

Touch and Go

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May-June, 2009

Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends!

Ode to Spring is as predictable as rain in April. As a matter of fact, Ode to Spring and rain in April appear to be synonymous. I proposed to our Board that Ode to Spring should be scheduled in August. A loud "not a chance" was heard. The Founding Fathers defended "tradition". Personally, I think Ode is just a reason to party.

Speaking of party, I heard it was a great one. I was on "set up" and "clean up" detail but banished to the house during the actual festivities. Apparently, Dad believed it to be inappropriate when at our St. Pat's Party; I nipped the ankle of the Great Leprechaun. I thought what the Leprechaun was doing to a shapely blind-folded lady was a little inappropriate! Anyway, I trust party details will be reported by others.

At my suggestion, this year we set tables up a little differently. Variety and traffic control was my rationale. It probably won't happen again. Some of the older pilots kept getting lost in the "#@%!! maze" and couldn't find their way to the cooler.

Either balloonists are getting neater or kids are eating off the floor. Just a few crumbs were left at clean up time for your President, although what I did find was delicious.

Dad says I am out of the doghouse now and can attend our monthly meetings at 6:30 PM on the third Sunday each month. Please be encouraged to attend, or just stop by the Balloonport to say hello. I have seen a few balloons on the horizon. Crops are in so Dad is likely to be flying and I'm predicting some great weather. Hope to see you in the sky and always remember to:

Fly Safely,
Meika

St. Patty's Day Party

Members dined on great Irish Stew & other pot-luck dishes, then prepared for the solemn & moving initiation ceremony. The Giant Leprechauns escorted the new members to the front of the Balloonport as members greeted them along the way. Founding Fathers Bill Griffin and Rob Bartholomew spoke and led the new members of BOI in a solemn, moving pledge. Welcome the following new members to BOI!

Ron Baeth	Shawn Michael
Jan Baeth	Troy Michael
Sara Bixler	Tyler Michael
Abby Bixler	Angie Michael
Julie Cahill	Dustin Russell

Meredith Christensen	Bertha Scallon
Meghan Cline	Phil Smith
Alyvia Dubois	Clara Thompson
Preston Gebhart	Henry Thompson
Tesha Huffaker	Mike Van Patten
Lary Huffaker	Missy Van Patten
Katie Leveke	Chealsea Van Patten
Steve Lorts	Hunter Van Patten
Libby Lorts	Bailey Van Patten
Joy Lorts	Nathan Ziino

Ode to Spring

Ode to Spring - a cloudy, windy, rainy day - so what's new! Members gathered at the Balloonport, for delicious meat prepared by the Bartholomew/Craig families and pot-luck prepared by the great BOI Cooks.

Emcee Bill Griffin then announced the BOI yearly awards:

Crew of the Year - Allison, Rochelle & Randy Kochheiser.

Pilot of the Year - Maurey Petrehn

Cleo Award - Joel Worthington for his service to BOI in organizing Ground School.

2008-2009 Board of Directors - Missy Bloom, Tim Cloyd, Jake Hermanson, Darcy Hoch & Karen Worthington.

2009 BOI Champion - Brad Craig

Balloonmeister Joel Worthington then called an indoor task. Pilots were provided with a complete balloon system, including a steering device. Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? Pilots & crews maneuvered their balloons towards the target, while spectators provided cross winds & thermals. Jeremy King & crew won the event, with Darcy Hoch winning the Fun Flight division. See photos on page 9

BOI Championship

Since we did not fly at Ode to Spring, the BOI Championship is still open. If you did not sign up for BOI Championship at Ode, send \$5 to Carol Harris. The results will be from the Classic & Creston. Last year's winner was Brad Craig.

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Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Hello Fellow Balloonists.

First I would like to say it was really good to visit with those of you who attended Ode to Spring 2009. What a great turn out, despite the weather. I truly enjoyed visiting with everyone. Thank you to those who were kind enough to hand treats to me under the table. It wasn't until later that evening that I was asked by Mom (Phyllis Drake) and Dad (Dick Drake) about who the guilty parties were. I was reminded over and over that I'm supposed to be on a special diet. So to protect the innocent, I will not reveal those who handed the treats over to me. Overall, it was another good Ode to Spring.

I would like to say "Thank You" to the outgoing board. We really appreciate your hard work and countless hours spent making BOI a successful balloon club. Welcome to the new members of the Balloons Over Iowa Board. I feel it's going to be another great year in our organization.

Many balloon events have begun across the Midwest. Many Iowa events will soon be getting under way. From the chatter in the balloon community, it sounds like there could be some good competition. Good luck too many of you who will be doing competition. Be safe and treat your crew like royalty! If you do attend an event, be sure to send Carol Harris an event review and/or event photos.

If you have not renewed your dues to BOI, there is still time to do so. Please send your dues (\$20) to Carol Harris. Her address is located inside the newsletter. This would probably be a good time to remind folks that do not belong to the National Balloon Museum in Indianola and/or the BFA that this would be a great time to join. Each organization has many benefits in becoming a member. If you have not renewed your membership to either organization, well, this would be a great time to do that as well.

I asked Meika the other night if she ever decided to break down and get a Facebook account. We have been told that everyone is now on Facebook. Well, not everyone (me). Meika is still thinking about getting signed on, but I told her to let me know how that works out. Who knows, I may just end up signing up myself.

Well, it's time to finish pawing this article out. Tomorrow morning is going to be here before you know it. If you are ever in Radcliff, IA be sure to stop by the house or stop by the bank. Be sure to bring treats!

Also - sending Happy Birthday wishes to Sid Cutter.

Until next time, fly safe and treat your crew like royalty!!!

Sandy Drake

NTSB Reports

NTSB Identification: DEN08LA004.

Monday, October 08, 2007 in Albuquerque, NM
Aircraft: Aerostar S-66A, registration: N7179Z
Injuries: 1 Fatal, 2 Serious, 2 Uninjured.

The hot air free balloon was participating in a balloon fiesta. Wind velocity had increased, and several balloons were seen to go by at high speed and low altitude. The pilot stayed low to keep right of the congested areas, but two of his passengers said they were flying too low. The pilot became distracted when he saw another balloon hit a house. The next thing he realized was that the wind had forced the balloon into power lines (the pilot told state troopers that he saw the power lines and activated the burners in an attempt to fly over them, but he told the FAA that he was on a landing approach and was in visual contact with the power line when he encountered a downdraft and was unable to clear the power lines). The balloon's basket struck the top static line of a 3-phase high voltage transmission line. The wind began to collapse the envelope and the pilot activated the burners in an attempt to maintain inflation and break loose from the power line. The basket slid down the wire and the wire became entangled in the basket's skid plate. The pilot threw a drop line to his chase crew in hopes they could pull him free. This attempt failed. The chase crew then attached the drop line to a pickup truck and tried to tow the balloon free. This attempt also failed. The braided static wire sawed through the wicker basket. The balloon finally came loose from the power line and started to rise. The drop line broke and the balloon "shot up in the air like a rocket." A propane tank fell from the basket, and then the passenger fell out. Estimates of the balloon's altitude varied from 70 to 200 feet. The pilot felt one corner of the basket drop and saw the hole. He looked up through the balloon's throat and could see blue sky because the dilation vent had become unseated. The balloon drifted east, and then descended. The pilot said the balloon came down faster than terminal descent speed and landed hard.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to maintain adequate visual lookout and clearance resulting in an in-flight collision with power lines, and the ground crew's improper assistance. Contributing to this accident were the high wind, the

pilot's diverted attention, low altitude, transmission wire, and the subsequent partial failure of the basket and envelope.

NTSB Identification: DEN08LA007.

Tuesday, October 09, 2007 in Albuquerque, NM
Aircraft: Aerostar RX 8, registration: N5315M
Injuries: 3 Uninjured.

The balloon was participating in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The pilot said she flew between 200 and 400 feet agl (above ground level) for the first 15 minutes, then flew between 1,000 and 1,500 feet for about an hour. She said low level winds were from the south, and she flew "far enough north to have open landing areas to the south." She then descended to 200 feet and flew south. The wind speed was between 5 and 10 knots. She selected a "short open area" but there was a fence and the winds were "too fast" to land. "At 100 feet agl, had false heavy" (sic) and wind velocity had increased 15 to 20 knots. The balloon landed on the north side of 100 acres of desert, bounced, and was dragged 150 to 200 feet. The pilot noted that "at the time of launch, the winds were calm but that condition changed unexpectedly. I took the best landing site available at the time." Beyond that point was a congested housing area, a mesa, and a national park. The latter had an uneven lava bed with ravines, trees, and boulders and probably high wind velocities. The pilot told the police department that she had flown south, then west. On approach to the selected landing spot, a gust of wind caused the balloon to drift in the wrong direction and it struck a wall in a residential area. The police report indicated the pilot had fractured her pelvic bone.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's inability to maintain aircraft control due to high winds, resulting in the aircraft coming in contact with an arroyo and a wall in a residential area

NTSB Identification: DEN08LA006.

Tuesday, October 09, 2007 in Rio Rancho, NM
Aircraft: Cameron Balloons Z-105, registration: N1024B
Injuries: 1 Serious, 3 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

The pilot was attempting to land in a large, open field

when a gust of wind pushed the balloon down and sideways towards a house. The pilot activated both burners in an attempt to avoid hitting it. The balloon struck the house's parapet wall then the ground, ejecting two passengers. The balloon lifted back into the air, due to the weight loss. The pilot opened the emergency vent and the balloon hit the ground again, ejecting a third passenger. The winds were gusting to 35 mph or greater. The balloon traveled across a street and struck a second house, damaging its swamp cooler. The balloon came to rest on its side in the yard of the second house.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the pilot's inability to maintain aircraft control due to high winds resulting in the aircraft coming in contact with two houses.

NTSB Identification: DEN08LA005.

Tuesday, October 09, 2007 in Rio Rancho, NM
Aircraft: Sproul 72K-TET, registration: N72KX
Injuries: 1 Serious, 2 Uninjured.

The hot air free balloon was participating in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The pilot received a preflight FAA weather briefing in which the wind was forecasted to be between 3 mph and 5 mph. Once airborne, the pilot realized the winds were "quite variable" at different altitudes. The balloon was at 2,000 feet agl and traveling about 8 mph. By observing other balloons and talking to other pilots via radio, he discovered the winds closer to the ground were "quite fast and going in the opposite direction." One pilot who had landed had reported his balloon was going about 25 mph at 500 feet agl, then it slowed to about 8 mph when it got close to the ground. The accident pilot descended and encountered 25 mph winds. As he got closer to the ground, the balloon slowed "but only to about 15 to 16 mph." He attempted to land on the north side of a new housing development, but the wind carried the balloon to the south side of the development. There were brick retaining walls separating the different plots of land awaiting new house construction. The basket struck a street curb, scraped the top of a brick wall perpendicular to the balloon's flight path, and then impacted a second wall. The basket dragged along the wall, and then stopped, and the envelope draped over the other side of the wall. Upon impact with the second wall, a passenger was

thrown against the fuel tank and sustained serious injuries. The pilot said the winds in other parts of the valley only a few miles away "were much less." In post-accident discussions with other pilots who had been involved in accidents and incidents that morning, the consensus was the winds had developed "faster than expected." Other pilots reported being pushed into the ground at low altitudes. They referred to these phenomena as a "false heavy."

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's inadequate inflight planning/judgment, and his selection of unsuitable terrain on which to make a landing. Contributing factors in this accident were the unfavorable wind, and the pilot misjudging his airspeed.

NTSB Identification: CHI08CA017.

Monday, October 15, 2007 in East Hampstead, NH
Probable Cause Approval Date: 11/29/2007
Aircraft: Balloon Works Firefly 7, registration: N7408G
Injuries: 2 Serious, 1 Minor, 2 Uninjured.

The balloon impacted trees and terrain during a hard landing. Two passengers sustained serious injuries, and one passenger sustained minor injuries. The remaining passenger and the pilot were not injured. The pilot reported that the flight departed with three other balloons in light winds. He noted the wind was forecast to increase about one hour after the flight was scheduled to land. However, about halfway through the flight, the wind increased to approximately 11 miles-per-hour, with some gusts. He elected to land when he noticed the increase in the wind speed. He executed three approaches, each time electing to go-around due to adverse winds. On the accident approach, he intentionally brushed the top of a tree in order to slow the balloon. He briefed the passengers for a hard landing and descended toward an open field. After the initial impact, the basket became airborne again briefly before coming to rest. The pilot stated that he did not use the burner to reduce the descent rate due to the possibility of drifting past the selected landing area and striking power lines adjacent to the field.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's excessive descent rate on approach, which resulted in a hard landing. Contributing factors were

the adverse winds encountered during the flight, and the presence of the trees and power lines near the landing area.

NTSB Identification: CHI08LA037.

Friday, November 16, 2007 in Hampton, IA
Aircraft: Padelts PG37-1, registration: N4448Y
Injuries: 2 Fatal, 1 Serious.

The cross country flight in the helium balloon began two days prior to the accident. The surviving passenger stated that the accident occurred as they were landing on the second morning of the flight. He stated that they began a three to four mile "stair-step" approach for landing. The approach consisted of repeatedly dropping ballast, venting, and leveling off. He stated that the approach was well controlled and they were not in a hurry to land. The passenger stated that they saw the power lines during the approach and the pilot asked him to drop a half of a scoop, about two cups, of sand. Shortly thereafter, the pilot asked him to drop another half of a scoop, which he did. The pilot then instructed him to drop half of a bag of sand. He stated that they thought the balloon was going to clear the power lines. When it became evident that they were going to contact the lines, the pilot instructed both passengers to get into the bottom of the gondola. The passenger stated that the side of the gondola hit the top cable of the power lines and the power lines wedged between the balloon cables and the top of the gondola. He stated that the balloon remained entangled in the power lines for several minutes. He then heard a snap and the gondola fell to the ground.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's inadequate in-flight planning which resulted in the failure to maintain clearance with the power lines. Contributing to the accident was the power line.

NTSB Identification: DFW08LA088.

Sunday, March 30, 2008 in Questa, NM
Aircraft: Balloon Works Firefly 9, registration: N72345
Injuries: 5 Serious, 1 Minor.

The commercial pilot stated that he and the five passengers departed in his hot air balloon and drifted down a local gorge. The flight was normal until it was time to land. As the pilot descended to a large open grass field (where he has landed many times before), he told the passengers that they should bend their knees.

When the balloon was about 20 feet agl, a large gust of wind caused the balloon to descend rapidly with a forward motion until it hit the ground. The impact was hard enough to eject four of the passengers and to break one of the burner can mounts, which caused it to point downward. The balloon then caught fire as it ascended approximately 30 feet high with the pilot and one of the passengers still onboard. The pilot said the he attempted to turn off the pilot light to the burner cans, but to no avail. He told the passenger not to jump, because the balloon was now starting to descend. The balloon then hit the ground again hard, and the pilot and the passenger were ejected. The balloon then bounced a few more times as it traveled north towards rising terrain where it became fully engulfed in flames and was incinerated. The pilot said that before the flight, he obtained weather information from the local airports and also released pilot balloons to determine wind direction. The winds were calm at the beginning of the flight and then "arced" toward the north-northwest while en route; however, he did not know the speed of the wind. Other wise, the weather as clear of clouds and unlimited visibility. The pilot stated that the balloon most likely encountered a roll cloud from the nearby ridge.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The balloon's encounter with a wind gust/downdraft during landing, which resulted in a hard landing.

Balloons Over Iowa Repair Station

Rob & Linda Bartholomew

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Congratulations

- ☺ Reed Samuel Ohnemus born 2-25-09 to Troy & Amy Ohnemus
- ☺ Jeff Thomm from Monroe, Wisconsin received his private license in Feb 2009
- ☺ Al Appenzeller received his commercial license Friday, March 13th.
- ☺ Darcy Hoch received his commercial license Friday, April 3rd

Thoughts go out to:

- ▶ Robert Nutting Jr and Robert Nutting Sr. on his recent Kidney surgery.
- ▶ Sheri & Mark Moen on Mark's Mother (Carolyn Moen) has recent Brain and Lung Cancer diagnoses.

We are flying again in Council Bluffs!

2nd Annual Fields of Flight: Council Bluffs Hot Air Balloon Festival. We will be accepting 18 balloons for this year's event. The event will be held September 11-13. If you have any questions or ideas for sponsors in the Council Bluffs area, please give me a call.

Matt Fenster (402) 740-6629

E-mail Address Changes

- To our family, friends, and anyone else who doesn't think they fall into either of those two categories: We have a new E-mail address. It is cjwinkstr@yahoo.com. Please take a moment to update your address book. We don't want to lose any of you. This summer we are doing the Alaska scene via our motor home traveling north with Jane's brother Morris & his wife Sandy. We hope to develop a blog so you can follow along with us...more to come on that. For now, Happy Spring. Charles & Jane Winkenwerder
- Tom Hatcher - Thatch50315@aol.com

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Welcome new members

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bbecker21@msn.com

Happy Anniversary

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| Brad & Amy Craig | 6-3 |
| Randy & Rochelle Kochheiser | 6-6 |
| Kathy & Tom McCoy | 6-7 |
| Jeff & Deb Bridgewater | 6-10 |
| Gerald & Barb Knoll | 6-11 |
| Gil & Becky Wigeland | 6-12 |
| Linn & Marsha Hoskins | 6-16 |
| Charlie & Debbie Thorman | 6-17 |
| Steve & Barbara Jones | 6-21 |
| Jim & Rita Fromm | 6-22 |
| Mike & Beth Oberman | 6-22 |
| Nate & Amy Smith | 6-24 |
| Bill & Becky Sponsler | 6-29 |
| Jeremy & Macenzie Rubin | 6-30 |



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| Mary Eagan & Rick McCubbin | 7-1 |
| Ronald & Misty Dobesh | 7-1 |
| Norm & Kay Fee | 7-3 |
| Kirk & Melissa Bloom | 7-3 |
| Mason & Heather Fromm | 7-4 |
| Larry & Tesha Huffaker | 7-5 |
| Jake & Paula Hamlin | 7-11 |
| Brian & Emily Becker | 7-13 |
| Randy & Lisa Stone | 7-22 |
| Joe & Monica Thompson | 7-22 |
| Ron & Esther Snyder | 7-23 |
| Matt & Emily Fenster | 7-26 |
| Aaron & Dawn Foelske | 7-29 |



Dues!

If your label does not say 09-10, your dues are due. Complete the inserted membership form & send it with \$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.

Calendar of Events

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

June 19-21 **Monroe Balloon Festival** Contact Matt Urban mbr@cppweb.com

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

June 26-28 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race** Contact Dale or Holly Dommer at Ottumwaproballoonrace@yahoo.com or 641-684-8999

July 17-19 **Hartford Balloon Rally**; Hartford, WI. Contact Ken Walter 262-522-6675 or www.wiballoongroup.org

July 19 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

July 21 **RAGBRAI** rides into Indianola

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

August 1 **US Ballooning Hall of Fame Induction** National Balloon Museum

August 16 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

August 26-30 BFA National Hot Air Balloon Championships

August 28-30 **Monroe Balloon Rally** Monroe, WI; Contact: Pam Christopher mcci@tds.net

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

September 5-7 **Colorado Balloon Classic** Colorado Springs, CO Contact - Phone: 719-471-4833 or balloonclassic@balloonclassic.com; www.balloonclassic.com

September 11-13 **2nd Annual Fields of Flight** Council Bluffs Contact Matt Fenster 402-740-6629

September 18-20 **SW Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days**, Creston, IA Contact Rob Bartholomew

September 20 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

October 3 - 11 **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** Contact: Pat Brake, 888-422-7277

October 18 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

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**

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

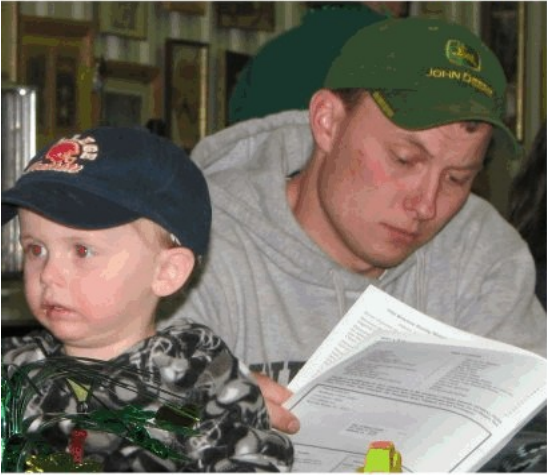
Happy Birthday

June			
Jacob Ricke	6-2	Mary Conklin	7-4
Lee Trebbien	6-4	Scott Armstrong	7-4
Mike Wildung	6-4	Alexandra Adams	7-5
Mya Foelske	6-5	David Edmister	7-7
Shawn Michael	6-5	Randy Kochheiser	7-7
Barbara Ross	6-6	Jody Woodruff	7-7
Jim Norris	6-7	Cory Bloom	7-8
Paula Boe	6-9	Matthew Grote	7-8
Brandon Pedersen	6-10	Courtney Schulte	7-8
Richard Swanson	6-10	Doug Purdy	7-9
Loretta Taylor	6-10	Anthony VanBroekhuizen	7-9
Jake Hamlin	6-11	Benji Clemons	7-10
Melissa Boerner	6-12	Bret Christian	7-11
Gretchen Ryan	6-12	Tom Ricke	7-13
Don Wiley	6-12	Keith Williams	7-13
Blair Brody	6-13	Adam Thompson	7-14
Don Trebbien	6-14	Aaron (AJ) Foelske	7-15
Jodi DeZurik	6-14	Abigail Jensen	7-15
Aaron Gebhart	6-14	John Jensen	7-15
Macenzie Rubin	6-14	Deb Jensen	7-15
Terry Riepe	6-16	Michael VanHamme	7-15
Charlie Ong	6-18	Kristy Pash	7-16
Edel Fromm	6-19	Tony Funaro	7-17
Caleb Nordhagen	6-19	Christina Sponsler	7-17
Mallori Adams	6-20	Ron Snyder	7-18
Ellis Benus	6-20	Jaden Clair	7-19
Jensen Gebhart	6-20	Kirk Bloom	7-20
Nicholas Pash	6-22	Cynthia Wooge	7-21
Hunter Nutting	6-22	Laurie Allbaugh	7-23
Bob Shelton	6-23	Lynn Craig	7-23
Jerry Tierman	6-23	Jodi Erger	7-23
Ashley Oakes	6-26	Collin Oponski	7-23
Sharon Goff	6-26	Steven Ross	7-24
Meghan Taylor	6-27	Ken Allbaugh	7-26
Michael Dunnick	6-28	Todd Isley	7-26
Eldon Benus	6-29	Dan Ricke	7-26
Beth Oberman	6-29	Gene Elsasser	7-27
Kristie Wildung	6-29	Brendan Cahill	7-28
		Sue Anthony	7-29
		Chad Anthony	7-30
		Branden Bloom	7-30
		Ruth Montague	7-30
		Jennifer Anthony	7-31
		Linda Bartholomew	7-31
		Misty Dobesh	7-31
		Brad Temeyer	7-31
		Maury Petrehn	7-31
		Steven Goff	7-31

July

Riley Nordhagen	7-1		
Whitney Oberman	7-2		
Gerry Prine	7-2		
Penny Pieper	7-3		
Brenda Rohr	7-3		
Sheri Moen	7-4		

St. Patty's Day Party



Brody & Jake Hermanson



Patti Todden



Mark Weeks



Todd & Errin Patterson



*Nathan Ziino
(future Giant Leprechaun?)*



*Preston Gebhart &
Giant Leprechaun Jim Fromm*



*Tesha Huffaker &
Giant Leprechaun Derek Nordhagen*



New initiates listen to the BOI oath



Founding Fathers Bill & Rob



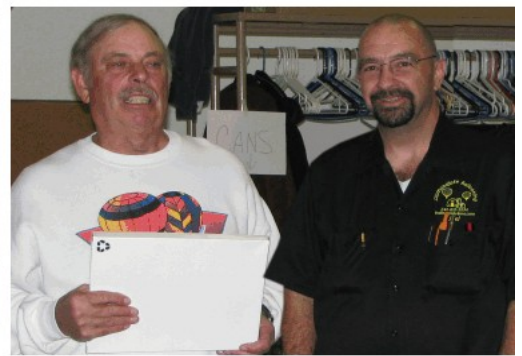
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Allison, Rochelle & Randy Kochheiser - Crew of the Year



Brad Craig
2009 BOI Champ



Rob Bartholomew & Joel Worthington - Cleo award winner



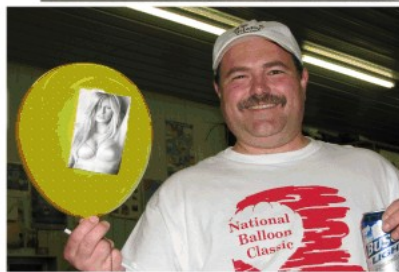
09-10 BOI Board - Tim Cloyd & Darcy Hoch (not present - Missy Bloom, Jake Hermanson, Karen Worthington)



Pilots prepare their balloons for competition



Winner Jeremy King & his crew



Ken Bolton & his balloon "Uplift"



Patti with her cat balloon



Jeremy lands his racer inches from the target



Rob with Becky & Gil Wigeland



Preston & Derek - twins separated at birth?



08-09 BOI Board
Ken Bolton & Jeremy King
(not present - Kirk Bloom, Caitlin Oponski, Todd Patterson)

The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 5-9-1984 Wayne Wasson received his private license.
- ★ May 1984 – Membership roster - 96 members
- ★ June 1984 – Waterloo Rally. No Indianola area pilot got within 2 ½ miles of the target. The first 6 places went to the Waterloo area Balloonists.
- ★ June 1984 – Dave Edmister is now a Raven Dealer for the Greater Des Moines Area.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ June '89 – Rita Fromm new newsletter editor. Introduction of the new weather forecasting tool for use during rainy times – the Weather Chicken. The Weather Chicken is to be used in conjunction with the Weather Rock.
- ★ June 2-4 Waterloo '89 – 2 flights. Saturday morning's flight rained out. Saturday night – Hare & Hound with the Pepsi can as the Hare balloon. Ground level winds picked up causing some windy landings and some injuries. Sunday morning flight – Hare & Hound toward the east.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ May/June '94 - New Editor - Joel Blom. New features to include: Nude pictures & biographies of BOI Members & their wives, husbands &/or significant others; Mark Ziino on the history of ballooning; Eye in the Sky by Mark Weeks; Letters to the Editor – Limit letters to 500 words or enclose \$100 to cover the cost of that month's printing, payable to the editor.
- ★ June 19, 1994 BOI Meeting: 11 Members present; Meeting chaired by Founding Father Bill Griffin; Approval given for combination chair rack / coat rack; This will be the last year for Iowa Championship in Oskie.
- ★ Waterloo Days: 34 balloons. One competition flight. Rich Jaworski & "Lucky" won \$500 in gold jewelry. #1 - Dale Doyle #2 - Carl Young
- ★ Wisconsin Dells - 95 balloons - BOI pilot JJ Johnson 5th place. JJ was in the air almost 2 ½ hours Saturday a.m. working the light and variable winds to his advantage.

- ★ Mason City - calm winds "ropeless tether". No tasks called.
- ★ Ottumwa: - 35 balloons; out of stators took all the money and the thieves left with the CB radios; all possible flights flown - #1 Peggy Ogland (Mueller) #2 Maury Petrehn #3 Ron Nollen #4 Jim Thompson, #5 J.J. Johnson
- ★ 6-11-94 Andy Williams received his commercial license
- ★ 6-12-94 Rick Poe received his commercial license
- ★ 6-21-94 Joyce Blevins inflated & took her maiden flight in her new balloon "Black Jack"
- ★ 6-26-94 Jason Jones seen flying his new balloon

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 5-09 Mark Weeks resigns as newsletter editor - Carol Harris new editor
- ★ Member of the Month - Rita Fromm. Rita got started in ballooning in 1974, crewing for Paul Woesner. She & Jim bought their first balloon in 1987. They have also had 2 Re/Max balloons & currently have "Maggie".
- ★ Jr. Member of the Month - Jared Netley
- ★ Mark Harris graduated from Urbandale High School.
- ★ Jim & Rita Fromm celebrating 25th wedding anniversary
- ★ May 1999 BOI Meeting: 25 members present; Meeting chaired by Benji Clemons; New board wore beer hats; Mark Weeks named BOI Secretary; Committee formed to bring a proposal to the next meeting concerning having a BOI championship; Dick Drake joined the Retirement Center Committee; Program given by Dick & Phyllis Drake on a ballooning trip to Mexico.
- ★ 5-26-1999 Scott Moon received his Private license.
- ★ Wisconsin Dells: 5 Iowa pilots among the 90 balloon teams. All flights weathered out.
- ★ Waterloo - Mother Nature won - all flights winded out. Balloonmeister Stan Pasley.
- ★ Great Plains (Sioux Falls): 50 pilots (10 from Iowa). Flew 3 flights; Bill Smith 3rd, Mark Harris 7th place, Tom Hemmingsen 9th place

- ★ June BOI Meeting: 17 members present; Meeting chaired by Dan Corbin; Current membership – 83 families; BOI Championship to be based on points from Ode, Classic & Creston. \$5 to enter, money collected will be awarded to the 1st place winner. Benji Clemons to chair the Championship.
- ★ Ottumwa: Record number of balloons – 44 registered for the 22nd Annual; 2 fun flights, one competition flight, one glow. #1 Terry McGonegle #2 Tom Ricke #3 Scott Moon #4 Dick Drake, #5 Mark Harris
- ★ 6-25-1999 Aaron Gebhart received his Private license.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ May BOI Meeting: 25 Members present; Meeting Chaired by Jen Nordhagen; During Ponderances Dick Drake began readings from a book entitled “A World of Imponderables”; We have 77 ½ Kegs
- ★ Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee continues its hard work on the Retirement Home project. WRA Pash continues to reside in the cottage next to the Balloonport, and when not attending meetings, has taken to wandering in the woods. BOIRHPSAC is proud to announce that a site has been located. Secret site acquisition negotiations by Dick Drake nearly round the clock at a secret location continue.
- ★ 5-27 Todd Isley received his private license
- ★ 6-2 Ryan Kintzel received his Commercial license
- ★ 6-3 Al Appenzeller received his Private license.
- ★ June BOI Meeting: 35 Members present; Meeting Chaired by Leroy Clair; We have 72 Kegs; BOI donated \$500 to the National Balloon Museum for brochures & other promotions; Maggie Worthington introduced as possible candidate for BOI president – she is a basset hound.
- ★ Marshalltown: 44 Hot Air Balloon Pilots from across the Midwest and Texas. 2 flights
- ★ 6-22 Cory Bloom received his private license.
- ★ Ottumwa - 4 flights 1. Mark Harris 2. Aaron Foelske 3. Brian Bennett
- ★ Dale & Holly Dommer were married June 25, 2004.
- ★ 6-28 Kelly Shaw received his private license.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

March 15, 2008

Present: Bill Griffin, Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Al Appenzeller, Kirk Bloom, Michelle Craig, Darcy Hoch, Max & Carol Harris, Rob Bartholomew, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Brad Craig, and Colton Craig.

Meeting called to disorder by Chair Kirk Bloom at 6:39:55.

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

Treasurer’s report: Jen not present, Rob gave Treasurer’s report. We have 230 cases. There was a profit of \$946 from Ground School. Max moved to accept the Treasurer’s report, Joel 2nd. Report approved.

Old Business:

- ★ He’s not present. He was at the St. Pat’s party last night.
- ★ Joel reported on Ode to Spring. His officials are listed in the newsletter. Rob predicted we will fly!
- ★ Discussion on Classic maps. They are UTM.
- ★ Discussion on donating repairs, etc for the Classic.
- ★ Ground School report. There was a good number of students. Most passed the exams.

New Business:

- ★ Discussion on donation to Museum for shelves. Carol moved to approve payment for 2 shelves if they are still needed. Joel 2nd. Motion approved
- ★ Report on Pilot Relations Committee. Jim met with the executive board. They gave their thoughts on the direction that Pilot Relations committee should go. Bill Clemons will be the Balloonmeister. Things the committee are working on now are - maps, Pilot gift (\$2 bills). Some sponsors are still out. The cost of propane is down. There is a forum on Yahoo for Pilot Relations issues. Contact Jim Fromm if interested.
- ★ Al Appenzeller is a new commercial pilot. He flew with Rob 3/13
- ★ Rochester, Quincy, Clinton and Emmetsburg all

canceled races for this year.

Rob moved to adjourn, Joel 2nd. Motion passed. Bill voted "Not a Chance". Meeting adjourned 7:40:30.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary for life.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

April 18, 2009

Present: Bill Griffin, Jeremy King, Max & Carol Harris, Al Appenzeller, Darcy Hoch, Cole Hoch, Jerry Bolton, Ken Bolton, Rob Bartholomew, Phyllis & Dick Drake, Michelle Craig, Jim Gebhart, Tom & Tammy Hatcher, Jen Nordhagen, Sandy Drake, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Lucy Nordhagen

Meeting called to order by Chair Jeremy King at 6:34:20.

Secretary's report: Minutes from March meeting presented. Date wrong – should be 2009 instead of 2008. Max moved to approve secretary's report, Rob 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: We have 214 cases. Max moved to approve Treasurer's report, Al 2nd, motion approved.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not present
- ★ Question on museum shelves. They are still in need of more. We will pay for 2 as voted last month.
- ★ Discussion on Ode to Spring. Weather forecast not good. Michelle is to be in charge of meat & beans.

New Business:

- ★ Al reported on RAGBRAI activities in Indianola. They will be camping on Simpson campus and at some of the schools.
- ★ BFA Nationals will be August 26-30th in Marshall, Michigan (east of Battle Creek)
- ★ Old Business arrived. He was given a standing ovation!
- ★ Jen requested a \$50 donation to a Carlisle Cheerleaders' fund raiser. Phyllis moved to donate \$50, Joel 2nd. Discussion on how to donate without giving cases of beer to the cheerleaders. Motion

carried. Bill & Jerry voted "Not a Chance".

Meeting is out of control!

- ★ Classic registration letters are out. Register by June 1 or pay \$50 penalty.

A ponderance was called. Dick read many thoughts to ponder.

- ★ Discussion on requesting bailout money.
- ★ New Classic maps were approved. There is a sample on the Iowa championship web site.
- ★ The Founding Fathers met in secret meeting recently. It was a successful meeting.

Rob moved to adjourn, Tom 2nd. Motion not passed. Chair called for show of hands. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:22:07.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary for life.

National Balloon Museum News

Admission Fee Instituted at the National Balloon Museum

The National Balloon Museum in Indianola instituted an admission fee effective May 1, 2009. Visitors age 12 through adult will be asked to pay a \$3 admission fee. Children under 12 are free. Adult admission for guided group tours remains at \$4 per adult. Any member of the Museum and his or her spouse and joint members get free admission. Memberships start at \$25 per year. A non-member visiting the museum may get in free if they join upon entry. Persons who come into the museum only to shop in the Gift Shop or to visit the National Balloon Classic office or the Balloon Federation of American office will not have to pay the fee. This new policy replaces the long standing free admission policy. However, in recent years the donation box has posted a suggested \$3 donation per adult.


Spaghetti Dinner at Crouse Café a Big Success

The Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the National Balloon Museum hosted by the Crouse Café in Indianola on April 20 was attended by over 80 persons and the Museum received over \$600 from the event. John, Rhonda and Bobby Crouse donated their cost back to the museum making 100% of the ticket cost all profit for the museum. Be sure to give them a thank you the next time you have a meal there. Thanks also to all those who attended.

SAVE THAT DATE: Sunday, August 2, 2009 is the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the National Balloon Museum. It is open to the public. Come and honor the people who have helped with the advancement of ballooning and are truly ballooning pioneers. Our inductees are Karl Stefan, Lucy Stephen and Jim Winker. The Open House is from 1 to 4, with the ceremony at 2.

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Memorable Aviation Quotes

When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return. — Attributed to Leonardo da Vinci, but not proven

To most people, the sky is the limit. To those who love aviation, the sky is home. — anon.

The best way of travel, however, if you aren't in any hurry at all, if you don't care where you are going, if you don't like to use your legs, if you don't want to be annoyed at all by any choice of directions, is in a balloon. In a balloon, you can decide only when to start, and usually when to stop. The rest is left entirely to nature. — William Pene du Bois, 'The Twenty-one Balloons.

Flying is a lot like playing a musical instrument; you're doing so many things and thinking of so many other things, all at the same time. It becomes a spiritual experience. Something wonderful happens in the pit of your stomach. — Dusty McTavish



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BFA-IA Championship

After speaking with Paul Petrehn (Competition Chairperson), several days and several hours and with the competition Board and the decision of the Competition Board is accept ALL or NONE of the competition scores.

After speaking with Bret, Gary and John --- We have decided to use ALL of the scores from the different sanctioned events and the open events.

The 2009 Iowa State Championship will be the same scoring except for every 5 tasks will be able to remove 1 (bad) task. This will be used for the IA State Championship points and NOT for the scores that will be turned into the BFA.

Remember - At events like Classic, Ottumwa and Creston --- the scores that are turned into the BFA are of ALL of the sanctioned pilots, not just for the Iowa State Championship.

DEADLINE for the Iowa State Championship is JUNE 1st, 2009.

THANK YOU

John Jensen

2009 BFA – Iowa State Championship

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Requirements:

- Current - BFA Member
- Current - BFA Sanction Card holder
- Iowa Pilot

Registration Fee - \$25 per pilot

- Expenses of \$250 for the BFA State Championship fee
- Expenses of Mailings/web site fees (\$75)

DEADLINE for registration of entry into the BFA – Iowa State Championship is May 24th, 2009

Once a pilot has registered for the BFA – Iowa State Championship, the pilot will not be able to remove them self from an event competition. If at an event, not an open event, each pilot that has registered will be automatically be entered into the BFA – Iowa State Championship sanction.

Qualify for the Iowa State Championship:

Each Pilot needs to fly a minimum of 4 BFA – Iowa State Championship task.

Each Pilot must compete in minimum of 2 BFA –Iowa State events throughout the 2009-year.

Payout: Trophy

Scoring:

The POINTS for the BFA – Iowa State Championship will be used to determine the IA State Championship

Scoring Avg. – Calculated by the total sum of points divided by the total number of task flown.

Exp: total of 10,000 points/14 task = 714.3 scoring avg.

BEST overall scoring avg. will be crowned the BFA – Iowa Champion.

Also --- EVERY 5 Task – each pilot will be able to remove the lowest score-----This is for IA State Championship Scoring

ALL scoring will be published in both of the Iowa Newsletters & the Championship website.

Schedule:

Practice - Open Event: Sat, June 13th -- AM flight National Balloon Classic: July 31 (Sun)–Aug 8 (Sat) ----- AM flights

Ottumwa: June 27 – 28th -----AM flights Open event: Aug 15th or Aug 22nd (Sat) ----- AM flight

Open Event: July 11th (Sat) ----- AM flight Creston: September 19 – 20th --- AM flights

If a group of Iowa pilots chooses to organize a date for competition, they can do so.

Required – Notify the group of IA State Champion pilots – 1 day (24 hours) advance via email.

*Per BFA rules – a Sanction event has to have a minimum of 6 pilots. If at an event sanction, there needs to be 6 pilots for the BFA – Iowa State Championship.

If at an open event, need to have a minimum 6 pilots – IA State Championship to count.

ALL BFA rules apply for task scoring, jury and penalties.

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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:

June 21

July 19