

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

September - October, 2009

National Balloon Classic

The time between Classics goes so fast - hard to believe it was time for another 10 days of fun, flying, tailgating & catching up with old friends. The Balloonmeister was Bill Clemons, with son Benji as assistant Balloonmeister. Weather guys were Steve West and Brad Temeyer.

Friday night's flight was an X at the field and the Don Kerstan memorial outhouse task. No one knocked over the outhouse, but Jeff Thompson won the FIT.

Saturday morning the flight was canceled due to a front going through and high winds aloft. Saturday evening was an event new to Indianola - John Ninomiya launched his helium cluster balloon. He flew off the field first, then the pilots followed in an impressive mass ascension. Seems like it happens every year - a pilot flies off with his keys & this year Leroy Clair got it out of the way early! Many pilots returned to the field for a beautiful night glow.

Sunday morning competition started with a 3 part task - a FIT south of town, a CRAT at the middle school and a Hesitation Waltz. Winners of the first 3 tasks were Brad Craig, Scott Armstrong, and Crispin Williams. Sunday afternoon was the Hall of Fame induction at the Balloon Museum honoring Karl & Lucy Stefan and Jim Winker. Sunday evening the weather report took about 60 seconds - it's too windy. Bill had been told that pilots wanted things the way that it "used to be". So, he pulled out a couple of leisure suit jackets & asked some of the mature pilots to model them. He then called for a new task - "Dancing for Dollars" - to disco music, wearing leisure suit jackets. The Classic queen chose Dick Drake, he asked Julie Rieke to dance with him. They passed an album jacket around & collected \$104.01. They danced for about 30 sec. The money was donated to Mrs. Claus - Tesha Huffaker & her Christmas charity.

Monday morning's flight was weathered out. Monday evening the even numbered pilots would fly off the field in a "Basset & a Bunny" task - Benji was the Bunny. Odd numbered pilots would fly in. The two tasks were won by Mark Harris & Brad Temeyer. Following the flight was the Sports Page party.

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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 announced 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.

Simply request the replacement from the FAA's Web site (http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/). The cost is \$2.

BOI Halloween Party

Saturday, October 31st

6:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Chili Cook-off

Costume Judging

Theme:

"Redneck/Hillbilly"



Note from the editor:

Sorry about the mess on last month's newsletter. I received some corrections from Mr. Dunn after I had taken the newsletter to print. I had intended to get the newsletter out before RAGBRAI, but you know what they say about good intentions.

I joked with someone at the Classic that I thought I'd make the next issue all photos, so I didn't have to write any articles. I almost accomplished that - seven pages of photos. Thanks to all who contributed photos & articles!

Thanks to all who helped with Max's incident at the Classic & thanks to all those who checked up on me & those who offered any assistance that we needed. Carol

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Letter from President Meika

Unfortunately, Dad didn't let me attend the Classic this year, so I had to stay home and dream about the wonderful sights in the skies above Indianola. Fortunately, I was given a detailed rundown of everything that happened, plus I've been able to look at some pictures, so I almost feel like I was there. Maybe I can go next year if I work a little harder on the proverbial "puppy dog eyes" my friends keep telling me about. Congrats to Jeremy on some very fine flying this year as well as to all the rest of the Iowa pilots who finished well.

On a side note, congratulations to the Hawkeyes on a good win against the Cyclones. Here's one fan that wishes success for both teams for the rest of the season. Talk of football reminds me that fall is upon us, so be sure to take advantage of the good flying opportunities we have left. I'm obviously not a pilot, but I wouldn't want to go all winter wishing I'd taken that one last flight when the conditions were still comfortable.

Unfortunately, keyboards aren't made for these paws I've got, so I'm going to have to wrap this up before I need to give up my turn on the computer. Here comes Dad now, so I've got to go...

As always, fly safely.

Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Greetings from Radcliff, IA, I hope this finds everyone doing well and getting lots of ballooning time in.

As I'm pawing this article out, I'm amazed me that it is August 30 and today's high hasn't even reached 70 degrees yet. I'm not even sure we really had much of a summer, well except for the 2-3 days towards the end of the National Balloon Classic when the temperature went from 70 to 100 degrees within a day. I'm not even going to ask what winter will be like and how soon it will get here.

Speaking of the National Balloon Classic, wow, talk about an exciting event this year. I wasn't able to get the field as much as I would have liked to. Someone had to stay back at the Drake Family motor coach while Mom and Dad (Phyllis and Dick Drake) went to go play. The Drake motor coach this year was parked at the Bloom's Camping Grounds located just west of the National Balloon Classic Field. Thank you to Thad and Peggy Bloom for allowing the Drake Family to park the motor coach at the Bloom home during the event. I was able to lie outside the motor coach in the morning/evenings and watch the balloons fly over. I really enjoyed Wednesday evening, during the event, watching the National Balloon Classic's biggest Wednesday night glow. What an awesome sight...over 70 balloons glowing! I've heard many stories floating around about the Classic and have heard many of you had submitted photos and I know Carol has told me she has a lot of photos as well. Great job to the

Balloonmeister (Bill Clemons) and his officials, NBC officials, volunteers, pilots, and crews! I'm looking forward to the 2011 National Balloon Classic.

Many of you who attended one of National Balloon Classic pilots meeting, had an opportunity to see Julie Ricke and Dick "Disco Daddy" Drake show off their disco moves. Many of you who were not able to see their performance probably received a video message on your cell phones or pulled it up on Facebook and/or YouTube. One has to love modern technology. Due to the large amount of compliments that have come in on their wild disco moves, Dick and Julie's managers are working on getting them a spot to audition for America's Got Talent!

Dad and Julie weren't sure they could sway the votes of Pierce, Sharon Osborne, and David Hasselhoff, but I suggested a few more wild disco moves Dad could get Sharon's vote and Julie, with her smooth moves could easily get Pierce and David's vote. So, will they audition for America's Got Talent next season? Stay tuned.

Congratulations go out to Carl and Lucy Stefan and Jim Winker, all three were recently inducted into the US Ballooning Hall of Fame at the National Balloon Museum in Indianola, IA. One has to pose the question, where would hot air ballooning be today, if it weren't for Carl, Lucy, and Jim?

BFA Nationals in Battle Creek, MI are finishing up. I hope everyone who went had a safe trip and enjoyed the ballooning. Is it true weather man Brad Temeyer has a few new weather catch phrases?

Several of you headed to Brookfield, MO for the Labor Day weekend Balloon Derby and will be going to Creston the third weekend in September. These two events have and will always continue to be fun. Both events have great community support!

In about a month or so, the Iowa group will be heading down to Albuquerque, NM for the 2009 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. I'm not going to say have fun to this group, as this group pretty much knows how to have fun and then some! If anyone from the BOI club goes down for the first time please be sure to write an article about your first time experience down at Fiesta. We would love to hear about it.

Normally at this time, on a late Sunday afternoon, It would be off for a walk to the Cardinal café here in Radcliff, IA. I have some sad news to report - the Cardinal Café has closed. The previous owners had been looking to sell for some time, but unfortunately it was too late to find new owners. The tasty treat had to close. I'm

trying to convince the folks to buy the place and re-open as an ice cream place or better yet, a doggie café or spa! Unfortunately, Mom and Dad are just shaking their heads and laughing about the new business venture. So, I guess I'll see what happens in the near future! They sure seem to shake their heads a lot when I bring up new business ventures. I don't understand why.

It's time for me to sign off for now. Hope to see everyone at the Balloons Over Iowa club meeting or even at the BOI Halloween Party scheduled for October 31st. Until next time, keep looking up!

Sandy Drake

PS - Remember to check out the National Balloon Museum's Facebook site!

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Hello fellow Balloonists,

Since moving to Iowa 5 years ago, I've been trying to transfer my pilot's & balloon's registration to Iowa from Illinois. It has canceled or deleted my registry, but Iowa can't seem to get the job done on registering. I've contacted Des Moines several times in several ways, but still no response. Can someone in BOI help please?

Thanks in advance.

Lightly, Mary

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National Balloon Classic (continued)

Tuesday morning the officials called a 4 part task - Minimum Distance Double Drop, Judge Declared goal, Watership down & Hesitation Waltz. The winds were changing by the minute - several pilots changed their minds several times. Some looked for over an hour for a launch spot. The winds were initially very slow, but then after many were in the air, the winds picked up. The MinDDD and JDG were both won by Chris Reinert. The Watership Down was won by Jeremy King. Rob Nutting won the Hesitation Waltz, since he was the only one who scored. Tuesday evening the field was split - half flying in, half flying out.

Wednesday morning was beautiful - cool temps & nice winds. Bill called a 5 part task - a FIT, Max distance double drop, JDG, CRAT, and another JDG. All the pilots did a fantastic job - 73 scored on the first target, 62 on the MxDDD, 60 on the JDG, 72 on the CRAT and 46 on the final target. It made for some great shows & lots of work for the scorers! Todd Isley won the first target, Ryan Kintzel the MxDDD, Maurey Petrehn the JDG, Gary Haynes the CRAT, and Rhett Heartsill the last JDG. Wednesday night all pilots flew into the field. Brad Craig won the FIT. Following the flight was the Night Glow Extravaganza - and extravagant it was - 71 balloons. Amazingly beautiful.

Thursday morning was a 2 part task - FIT & Hesitation Waltz. Todd Isley won the FIT and Ralph Rieck won the Hesitation Waltz. The winds switched almost 180° from when the first pilots took off until the second group got in the air. Thursday evening was a short, fast flight into the field. Gary Haynes won the task.

Friday morning everyone got to stay in bed - it was too windy & there were storms around. Friday evening was also too windy. Everyone was congratulating the top finishers, but Bill said that this game wasn't over - if at all possible, we'd be flying tomorrow morning.

But Saturday morning came & the winds hadn't gone away. It was greater than 10 knots on the surface & 50 knots at 1500 feet. Bill said he was optimistic, but even he couldn't pull this off. Pilots & crews gave Bill a standing ovation for a job well done. Saturday evening was the Awards ceremony - crowning Jeremy Rubin - his second National Balloon Classic win! Other awards given:

Crew of the Year - Randy Stone's crew

Jon Russell award - Joel Worthington

Newcomer of the year - Rhett Heartsill

Landowner of the year - Alan McGruder

2009 National Balloon Classic top 20:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jeremy Rubin | 11. Ryan Kintzel |
| 2. Todd Isley | 12. Ken Walter |
| 3. Rob Bartholomew | 13. Grant Pfeifer |
| 4. Joe Heartsill | 14. Steve Jones |
| 5. Chris Reinert | 15. Gary Haynes |
| 6. Brad Craig | 16. John Jensen |
| 7. Mark Harris | 17. Maurey Petrehn |
| 8. Rhett Heartsill | 18. Bill Bussey |
| 9. Scott Armstrong | 19. Tom Ricke |
| 10. Jim Gualdoni | 20. Brian Seymour |

Due to the scoring differences, the top 3 for the **BFA North Central Regional** were different than the top 3 of the Classic:

1. Rob Bartholomew
2. Jeremy Rubin
3. Todd Isley



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Congratulations

- ◆ Brandon Bloom - received his private license 7/31
- ◆ Bob Shelton received his commercial license.
- ◆ Brad Smith soloed 8/7
- ◆ Eric Kennedy soloed 7/19
- ◆ Brad & Trisha Smith purchased a new balloon in August.



BOI Reflector

There is a Reflector / Discussion list for BOI Members. It is similar to the International Balloon Reflector, but much less emails. Any message sent into the group will be sent out to all who subscribe. It can be used to make announcements, discuss events, discuss weather, tell about a recent flight, gather others for a flight, or just to say "Howdy". To Subscribe - go to the web site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BalloonsOverIowa> or email: BalloonsOverIowa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Then to send messages to the list - email BalloonsOverIowa@yahoogroups.com Contact me (hotairflyn@aol.com) with any questions or for more information. *Carol*

Light The Night Walk

I am once again looking for pilots that would like to donate some time and their balloon. I am in charge of finding balloons for the Light The Night Walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. It is a good cause. I was told that they might be able to give a T-shirt and some food if you glow or fly from the site.

It will once again be held at West Glen, but it has been made larger by adding ground to the west. This year we will have room for more balloons, probably as many as we can get. If I get 30 people we will have room. There are four large grass areas for us to use.

If you have some extra time September 26th from 5:30 to about 8 this is a worthy event. Please let me know if you can come. I would like to get some balloons that for sure

will be there. Thanks again everyone. Call or email me if you have questions.

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Happy Anniversary

John & Barbara Lewis	10-1
Ken & Shanda Bolton	10-5
Stan & Shirley Burgers	10-6
Mark & Deanna Ziino	10-10
Dennis & Luana Shull	10-13
Shawn & Jodi Erger	10-15
Chris & Angie Reinert	10-19
Denny & Lynn Craig	10-20
Tim & Elsie Cloyd	10-23



Anthony & Kerrie VanBroekhuizen	11-7
John & Tracy Jensen	11-8
Jacob & Jennifer Hermanson	11-11
Max & Carol Harris	11-11
Robert & Cynthia Nutting	11-19
Alex & Chris Oponski	11-20
Stephen & Sharon Foltz	11-25
Dan & Katie Walker	11-27
Casey & Tamara Frame	11-28



The July BOI newsletter cost about \$1 per issue to print and over \$1 to mail. If you have high speed internet, please consider changing to the email version of the newsletter. An email will come with a link to the BOI website - you can then read the newsletter or download a .pdf file. Help out the BOI treasury and your BOI newsletter editor!

Calendar of Events

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

January 17, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

February 21, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

March 21, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

April 18, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

May 16, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

June 20, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

June 25-27, 2010 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race** Contact Dale or Holly Dommer at Ottumwaproballoonrace@yahoo.com or 641-684-8999

July 18, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

August 15, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

September 3-6, 2010 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby** Brookfield, MO. Contact Sherry Techau 660 258-5290 or rstechau@classicnet.net

September 19, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

October 17, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

November 21, 2010 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2010 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com

New email address:

Tim & Elise Cloyd: tecvisions@hotmail.com

Happy Birthday

Nazzle Jensen	10-1	Kim Anderson	11-1
Kierstin Keller	10-1	Troy Ohnemus	11-1
Dennis Shull	10-1	Avery Rubin	11-2
Scott Allsup	10-2	CJ Ong	11-3
Trinity Keller	10-3	Mackenzie Hermanson	11-4
Pamela Winkenwerder	10-3	Ken Bolton	11-5
Rhonda Bishop	10-4	Madison Frame	11-7
Alisa Lawrence	10-4	Ashlynn Williams	11-7
Mark Weeks	10-6	Kim Snyder	11-7
Dena Dittmer	10-7	Reece Rubin	11-8
John Parezo	10-7	Madelyn Jones	11-10
Jerry Riley	10-8	Lexi Oponski	11-11
Rhonda Thomm	10-8	Andy Sponsler	11-11
BJ Anderson	10-10	Mark Ziino	11-11
Sean Carey	10-10	Colton Craig	11-12
Allan Keller	10-10	Sage Patterson	11-12
Scott Moon	10-10	Amy Ohnemus	11-14
Alex Funaro	10-11	Tyler Pedersen	11-16
Caitlin Oponski	10-11	Leonard Taylor	11-17
Mary Eagan	10-13	Kennedy Dalby	11-19
Jim E. Phelan	10-13	Tamara Frame	11-20
Russell Winkenwerder	10-13	Tyler Boyd	11-20
Emily Fenster	10-14	Stephen Foltz	11-21
Tracy Jensen	10-14	Allison Jensen	11-21
Shari Hillary	10-15	Becca Bridgewater	11-22
Hana Appenzeller	10-16	Ben Smith	11-22
Gina Garrett	10-17	Suzy Foley	11-22
O'Brien Steve	10-17	Jim Fromm	11-25
Shanda Bolton	10-18	Warren Stone	11-26
Jerry Bolton	10-19	Deb Bridgewater	11-27
Savannah Christian	10-20	Charlie Thorman	11-27
Jim Thompson	10-20	Kaitlin Wiley	11-29
Joe Thompson	10-20	Brittany Hatcher	11-30
Roger Woodruff	10-20		
Esther Snyder	10-21		
Spencer Conlin	10-25		
Ruth Holcomb	10-26		
Brett Boerner	10-29		
Kay Fee	10-29		



Flight Over Des Moines



Photos by Chance Carter, Thomas Hatcher, Angelica Corbin, Carol Harris

National Balloon Classic



Gary Ruble



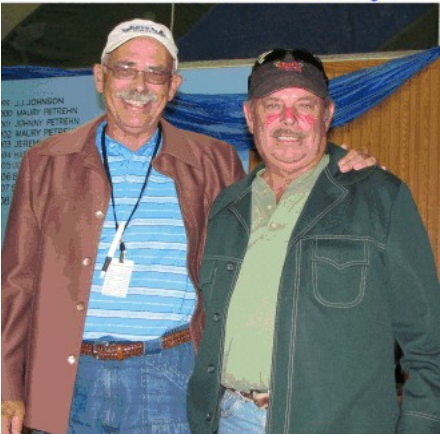
Jon Shelton



John Ninomiya



Brad Temeyer



Gary & Rob in Leisure Suit coats



Bill - disco dancing!



Julie & Dick dancing



New Classic map



Crouse's onion rings



John Ninomiya's hopper



Day is done, the scorers' jobs are done





Maneuvering over the target



Chris Reinert



Rob Bartholomew



Al Appenzeller



Preston Gebhart



Jon Shelton



Mark Harris



Amazing Night Glow



Brandon getting a map lesson



Joel Worthington - Jon Russell award



Photo by Ward Roscoe

Saturday 8-1-09 - Huge crowd!



#1 - Jeremy Rubin



Top 20



*Photos by Ward Roscoe
Mark Weeks
Carol Harris*

The yearly Mark Weeks self portrait!

National Balloon Museum / Ballooning Hall of Fame



Becky Wigeland



Jim Winker & Gary Ruble



Nancy Griffin & Carl Stefan



Nancy Griffin & Lucy Stefan



Jim Winker, Lucy & Carl Stefan



Ken Walter & Jim Winker



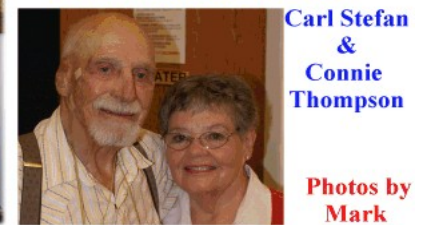
Rich Jaworski



Jim Winker & Bob Shelton



Gary Ruble, Nancy Griffin, Jim Winker, Lucy & Carl Stefan, Ken Walter, Jim Thompson



Carl Stefan & Connie Thompson

Photos by Mark Weeks



Bill Bussey, Lucy & Carl Stefan



Matt Wiederkehr, Lucy & Carl Stefan

Saint Jean's Balloon Festival 2009



Colorado Balloon Classic



Photos by
Tim Cloyd



BFA Nationals



Students from the Disney film school were doing a documentary on Jeff Thompson. Benji (and crew!) will probably be featured...



Photos by Mark Harris & Brad Temeyer



Great Pershing Balloon Derby



Jerry & Rosa Tierman

Heather,
Gomer & crew



Chasing down
a dusty road



Officials waiting for the fog to go away



Pilot's meeting



Steve & Bill. Thanks for the ribs, Steve!



Hanging out after the rib feed.



Ugly shoes!



Winner



Top 3- Jeremy King, Terry Montague, Herb Heriford



Photos
by
Mark
Harris
&
Carol
Harris



The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Creston '84 – 3 flights. #1 Pat Fogue, #2 Gary Cass, #3 Ted Mart, #4 Rob Bartholomew.
- ★ Altoona Balloona Fest – 46 Pilots. 3 flights. #1 – Rob Bartholomew, #2 – Dave Morris, #3 – Dick Drake.
- ★ 10-28-1984 Ken Allbaugh received his Commercial license.
- ★ 10-28-1984 Steve Hoover received his Commercial license.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Storm Lake '89 – Great Iowa Balloon Race” - Friday night mixer and night glow. Saturday morning 60-65 balloons flew, followed by the bathtub races, the parade and the National Guard’s mock bombing attack on the airport. Saturday nights flight winded out. Sunday morning flight weathered out. Sunday afternoon was a picnic in the park and annual volleyball game. The Prine All-Stars were the winners. The evening flight was winded out, but the pilots & crews were treated to an hog roast, buffet, kegger, dance. This was followed by a Fireworks & lightning display. No flight Monday morning. The weekend ended with a new awards brunch.
- ★ Brookfield '89 – 13th Annual Great Pershing Derby. Saturday morning’s flight was a CNT & MJDG. No one scored on the CNT & only 4 scored on the MJDG. The pilot with the best drop was unfortunately too late to be scored. After the flight was the parade through downtown Brookfield. Saturday evening’s task was a MJDG from the field, but no one got within 1 ½ mile, so all were given the same score. Sunday morning was winded out. Sunday evening was a two part task – JDG & PDG with the launch from the balloon field. A few balloons got launched, but there were others not so lucky – one balloon had some damage from a burn, another melted its cable covers, and another balloon’s pull damaged the Tommy Lift it was tied off to. Many pilots pulled the tops to abort their inflations. Monday morning’s flight was stormed out. Overall winner – Dave Edmister & Governor’s Cup to John Esserman.
- ★ Altoona '89 – 7th Annual Altoona Balloona won by Jerry Riley with drop less than 5 feet on two tasks. Only 1 flight flown with 2 tasks.
- ★ 10-15-89 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Ralph Rieck; Planning for Halloween & Christmas parties.
- ★ 10-28-89 Halloween party: Costumes to be made from an official Hy-Vee paper bag; Hay rack ride; DJ Steve Mathews said it was too bad that BOI bunch is so

inhibited! Members doing the hand jive & the limbo; Ran out of beer.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Storm Lake - some flights, some glows; a good time was had by most; Richard Schick's accident – he was ejected from the balloon and a passenger jumped out before the balloon hit power lines; 1st Ralph Rieck, 2nd Rob Bartholomew, 3rd Frank Urbanski. Fireworks in the fog.
- ★ Altoona - Flew every flight. Sherry Allsup commented: “When can you remember an Altoona race when 911 didn’t have to be called?”; #1 Jim Thompson (when a competitive pilot finds the groove, they are hard to beat) #2 Peggy Mueller #3 Bill Clemons
- ★ 17th Annual Creston Balloon Days - 4 tasks flown!, 26 balloons; Jim Oakes retirement - received a standing ovation at the Banquet; Winners - #1 Bill Griffin (edged out Paul Randleman by the narrowest margin), #2 Paul Randleman #3 Dick Drake.
- ★ Pershing Derby - 2 flights; 1st Jan Sines, 2nd John Esserman, 3rd Gary Tarter
- ★ Report from Albuquerque - First time pilots - Denny Anderson & Dennis Shelley; Mark Weeks got his first balloon ride in Albuquerque on his 28th BD. Dr. Jon Russell was there with his bread truck. Special shapes included a lazy boy chair, polar bear, cow, Harley Davidson motorcycle and others.
- ★ BOI Halloween party: Costume theme – any comic book character published since 1980; Georgia Oakes dethroned her husband in the Chili contest. Louise Clemons 2nd, Sherry Allsup 3rd & Jim Oakes - last place; Jack-o-lanterns – Birthday pumpkin, a skeleton, a skull and one with blinking eye-balls.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Jim Gebhart recovering from Hip surgery.
- ★ Paul Schneider received his commercial license.
- ★ Corrin Michelle Clemons born to Benji & Kristine Clemons 9-4-99. Grandpa & Grandma (Bill & Louise Clemons) had to leave Brookfield early to make it home & welcome Cori into the family.
- ★ Member of the month - Barb Knoll. Barb & Gerald got started in ballooning by crewing. They purchased their own balloon this year “Isn’t She Lovely”. Barb got her license in July.
- ★ Brookfield: 40 balloons, Jim Thompson Balloonmeister. 3 flights #1 Maury Petrehn #2 Karin Riepe #3 Dave Edmister. Liz McGee awarded the Petrehn Cup.
- ★ Storm Lake: #1 Tom Ricke #2 Dick Drake
- ★ Creston: Balloonmeister Rob Bartholomew. One competition flight. #1 - Jim Thompson, #2 Todd

Netley, #3 - Chuck Schrader; Barb Knoll - Rookie of the Year.

- ★ September 19, 1999 BOI Meeting: 24 members present; Meeting chaired by Barb Knoll; Dave Edmister won 1st annual BOI Championship; HISTORY MADE – at 7:21 p.m. BOI changes forever – ALL BOI members can now make motions; Don Prine added a friendly amendment that members cannot overthrow the Founding Fathers; Weekly meetings taking place for retirement Center; Motion made by Rob, seconded by Wayne to forbid adult beverages at BOI meetings – membership voted “NOT A CHANCE”.
- ★ Clara Thompson born 9-20-99 to Monica & Joe Thompson. Grandparents are Jim & Rita Fromm.
- ★ October 17, 1999 BOI Meeting: 20 members present; Meeting chaired by Benji Clemons; Halloween party planned – to have Karaoke machine; Gerald in charge of New Years Eve festivities.
- ★ Halloween party: Such a good time was had that no one judged the chili, the costumes or the pumpkins; BOI champion did not show up to claim his plaque; Karaoke – some good singers in the BOI Membership. Gretchen sang a solo!
- ★ Brian & Chris Seymour purchased a Cameron 77,000 - Rio pattern

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Brookfield - Brian Bennett won the Ugly Shoe Derby. 1 glow, 3 flights. #1 Gary Tarter. #2 Gary Whitby #3 Maury Petrehn
- ★ 9-1 Randy Schmidt received his private license
- ★ 9-8 Amy Williams received her private license.
- ★ 9-19 BOI Meeting: 34 members present; Meeting chaired by Bill Griffin & Jen Nordhagen; We have 57 kegs; New members: Bob & Penny Peiper
- ★ Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee assisted by members of MORK (Motorcyclist Over Road Kill)
- ★ Creston - weathered out - no flights. Crappy beer contest won by Dan & Irene Bertsch with beer brought from Michigan
- ★ Saturday, October 16th, 2004 Jill Rubin Memorial Flight - flight canceled due to wind; picnic held at Red Haw State Park in Chariton, Iowa.
- ★ 10-17 BOI Meeting: 29 members present; Meeting chaired by Paul Randleman; 52 kegs. There are fears that the Treasury is perilously low; BOI's kegmeister was run over by a car. He is home recuperating. No broken bones, stitches in leg; Motion made & passed that BOI pay for a trip to Hawaii for Max & Carol Harris – to do site visits for Retirement home

- ★ Halloween party - Chili Cook-off: 1st - Donna Rieck, 2nd - Dominic Paterno, 3rd - Helen Bartholomew. Best Costume - Indian Family-Jeremiah, Amber and Sage Hoyt; Most Original - Lone Ranger-Dick Drake; Cutest - Lion Baby-Trinity Keller; Best Kid Costume - Pumpkin - Emma Sherman

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

August 16, 2009

Present: Bill Griffin, Joel & Charlie Worthington, Al Appenzeller, Marcy & Darcy Hoch, Kole & Lance Hoch, Rob Bartholomew, Jen Nordhagen, Caleb & Riley Nordhagen, Jim Snipes, Max & Carol Harris, Brandon & Tyler Pedersen.

Meeting called to order by Chair Darcy Hoch at 6:38:17.

Secretary's report: Minutes from June meeting presented. Bill moved to approve secretary's report, Max 2nd. Motion approved with the addition of Hamm's beer to the list of beers discussed.

Treasurer's report: We have same as last time.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not present
- ★ Rob questioned support of Volunteer party. Discussion on supporting Awards Ceremony.
- ★ Discussion on Pilot gift.

New Business:

- ★ Rob's farm is hosting a national 4-wheeler race next weekend. He'd like to have balloons fly Friday evening, Saturday morning or Saturday evening. He will pay \$500 for competition.
- ★ Creston is September 18-20. There are extra sponsors available.
- ★ Lincoln High School would like to have balloons tether on their football field on the first day of school - 8 am, Thursday, August 27.
- ★ Al did a tether at the museum for the "Great Places in Iowa". The Lt. Governor was present.

Members are missing Dick Drake and his "Book of Imponderables".

- ★ Congratulations Rob for winning the North Central Regional! He may be getting a computer and a racer.

Darcy moved to adjourn, Joel 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:37:28.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary for life.

Event Reviews:

Saint Jean's Balloon Festival 2009

I had heard that the International De Montgolfieres De Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu in Quebec was very nice. After leaving straight from the Indianola Balloon Classic and making my first 24 hour drive one way I am excitedly looking forward to next year's event.

My first impressions of the 26th annual event was overwhelming. There were 115 balloons, some from Europe and South America, and dignitaries from Korea. It was held on an active airport with a working control tower, with an amusement ride area bigger than the Iowa State Fair midway. It had an inflatable area that covered half a football field and a major concert every evening. Over 200,000 people attended over a 9 day stretch with 2 flights per day. There was a mass ascension every evening and launch sites throughout the town in the morning. Pilot briefings were in French and English using a 15ftx15ft screen for all information including live radar for weather. There was no competition, only fun flying. It is a very organized event and everyone was extremely friendly, from the organization to the pilots, crews, and landowners.

On my first flight, I had landed in a waist high hayfield and when the farmer rode his bicycle over, I didn't know if it was going to be good or bad. He was holding a thermos of coffee and the first thing he said was "I brought you coffee and I have cream, would you like some". To that I replied "I have a bottle of Champagne for you". After packing up we shared the Champagne and coffee. Each pilot receives a bottle and a gas coupon at each briefing to be given to the landowner at our landing site. The experiences with landowners were always great. On another flight, about 40-50 balloons landed on one farm where the landowner had a lot of fun as the bottles kept stacking up while he kept signing more and more gas coupons. The only competition I saw was amongst the landowners for the most bottles. Each day we were given a light breakfast before the morning briefing and a big meal before the evening briefing. Every pilot can take paid rides. You fly just on the perimeter of Montreal's class B air space. The terrain is flat as a pancake with multitude of cut hay fields to land in. All but one flight took me in the same northeast direction and every flight was low left and high right. It was a wonderful experience that made the drive well worth it.

Tim Cloyd

2009 BFA Nationals

By Mark Harris

Benji and Kristine picked me up 6am Tuesday morning. We lost an hour traveling through a time zone, but we still got into Battle Creek a little after 3pm local time. We only stopped once, just before Chicago (on the way back home we stopped at the Warren Sand Dunes on Lake Michigan; \$8 to get in, it was cold and windy the day we were there, but it was worth visiting, especially if you like seagulls and sand).

We drove around the Battle Creek area Tuesday evening, trying to get familiar with the lay of the land. Lots of trees and oddly-placed power lines. It rained a lot Tuesday evening and into the morning, so there wasn't a practice flight Wednesday morning. Wednesday evening was marginal and the flight was canceled.

No flight Thursday morning. Lingering rain in the area. We drove to all the targets they had on the morning's task sheet. Had we been able to fly, we would have flown a minimum of 20 miles. FIT, PDG, Hesitation Waltz (multiple judge declared goals), then another Hesitation Waltz. At that time weather didn't look good for Thursday evening. But we got a flight; a gravity drop at a Fly In Task, and then a Fly On Task, (pilot declared goal). The FOT took awhile to get posted. Pilots had to pick an intersection within a certain area and either declare it on their baggie tail from the FIT, on a piece of paper that they could either turn in at the meeting, or their crew could turn it in to an official at the FIT. The FOT was scored only by GPS: no baggie to throw. Everyone was flying with GPS loggers provided by the BFA, and a registered backup of their own.

Benji landed at Prairie Farms, a guy from the factory brought out a case of chocolate milk for us and all the kids that came out of the woodwork. Battle Creek loves balloons; a lot of the other balloonists mentioned the crowds that formed at their landing site.

More bad weather Friday morning and evening, the fiesta flyers were able to glow, but no tasks were called. The scores from the Thursday evening flight didn't become final until late, late Friday night. There were several issues with the scoring, but I have to hand it to the scoring teams; they put in a lot of work, stayed up all night, and got all the issues resolved.

Saturday was a weird morning, to say the least. Low ceilings. The task involved a common launch point [campground and former nudist colony (seriously)], so we all drove out there and watched clouds until about 830. Brad said the weather was good, the FAA had some concerns but were eventually satisfied, and eventually Maury Sullivan called and said the flight was on. 4 PDG to choose from, 2 multiple judges, and then another 2 multiple judges. The

weather held, got a little gusty towards landing (9:51am), but a lot of guys turned in all 3 baggies. Even if they weren't able to get their marker into a scoring area, they would be scored based on their GPS track.

Jeff Thompson had students from Full Sail University (a film school in Orlando) with him all week shooting a documentary. He ended up not flying Saturday or Sunday morning, but he and his crew chased Benji both flights; so we'll have a role in the film, and hopefully we'll get a copy in the near future.

No flight Saturday evening. Clouds. Wind. Rain. Sunday morning ended up having the best weather of the entire week. The tasks were a FIT, then 3 sets of 2 judge declared goals. After 3 flights and 9 tasks, the top 10:

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| 1. Nick Donner | 6. Brad Craig |
| 2. Johnny Petrehn | 7. Joe Heartsill |
| 3. Paul Petrehn | 8. Jeffery Sweet |
| 4. Steve King | 9. Tom Roush |
| 5. Chase Donner | 10. Todd Isley |



The banquet was large, and included a slide show of pictures from the official photographer, and a video from a professional videographer. All in all it was a good experience and I believe Nationals will be back in Battle Creek in 2010. Hopefully we can up the Iowa contingent to over 15 pilots!

Colorado Balloon Classic and the Paralegic Pilot

The largest balloon event in the Rocky Mountains is held in Colorado Springs, Colorado over Labor Day weekend. They had 83 balloons and powered parachutes along with the Air Force's skydive team called the Wings of Blue. The schedule was for three morning flights and two evening glows. We were able to get off two flights and one glow. 100,000 people attended the weekend and they are allowed onto the launch field. It made for a very fun experience to interact with all the spectators and see the mass of humanity when I launched. The anticipation of all the people as the balloons are cold inflating continues to build until the cheers erupt as the balloons stand up. Scenery is spectacular with the mountains nearby and doing a splash and dash as the

spectators were cheering gave an added rush of thrill to the event.

I met Michael Glen from Tucson, Az. He is the only paraplegic pilot in the world. His father is a pilot so ballooning has always been a part of Michael's life and becoming a pilot was his dream. In 1996, at the age of 21, a car accident left him a paraplegic. Never being one to give up in the face of a challenge, Michael became more determined to become a pilot and achieve his dream. With the support of his family and friends he fulfilled that dream. He is driven to make a positive difference in the world through ballooning and public motivational speaking. His positive friendly personality shines through when you meet him. As a pilot he just doesn't fly the balloon. He works it by setting up the balloon. He does everything from starting the fan to hooking up cables as well as stretching out the envelope during cold inflation. As a pilot myself, I was impressed by the work he did - all from a wheelchair. I videotaped Michael setting up the balloon and flying away. If anyone is interested in viewing the tape please contact me at tecvisions@hotmail.com.

Tim Cloyd

Great Pershing Balloon Derby

The first Great Pershing Balloon Derby was held in 1977 - before some of the pilots competing at this year's event were born. In 2006 the event was recognized by the BFA as the longest continuously running sanctioned event in the nation. It continues to be a favorite place to fly among pilots & crew. The weather started out great, allowing a few balloons to fly Friday night after arriving in town. The Main Street Glow was held Friday evening to the delight of the spectators.

Saturday morning we awoke to see that it had rained outside, but hopes were high that we could still fly once the rain moved on. After a hold, there was still rain in the area, so the flight was canceled. Back to bed for a nap before the great parade. Seems like the participants in the parade have as much fun as the spectators. There were squirt guns, silly putty, flying candy and other tom-foolery! Many of the Iowa pilots & crews met at Bloom's & Nutting's campsites for a barbeque. Thanks to Rob & his satellite TV, we got to watch the end of the Iowa-UNI game.

Saturday evening all gathered at the launch site for the pilot's meeting. Half of the pilots would be flying off the field and the other half would fly into the field for a pole grab. Those flying in then participated in the Nite Lite.

Sunday morning was very foggy. We went on a couple of holds, but the fog just wasn't going away, so the flight was canceled. Back to bed, then up for the Rib Derby & Ugly shoe derby. Thanks to Steve Palash for the great ribs. There

weren't as many ugly shoe entries as past years, but the ugliness still continued. One participant had to be convinced to enter - she didn't think her boots were ugly! Congratulations to Bill Clemons for winning the "Worn to ugly" division & Trisha Grandon for winning the "Bought Ugly" division. Trisha won the overall championship and was awarded a delightful trophy.

Sunday evening would be a competitive flight, since we hadn't flown Saturday or Sunday mornings. Jeremy King won the FIT - 3.52. Terry Montague was a little further out - 267.21 and Herb Heriford was 3rd at 318.38. No one scored on the Hare & Hound. Sunday morning was again foggy, so the flight was canceled. The brunch was held at the Elks.

33rd Annual Great Pershing Balloon Derby Winners:

- 1 - Jeremy King
- 2 - Terry Montague
- 3 - Herb Heriford
- 4 - Eldon Benus (AKA Gomer)

IBA Fundraiser

IBA is working with Hy-Vee in Indianola on a fundraiser. All that needs to be done is save register receipts (including gas receipts) from Hy-Vee in Indianola and send/give them to :

Janice Shelton
11411 160 th Ave
Indianola, IA 50125

It is an opportunity for the club to raise \$250.00 and more! Please collect receipts from relatives , neighbors and friends.

Nothing extra to buy, no gimmicks at all, we just collect receipts and when a certain level is reached, we get a check. This has been done with various organizations in Indianola and the results have been surprising, please help with our cause, it is certainly appreciated!

Landing/Launch Spots

To all balloon Pilots flying in the Indianola area,

We have a couple of new landing/launch areas for your use, and one is a pretty good sheltered launch area. We are northwest of Indianola, a half mile west of Jamie Bishop's farm (by air, not road) and the local address is 11434 Grimes street. We are also, for landing, a half mile east of a potential red area, the Hines farm (sheep). There are two or more areas to use, the largest being a 25 acre alfalfa field just south of the house. The west end of it drops fairly low and has trees to the west. There are trails leading to the areas south, and there is another five acre and ten acre mowed grass field. You are welcome anytime for in or out.

Gary and Dixie Ruble

NTSB Reports

NTSB Identification: MIA08CA146.

Saturday, July 19, 2008 in Jamestown, RI
Probable Cause Approval Date: 9/29/2008
Aircraft: Firefly 7-15, registration: N2131Y
Injuries: 1 Serious, 2 Uninjured.

The balloon pilot was not able to land at the intended site because he did not descend quickly enough. He continued flying while searching for an alternate landing location. He located a suitable landing area and started another descent. He then observed electrical power lines off to the side and advised his two passengers to prepare for a hard landing. The pilot induced a rapid descent to avoid the powers lines and the balloon landed hard. During the hard landing, one of the passengers suffered a serious foot injury.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's excessive descent maneuver.

NTSB Identification: CHI08CA227.

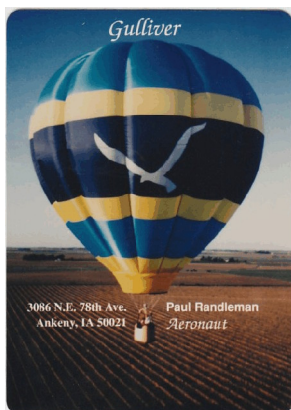
Thursday, July 31, 2008 in Cook, MN
Aircraft: Head Balloons, AX9-118, registration: N3106K
Injuries: 3 Uninjured.

After a 15-20 minute balloon flight, the pilot began to look for a suitable landing area. The selected landing area was a road within a heavily wooded area. The pilot said that he did not see the power transmission lines that were hidden in the tree line alongside the road. During the landing, the surface winds blew the balloon envelope "in close proximity to the wires." According to the pilot, about five minutes after

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landing the balloon envelope lost enough hot air that it deflated on lines and caught on fire. An eyewitness reported seeing the balloon flying low over the forested area and then very thick black smoke. The pilot told local law enforcement that the balloon envelope contacted the power transmission lines before the basket touched-down. The law enforcement accident report stated that there was a "small showering of sparks and a very small flame" when the balloon envelope came in contact with the power lines. The balloon envelope was destroyed by the ensuing fire.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's decision to land in a confined area. Contributing to the accident were the hidden power transmission lines and the confined landing site.

NTSB Identification: DFW08LA206

Sunday, August 17, 2008 in Mountain Grove, MO
Aircraft: Balloon Works Firefly 7-15, registration: N90897
Injuries: 1 Fatal.

A non-certificated balloon pilot made a tethered balloon flight. During the ascent, a propane leak and fire broke out on-board. The fire caused one of the propane tanks to explode. At an altitude of approximately 80 feet, the pilot jumped to escape the burning craft. The balloon's basket then separated from the envelope and fell to the ground. When ground handlers went to aid the pilot, a second propane tank exploded, causing serious burn injuries to one of the participants. A reason for the propane leak was not determined.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: An on-board fire following a propane leak. Contributing to the accident was the lack of training/experience of the non-certificated pilot.

NTSB Identification: MIA08CA176

Sunday, August 31, 2008 in Anderson, SC
Aircraft: Cameron ZL-60, registration: N61ZL
Injuries: 1 Serious.

The pilot was participating in a balloon competition event. He overflew his second target and climbed to 6,800 feet en-route to the third target. The basket started oscillating from right to left and he became disoriented. The pilot could not focus on the gauges and could not determine if he was climbing or descending. He thought he was descending, but the balloon was climbing. In order to arrest his perceived

descent, the pilot continued to operate both burners which further increased his rate of ascent. During the climb he noticed that the parachute at the top of the balloon had shifted to the left and was letting out hot air. He tried to re-seal the parachute by adding more heat with the burners, and realized the balloon was in a rapid climb. The air in the balloon was evacuated and the balloon began to streamer, resulting in a rapid descent. The basket collided with a tree and the pilot was ejected from the basket. Examination of the envelope/balloon revealed the balloon was intact. All damage to the balloon was related to heat damage from the improper use of the burners or from impact damage from the tree. No precrash mechanical anomalies were noted during the inspection.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's improper use of the balloon burners.

NTSB Identification: CHI08CA281

Accident occurred Wednesday, September 10, 2008 in Springfield, IL
Aircraft: Firefly Balloons 8B-15, registration: N2053D
Injuries: 1 Serious, 3 Uninjured.

The pilot reported that the ground winds were 1 to 2 miles per hour, and the winds between 500 and 1,500 feet above the ground varied from 5 to 8 miles per hour during the uneventful flight. He reported that he chose a backyard in which to land, and at an altitude of seven to nine feet above the ground they threw a line out to the chase crew to slow them down. The pilot reported that before reaching the ground, two more chase crew members grabbed the gondola to slow them down even more and to soften the landing. Upon touching down, one passenger lost her balance and fell into a 91-year-old passenger, knocking her to the bottom of the gondola. The 91-year-old passenger suffered two broken legs and a broken ankle. The pilot reported that prior to the departure all of the passengers were instructed to hold on tight, bend their knees, and stay inside the gondola during the landing.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The failure of the passenger to follow the pilot's instructions by not steadying herself during the landing.

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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:

October 18

November 15

BOI Halloween Party

Saturday, October 31st

6:30 p.m.

