

# *Balloons Over Iowa*



*Ode to Spring*  
*April 25, 2009*



## 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 2009-2010 Board.*

### *Ode Officials:*

*Balloonmeister - Joel Worthington*

*Assistant Balloonmeister - Todd Isley*

*Weathermeister - Bill Griffin*

*Assistant weathermeister - Brad Temyer*

*Pilot registrationmeister - Carol Harris*

*Pilot packmeister - Jen Nordhagen*

*Safetymeister - Rob Bartholomew*

*Launchmeister - Old Business*

*Scoremeisters - Conk and Mary*

*Balloonportmeisters - Rob & Linda  
Bartholomew*

*Prizemeister - Dick Drake*

*Kegmeister - Lucy Nordhagen*

*Barbequemeister - Derek Nordhagen*

*Keeper of the purse - Jen Nordhagen*

*Protest jury - Don Prine, Leroy Clair,  
Ken Bolton*

*Cleanup committee - Last 20 people there*

*Kidmeisters - John Jensen Jr, Michelle Craig*

***Front cover: 2008 BOI Champions 1. Brad Craig, 2. Dan Corbin, 3. John Jensen***

# Touch and Go

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March-April, 2009

## Ground School 2009

Ground School was held February 14-15 at the BOI Balloonport. 21 students from 5 states attended.

Thanks to all the instructors: Dick Drake (Sectionals), Donna Rieck (FAR's), Bill Griffin (Weather), Jason Jones (Equipment), Matt Fenster (Instruments) and Don Prine (Commercial – fundamentals of instruction). Thanks also to Rob & Linda Bartholomew for hosting the weekend.

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

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

Students attending were: Branden Bloom, Ken Bolton, Stanley Burgers, Devin Burnham, Patrick Cloyd, Tim Cloyd, Spencer Conlin, Jim Gebhart, Preston Gebhart, Garrett Hillary, Gary Hillary, Darcy Hoch, Michael Jones, Shawn Michael, Carolanne Norris, Troy Ohnemus, John Parezo, Angela Sutter, Brad Temeyer, Adam Thompson, Tyler Thompson

## Congratulations

- ★ Cory Bloom - 2008 BFA Iowa Champion  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jeremy Rubin, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Brad Craig
- ★ Kirk Bloom - BFA Top Rookie

Other state Champions:

- ★ Wisconsin - Ken Walters
- ★ Nebraska - Steve Lacroix
- ★ Missouri - Ken Shroeder

## Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends!

Anticipation, Anticipation... I've been howling that old song at the top of my lungs. Spring is nearly here. Although it appears to be coming in like a lion at many places in our nation, in central Iowa, it's coming in like a lamb. I've already seen my first robin. The calves will be here soon, and Dad is getting ready to plant corn. Dad is worried that crops yields might be good, which results in low prices. Of course, it may be a dry spring, in which case, crop yield will be low and it won't make any difference. I don't understand why anyone goes into farming but I try to be a good listener.

Our Ground School on Feb. 21 & 22 was a great success. As President of BOI, I want to extend appreciation to all the BOI members who contributed to the success of this activity. We had 12 aspiring new pilots and 8 pilots working on their commercial license. Iowa appears to be one of the nation's strongest ballooning communities.

Speaking of BOI members, on March 14, we have our St. Patty's Day Party at the Balloonport where once a year the opportunity to be initiated into BOI membership is extended.

Please make every effort to attend this wonderful solemn ritual to see:

- ◆ The splendor of the Giant Leprechauns
- ◆ The majestic march of the new members
- ◆ The dignity of the Founding Fathers
- ◆ The great food dropped on the floor

And don't forget Ode to Spring on April 25. That's where we usher in a new ballooning season and FLY, no matter what. Anticipation, Anticipation... Life is good. Always remember to:

Fly Safely,  
Meika

**Balloons Over Iowa President**  
Meika Bartholomew

**Balloons Over Iowa Vice-President**  
Sandy Drake

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Don Prine  
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## Letter from Vice-President Sandy

*Sandy's at a stakeholders meeting in Cabo San Lucas, so unable to pen an article for this month's newsletter.*

## 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/](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.

### Dues!

**If your address label does not say 09-10, your dues are due. Complete the membership form on page 15 & bring to Ode or send it & \$20/family to:**

**Carol Harris**  
**2305 Hillside Ave**  
**West Des Moines, IA 50265**



**If you attended 2009 BOI Ground School your dues are complimentary up to April 2010.**

# BALLOON FEDERATION OF AMERICA

## Pilot and Crew Achievement Award Programs

by Jim Thompson

On February 7th, I viewed the online BFA Safety Seminar presented by the FAA Productions Studio in Lakeland, Florida. The seminar was organized by BFA Board Member Don Edwards and lasted from 8:00 to 4:00 CST with a power line video shown over the lunch hour. I presented a session last year on Competitive Ballooning and was again pleased by this year's seminar. A number of good speakers presented varying ballooning safety sessions. BFA members received insurance credit for the seminar by taking an online test after the seminar was over. The test had questions on each session. There were approximately 100 attendees at the seminar and another 100 from all over the country viewed the seminar online.

Jeff Thompson was one of the presenters this year and spoke on the BFA Pilot and Crew Achievement Award Programs. He tied the programs into the theme that we should try to be the very best that we can and this can be achieved by participating in the programs.

Jeff mentioned that there were only two pilots in Florida that have achieved the top, Level 8, in the PAAP. Jeff is one of those pilots and Rob Schantz is the other. That got me thinking about where Connie and I rank in the programs. I knew that Connie was a Master Crew Chief (Level IV) in the CAAP and that I was at Level 7 in the PAAP. I took it upon myself to review the requirement for Level 8 and immediately recognized that I could achieve the top rating by turning in an application and documentation with an endorsement by a current or past BFA Board Member. My application has been submitted and should be approved in the near future.

This presentation also got me thinking about how Iowa pilots and crew members stand when compared to the other States in the North Central Region. Following is a listing of the Crew Achievement Award Program participants in the North Central Region:

### Crew Achievement Awards Program

#### North Central Region Participants

Last Name	First Name	State	CAAP Level	
Bair	David	CO	IV	
Davis IV	John	CO	IV	
Rymer Davis	Carol	CO	IV	
Waltman	Debby	CO	III	
Zinser	Janet	CO	III	
Waltman	Don	CO	II	
Yeager	John	CO	II	
Black	Marcus	CO	I	
Warner	Peggy	CO	I	<b>Total CO 9</b>
Thompson	Connie	IA	IV	<b>Total IA 1</b>

Hoskins	Marsha	MO	III	<b>Total MO 1</b>
DeWald	David	MT	II	<b>Total MT 1</b>
Lacroix	Elane	NE	III	
Skiba	Glenda	NE	II	
Skiba	Cole	NE	I	<b>Total NE 3</b>
Kullander	William	SD	IV	
Hajek	Wayne	SD	I	<b>Total SD 2</b>
Arnold	Roxie	WY	IV	
Arnold	Chris (2-Tall)	WY	IV	<b>Total WY 2</b>

Colorado leads the Region with 9 participants in the CAAP and has three Master Crew Chiefs (Level IV). It is noted that of those three, all are pilots and they also participate in the PAAP. Connie is the only participant in Iowa. If I can dig up the documentation, I may submit an application for the Master Crew Chief award. I am sure that I meet the requirements because of my crewing for Jeff before I became a pilot and because of my crewing for gas ballooning.

I would encourage all the Iowa pilots to look at the CAAP program and to also encourage their crew members to participate. I am sure that with a little effort we can exceed the number of participants in the other States in the Region. The requirements for the CAAP can be found on [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net). Click on the awards tab on the front page.

With regard to the PAAP, following is a listing of the participating pilots in the North Central Region:

### Pilot Achievement Awards Program

#### North Central Region Participants

Last Name	First Name	State	PAAP Level	
Davis IV	John	CO	8	
Rymer Davis	Carol	CO	8	
Dunn	Chauncey	CO	7	
Isler	Jim	CO	7	
Reinhard	Dewey	CO	7	
Stefan	Karl	CO	7	
Barz	Patricia	CO	6	
Bair	David	CO	4	
Scwartz	Lorin	CO	4	<b>Total CO 9</b>
Bartholomew	Robert	IA	8	
Campbell	Danny	IA	7	
Stamats	Susan	IA	7	
Thompson	James	IA	7	
King	Gary	IA	5	
Winegarden	Dennis	IA	5	
Griffin	William	IA	2	
Schick	Henry	IA	2	
Schick	Richard	IA	1	<b>Total IA 9</b>
Petrehn	Johnny	KS	8	<b>Total KS 1</b>
Chapman	Ed	MN	7	
Johnson	David	MN	5	
Schroeder	David	MN	5	

Terry Jr	Glen	MN	5		
Nickolay	Larry	MN	4		
Mildebrath	Eric	MN	1		
Sinnen	Stephen	MN	1	<b>Total MN</b>	<b>7</b>
Rapp	David	MO	8		
Woods	Randy	MO	8		
Caplan	Donald	MO	7		
Mroz	Stephen	MO	6		
Wooge	Scott	MO	6		
Heriford	Herb	MO	5		
Foltz	Stephen	MO	3		
Ritchie	Joe	MO	3		
Beck Jr	Arthur	MO	2	<b>Total MO</b>	<b>9</b>
DeWald	David	MT	3	<b>Total MT</b>	<b>1</b>
Jaworski	Richard	NE	8		
Cook	Charles	NE	7		
Kennedy	H. F. (Ken)	NE	5		
Skiba	Robert	NE	2	<b>Total NE</b>	<b>4</b>
Winker	Jim	SD	7		
Graves	Harold	SD	6		
Cass	Gary	SD	4		
Kullander	William	SD	1	<b>Total SD</b>	<b>4</b>
Arnold	Roxie	WY	3	<b>Total WY</b>	<b>1</b>

As is shown Iowa is tied with Colorado and Missouri with nine participants in the PAAP.

We currently only have one Level 8 pilot and that is Rob Bartholomew. With the number of pilots actively flying in Iowa, particularly with the number of new pilots, we should be able to double the number of participants in the PAAP and there are a number of pilots that could easily qualify for Level 8. I would encourage all the Iowa pilots to look at the PAAP program and to participate. The requirements for the PAAP can be found on [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net). Click on the awards tab on the front page.

### **BFA Board Meeting**

The BFA board will be meeting at the National Balloon Museum April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Members are welcome to attend. The meeting will convene at 8 A.M. Saturday and conclude about 12 noon on Sunday.

### **New Balloon Event**

Old World Ballooney will be hosting an open sanction Memorial Day weekend in Overland Park, KS. The event will be only for BFA sanctioned card holders and will consist of competitive flights on Sat, Sun, and Mon mornings with glows and potential sponsor flights on Sat and Sun nights.

The goal would be to build a new event in Kansas City that would be a yearly event. With the short notice, getting sponsorship to pay for hotel rooms and propane is probably

not going to happen, so anyone wishing to go should count on paying for their room and fuel.

Old World Ballooney has negotiated a special rate of \$49 per night for those who would like to go, and a special rate on propane as well.

For anyone interested, the details on the hotel and Jason's contact information are below, or can be found on the events link at [ia-championship.com](http://ia-championship.com).

Extended Stay America at 10750 Quivira Rd. in Overland Park, KS. Telephone: (913) 661-9299. You need to mention you are part of the Old World Ballooney Group to get the discount.

To enter this event you will need to call Jason Jones at 913-568-5443 or email him at: [jjones05@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:jjones05@bluevalleyk12.org)

Update from Jason:

Hi all. Just wanted to remind everyone we are trying to fly sanctions in Kansas City over the Memorial Day weekend.

Rooms are \$49.99 at the Extended Stay America.

Propane cost is still under negotiation.

Family Events Planned:

Saturday: Deanna Rose Petting Zoo and Park. This is a free outing unless you choose to pay for some of the items you do at the zoo such as mining for precious stones. We will come to get all the families that want to go at the hotel and caravan to the zoo/park after the morning flight.

Sunday: Quveria Park Picnic. Old World Ballooney is sponsoring a picnic all food provided. Please bring your own drinks. We will play sand volleyball and there is a great jungle gym and play area for the kids. The picnic starts at 11 am and goes until 1 pm in the shelter house and then the fun can continue in the park itself.

We are still working hard to find some sponsorship dollars. I thank all of you who are planning on coming and helping us get this event off the ground. Further information on the Iowa - c h a m p i o n s h i p w e b s i t e : <http://www.ia-championship.com/>

Please email me at [jjones05@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:jjones05@bluevalleyk12.org) once you confirm your plans to come and fly.

### **Congratulations**

Preston Gebhart received his private pilot's license.




## National Balloon Museum News

### Balloon Photos Needed

Balloon Photos needed for 3 categories

1. Photos of the 1970 National Hot Air Balloon Championships in Indianola and photos of Iowa balloon rallies past and present to be used in a book about ballooning.
2. Photos for Postcard contest - due May 29, 2009
3. Photos to be considered for the 2010 Museum Balloon Calendar - due May 29, 2009.

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**Steve Palash Photography**  
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Benefit for the  
**National Balloon Museum**  
**Spaghetti Dinner**  
 With Salad & Roll  
 Cost \$7 (purchase tickets at the door)  
 Monday, April 20, 2009 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
 At Crouse Café  
 115 East Salem Ave, Indianola, IA

**Balloons Over Iowa Repair Station**  
 Rob & Linda Bartholomew  
 18999 Blue Pl., Carlisle, IA  
 Phone: 515 989-3708  
 email: [balloonsoveriaowa@msn.com](mailto:balloonsoveriaowa@msn.com)



### Museum Bookshelf Project

We recently recieved gifts of over 1,500 books on ballooning & need shelf space. We are seeking funding to help build 8 new bookshelves. Material costs \$180 per unit. You may support this project by helping pay for material. Donor's names will appear on the shelves. Contact Becky Wigeland - [Flamingbecky@aol.com](mailto:Flamingbecky@aol.com) or 961 3714

### RAGBRAI

RAGBRAI is coming through Indianola on Tuesday, July 21 for an overnight stop. If you are interested in participating in a balloon flight, glow or tether, contact Jim Gebhart at [jamesgeb049@msn.com](mailto:jamesgeb049@msn.com)

### Welcome New Members

Stanley & Shirley Burgers	Devin Burnham
Meghan E. Cline	Spencer Conlin
Preston Gebhart	Garrett & Gary Hillary
Michael Jones	Shawn & Angie Michael
Carolanne Norris	Troy & Amy Ohnemus
John Parezo	Angela Sutter
Adam Thompson	Tyler Thompson
Scott & Cynthia Wooge	

### 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
Benjamin & April Bartlett	4-22
Jamie & Rhonda Bishop	4-24
Brian & Chris Seymour	4-28
Gerald & Mary Conklin	4-29
Bret & Melissa Christian	5-5
Terry & Gina Garrett	5-12
Larry & Barb Van Wyngarden	5-12
Brett & Melissa Boerner	5-12
Troy & Amy Ohnemus	5-12
Terry & Karin Riepe	5-18
Jay & Juaquetta Holcomb	5-29



## Calendar of Events

- ▶ 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 5-7 **The Manitowoc Air Show and 7th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rally**; Manitowoc, WI. Contact - Ken Walter 262-522-6675 or [www.wiballoongroup.org](http://www.wiballoongroup.org)
- ▶ June 21 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- ▶ July 17-19 **Hartford Balloon Rally**; Hartford, WI. Contact Ken Walter 262-522-6675 or [www.wiballoongroup.org](http://www.wiballoongroup.org)
- ▶ July 19 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- ▶ July 21 **RAGBRAI** rides into Indianola
- ▶ July 31-August 8 **National Balloon Classic** Contact Greg Marchant - 515-961-8415 or [info@nationalballoonclassic.com](mailto:info@nationalballoonclassic.com)
- ▶ August 1 **US Ballooning Hall of Fame Induction** National Balloon Museum
- ▶ August 16 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**, BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- ▶ August 28-30, 2009 **Monroe Balloon Rally** Monroe, WI; Contact: Pam Christopher [mcci@tds.net](mailto:mcci@tds.net)
- ▶ September 5 - 7 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby** Brookfield, MO. Contact Sherry Techau 660 258-5290 or [rstechau@classicnet.net](mailto:rstechau@classicnet.net)
- ▶ September 5-7 **Colorado Balloon Classic** Colorado Springs, CO Contact - Phone: 719-471-4833 or [balloonclassic@balloonclassic.com](mailto:balloonclassic@balloonclassic.com); [www.balloonclassic.com](http://www.balloonclassic.com)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ January 16, 2010 National Balloon Museum **Ballooning Fashion Flare Style Show and Brunch** at First United Methodist Church, Indianola

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

## Happy

Jeremy King	4-1
Keonna Kintzel	4-1
Emma Thompson	4-1
Roger Gray	4-2
Carol Harris	4-3
Sheri Moen	4-4
Regan Bishop	4-4
Angelica Corbin	4-4
James Mueller	4-4
Ryan Stone	4-5
Phillip Smith	4-7
Jennifer Hermanson	4-8
Joseph Seymour	4-9
Rick McCubbin	4-10
Casey Frame	4-11
Barb Knoll	4-11
Gavin Pash	4-12
Lisa Stone	4-12
Barb Van Wyngarden	4-12
Justin Winkel	4-12
Peggy Bloom	4-13
Ron Dalby	4-13
Jim Gebhart	4-14
Jay Holcomb	4-14
Brad Craig	4-15
Dixie Ruble	4-17
Gary Lawrence	4-21
Barbara Lewis	4-21
Tony Oberman	4-21
Kimberly Jones	4-22
Ralph Rieck	4-22
Michael Wilhelm	4-23
Jacob Hermanson	4-24
Katie Walker	4-24
Chris Reinert	4-25
Patti Todden	4-25
Parker Patterson	4-25
Ashley Jensen	4-26
Cathy Williams	4-26
Jon Hatcher	4-26
Donna Hill-Snipes	4-27
Gary Hillary	4-27
Kelly Danielson	4-30

## Birthday

Melissa Bloom	5-1
Jessica Stone	5-2
Rosa Tierman	5-2
Rachel Ong	5-4
Amber Moen	5-5
Barbara Jones	5-6
Bill Marhoun	5-6
John Lewis	5-7
Jerry Jensen	5-8
Jensen Bishop	5-10
Marcy Hoch	5-10
Ward Roscoe	5-12
John Winkel	5-12
Garrett Hillary	5-13
Meghan Cline	5-13
Paige Erger	5-14
T.J. Appenzeller	5-15
Donna Rieck	5-15
Angela Sutter	5-16
Tammy Hatcher	5-17
Brylee Anderson	5-17
Daisy Pieper	5-18
Don Prine	5-18
Elsie Cloyd	5-22
Melissa Coe	5-22
Melissa Nutting	5-23
Bryce Wichelt	5-23
Karen Worthington	5-23
Nathan Dobesh	5-25
Jeff Lawrence	5-25
Diane Roscoe	5-27
Jeanne Wiley	5-29
Sherry Techau	5-31
David Ong	5-31





## The Way It Was

Wayne Wasson; New board – Louise Clemons, Merrie Fouche, Jim Fromm, Sally Kirtley & Ralph Rieck.

### 25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ March 1984 – The Founding Fathers of B.O.I. have decided that they will add five new members to the board each year. On the current Board are the Five Founding Fathers: Rob Bartholomew, Bill Griffin, Jerry Riley, Don Prine and Terry Boettcher. The three members with one year terms are Gary King, Ed Bowles and Dennis Shelley, with the remaining two seats to be filled later.
- ★ BOI Board meetings are open to all members. It is against the law to hold a closed door meeting and besides that, these guys are in and out so much, checking the wind conditions, that the door doesn't stay closed very long. If you would like to see a well organized meeting conducted, this isn't the one to attend. (*Things haven't changed in 25 years*)
- ★ April 1 has been declared the National Holiday of B.O.I.
- ★ Events on the calendar for 1984 – Waterloo, Davenport, Ottumwa, Nationals, Creston, Ft. Dodge.
- ★ 4-1-1984 Norm Fee received his Private license.
- ★ Ground School March 31 & April 1st. Instructors were Dennis Shelley, Rob Bartholomew, Bill Griffin, Gary King, Laurie Prine and Don Prine.
- ★ 6th annual Ode to Spring – April 28, 1984; Officials: Balloonmeister – Don Prine, Asst Balloonmeister – Jerry Riley; 1984 Crew of the Year – Becky Riley; 23 beautiful balloons graced the evening sky to officially start spring. Several pilots owe Myron & Ruth Smith for taking their tractor and hauling them more than a mile from the boondocks back to civilization; Competition winners: 1st – Bill Griffin, Carlisle; 2nd Jim Hansen, Cedar Falls; Max Tague, Princeton.
- ★ April BOI Meeting - Donna Rieck & Laurie Prine were chosen to join the BOI Board

### 20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ March 1989 – Mayday, Mayday, The Pink Fuzzies are lost!
- ★ 4-16-89 BOI Meeting: 30 members present; Meeting chaired by Rob Bartholomew; \$463.05 in treasury; Gary Fouche submitted his resignation as Newsletter Editor
- ★ Events on the schedule for '89: Waterloo, Moline, Ottumwa, Grinnell, National Balloon Classic, Oskaloosa, Storm Lake, Altoona, Creston
- ★ 4-29-1989 Ode to Spring - Sally Kirtley - 1st Balloonmiestress since Ode began 11 yrs ago; Flight Weathered out. Scavenger hunt held in place of the scheduled flight. There were 5 victorious treasure hunters; Pot luck dinner at VFW Hall; BOI initiation – 42 initiates; Pilot of the Year - Gary Fouche; Crew of the Year – the Ford & Hoover families; Alvin & Myron Memorial Ballooning Brotherhood Award –

### 15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ St. Pat's Party: Irish stew cook-off - winners #1 Virginia Van Hamme who used a secret family ingredient in her stew, #2 Sherry Allsup, #3 Bill Griffin, # 4 Helen Bartholomew; again the Leprechauns became rowdy, but the initiates were more rowdy; new tables & chairs initiated along with Monica Fromm, Joe Thompson, Dan & Kelly Maxcy; Terry Casey, Cathy Arnold, Mike Baker; Bill Clemons initiated a game of quarters – won by first time player Bill Griffin
- ★ March 20, 1994 BOI Meeting: 16 Members present; Meeting chaired by Mike VanHamme; Rob & Linda purchased chairs & tables – BOI contributed \$500; Gretchen disappointed that no-one has brought her food during the monthly meetings; BOI donated \$100 to museum; Gary Ford resigned as Newsletter editor. “Old balloonist never quit, they just keep popping up.”
- ★ List of Iowa races for '94 – Waterloo, Mason City, Ottumwa, Grinnell, Classic, Amana/Tanager Place, Iowa Championship at Oskaloosa, Storm Lake, Altoona, Creston.
- ★ BOI Grammar War - debate between Bill Griffin & Marna Ford as to using "Propane" as an action verb rather than as a hydrocarbon noun.
- ★ Ode to Spring; Jim Pearson – Balloonmeister; Connie Thompson – kidmeister led the kids in competing for fabulous prizes; Flight weathered out; Pilot of the Year - Steve Blank; Cleo Award to Bill Griffin; Crew of the Year to Clemons crew; Outgoing board members: Mike VanHamme, Geri McGonegle, Denny Desenberg, Joel Blom, Barb Thompson; New Board members: LuAnn Randleman, Dan Maxcy, Virginia VanHamme, Teresa Purdy, Esther Snyder; Following the awards ceremony, a drawing was held for an balloon envelope. All the pilots registered for Ode were put into a hat. The Balloonport went silent as Linda Bartholomew put her hand into the hat & pulled the lucky name out. The winner was Jim Oakes. Jim was ecstatic in winning the envelope. As Jim pulled the balloon cover off the room filled with oohs and aahs. Wait – that balloon Jim won sure looks a lot like his own, in fact, it was his own. Jim, a puzzled look on his face, had to figure out whose balloon envelope was sitting in his garage; Entertainment was a hypnotist sponsored by Frommy Ventures. One of the better moments that the ladies in the crowd enjoyed was seeing the men hypnotized into thinking they were 6-8 months pregnant; Indoor tasks - 3 tasks, Pilots were to sit on a sled mounted on a skate board pulled by crew chief through obstacle courses without falling off. While in motion, the pilot toss markers at a designated target - 2 targets had extra bonus points for saying secret phrases: #1 task - GNT

(Gillolly-Nancy-Tanya) – Pilots were to try to club Nancy in the knee while being pulled around on the sled. To make things even trickier, the skater was on roller blades moving around the obstacle course. #2 task - Bobbit Chop & Drop - Pilots tossed their bananas as designated targets. Pilots were given bonus points if they said the secret phrase at the same time they were throwing their marker. This phrase could be anything, just as long as it made the judges laugh. # 3 task - Hog Futures – This consisted of pilots throwing BOI bucks at pig target & saying the secret phrase “Pork - the other White meat”; Winners: Task 1: 9 of 11 hit the mark, Task 2: 3rd place - Bill Clemons, 2nd place - Chuck Winkenwerder, 1st Place - Don Prine for saying the secret phrase "Stitch in Time saves mine"; Task 3 - 3rd place - Dick Drake - 2nd place Mark Ziino, 1st place - Terry McGonegle. Only Bill Clemons and Mark Ziino said the secret phrase. Investigation by the Department of Agriculture on whether they had inside information on the secret phrase; The indoor tasks were followed by the "Scooter 500" - winners were Georgia Oakes, Linda Bartholomew, Kay Fee & Dick Drake.

### 10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Bertrand Piccard & Brian Jones completed a Round the World Flight.
- ★ St. Pats Party: Irish Stew Cookoff judges – Bryan Drake, Chuck Schrader & Patrick Price; winners - #1 Louise Clemons #2 Helen Bartholomew #3 LuAnn Randleman; Initiation - new members included Tom, Julie & Jacob Ricke, Scott & Cheryl Moon, Kirk Van Roekel, Doug & Chris Stefani, Dick & Carolyn Holland, Tony Oberman, Bryan & Maggie Drake & Diane Schrader; Leprechauns on unusually good behavior
- ★ March 21, 1999 BOI Meeting: 20 members present; No board members present, Bill Griffin chaired; Members discussed Retirement center necessities: bar on premises, female staff under 25, wet bars & hot tubs in every room; Jim Gebhart spoke of moving the Classic propane to the Balloon Field.
- ★ Meika's first article in the newsletter.
- ★ Thompsons have purchased a new envelope
- ★ Barb & Gerald Knoll had a new balloon delivered 3-16
- ★ Veisha – Balloonmeister – Bill Clemons; 1 flight by Barbie D., a new pilot – it took 18 Helium balloons to get her airborne
- ★ April 18 BOI Meeting: 19 members present; Meeting co-chaired by Brian Seymour & Cheryl Gebhart; BOI to purchase a cold plate; history made – youngest BOI member present – Joseph



Seymour (9 days old); Fromms are hosting 10 students from Alaska during Ode.

- ★ Ode to Spring: Officials - Balloonmeister – Jill Rubin; Assistant Balloonmeister – Mike Oberman; 27 pilots registered at the Museum. Winds were too strong & all elected not to fly; Festivities moved to the Balloonport & members dined on BBQ pork served by Greg Oakes & crew; Crew of the Year - Eric & Dena Young. Last year's winner Michelle Rubin added a magic wand to the traveling trophy; Cleo award to Mike Oberman - club treasurer, Kegmeister & groundschoolmeister; Pilot of the Year - Mike Hadley; Mark Weeks given a plaque for all his work on the newsletter; New board - Benji Clemons, Dan Corbin, Bill Craig, Max Harris, Barb Knoll; Balloonists competition - BOI's first Special Shape Rodeo - #1 - Craig team #2 Scott Moon #3 Mark Harris.

### 5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 3-12 Eldon Benus (aka "Gomer") received his private license.
- ★ St. Patty's day party March 13. Initiation of 29 new members, including Patti Todden; Richard Swanson; Joel & Karen Worthington; LeRoy & Cathy Clair; Caitlyn & Celsey Clair; Eldon Benus; Mark Moen; Jeff & Deb Bridgewater; Rebecca Bridgewater; Cory Bloom; Vickie Bartholomew; Savanna Oakes; Katie Oakes; Jody Jensen; Chad Goodhue; John Jensen, Sr; Joyce Jensen; Bryan Smith; Don & Jeanne Wiley; Hilleary Lockard; Alex Langenberger. Irish Stew cook-off: 1. Barbara Jones; 2. Edie Lawrence; 3. Jim Fromm
- ★ 3-21 BOI Meeting: 12 members present; Meeting chaired by Patti Todden
- ★ 4-6 Leroy Clair received his private license
- ★ 4-9 Joel Worthington received his commercial license
- ★ April 17 - IBA, BOI & Museum members hosted a social for the BFA board at the BOI Balloonport
- ★ 4-18 BOI Meeting: 16 members present; Meeting chaired by Derek Nordhagen; We have \$5126
- ★ Ode to Spring - Balloonmeister - Max Harris. The weather Gods were not kind to BOI. It was a miserable, rainy day in central Iowa - no flight. Last year's Crew of the Year winners - members of the Golden Griffin crew, added a miniature Medicare Card. The 2004 Crew of the year is John Jensen's crew; 2004 Pilot of the Year: Eldon Benus; 2004 BOI Champion: Rob Bartholomew; 2004 Cleo Award: John Jensen; 2004-2005 BOI Board: LeRoy Clair, Sheri Clark, Jen Nordhagen, Paul Randleman & Richard Swanson; Indoor task winners: 1. Andy Ogden; 2. Eldon Benus; 3. Wayne Mohring
- ★ April Oberman & Benjamin Bartlett were married April 22

## Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

January 18, 2008

**Present:** Jim Gebhart, Bill Griffin, Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Darcy Hoch, Jeremy King, Kirk Bloom, Al Appenzeller, Hannah Appenzeller, Brad Craig, Colton Craig, Ashlynn Williams, and Michelle Craig

Meeting called to order by Chair Ken Bolton at 6:40.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes from November meeting presented. Bill moved to approve secretary's report, Kirk 2nd. Motion approved..

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

### Old Business:

- ★ He's not here
- ★ Still Waiting on Scott Armstrong to talk about maps being changed to UTM.
- ★ Ground school as about 11 signed up.
- ★ Classic discussion

### New Business:

- ★ Ode Balloonmeister will be Joel Worthington. Motion by Jeremy, Rob 2nd. Motion passed.

Bill moved to adjourn, Jeremy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:40.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Craig, temporary secretary.

## Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

February 15, 2009

**Present:** Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Bill Griffin, Ralph & Donna Rieck, Rob & Linda Bartholomew, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Don Prine, Carter Page, Michelle Craig, Al Appenzeller, Hannah Appenzeller, Darcy Hoch, Cole Hoch, Scott Armstrong, Brad Craig, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Sandy Drake, Max & Carol Harris, Meika Bartholomew, Ellie Bartholomew, Lucy Nordhagen.

Meeting called to order by Chair Ken Bolton at 6:35:25pm.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer not present. Max reported that he will submit bills from Harris's Hawaii retirement home scouting trip in a timely fashion.

### Old Business:

- ★ He's here!
- ★ Scott reported on UTM maps. Pilot Relations committee voted to recommend these to the NBC

Board. Jim Fromm is the new chair of the Pilot Relations committee.

- ★ Ground School next weekend. So far 8 have signed up for private, 8 for commercial, 4 for refresher. We had 14 students last year. Rob invites members to visit the balloonport during Ground School. Instructors are Dick Drake (Sectionals), Donna Rieck (FAR's), Bill Griffin (Weather), Jason Jones (Equipment), Matt Fenster (Instruments) and Don Prine (Commercial – fundamentals of instruction).

*Dick Drake called for a Timely Ponderance. You can't legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. There were many oohs & aaah's.*

- ★ Rob reported that there were plans to give the Ground School instructors a large bonus or trip, but that is now illegal.
- ★ Don & Gerry recently traveled to San Diego. There was much scouting for retirement homes and launch sites.
- ★ Congratulations to Joel. He was chosen at the January meeting to be Balloonmeister for Ode.
- ★ Joel reported on the cost of a printer/scanner/copier - \$308, projector - \$549, notebook - \$449, MS Office - \$79. Bill moved to have Joel purchase these for Ground School. Brad 2nd. Don voted "Not a chance". Motion carried.

### New Business:

- ★ BOI has received a request to donate a Hot Air Balloon ride for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Carol will clarify the location of the chapter & put information in the newsletter.
- ★ Dick questioned whether there would be protected airspace over BOI President Meika. This may affect where balloons can fly in northern Warren County. Watch for NOTAMs
- ★ St. Pat's party March 14.
- ★ Rob reported on a 4 wheeler race on the Bartholomew farm – August 22. International Heartland Challenge. He would like to have balloons fly over the event.

The treasurer is now present. Treasury amount – same as last month.

Joel moved to adjourn, Michelle & Phyllis seconded. Don voted "Not a chance". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21:52.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary for life.



## **Pilot Relations Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2009

Review of previous meeting's minutes.

Discussion of role of the Pilot Relations Committee (PRC); suggested we get PRC role as described in Classic bylaws.

Discussion of BFA Nationals returning to the Classic, they are apparently still looking for a venue. Discussed budget, time line and sponsors concerns if BFA did make offer to Classic.

Discussion of sponsors, need to be looking for prospects, forward their info to Greg for follow-up.

Discussion of maps. Cory Bloom and Scott Armstrong have been talking to a printer in Bloomfield. Maps will be more detailed and GPS user friendly, should be a nice improvement from current map, and will be under suggested budget of \$800 for the normal number of maps needed.

2009 National Balloon Classic Balloonmeister, Bill Clemons, talked about things he is and will be working on for this year's event. His son, Benji, will be his Assistant Balloonmeister.

Discussed other Classic committees, opportunities to help out during the year with their duties as needed.

Pilot gift, decided \$2 bills would be best. They would have an impact on the community as they circulate, reminding folks the Classic does bring \$\$ to town.

Discussed pilot packs. Discussion of what can go in them, will need to run offerings of stuff for them to go through Greg.

Attendees: Bret Christian, Benji Clemons, Joel Worthington, Phyllis Drake, Dick Drake, Kirk Bloom, Bob Shelton,, Janice Shelton, Aaron Gebhart, Ken Bolton, Jim Gebhart, Gary Haynes, Jeremy King, Darcy Hoch, Bill Clemons, Louise Clemons, Scott Armstrong.

### **From Paul Schneider:**

Balloons In June (Clinton) has been canceled for 2009. We will start working on 2010 with the thoughts of the economy getting better or the city finds out what they have LOST !!!!! That was the Press release today in our newspaper.

Paul

## **2009 BFA Hot Air Balloon Camps are Underway!**

This year, the BFA Jr. Balloonist program is glad to announce that it will be holding its 2009 Hot Air Balloon camp in both Texas and Michigan! The Southwest Region camp will be held July 12-16 in Tyler, Texas, coordinated by Shelley Caraway. The Great Lakes Region camp will be held July 19-23 in the Jackson, Michigan area, coordinated by Tom Jones. Both camps will be held on a college campus, supervised by experienced pilots and crew! Cost of the camp this year is \$395 for the week and there are scholarships available.

These camps are designed for teens (13 – 18 years old) who want to learn more about hot air balloons. Activities planned include visitations to balloon and aviation related sites, as well as plenty of hands-on activities like balloon tethers (weather permitted) and team events. While this year's curriculum is still being finalized, discussion topics from past years have included balloon systems, mapping fundamentals, Geocaching, first aid, power line safety, weather forecasting, and internet weather.

We also need your help. First, if you have teen crew, please encourage them to attend the camp! This is a wonderful opportunity to gain ballooning knowledge and further sow the seeds of our sport. Second, volunteers are needed to help staff the camp. Consider spending some time to help shape potential future pilots. Also, we could use donations of many kinds. If you are updating your FAR/AIM and sectionals, please consider donating the out of date ones to us. GIS skills are a big part of camp, and any and all donations of GPS equipment are so appreciated. Finally, please consider financially helping the scholarship fund! Remember, all donations to the BFA are TAX DEDUCTIBLE too!

Great Lakes Region Camp Donations  
Tom Jones  
337 Prairie Drive  
Climax MI 49034

Southwest Region Camp Donations  
Shelley Caraway  
1557 Whittington Rd  
Kilgore Texas 75662

You can contact the BFA office at 515/961-8809 to donate for camp or request applications for camp. BFA members have made these camps possible. Your investment in young aeronauts will keep our sport alive!

## BFA Summer Camp Scholarship Request

SouthEastern Michigan Balloon Association (SEMBA) received four scholarship requests for the 2009 BFA Summer Camp. These requests came from one family with 4 kids, one is a foster kid, two are the father's biological kids and one is the biological child of the mother. They have a total of seven kids with one just graduating from college and six still living at home.

SEMBA is asking you, as a member of the ballooning community, to donate a scholarship to one of these kids. We are not limited to just these four girls and are looking for scholarships for other kids too. SEMBA as a Club is giving one scholarship per year in the amount of \$275, so if you cannot donate a full scholarship, any amount is truly appreciated. Let's introduce the sport we all love to some new, and maybe future pilots. It only takes 10 pilots donating \$40 each to realize their dream. Do we have balloon enthusiasts that could donate towards a scholarship where their work place will match their donation?

Here are their stories abbreviated.

The mom and dad are very much involved with their kids and dad is currently working on becoming a balloon pilot, which has been a dream of his for a long time. The whole family is very much a balloon family, and fairly new to the sport, except for dad who started crewing when he was 13. Unfortunately having a family slowed down his aspirations of becoming a pilot, but now the time is right.

Tragedy has underwritten the lives of this family. Two of the girls, biological children of the father, lost their mother and half-sister at the hands of their stepfather four years ago. Another child came to this family two years ago as the result of her mother's death and her father's inability to take care of her due to his own health problems. The fourth girl is the mother's biological child. She is the life of the party and keep all of them laughing. Each girl wrote an essay outlining why she would like to attend the BFA summer camp and learn more about ballooning.

The chance to go to the BFA Summer Camp would not only make the summer for these kids, but also teach them how to be a good crew for their dad and make them future balloon pilots. The BFA Summer Camp ([www.bfacamp.com](http://www.bfacamp.com)) is now available at two different locations, one in its original place, Tyler, Texas, and now also at Albion College in Albion Michigan, located just east of Battle Creek off of Interstate 94. The Michigan camp would host this family if we can make this happen.

Since BFA is a 501c3 non-profit association, dedicated to the advancement of the sport and science of lighter-than-air aviation, any donation you make to the camp scholarships would be a tax-free donation. The tuition for each kid is \$395, payable by check (made out to the BFA and sent to

PO Box 400, Indianola, IA 50125) or by credit card (call the BFA Office, 515.961.8809 to make payment). Make sure to let the BFA office know that it is for the SEMBA Scholarship Fund.

There are also some supplies both Camps could use such as previous AIM/FAR manuals (prefer 2008), sectional maps, and maybe older GPS units or a balloon parachute. The Camp would like to have one copy of the AIM/FAR manual and maps for each camper as a take home. The GPS would be great for the Mapping/GPS/Geocaching sessions and the parachute for a balloon system would be a great visual help.

Also, any donated items that we can provide in a 'pilot pack' such as balloon cards, patches, even older event shirts, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate for the Michigan camp, please contact Thomas Jones, [thomas.c.jones@hotmail.com](mailto:thomas.c.jones@hotmail.com); or 269.217.7566 and if you have any of the above listed items, please send to SEMBA, PO Box 431503, Pontiac MI 48343-1503. Please mark shipment with BFA Summer Camp.

If you are truly interested in sharing the sport of ballooning, please step forward today!

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at any time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Make-A-Wish

The Iowa City chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation is looking for donations for their live and silent auctions and they thought that a Hot Air Balloon Ride would be perfect! Below is a letter with more information about the organization and the Gala. All tax deductible donations can be sent to:

Amanda Young  
480 Iowa Ave.  
Iowa City, IA 52240

or contact Ashley Dockendorf at [ashley@hrec.com](mailto:ashley@hrec.com)

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MAKE-A-WISH.

January 26, 2009

Dear Friend of Make-A-Wish,

Plans are under way for the annual Make-A-Wish Gala, a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa being held Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom in Iowa City. This year's theme is "A Night of 2,000 Wishes" incorporating the fact that we hope to grant our 2,000<sup>th</sup> wish this year. Hundreds of Iowa's children battle life-threatening medical conditions. Not only must they endure painful medical tests, wheelchairs, chemotherapy and other treatments, but their illness robs them of their most precious possession – their innocence. They have lost so much and paid an enormous price.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa grants the wishes of children between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 who live with life-threatening medical conditions. Wishes include almost anything the child can dream of, from meeting a celebrity hero to traveling to Hawaii, from being a pop star for a day to getting a swimming pool. We make those wishes come true.

Wishes granted through our organization give the wish child and their family the opportunity to create a joyful memory in a time that is likely filled with medical tests, treatments, and hardships. These are special memories for the family to hold on to during the darker times that may be ahead.

We are writing to invite you to **Share the Power of a Wish** by donating to our Gala auction. Money raised from the auction will be used to make the wishes of these children come true. By partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa we offer you a unique opportunity to not only share in the joy of making wishes come true, but also to show the local community that you care! Please help us **Share the Power of a Wish!**

Sincerely,

The Night of 2,000 Wishes Gala Committee

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa



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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 19  
 May 17  
 June 21