balloon Museum Photo Contest

### September

- ◆ Great Pershing Balloon Derby - 4 flights, 3 glows; 1. George Thomas 2. Jim Wolters 3. Bill Clemons; John Petrehn Memorial Cup - Adam Boden; Night glow winner - Kirk Bloom; Barb Davis was awarded the 2007 Spirit of Annie Award
- ◆ SW Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days - Creston, Iowa: 3

flights, 1 glow; Top 3 - 1. Dale Dommer 2. Brett Wiltse 3. Cory Bloom

- ◆ September BOI Meeting - 28 members present; meeting chaired by Caitlin Oponski; We have 250.66 cases

### October

- ◆ Iowa Balloonist Association and Balloons Over Iowa given BFA Directors Award
- ◆ 5 balloons flew over Lake Darling for the Jill Rubin Memorial flight
- ◆ October BOI Meeting - 11 members present; meeting chaired by Founding Father Bill Griffin; We have 250.66 cases; Lucy Nordhagen chosen to be the new Beermeister on Elmo's retirement
- ◆ BOI Halloween Party: 9 entries in the Chili cookoff; theme - roaring 20's, gangsters; Adult costume winners: 1. Carol Patterson 2. Lynn Craig 3. Stacey Dinnen 4. Jim & Connie Thompson; kids costume winners were: 1st place - Hana Appenzeller, 2nd place - Abbie Curtis, Scariest - Batman, Most original - Josie & Riley Nordhagen, Cutest - Caleb Nordhagen, Silliest - clown; adult winners were: 1st place - Dick & Phyllis Drake, 2nd place - Brad & Lori Curtis, Best group - Drakes and granddaughter & friend; Scott Armstrong won the pumpkin carving contest.

### November

- ◆ November BOI Meeting - 14 members present; meeting chaired by Kirk Bloom

### December

- ◆ Jim & Connie Thompson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

*Any additions or corrections to this list for 2008, contact Carol (hotairflyn@aol.com or phone 515 221-3193), so I can do an addition to the BOI History. I especially need dates of new licences, births, etc.*

## The Way It Was

### 25 years ago in BOI History:

- ☆ Cost of propane to rise from \$.75 to \$.85/gallon.
- ☆ Ken Allbaugh took a 92 year old man for his first balloon ride. Media covered with a front page article and picture in the Waterloo Courier.
- ☆ 1-14-1984 Henry Schick received his Private license. Henry went from being a first time balloon viewer at the '83 Nationals to Private Pilot and Balloon owner by January '84.
- ☆ Gary Fouche to take over as newsletter editor. BOI

started the as newsletter in October of 1982 with 35 newsletters sent out

- ☆ Subscription for BOI Newsletter now \$5 per year.
- ☆ Initiation of New BOI Members. Members to be initiated included: Father Burns, Norm & Kay Fee; Wayne Wasson; Gerald & Mary Conklin; Norm & Mary Dockstader; Henry & Richard Schick and Jim & Connie Thompson. The Pink Fuzzies (the precursors to Giant Green Leprechauns) made their traditional appearance and later provided the Moonlight for dancing.



### 20 years ago in BOI History:

- ☆ BFA Membership - \$36 for Pilot, student pilot, crew or observer. \$15 for each additional family member. No charge for Competition division.
- ☆ Feb. 11, '89 – Putt'n on the Ritz at the Indianola Country Club

### 15 years ago in BOI History:

- ☆ Steve Blank Memorial – Steve committed suicide Sunday December 26. “Steve was special in his own way. You just had to get to know him. Every balloon flight Steve took was a memorial flight to him and his fellow pilots. Steve’s last balloon flight was at the Iowa Balloon Championship. He was so delighted to have finished in the money.”
- ☆ January 16, 1994 BOI Meeting: “BOI Members were present”; Meeting chaired by Mike Van Hamme; \$573.61 in treasury;
- ☆ Ground School: Feb 4-6; 21 students from 5 states; profit of \$1500; organized by Rob Bartholomew & Gary Ford; Instructors - Joel Blom, Carl Young, Bill Griffin, Don Prine, Mark Ziino, Jim Fromm
- ☆ 2-24-1994 Matt Fenster received his Private license.

### 10 years ago in BOI History:

- ☆ Retirement committee continues its work (its a hard job, but someone has to do it). Jim Fromm,

Rob Bartholomew & Mike Oberman join the committee. Wayne & Don have invested \$29.12 & 3 cans of barley pop out of their own resources as a holding fee for 10 acres of land. This land was later found to be in the Red Rock flood basin. The proposal to purchase was withdrawn.

- ★ Scott Moon & Jill Rubin's new balloons arrived 1-5-99
- ★ January 17, 1999 BOI Meeting: 20 members present, but no board members present; Gretchen barred from the meeting due to the wet paint on the floor, so Bill Griffin chaired on her behalf; 2 barley pop machines approved for Ode & St. Pat's; Barb & Gerald's new balloon to arrive in February.
- ★ 1999 Puttin' on the Ritz a huge success. "Moments to Remember" was the theme – celebrating 30 years of ballooning in Indianola, as well as Indianola's 150th Birthday.
- ★ Margaret Edel Fromm & Bob Fromm united in marriage 2-14-99 - Jim Fromm's parents
- ★ Congratulations to Garry & LuAnn Miklus on the birth of their baby daughter - Erin Miklus born 2-17-99. She joins brothers Willy & Tim.
- ★ February 21, 1999 BOI Meeting: 24 members present; Meeting chaired by Bill Griffin; Ground School was successful - 16 private students, 8 for commercial test, 2 for commercial refresher, 5 crew. One student scored 100%, several 98%. Mike Oberman new Groundschoolmeister. Students from Missouri, MN, IA & Ill; Barb Knoll received her student license; Mike Oberman chosen as Official Kegmeister after the retirement of Wayne Wasson; Brian Seymour has been named Indianola's new fire chief

### 5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee presented 6 options for eventual construction of the BOI Retirement Home. There was a 30 way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- ★ New Years Party. There was a good crowd.
- ★ 1-18 BOI Meeting: 19 members present; Meeting chaired by Patti Todden; President Meika had minor surgery, she is recovering at home, with no loss of her ability to lead BOI. Rob will submit

charges to BOI Treasurer; Max Harris chosen as Balloonmeister for 2004 Ode to Spring

- ★ 1-31 Joel Worthington received his private license
- ★ BOI Ground school had a record number of students - 46 from 6 states
- ★ 2-22 BOI Meeting: 35 members present; Meeting chaired by Carol Harris; We have 86.8 kegs

### Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

November 16, 2008

**Present:** Michelle Craig, Brad Craig, Colton Craig, Ashley Williams, Kirk Bloom, Mary & Gerald Conklin, Rob Bartholomew, Jerry Bolton, Ken & Shanda Bolton, Bill Griffin, Max & Carol Harris

Meeting called to order by Chair Kirk Bloom at 6:35:25.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes from meeting presented. Max moved to approve secretary's report, Rob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer not present

#### Old Business:

- ★ He's not here
- ★ Mary reported on the Museum calendars. They have printed 100 calendars, to be sold for \$15. They already have orders for over 50. Call the museum if you would like to order one.
- ★ Rob reported on the 4 wheeler race held on his farm. It was very cold that weekend, so there were less spectators than expected. There were 30 states represented in the competition.
- ★ The Halloween party was a success. There was a good turnout, lots of kids, lots of entries in the chili cook-off, lots in costume.
- ★ The club thanks Jim Thompson for nominating the club for the Directors award that was presented at the Halloween party. Discussion on where to display the award. Issue tabled for now.
- ★ Ken Bolton reported on a Night glow they helped with for the Taste of Ankeny. John Jensen, Tim Cloyd & Todd Patterson all glowed. Discussion on possible balloon event in Ankeny.

#### New Business:

- ★ Mary brought information on the Museum Fashion Flare. It will be relocated to the Methodist church due to parking issues at the museum.

- ★ Discussion on UTM maps. Will await report from Cory or Scott.

Treasurer is now present. Members asked if BOI will need a bailout from the government. We can see if Mr. Harkin or Mr. Grassley will intervene on our behalf. Members felt we should ask for \$1 billion or 1 billion cases of beer. It must be American beer - no imports. This will help the economy by helping the beer brewers.

- ★ Kirk reported on attending Galena Halloween fest. They did a night glow one night & the parade the next night. His crew was dressed as the Addams family & Scott's crew was the Scooby-Doo gang.
- ★ Discussion on helping with or paying for improvements to the pilot compound at the Classic field. Discussion, discussion, discussion.
- ★ Carol passed out Ground School registration forms. She sent information to IBA, Missouri Balloon Club, Nebraska Balloon Club, Sioux Falls Balloon club, Minnesota Balloon club, Wisconsin Balloon Group, Illinois Balloon Club & Great Plains (Kansas) Balloon Club to be placed in their newsletters or passed on to interested members.

Bill moved to adjourn, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:19:18.

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Harris, secretary for life.

### **NTSB Reports**

#### **NTSB Identification: CHI07CA189.**

Monday, July 02, 2007 in Battle Creek, MI  
Aircraft: Cameron Balloons Z-77, registration: N4021M  
Injuries: 1 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

The balloon caught fire after landing during the Battle Creek Field of Flight Hot Air Balloon Festival. The pilot stated that after approximately one hour in the air, the balloon landed safely in a yard. When the pilot looked up inside the top of the balloon envelope, the "parachute top did not reseal." He attempted to reseal the top by using a "blast of heat" from the burners but it did not work. The pilot "knew the balloon would quickly sink down on top of the basket" so he turned the burners to their horizontal position and prepared to push the envelope fabric away. When the balloon envelope began to descend towards the ground the pilot reported that "we suddenly had a fire in the basket." Both the pilot and passenger were able to exit the basket. The pilot "determined the fire was coming from the burners" so he returned to the basket and turned off the fuel tanks. The fire was subsequently extinguished by the passenger and bystanders. An examination of the balloon after the accident revealed the fuel valve for the whisper burners was in the "on" position.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The whisper burner's fuel valve opening for undetermined reasons, which resulted in a fire after landing. A factor in the accident was the balloon envelope's parachute top not resealing.

#### **NTSB Identification: CHI07CA300.**

Sunday, September 16, 2007 in Creston, IA  
Aircraft: Cameron Balloons O-77, registration: N9539G  
Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Uninjured.

During a high-wind landing the balloon landed hard, the pilot was ejected from the basket, and the passenger pulled the envelope deflation line. The balloon came to rest against a barbed-wire fence. The passenger was seriously injured with a broken arm and the balloon's envelope was substantially damaged with several fabric tears and punctures. The accident flight was part of an organized balloon launch in conjunction with a balloon festival. At 0630, the pilot attended a prelaunch pilot meeting that included a weather briefing. At the time of that briefing the surface wind velocity was 4 knots. The surface wind velocity was forecasted to increase to approximately 10 knots by 1000 local time. Upon departure the encountered wind was greater than forecasted. As soon as it was practicable, the pilot performed a high-wind landing to an open hayfield at which time the hard landing was encountered. At 0819, a nearby weather station reported the surface wind was from the south-southeast at 4 knots, gusting to 20 knots. During the subsequent accident investigation, a wind model estimated the wind direction and velocity at approximately 700 feet agl to be from the south at 18 knots.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's inadvertent flight into adverse (high wind) weather conditions, which resulted in a hard landing. Contributing to the accident was the high wind encountered during the balloon flight and the barbed-wire fence.

#### **NTSB Identification: DFW07CA201.**

Sunday, September 16, 2007 in Bossier City, LA  
Aircraft: Ultra Magic M-56C, registration: N105WB  
Injuries: 2 Serious.

The hot air balloon landed hard during an organized balloon festival. The 472-hour commercial pilot reported that while attempting to land the hot air balloon within the "target area," he and the passenger were ejected from the basket during a hard landing. The balloon bounced and became airborne without any of the occupants. The pilot attempted to control the balloon by holding onto the balloon's tether rope. The unoccupied balloon ascended with the pilot holding onto the rope. The pilot was seriously injured when he was no longer able to hold onto the rope and fell to the



ground. In the recommendation section of the Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident Report (NTSB Form 6120.1), the pilot stated that the accident could have been prevented if he would have used a slower rate of descent. The winds at the time of the mishap were reported from 110 degrees at 4 knots.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to arrest an excessive descent rate prior to ground contact, which resulted in a hard landing.

**NTSB Identification: DEN07CA163.**

Thursday, September 20, 2007 in Hartsel, CO  
Probable Cause Approval Date: 11/29/2007  
Aircraft: Aerostar S81A, registration: 0N5294D  
Injuries: 1 Serious, 4 Uninjured.

According to the pilot, the departure and en route portion of the flight were normal. While setting up for the landing, the pilot noted the wind was approximately 10 to 14 knots and "nothing was unusual." During the touchdown, "the initial impact was hard, followed by a small hop, and then a second impact." One passenger sustained serious injuries.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the pilot's inability to maintain the proper descent rate. A factor contributing to the accident was the unfavorable wind conditions.

**A Member of the Thompson's Ballooning Family Will be Missed**

The Thompsons lost a member of their family the day before Thanksgiving. Not a member of our direct family but a beloved member of our ballooning family. On September 2, 1984, I took a sponsor on a ride at the Great Pershing Balloon Derby. That sponsor was Dorothy Grafton. Her family had purchased the sponsorship so that she could experience a balloon ride. On that flight I had a 2 foot drop on an intersection target and ended taking first place overall at the event. Dorothy so enjoyed the flight that she and the family continued to be our sponsor for the next 24 years.

Those of you that have been at the Brookfield Labor Day balloon event will remember Dorothy as the one that always had a breakfast spread in the back of her pickup truck at the propane line. She invited everyone to enjoy her homemade cinnamon or pecan rolls and anything else that she had to eat. Dozens of old lawn chairs were available so everyone could sit and enjoy the food. She would always show up for the evening flight with fixings for sandwiches and other food. In addition she invited us and our crew out to the farm for dinner on Sunday. These traditions are something that we will always remember. The Balloon Derby was one of the things that Dorothy enjoyed. Her entire family always

came home for Labor Day. It was a special time for her.


Over the years we watched Dorothy and Lloyd's family grow with the addition of grandchildren and great grandchildren. We attended the wedding of one of their grand daughters, Caroline at a small country church south of Laclede. We laughed when Dorothy was getting things organized for an outdoor reception. The wind was blowing like mad and Dorothy used clothes pins to hold her dress down. She told us that the dress was special for weddings and funerals. Sure enough she was buried in the same dress.

Several years ago, Dorothy had back surgery. The surgery did not go well and Dorothy was in much pain most of the time. You would never know that by looking at her. This past year she was diagnosed with leukemia. She refused chemotherapy because she could not endure the trip to Columbia, Missouri twice a week. Connie and I made the choice this year to attend the Brookfield event rather than go to Nationals in Anderson, SC. The choice was not hard to make and it turned out to be the right choice for several reasons. Even though it was difficult for her, Dorothy was at each flight and had us out to the farm for Sunday dinner just like always. We were glad that we were able to spend Dorothy's last Balloon Derby with her and her family.

I had the privilege of talking with Dorothy for about a half hour late in October. Connie had sent her flowers for her 80th birthday on October 18th and she called to thank us for remembering her. I knew she was in pain but she never let on or complained.

The Graftons, especially Dorothy, made us feel like we were members of her family. We welcomed that and can tell you that she will be missed by her family, including the Thompsons. The Great Pershing Balloon Derby will not be the same, although we will return. Lloyd told us at the funeral that the family will continue to be our sponsor. That is what families are all about.

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**Iowa Balloonist Association Continuing Education Seminar**  
**March 7, 2009**  
**DMACC Newton Conference Center**  
**Newton, Iowa 50208**

The basis for this one day seminar will be to satisfy the basic requirements by the Balloon Federation of America and qualify pilots for a possible insurance discount.

**Speakers and Topics;**

Brad Temeyer--National Weather Service Forecaster	Radar Soundings
Chris Manthe--Des Moines FSDO FAA Team Rep.	FAA
Paul Petrehn--2 time BFA U.S. National Champion	Pilot Decision Making
Bill Zangs--Commercial Airline Pilot	FARs
Martin Harms- Aerostar Balloons	Balloon Accidents
Bert Padelt--Repair Station & Manufacturer	Balloon Maintenance

**(\*\*Speakers and topics subject to change)**

**Seminar Information;**

Registration:	7:00 a.m. to 7:55 a.m.
Seminar:	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Lunch / IBA Meeting	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Seminar	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Mixer / Cash Bar	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Drawings for prizes will be held throughout the day.

**(\*\* Note: Times subject to change)**

Registration **postmarked on or before** February 14, 2009

Pilot \$70.00; Crew \$40.00

Registration **postmarked after** February 14, 2009

Pilot \$90.00; Crew \$50.00

For non-attendees joining us for lunch there will be a \$15 fee.

**(All fees are Non-refundable)**

Includes: Safety Seminar, snacks, lunch, certification of completion filing with the BFA, complimentary IBA membership, including newsletter, IBA Championship eligibility & more.

**Hotel Information;**

Hotel rooms are available at a rate of \$65.00 per night (plus taxes). **Reservations must be made by March 1, 2009** and you **must** mention your attendance at the IBA Continuing Education Seminar for the guaranteed room rate. Reservations may be made by calling:

**Holiday Inn Express**

208 West 4th Street North, Newton, IA 50208

(641) 792-3333

[www.holidayinnexpress.com](http://www.holidayinnexpress.com)

For more information please contact;

Joel Worthington at 641-831-3034 or email [Joel@diamondjake.com](mailto:Joel@diamondjake.com)

Or

Bob Shelton at 515-961-7935 or email [jansbobs@aol.com](mailto:jansbobs@aol.com)



# **Iowa Balloonist Association Competition Seminar**

**March 8, 2009  
DMACC Conference Center  
600 North 2nd Ave. W  
Newton, Iowa 50208**

**This is a half day program focused only on competition. This will be a no frills seminar, no breaks, snacks or lunch. Check in time will be at 8:00 AM. Start time for the seminar will be at 8:30 and run until about 12:00.**

**(All times subject to change)**

**There is no additional fee to attend this portion of the seminar with your paid attendance to the Continuing Education Seminar on March 7.**

**Our presenters for this seminar are Paul Petrehn from Cameron Balloons and 2 time BFA National Champion along with Bill Baker.**

**If you would like to attend, fill out the form below and mail with the regular IBA Continuing Education Seminar registration form. This will give us an idea how many may be interested in attending this portion of the seminar.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with completed application to:

## **Iowa Balloonist Association.**

Janice Shelton

Iowa Balloonist Association Continuing Education Seminar

11411 160th

Indianola, Iowa 50125

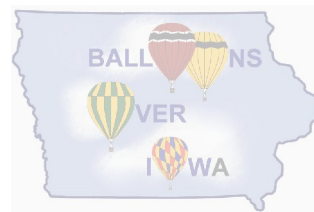
# Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2009

## February 21-22, 2009

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 20, 7:00 P.M.  
Class: Saturday, February 21, 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Class: Sunday, February 22, 8:00A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



**Fees:** Individual Enrollment Fee: \$195 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2009)  
\$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, 2009)  
\$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 190<sup>th</sup> Ave (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 190<sup>th</sup> Ave (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 190<sup>th</sup> Ave (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 190<sup>th</sup> Ave (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 190<sup>th</sup> Ave (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 190<sup>th</sup> Ave. Balloonport is 1 mile north of Highway 5.

**Note - be very cautious of the train tracks as you are turning onto 190<sup>th</sup> 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).



# Sunrise and Sunset for 2009

Indianola, IA

Location: W093 34, N41 22

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For locations other than Indianola - go to [http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS\\_OneYear.php](http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneYear.php)

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### **Newsletter Deadline**

March 10

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

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West Des Moines, IA 50265

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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:

February 15

March 15