

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

January - February, 2010

BOI Year in Review

January

- ◆ Joel Worthington chosen as Balloonmeister for 2009 Ode to Spring.
- ◆ Jim Fromm is the new chair for the Pilot Relations Committee.

February

- ◆ BOI purchased a Laptop, printer & projector to be used for Ground School.
- ◆ Ground School was held February 14-15 at the BOI Balloonport. 21 students from 5 states attended. Instructors were: Dick Drake (Sectionals), Donna Rieck (FARs), Bill Griffin (Weather), Jason Jones (Equipment), Matt Fenster (Instruments), and Don Prine (Commercial - fundamentals of instruction).
- ◆ Reed Samuel Ohnemus born 2-25-09 to Troy & Amy Ohnemus.
- ◆ Jeff Thomm from Monroe, Wisconsin received his private license in Feb 2009.

March

- ◆ Balloons In June (Clinton), Rochester, Quincy, and Emmetsburg canceled their events for 2009.
- ◆ Al Appenzeller received his commercial license Friday, March 13th.
- ◆ 30 new members initiated at the St. Pat's party.
- ◆ BOI donated money for 2 book shelves to the National Balloon Museum.

April

- ◆ Darcy Hoch received his commercial license, April 3rd.
- ◆ BOI gave a \$50 donation to Carlisle Cheerleaders fund raiser. We gave cash, not cases of beer.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Ode to Spring was a cloudy, windy, rainy day, so no flight. Indoor task was won by Jeremy King, with Darcy

Hoch winning the Fun Flight division; 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; 2008 BOI Champion - Brad Craig.

May

- ◆ Paxton Michael Patterson born 5-6-09.
- ◆ Analeigh Drew Van Broekhuizen born 5-24-09.
- ◆ New Balloon Event - Old World Balloony hosted an open sanction Memorial Day weekend in Overland Park, KS.

June

- ◆ 2009 Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race in Ottumwa - 2 flights, 1 glow. 45 balloons. 1st place - Jeremy Rubin, 2nd - Leroy Clair, 3rd - Brad Craig.
- ◆ Sioux Falls race flew 2 flights on Saturday. There were 35 balloons. 1st - Wyn Gustafson, 2nd - Benji Clemons, 3rd - Devin Burnham.
- ◆ Galena flew 3 flights, 2 glows, 35 balloons.
- ◆ Ken Bolton received his commercial license.
- ◆ Jim & Rita Fromm celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a party at the National Balloon Museum.

July

- ◆ Branden Bloom soloed 7-2-09.
- ◆ Mary Dockstader, 84, died Saturday, July 4, 2009.
- ◆ Eric Kennedy soloed 7/19.
- ◆ Meika joined Facebook.
- ◆ RAGBRAI stayed overnight in Indianola. Several balloons flew over town or glowed on Simpson Campus.
- ◆ Brandon Bloom received his private license 7/31.

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Letter from President Meika

Greetings from Frigid Carlisle!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy, healthy, and unfrozen. We had quite a cold streak there for a while. It was so cold I tried not to go outside unless completely necessary. As much as I wanted to patrol the balloon port to protect our domain, I decided to wait until it warmed up. I hear that there are a few balloonists out there that are so dedicated to their passion of ballooning that not even sub-zero temperatures could keep them ground bound! Congrats to you! I figured the annual New Year's flights would be called off on account of the cold this year, but you trudged on. I spoke with Sandy and we both agree that those crews should be nominated for Crew of the Year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Ground School & the St. Patrick's Day party,

Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Happy New Year from the Drake Family!

I hope this finds everyone doing well. It's been extremely cold here in Radcliff, IA. I have been counting the days until spring (roughly 75 days). I'm afraid we are in for a long winter.

Reports have come in that several balloonists (daring balloonists/crews) went for their annual frigid New Year's flight. I hope many will share photos and stories of their brave adventures for the newsletters! I'm hoping these pilots will nominate their crews for crew of the year since they were kind enough to help out in these frigid temperatures!

Well, running a bit late today. It was tough getting out of the dog bed this morning and today will be a busy day for me at the bank. Mom and Dad usually lecture me about being tardy.

I hope to see everyone at one of the BOI parties, Ground School, and/or one of the upcoming BOI meetings! Until next time, stay warm! If you fly in these wonderful temps, be sure to treat your crew well!

Keep looking up!
Sandy Drake

BOI St. Patrick's Party

March 20, 2010 6 p.m.

- ☘ **Irish Stew Cook-off**
- ☘ **Initiation of New members**
- ☘ **Appearance of the Giant Leprachauns**



BOI Year in Review (continued from page 1)

August

- ◆ 30 year anniversary of a record altitude flight by Chauncey Dunn that originated near Indianola.
- ◆ National Balloon Museum inducted 3 into the Hall of Fame - Karl Stefan and Lucy Stefan from Fort Collins, CO and Jim Winker from Sioux Falls, SD.
- ◆ National Balloon Classic 10 flights. 1. Jeremy Rubin 2. Todd Isley 3. Rob Bartholomew. 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
- ◆ Brad & Trisha Smith purchased a new balloon in August.
- ◆ Brad Smith soloed 8/7.
- ◆ BFA Nationals held near Battle Creek, MI. It was a windy, rainy week, so only 3 flights were flown. 1. Nick Donner, 2. Johnny Petrehn, 3. Paul Petrehn, 6 Brad Craig, 10. Todd Isley.

September

- ◆ Brookfield - 2 flights, 3 glows. 1. Jeremy King, 2. Terry Montague, 3. Herb Heriford.
- ◆ Jim & Rita Fromm purchased a new balloon - "Ascension".
- ◆ Council Bluffs - 2nd Annual Fields of Flight.
- ◆ Creston - flew all 4 flights! Old School glow - Jack-o-lantern, World Balloon & Charlie Brown. Rookie of the year was Jacob Hermanson. 1st place was Jon Shelton, 2nd - Cory Bloom, 3rd - Jeremy Rubin.
- ◆ Brad Smith received his private license 9/23/09.

October

- ◆ Halloween party - chili contest winners: 1. Lynn Craig, 2. Linda Bartholomew, 3. Rick Amos. Kids costume winner was Jaden Clair, dressed as Raggedy Ann. The adult winners were Rob Bartholomew & Derek Nordhagen.

December

- ◆ Des Moines is chosen to host the 2011 BFA National Convention.
- ◆ Grace NadineAnn Dittmer born to Craig & Dena Dittmer 12-31-09.

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Calendar of Events

February 5-7 **Hudson Hot Air Affair** Hudson, WI
Contact Michelle Scheel 888.247.2332 or
715.381.2050 or hotairaffair@gmail.com

February 20-21 **BOI Ground School** (see page 10)

February 21 5:00 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

March 14 **Change to Daylight Savings Time** "Spring forward"

March 20 6 pm **BOI St. Patrick's Day party** BOI Balloonport

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

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

April 24 **BOI Ode to Spring**

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

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

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

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

July 30 - August 7 **National Balloon Classic** Contact Greg Marchant - 515-961-8415 or info@nationalballoonclassic.com

August 1 **National Balloon Museum Hall of Fame Induction** Open House 1-4 p.m., Induction ceremony at 2 p.m.

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

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

Sept. 10-12 **Huff 'n Puff Rally** Topeka, KS Contact - www.huff-n-puff.org or info@huff-n-puff.org

September 10-12 **The Great Midwest Balloon Fest** Overland Park, KS. 50 balloons; Prize Money; and more. Contact Becky Petrehn

September 17-19 **SW Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days**, Creston, IA Contact Rob Bartholomew

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

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

October 23 6pm **BOI Halloween party** BOI Balloonport

November 7 **Change to Standard Time** "Fall back"

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

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

Happy Birthday

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



National Balloon Museum

Check out our new Virtual Tour featured on our website.
www.nationalballoonmuseum.com

Become a fan of the National Balloon Museum on Facebook.

The Museum is closed during January and then we go on winter hours from Feb-April 1:00-4:00 p.m.

We have a new donation of carpeting for the Library so during our yearly work day we laid over 400 square feet of carpeting. It really gives the new book cases and the new board table an official look. Come and visit the museum and take a look.

The three inductees for the 2010 Ballooning Hall of Fame at the Museum will be Tom Sheppard, the late Tony Fairbanks and Joe Kittenger. Be sure to put this on your calendar to meet these Ballooning Pioneers August 1, 2010. Open House is 1:00-4:00 with the induction ceremonies at 2:00.

New Email address

Patti Todden - patti1952@live.com

Congratulations

Craig & Dena Dittmer welcomed a new baby girl - Grace NadineAnn into their family on 12-31-09.



Happy Anniversary

Ralph & Donna Rieck	2-3
Jim Snipes & Donna Hill-Snipes	2-14
Mary Huntington & Don Trebbien	2-14
Todd & Patti Isley	2-23
Jerry & Deb Jensen	2-25
James & Carol Spencer	2-25
Rob & Linda Bartholomew	3-10
Roger Gray & Malinda Patch-Gray	3-11
J.D. & Ruth Montague	3-14
Patti Todden & Richard Swanson	3-15
Mark & Sheri Moen	3-19
Thad & Peggy Bloom	3-27
Tom & Tammy Hatcher	3-31

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

November 15, 2010

Present: Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Bill Griffin, Max & Carol Harris, Jen Nordhagen, Brandon & Tyler Pedersen

Meeting called to order by Chair Bill Griffin at 6:44:15

Secretary's report: Minutes from the October meeting were presented. Bill moved to approve secretary's report. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: We have 144.38 cases. What is .38 cases. Half of the members are dragging out phones & calculators to compute that. Member ask if our money is in cold storage at the bank. Max pointed out that 7 minutes on ice - beer is ready to drink. *Secretaries note - and some people think BOI meetings are not educational!*

Old Business:

- ★ He's not present
- ★ Discussion on BFA Convention proposal. BFA board will have a conference call to make the decision.
- ★ The IBA Continuing Education Seminar will be March 13 & 14.

New Business:

- ★ Dates for 2010 parties were set:
St. Pat's party - 3/20
Ode to Spring - 4/24
Halloween party - 10/23

Max moved to adjourn, Joel 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:15:55.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary for life.

The Way It Was

30 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1-5-1980 Jim Thompson received his Private license.

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1985 Events – World Championships in Battle Creek; Sioux City River Festival; Nationals in Indianola; Grand Island, Nebraska; Storm Lake; Creston; Omaha; Altoona Balloona.
- ★ 1-13-1985 BOI Board of Directors Meeting: Chaired by Gary King; Treasurer's report - \$445.50; Motion made to increase the cost of newsletter subscription to \$7.50.

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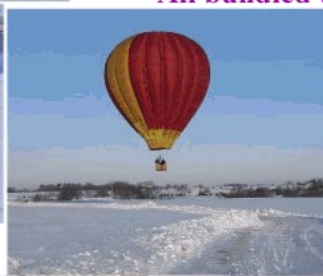
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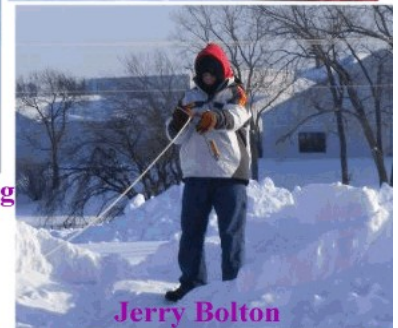
All bundled up



Scott Armstrong



Venting - leaving a vapor trail



Jerry Bolton



**Mandy Keller,
Mel Appenzeller,
Marcy Hoch**



Deer



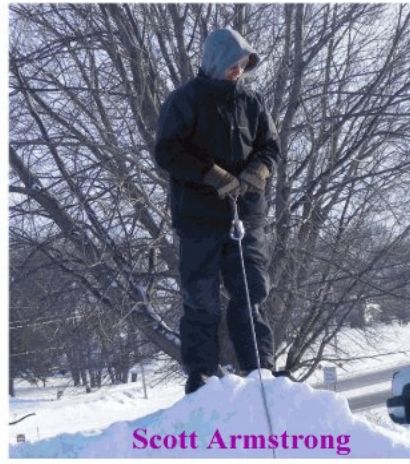
Ken Bolton



Hope that's coffee or hot chocolate & not cold champagne



Photos by Rick Amos,
Marcy Hoch & Ken Bolton



Scott Armstrong



Gary Fouche



Photos by Marcy Hoch,
Rick Amos, Ken Bolton
& Barb VanWynyarden



The Way It Was (continued from page 5)

- ★ February 9, 1985 – BOI Initiation. 25 new members initiated into the inner circle of BOI. The Pink Fuzzies made their appearance and made everything official.
- ★ February 1985 – BOI's first every Instructors Ground School. 30 pilots attended.
- ★ 2-24-85 BOI Board of Directors Meeting: Chaired by Lori Prine; Treasurer's report - \$816.05; BOI official year be "Ode to Spring" to "Ode to Spring".

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1-21-90 BOI Meeting: 20 members present; Meeting chaired by Louise Clemons; \$1633.9 in Treasury; Motion made to add Initiation of new members to the St. Pat's party; Jim Oakes named Ode Balloonmeister; Jim Fromm moved that the December 31, 1999 BOI New Years Party is to be planned for the Bahamas; Report from on the 9th Hot Air Worlds in Saga, Japan.
- ★ 1-30-90 – Letter from The Balloon Works announcing that they are surrendering all of the patent claims for sheathed Kevlar cables in balloon envelope suspension cables, thus making Kevlar cables available to all manufacturers.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ January 15, 1995 BOI Meeting: 14 members present; Meeting chaired by Bill Griffin; \$1316.29 in treasury, \$100 donated to Museum; BOI member pilots are allowed to take Ground School for \$50; Joel Blom to be Balloonmeister for Ode, Don Prine assistant Balloonmeister.
- ★ February '95 BOI Meeting: 18 members present; Meeting chaired by Esther Snyder; New coat rack to be picked up before the next party; BOI looking for a Juke Box for the Balloonport; Discussion held on Inflatable Beer hats; Ground school successful – 21 students; Eye in the sky article initiated after requests from membership for a report on who'd been flying; Mike Bien to be Balloonmeister for Classic – Jim Thompson assistant; BOI to work with Rural Relations to reduce red zones; Joel Blom to be Balloonmeister for Ode–Don Prine Assistant; President Gretchen enjoyed a bowl of PBR.
- ★ 2-12-1995 Jason Jones received his Commercial license.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1-1-2000 Gerald Knoll received his Private license.
- ★ Reports on NY Flight by Jim Fromm and on Paul Randleman's flight in B-17 bomber
- ★ Member of the Month - Scott Moon. Scott got interested in balloons watching the Nationals in Indianola. He got his first ride at 12 or 13 years of age.
- ★ Allison Hope Garrett born January 21st to Terry & Gina Garrett
- ★ Norm & Kay Fee have moved to Arizona
- ★ January 16, 2000 BOI Meeting: 21 members present;

- Meeting chaired by Max Harris; Mike Oberman moving to Missouri, so Barb Knoll named new BOI treasurer & Gerald Knoll named new Kegmeister; Mike Oberman to be Balloonmeister for Ode; President not present at the meeting – probably with her new intern
- ★ Hudson Hot Air Affair - 50 balloons; 2 flights, 1 glow. Cold weather gives new appreciation to the Hot tub.
- ★ Ground School: 22 students from Iowa, IL, MN, MO & WI; Instructors -Bill Griffin, Donna Rieck, Gerald Knoll, Don Prine, Jason Jones, Dick Drake & Mike Oberman.
- ★ February 20, 2000 BOI Meeting: 19 members present; Meeting chaired by Barb Knoll; Wisconsin Dells and Waterloo events canceled
- ★ Events on the calendar for 2000: Hudson, Veisha, Ames kick-off, Sioux Falls, Ottumwa, Team Nationals in Battle Creek, Classic, Rantoul, Council Bluffs, Amana, Columbia, Storm Lake, Brookfield, Creston & Albuquerque (1000 balloons for 2000).

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ New Years Party - large crowd present, the food was good, the keg went dry at 10:30. Rob stayed awake until after midnight.
- ★ January 16, 2005 BOI Meeting: 31 members present; Chair Richard Swanson; BOI dues increased to \$20; Joel Worthington named BOI Webmeister (AKA "Web Dude"); Dick read from his "Book of Imponderables" - "Are Lobsters Ambidextrous?"
- ★ February: BFA moved its headquarters offices from downtown Indianola to the museum.
- ★ Ground school - 34 students from 6 states. Ground Schoolmeister was Mike Oberman. Instructors were: Dick Drake, Jim Fromm, Bill Griffin, Jason Jones, Matt Fenster, Don Prine and Donna Rieck. The computer guys were - Al Appenzeller & Joel Worthington.
- ★ February 20, 2005 BOI Meeting: 26 members present; Chair Paul Randleman

An Evening at the Ritz

Presented by Community Bank of Indianola

February 13, 2010

Embassy Suites Hotel – On the River

Ticket Price:

\$50.00/person (purchased by 1/27/10)

\$55.00/person (purchased after 1/27/10)

Room Reservations

Must be made by 1/27/10 (Call 244-1700)

Mention National Balloon Classic when making reservations

Menu Choices

Vegetarian (Order by 1/27/10 @ the Classic Office)

Pasta Primavera

Special Duet Plate -Chicken Breast & Pork Loin

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: \$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).

From south on I-35 - take the Highway 5 bypass (exit 68). Go east on Highway 5 - 13-14 miles to the Carlisle exit (exit 72). Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on Highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north on 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 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).



Sunrise and Sunset for 2010

Location: W093 34, N41 22

Indianola, IA

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February 21 (**5 p.m.** due to Ground School)

March 21 6:30 p.m.