

Touch and Go

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November - December, 2009

Creston '09

Wow - 2 years in a row with calm winds in Creston - what's the world coming to? We haven't flown all 4 flights since 2000. Several pilots flew Friday evening over the north side of town.

Saturday morning was beautiful. About 3/4 of the pilots launched from the same field & landed in the same field, with lots of great scoring going on in between. The first target - a JDG, had 55 pilots score. Best score was Dale Dommer with a 0.00 drop, followed by Jim Fromm with 0.02 score. It was great to see the Fromms back in the air with their new balloon. The next target - a fly on task at the airport, had 56 pilots score. Best was John Jensen with a 0.10 score. The final task was a Watership down - following Scott Armstrong. Again, 55 pilots scored, the best being Jeremy Rubin with a 0.04 drop. Jeremy was in first place after the first flight, with Brad Craig in 2nd & Todd Isley in 3rd.

Many pilots & crews headed for town after the flight for the great Creston parade.

Saturday evening several pilots flew in to the airport, then stayed standing for a glow. The highlight of the night was an Old School glow - Preston Gebhart glowed the old Jack-O-Lantern balloon, Scott Armstrong glowed the old World balloon & Darcy Hoch glowed Rob's Charlie Brown - cool to see those old balloons glow. Wow, did they stink, though. Jim Gebhart said that the Jack-O-Lantern balloon hasn't been out of the bag for about 20 years. After the glow, many gathered outside the motel for the annual Crappy Beer contest. It was an unusually crappy year - many beers got poured or spit out onto the parking lot.

Sunday morning there was a target at the field, with a Max-Distance Double Drop on the runway and another target beyond the airport. After the flight was the banquet at the Supertel. Rookie of the year was Jacob Hermanson. 1st place was Jon Shelton, 2nd - Cory Bloom, 3rd - Jeremy Rubin.

BOI Halloween Party

There were more people in costumes this year than normal. Or maybe we just have several rednecks & hillbillies in the club and they thought it was "come as you are"! One of the best groups was the whole Beverly Hillbillies gang. Larry the Cable Guy was there also!

Chili Cook-off judges - Donna Rieck, Don Prine & Bill Griffin sampled all the chilis, then members dined on a fine array of food. We have great cooks in BOI.

The winners of the chili contest were announced after the meal:

1. Lynn Craig
2. Linda Bartholomew
3. Rick Amos

In keeping with the redneck theme, their prizes were either a 40 oz bottle of beer or a bottle of Boone's Farm wine. The kids in costume lined up & the judges awarded first place to Jaden Clair, dressed as Raggedy Ann. Josie & Riley Nordhagen received prizes for the Jack-o-Lantern carvings.

The adult winners were Rob Bartholomew & Derek Nordhagen. Again, in keeping with the redneck theme, then had to arm wrestle for the top prize. Rob received a little liquid courage & beat Derek. Also awarded prizes were Marcy Hoch & Mike & Linda Guffy.

2009 BOI Championship

1. Todd Isley
2. Brad Craig
3. Rob Bartholomew
4. John Jensen
5. Kirk Bloom

Congratulations to all who participated! Thanks to John Jensen for compiling the results.

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Letter from President Meika

Wow! Is this really November, or is it just September again? Dad’s been telling me about all the pilots out there getting in some extra flight time in this unseasonable weather. I think somebody upstairs saw how much work was still left to be done in the fields and thought he’d give our farmers a break. I sure hope things don’t swing back the other direction and give us an extra cold spell this winter, but these last couple weeks may just be worth it.

Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to make it down, but I heard the Halloween party was a real blast this year. Congratulations to the winners of the costume contest! I can’t believe that Thanksgiving is almost here already. I hope everyone finds someplace warm and cozy to spend the holiday, because that’s my ultimate goal. Some good food and good company would be gravy (sorry for the bad pun there). Thinking of all those yummy treats is making me drool, so I’d better wrap this up before I ruin another keyboard (don’t ask!). Until next time...

Fly safely,
Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Greetings from Radcliff, IA. I hope everyone has been enjoying these past few days of 70 plus degree weather. This has been awesome. Now, if the 70 degrees could just stay for the rest of the month of November I would be extremely happy. I wouldn’t mind a little bit of snow for Christmas, but then temperatures can go back up to 60-70 degrees again after the holidays. I’ve heard reports that many balloonists were out taking advantage of the great weather over the past weekend. Also, heard there are a few new pilots in training working on their pilot’s certificate. I would like to wish them well in their training. It’s great to see new pilots coming on board. Along with new pilots come new crew members as well. All in all, ballooning in Iowa just keeps growing.

It was great to see everyone at the BOI Halloween party and a great time was had by all. Wow, so many Hillbilly and Redneck outfits and some BOI members actually had “red” necks. A few celebrities were on hand at the BOI party, The Beverly Hillbillies (Granny, Jed, Ellie Mae, Jethro, and Duke - the blood hound dog, along with Mr. Drysdale and Mr. Drysdale’s assistant - Ms. Hathaway). Larry the Cable Guy was even spotted during the evening. I think this was one of the best Halloween parties yet. Hopefully Carol will publish photos from the evening. Thank you to everyone who made this party a huge success!

I’ve heard a few reports from those who went to Albuquerque,

NM for Balloon Fiesta 2009. It sounds like, for the most part, everyone had a good time. I even heard some crews encountered ice on the way home from Fiesta. I am hoping to make it down to Fiesta 2010, if I can talk Mom and Dad into going. I figure we could park the Drake Motor coach near the launch field so we didn't have far to walk. I've heard there is some great motor coach parking near Fiesta Field. Maybe I could even talk Dad into taking his balloon down. The Drake Balloon would look great floating in the Albuquerque skies. Hopefully someone has written an article for Carol to include in this newsletter or has submitted photos.

A couple of BOI members are soon to be heading to Mexico for a balloon event. I'm looking forward to hearing updates on how their time in Mexico goes.

I hope everyone, again, is able to take advantage of all this nice weather. Some balloonists have winterized their balloon equipment and some have gone as far as even winterizing their crew. For those of you attempting a winter long jump, please let us know how that goes.

Well, it's time to finish up this article as it's getting time for the Amazing Race. What a neat show. I, jokingly, keep telling Mom and Dad they need to sign up for that show.

I would like to take a quick moment to wish each and every one of you Happy Holidays. Also, please remember the men and women who are serving our country!

Sandy Drake



Congratulations

- ★ Congratulations to Brad Smith, who received his private license 9/23/09
- ★ Congratulations to Jim & Rita Fromm on the purchase of their new balloon - "Ascension".
- ★ Congratulations to Tim & Lori Dunford on the birth of their second daughter. Madison Dunford was born 9/24/09. She weighed 6 lbs 7 oz, and has brown hair

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Calendar of Events

- 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 20-21 **BOI Ground School** (see page 10)
- February 21, 2010 5:00 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*

Happy Anniversary

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| Doug & Teresa Purdy | 12-10 |
| Derek & Jen Nordhagen | 12-10 |
| Richard & Sherry Techau | 12-15 |
| Roger & Jody Woodruff | 12-16 |
| Richard & Kristy Pash | 12-19 |
| Gary & Dixie Ruble | 12-22 |
| Dan & Irene Bertsch | 12-26 |
| Charles & Jane Winkenwerder | 12-26 |
| Jim & Connie Thompson | 12-27 |
| Jason & Kimberly Jones | 12-30 |
| Bill & Louise Clemons | 1-21 |
| Charlie & Judy Ong | 1-26 |



Happy Birthday

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|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|
| Kim Bridgewater | 12-2 | Jason Anderson | 1-4 |
| Dawn Foelske | 12-2 | Norm Fee | 1-4 |
| Mike Oberman | 12-2 | Steve Van Wyngarden | 1-4 |
| Talan Becker | 12-3 | Ryan Kintzel | 1-5 |
| Paul Randleman | 12-3 | Mel Appenzeller | 1-7 |
| Lyle Taylor | 12-3 | LuAnn Randleman | 1-7 |
| Jackson Garrett | 12-4 | Connie Thompson | 1-8 |
| Merrie Fouche | 12-5 | Henry Borts | 1-9 |
| Jamie Bishop | 12-6 | Troy Michael | 1-17 |
| Mandy Keller | 12-8 | Kathy McCoy | 1-19 |
| Juaquetta Holcomb | 12-9 | Derek Pieper | 1-19 |
| Carolanne Norris | 12-10 | Stevan Ryan | 1-20 |
| Stephanie Lawrence | 12-11 | Jane Winkenwerder | 1-20 |
| Richard Techau | 12-15 | Irene Bertsch | 1-21 |
| Allison Kochheiser | 12-16 | Wyman Borts | 1-21 |
| Spencer Isley | 12-17 | Bill Clemons | 1-21 |
| Madison Williams | 12-17 | Allison Garrett | 1-21 |
| Debi Conlin | 12-20 | Malinda Patch-Gray | 1-21 |
| Gerald Knoll | 12-21 | Elijah Fenster | 1-23 |
| Judy Ong | 12-21 | Aidan Gebhart | 1-25 |
| Derek Nordhagan | 12-22 | Shawn Erger | 1-26 |
| Nicholas McCaughey | 12-24 | Joszua Wichelt | 1-26 |
| Michael Jones | 12-25 | Kerrie VanBroekhuizen | 1-27 |
| Allie Hatcher | 12-26 | Jocelyn Marhoun | 1-28 |
| Morgan Smith | 12-28 | Shelby Bolton | 1-29 |
| Red Allsup | 12-30 | Shirley Burgers | 1-29 |
| Rochelle Kochheiser | 12-30 | Brody Hermanson | 1-29 |
| Bob Pieper | 12-30 | Josie Lin Nordhagen | 1-29 |
| Cheryl Gebhart | 12-31 | Bill Griffin | 1-31 |



The Way It Was

30 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 12-29-79 Don Prine received his Commercial license.

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 11-11-84 Gary Ford received his Commercial license.
- ★ November 26 - US National Pilot ranking – Iowa has 25 out of 73 top ranked pilots. 4 of those are in the top 10. Currently Bill Griffin is #1 & Rob Bartholomew is #2.
- ★ 12-8 Richard Schick received his Private license.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ November '89 – Ground school November 10-12
- ★ 11-27 Japan Balloon Trip – Bartholomews, Thompsons, Wayne Wasson
- ★ Dec '89 – P.H.A.R.T. update – Don Prine, while in a descent in his balloon, caused the Sonic Booms heard over Central Iowa; Membership list – 85 members; Article from the DM Register – Ralph & Donna Rieck named “Neighbors of the Week”
- ★ 12-16 BOI Christmas party at the BOI Balloonport.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 12-94 BOI Meeting: 8 members present; Meeting chaired by Virginia VanHamme; \$1531.17 in Treasury; Welcome new student pilot - Julie Frueh; Attempts are being made to find a Juke Box for the balloon port – Mark Weeks appointed Record Meister; Motion made for BOI to purchase Inflatable Beer Hats - \$5.95 + S&H.
- ★ Rare BOI Historical Event: One of the rarest of all sightings took place December 31, 1994 at a New Years Eve celebration, all 5 Founding Fathers showed up. This is the first time in several years this group has been together. Besides looking well-fed and successful, this merry band reminisced about the “good old days”. We learned that Jerry Riley may be starting a family soon, and that Bill Griffin has some latent artistic talents. Terry Boettcher was his usual “quiet” self, as was Rob

Bartholomew. Dr. Don Prine was busy drinking some clear brew and cackling about most comments.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 11-21-99 BOI Meeting: 28 members present; Meeting chaired by Dan Corbin; Planning continues for Retirement center, for Ground School and for the New Years bash.
- ★ Member of the month - Dick Drake. Dick has been involved in ballooning since 1975. He has had the “Drake” balloon since 1988. Dick & Phyllis have 3 children & 4 grandchildren.
- ★ Jr. Member of the Month - Jacob Ricke. Jacob, son of Julie & Tom Ricke is 6 years old and crews for Mom & Dad’s balloon.
- ★ Brad Craig received new balloon.
- ★ Mike & Beth Oberman have purchased a farm in Missouri
- ★ Amy Williams & family of Indianola have purchased Charlie & Judy Ong’s balloon.
- ★ NY Eve Party: Good food, good company; Paul Randleman was the big winner in the Quarters game; The weather did not cooperate for a flight New Years eve, but 4 pilots flew New Years Day morning.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 11-21-04 BOI Meeting: 22 members present; Meeting chaired by Sheri Clark; Dick read from his “Book of Imponderables” on Briefs vs. Boxers. Briefs provide support & stretch, boxers provide more comfort. Members are now more knowledgeable on this timeless topic; We have 45 Kegs in the treasury. The SKC factor has gone up - keg inflation. We are approaching a crisis in the Treasury; Dick read from his “Book of Imponderables” on why Lions are afraid of kitchen chairs.
- ★ John Jensen announced that there will not be a balloon event in Marshalltown in 2005.
- ★ Brad Craig received a new balloon.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

October 18, 2009

Present: Joel & Charlie Worthington, Al Appenzeller, Darcy Hoch, Bill Griffin, Bob Shelton, Kirk Bloom, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Connie & Jim Thompson, Jake Hermanson, Don Prine, Michelle Craig, Brad Smith, Patti Todden, and guest Marianne Kitchell

Meeting called to order by Chair Jake Hermanson at 6:34:01.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the August meeting presented.

Treasurer's report: We have 164.57 cases.

Old Business:

- ★ He's here!
- ★ The balloon tether at Lincoln HS for the first day of school was cancelled, it was windy & rainy.
- ★ Joel's older. Happy Birthday.
- ★ Pilot Relations meeting - they are working on organizing an awards brunch. Gift may be a shirt for the pilot and crew chief. Motion made by Darcy, 2nd by Bill to donate \$500 towards the Brunch. Motion approved.

New Business:

- ★ Jim Thompson spoke about the 2011 BFA National Convention. Des Moines is one of 4 cities that are being asked to present a proposal to the BFA for hosting this convention. Discussion, discussion, discussion.
- ★ Discussion on having a DJ at the Halloween party.

Max moved to adjourn, Bill 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:18:05.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary for life.



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Memorable Aviation Quotes

Pilots take no special joy in walking. Pilots like flying.
— Neil Armstrong

The balloon seems to stand still in the air while the earth flies past underneath.
— Alberto Santos-Dumont

Caution: Cape does not enable user to fly.
— Batman costume warning label, Wal-Mart, 1995.

The air up there in the clouds is very pure and fine, bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it be? —it is the same the angels breathe.
— Mark Twain, 'Roughing It,' Chapter XXII, 1886.

The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport.
— Orville Wright

The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who, in their grueling travels across trackless lands in prehistoric times, looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air.
— Wilbur Wright

You haven't seen a tree until you've seen its shadow from the sky.
— Amelia Earhart

Aeronautics was neither an industry nor a science. It was a miracle.
— Igor Sikorsky

Aviation is proof, that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible.
— Eddie Rickenbacker

Why fly? Simple. I'm not happy unless there's some room between me and the ground.
— Richard Bach, 'A Gift of Wings,' 1974.



Pilots & crews prepare for Friday evening's flight

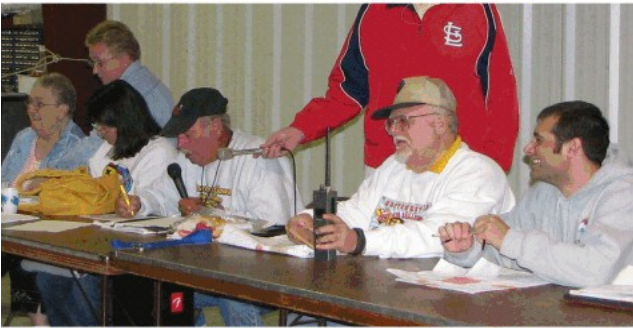
Creston



This can't possibly be Creston!



Throwing out baggies



Sat. am Pilot briefing - Mary, Cheryl, Linda, Rob, Bill & Brad



Jim Thompson & Gary Fouche



Sat a.m. flight



Mike Reinert, Preston Gebhart, Max Harris



Ryan Kintzel lands at the airport Sat. pm



Leroy Clair throwing at the target

Old School Glow - Jack-o-Lantern, World balloon, Charlie Brown





Sunday a.m. flight



Fromm's new balloon "Ascension"



Rookie of the Year - Jake Hermanson with son Brody



Top 3 - Jon Shelton, Cory Bloom, Jeremy Rubin



Crappy Beer Contest



Bob Shelton



Bill seems to like this one!

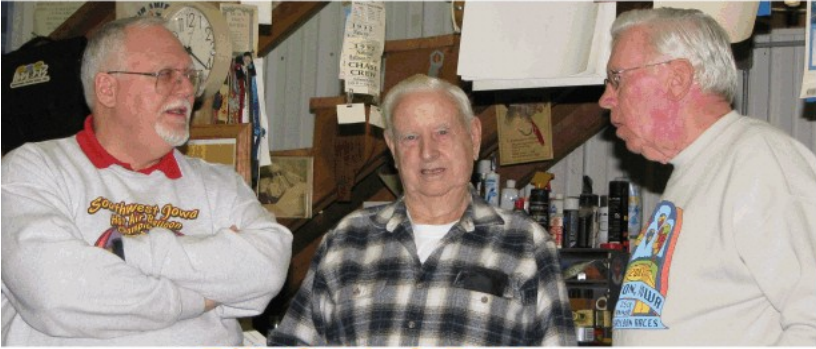


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A lot of beer ended up on the parking lot - it was a record "crappy" year

B01 Halloween Party



Bill, Conk & Paul



Linda & Phyllis



The Beverly Hillbillies - Elly May, Miss Hathaway, Mr. Drysdale, Granny, Jed, Jethro & Duke (AKA - Mandy, Meghan, Rick, Marcy, Darcy, Allan, Preston)



Ken & Shanda



Phyllis & Dick



Redneck Christmas tree



Karen & Joel



Mike O (AKA Rob)



Jen & Derek



Jerry as a "Red Neck"!



Cheese ball



Donna, Don & Bill - Chili Cook-off judges Chili winners - 3 - Rick Amos, 2 - Linda Bartholomew, 1 - Lynn Craig



Jack-o-lanterns



Kids costumes



Larry the Cable guy



Rob & Derek prepare to arm wrestle. Rob gets a little "liquid courage".

Rob wins!



Crazy Al's new "do"



Redneck & Zombie Redneck



Sandy as "Sandy"

NTSB Reports

NTSB Identification: NYC08FA307

Sunday, September 07, 2008 in Phoenixville, PA
Aircraft: Lindstrand Balloons 150A, registration: N844LB
Injuries: 1 Fatal, 4 Serious, 3 Minor.

On September 7, 2008, at 1836 eastern daylight time, a Lindstrand Balloons USA Model 150A, N844LB, was substantially damaged by fire during a landing. The certificated commercial pilot was killed, four passengers were seriously injured, and three passengers sustained minor injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan was filed for the flight which departed from an empty lot approximately 5 miles from the accident site. The sightseeing flight was conducted under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91.

The accident occurred during the hours of daylight. The debris path was on a 088 degree magnetic heading, and measured 190 feet from the first impact marks to the basket location. The envelope extended another 140 feet beyond the basket. According to eyewitness and passenger reports, the balloon was performing a landing into an open field that was located approximately 2 miles from the originally-intended destination. The rectangular basket was traveling with its large dimension as the leading side. The basket contacted the ground, "bounced and skipped across the ground," and temporarily stopped in an upright position. It then rolled to the right, returned to the upright position, and then rolled over onto its left side. Passengers reported feeling and seeing the flames coming from the area of the basket that contained the three fuel tanks.

The MINI-T type basket was composed of metal tubing, padding, plywood, and woven wicker. It was certificated for a maximum capacity of eight persons, including the pilot. A fuel cylinder compartment was located on the left side of the basket. The fuel compartment contained two 20 gallon stainless steel fuel cylinders, and a 10 gallon aluminum fuel cylinder positioned between the stainless steel cylinders. A quarter-turn fuel shut-off valve was attached to the top of each stainless steel cylinder, and a gate-type shut-off valve was installed on the aluminum cylinder. The valve on the forward fuel cylinder was

found in the partially closed position. The valve on the aft fuel cylinder was found in the full open position. The valve on the center aluminum cylinder was damaged by fire and its position was not readily known.

The remains of the Lindstrand Squeeze Trigger Main Valve double burner were co-located with the vapourisation coils, piezo tube, jet ring, main burner valve, cross-over burner, pilot light regulator and pilot light valve. All components exhibited fire damage.

The 24 gore A-Type envelope was separated from the basket, and was located 47 feet from the basket. The envelope mouth fabric, the nomex, and nylon panels exhibited fire damage. The crown ring was found with all 24 retaining cords still attached. Continuity of the crown, vent and rotating vent lines from the bottom to the top of the envelope could not be confirmed due to fire damage.

The pilot held a commercial pilot certificate with ratings for airplane single engine land, instrument airplane, and lighter-than-air free balloon. The latter included a limitation for hot air balloon with airborne heater. The pilot also held flight and ground instructor certificates. His most recent second-class medical certificate was issued in March 2008, and the pilot reported 1,145 hours of total flight experience as of that date.

The 1840 reported weather at Wings Field Airport (LOM), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, located approximately 18 miles to the east of the accident site, included winds from 250 degrees at 6 knots, visibility 10 miles, clear skies, temperature 22 degrees Celsius, dew point 18 degrees C, and an altimeter setting of 30.00 inches of mercury.

NTSB Identification: MIA08CA193

Friday, September 12, 2008 in Sandown, NH
Aircraft: Cameron Balloons Z-150, registration: N151TS
Injuries: 2 Serious, 5 Uninjured.

According to the balloon pilot, he had checked several weather sources and sent up several helium balloons to check local winds. The flight path and speed of the test balloons confirmed the weather forecasts obtained earlier, and he saw no significant winds either on the ground or aloft. Early in the flight, the pilot noticed that the winds aloft had increased

significantly. He descended to assess how close to the ground the increased winds were, so that he could start to plan for a landing. As the balloon came close to treetop level, he experienced increased wind speeds, and decided to land as soon as possible. The pilot prepared the passengers for a fast, hard, drag landing. As he approached the landing site, he allowed the balloon basket to drag through the top of trees in an effort to reduce speed. The pilot estimated that they decreased their horizontal balloon speed by 50 percent. Once clear of the trees, and over the landing site, he vented the balloon to facilitate a fast descent into the field. He informed the passengers that they would have a very hard landing and warned them to get ready for impact. Two passengers had squatted in the balloon to avoid contact with the treetops, and never returned to the correct landing position, as previously instructed by the pilot. Those passengers sustained serious injuries during the hard landing. The reported wind at a nearby airport, about 30 minutes prior to the accident, was from 190 degrees at 5 knots. Examination of the balloon revealed minor damage to the basket and no preimpact structural or mechanical failures.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's encounter with high winds during approach. Contributing to the severity of injuries was the passengers' improper landing preparation.

NTSB Identification: DEN08LA158

Sunday, September 21, 2008 in Plano, TX
Aircraft: Cameron Balloons US -77, registration: N4003P
Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Uninjured.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration inspector who traveled to the scene, the pilot was participating in a hot-air balloon competition. The pilot called her ground crew while en route and reported that all three propane tanks were empty. The pilot attempted a forced landing to a parking lot and bounced three times before the balloon came to rest. She stated that the balloon's propane tanks had been filled the night prior to the accident flight and contained 30 gallons of fuel. The burner and fuel system consisted of three fuel tanks designated "master," "slave one," and "slave two." She advised that she flew on slave one until it was exhausted. She verified that the master tank contained fuel, then flew

on slave two until it contained approximately 15 percent fuel remaining. Upon switching back to the master tank she noted that for an unknown reason, it too now contained approximately 15 per cent fuel remaining. She began looking for a suitable place for a forced landing. The basket sustained minor damage and the balloon envelope was not damaged. The pilot sustained a broken leg. An examination of the balloon systems revealed no anomalies.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's improper fuel management, resulting in fuel exhaustion and the subsequent hard landing.

NTSB Identification: CEN09CA018

Tuesday, October 07, 2008 in Albuquerque, NM
Aircraft: Cameron Balloons US A-105, registration: N808SP
Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

The commercial rated balloon pilot obtained a weather briefing prior to his departure as a participant in an international balloon festival. The weather briefing provided by festival officials included calm winds at the surface and a wind speed of 13 miles per hour aloft. The pilot and his passengers (his grandparents) departed and flew approximately five miles from their launch site at an altitude of 1,800 feet above ground level before they reached their destination. The pilot reported that at the time they landed the winds were "gusty" on the surface and the balloon was moving approximately two miles per hour when the basket touched down on the ground. The balloon's basket dragged approximately 60 feet along the surface, became airborne again for approximately 150 feet, and then landed and came to a full stop. The pilot reported that his grandfather sustained a broken leg when the basket first contacted the ground. A Federal Aviation Administration inspector, who was working at the festival, reported that there were occasional wind gusts on the day of the accident, but the weather was mostly clear with calm winds.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to maintain control of the balloon during landing. Contributing to the accident were the wind gusts.

National Balloon Museum

We've changed Christmas in the Air at the Balloon Museum. Instead of only having it for a day we are spreading it out for the whole month of December! 10% off of every purchase (non-members) and 20% off for members (might be a good time to join up!) You can also get your purchases gift wrapped for free! Come and ogle at all our new ornaments!

Things in the future!!! Check in the coming weeks for our new virtual 360 degree tour of the Balloon Museum.

Ballooning Fashion Flare and Brunch is January 16th, 10:00-12:00 at the First Methodist United Church. Tickets will be on sale at the Chamber office and the Balloon Museum after Dec. 1st. Seamstresses sign up on the www.nationalballoonmuseum.com website.

We have a fabulous new donation to our library that will intrigue any aviation research buff. We have books/ magazines relating to gas, barrage, zeppelin, airship and hot air balloons as well as many about military history covering Civil War through WWII in all areas of the Armed Services. Come Visit and have a look. Delve into the "History of Aviation" and meet aviators from your past. Come join the fun!!!

We have a change in museum hours:

Winter Hours: December 27-30 and February-April:

1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. Seven days a week.
Flexible hours for tours.

Closed the month of January.

The sign-up registrations for the 2010 photo contest is listed on the website . Check out your best photos for those postcard/calendar contest for 2010. Deadline May 31.

William T. "Bill" Hardin

May 27, 1942 - September 22, 2009

Bill Hardin, age 67, of Richardson, Texas passed away September 22, 2009. He was born May 27, 1942 in Saginaw, Michigan to Richard M. and Betty E. (Tarver) Hardin. Bill graduated from North Texas State University in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was the former owner of

Hardin's Computer Solutions. Bill worked as a salesman for Accurate Forms and Supplies where he retired in 2006. He was a charter member of the Plano Hot-Air Balloon Association. A member of the Plano Ham Radio Klub, Richardson Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association and the First Citizen Fire Academy Class. He was a former member of the Dallas Jaycees. He is survived by his parents, Beth and Dick Hardin of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Janet Hardin and her mother, Carol Walters Hardin of Longview, Texas; twin brother, Rich Hardin of Richardson, Texas; sister, Julie Brewton and husband, Tim of Plano, Texas and numerous other loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Dan Hardin. Memorials may be made to The National Balloon Museum, P.O. Box 149 Indianola, Iowa 50125-0149.

Bill Hardin starting flying in the Indianola Balloon Race in 1972 until 1989. He continued flying until 2003 in Plano, Texas. Bill was one of three balloonists in the Dallas, Tx area to start flying Hot Air Balloons in 1972. He was one of the founders of the North Texas Balloon Association. Bill had been in poor health, but his sudden death was a shock.

Carol Hardin 903-746-6984 or
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Note from Gomer

I have another walk-about (better and less smelly than BUB) for rent, sale, hire, donate for someone looking for an old 77. It's the Old Yankee Doodle from yes, the Hillbilly State of Missouri.... You don't have to wear shoes when you walk thru it.

I'm gettin' Hitched on Saturday, July 3, 2010 in Davenport, Iowa. Balloon flight to follow at +- 16:00 over the city. Reception to follow at IMAX center in Davenport.....Food.....!@^@! Rooms at the Heartland Inn in Davenport for Friday thru Sunday for only \$55.00 a night. Pool and Hot Tub with Sunday am breakfast special, with a room for all of us just to hang out. Great Fireworks display in Bettendorf over the Palmer Hills Golf Course just off Middle Road.

Miss you all,

Flyin' Gomer-1 and the Future Mrs. Gomer

Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2010

February 20-21, 2010

Want to know more about flying a Hot Air Balloon? Attend Balloons Over Iowa Ground School this winter and learn how. We teach you how to take the FAA written tests and give you valuable instructions on how to be a safe and competent Hot Air Balloon Pilot. We will be giving up to 20 hours of instruction in Private and Commercial Operations.



Where: BOI Balloonport, 18999 Blue Place, Carlisle, IA 50047

When: Registration: Friday, February 19, 7:00 P.M.
Class: Saturday, February 20, 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Class: Sunday, February 21, 8:00A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Fees: Individual Enrollment Fee: \$195 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2010)
\$205 for regular Registration (January 1-February 10)
\$215 for late Registration (February 11-17)
Registration fee includes one set of books and a one year membership to BOI

Family Enrollment Fee: Full price for 1st family member (based on date of registration), half price per person for any other family member. Registration fee includes one set of books per family and a one year membership to BOI for each student. Extra sets of books may be purchased.

Refresher Fee: \$97.50 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2010)
\$102.50 for regular Registration (January 1-February 10)
\$107.50 for late Registration (February 11-17)
Includes one year membership to BOI, no books included.

NOTE: Food and snacks will be provided as well as any handout materials and sample tests.

Please complete the following application form if you would like to attend:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: Daytime (____) _____ Evening:(____) _____

Email: _____

Which section are you interested in? Private _____ Commercial _____

Please make checks payable to **Balloons Over Iowa** and mail to: BOI, 18999 Blue Place, Carlisle, IA 50047. For more information contact Rob Bartholomew at (515) 989-3708, email: balloonsoveriowa@wildblue.net

Directions to BOI Balloonport:

From East on I-80 go south on Highway 65 Bypass (exit 141). Continue south on Highway 65 to the Highway 5 east exit (exit 72) - about 11 miles. Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mile. The Balloonport is on the east side of the road (if the road curves west, you've gone too far).

From north on I-35 - at the north mixmaster, go east on I-80 (exit 87). Go east to the Highway 65 bypass (exit 141). Go south on Highway 65 to the Highway 5 east exit (exit 72) - about 11 miles. Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mile. The Balloonport is on the east side of the road (if the road curves west, you've gone too far).

From west on I-80 - at the west mixmaster, go south on I-35 (exit 123B) about 4 miles to the Highway 5 bypass (exit 68). Go east on Highway 5 - 13-14 miles to the Carlisle exit (exit 72). Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mile. The Balloonport is on the east side of the road (if the road curves west, you've gone too far).

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From Indianola to the Balloonport - go north on Highway 65-69. Turn east on Scotch Ridge Rd. Follow that to Carlisle. Go east (Rt) on Highway 5 through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles. Turn north on 190th Ave (2nd left after Carlisle). Go north about 1 mi. **Or** Go east on Highway 92. Turn north on SR23. Follow that to Highway 5 (7-8 miles). Continue north across Highway 5 to 190th Ave. Balloonport is 1 mile north of Highway 5.

Note - be very cautious of the train tracks as you are turning onto 190th Ave. This is a very busy train track.

Area Motels:

Apple Tree Inn - Highway 65/69 Indianola 1-800-961-0551 (on the north edge of Indianola - just south of the Balloon Museum)

Super 8 - Highway 65/69 Indianola (on the north edge of Indianola - just north of the Balloon Museum) 515-961-0058

Sleep Inn - 5850 Morning Star Court, Des Moines, IA 515 299-9922. Take Highway 65 to the University Ave. (Highway 163) exit - go east, motel on south side of Highway 163

Four Points Sheraton - 1810 Army Post Rd 515-287-6464 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - go north to Army Post Rd., then east)

Holiday Inn Airport - 6111 Fleur Dr. 515-287-2400 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - go north past Army Post Rd.)

Motel 6 - 4814 Fleur Dr. 515-287-6364 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - go north past Army Post to corner of Fleur & McKinley)

Radisson - 6800 Fleur Dr. 515 285-7777 (take Highway 5 to the Fleur Dr. exit - Radisson is just south of Army Post Rd., on the west side of Fleur).



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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:

January 17, 2010 - 6:30 pm

February 21, 2010 - 5:00pm (time change due to Ground School)