

# Touch and Go

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May - June, 2010

## Ode to Spring

BOI Members from far & wide gathered at the balloonport for the yearly celebration of Ode to Spring. Unfortunately, the weather gods didn't favor us with flyable weather, but the good food & adult refreshments almost made up for that. Members dined on pork loin and pot-luck, and as usual, the food was great!

After the meal, MCs Bill Griffin & Rob Bartholomew announced the awards for the night.

- ◆ Last year's Crew of the Year – the Kochheiser family returned the traveling trophy. They added a white rabbit (from Alice in Wonderland). This may be in reference to "I'm late, I'm late" – their pilot?? (Bill Griffin)
- ◆ **2010 Crew of the Year** - Keith Welling & Jo Patterson, crew for the Community Bank Balloon. Rob is sure that they will display the trophy in a prominent place in the bank.
- ◆ **Pilot of the Year** – John Jensen, Jr.
- ◆ **Cleo Award** – Al Appenzeller for all his work on Ground School over the past few years & other BOI activities.
- ◆ **2009 BOI Champion** – Todd Isley. 2nd place Brad Craig, 3rd place – Rob Bartholomew.
- ◆ The outgoing board were introduced & given plaques – Missy Bloom, Tim Cloyd, Jake Hermanson, Darcy Hoch & Karen Worthington.
- ◆ The **2010-2011 BOI Board** was then announced - Shanda Bolton, Elsie Cloyd, Marcy Hoch, Preston Gebhart & Allan Keller.

Thanks to Al Appenzeller & his father Terry Appenzeller for providing the DJ service and the Wii games. Thanks to the Craig family for cooking the meat.

Balloonmeister Al announced that the Ode to Spring flight is not canceled, just postponed. Hopefully we'll be able to schedule one in the next couple of weeks.

*Editor's note – due to wind, rain, and other complications, the Ode to Spring flight was eventually canceled. Hopefully the spring is not an indication of how the rest of the year will go.*

## St. Patrick's Day Party

The spring tradition of the BOI St. Patty's Day party and initiation of new members was indeed a festive occasion. Several members brought Irish stew and judges Jerry Bolton & Jeremy King judged the cook-off. The winners were: #1 – Jim Fromm, #2 - Erica Moen. Congratulations.

After the meal of Irish Stew & other fine dishes brought by BOI members, MC Bill Griffin and Giant Leprechauns Jim Fromm & Derek Nordhagen commenced the initiation of new members. New members included:

Jen Porter  
Jan Porter  
Mackenzie Ellis  
Karene Ellis  
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Abby Curtis  
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**Letter from President Meika**

Well, it looks like spring is finally here, and we can put that terrible winter behind us. However, we'll have to make it through our share of terrible spring weather too. Has everyone else had enough of this rain? Dad won't let me out of the house much lately. He's afraid I'll get dirty. I suppose he has a point. I always promise to stay clean, but I just can't avoid those puddles.

It was too bad that we weren't able to get an Ode flight in this year, but I heard the party was a good time. There was a lot of food, and finally enough deviled eggs to last until the food line started. I wish I would have gotten a chance to play the Wii with the kids at the party, but alas, I don't have opposable thumbs (which makes typing this letter all the more impressive), and they haven't yet come out with drool-proof doggy Wii-motes. Best get going, the weather is much nicer today than it has been the last week, so I'm going to go bug Dad to let me out. Happy and safe flying everyone. Hope to see some of you "dropping in" soon.

Meika

**Letter from Vice-President Sandy**

Happy Spring to all my friends out there,

I know spring is here now as I saw my first dandelion today. It is always fun to watch Mom and Dad trying to stop them from showing their pretty yellow faces in the luscious new green grass. Another spring event. Was your Easter fun?? When I was younger I loved the Easter egg hunts with the younger family members. Now I don't have that much energy, but enjoy watching. Still don't know how that Easter bunny got past me to hide the goodies all those years.

This time of year also brings out the beautiful hot air balloons--they sort of resemble Easter eggs. Time for the new balloonists to show their first balloons to all. It is a good time to visit the balloonport and meet all the new pilots and hear their stories. Sometimes they bring along new friends for me to play with.

I hear via Facebook that there is a group wanting to put together a ballooning event over in Poland later this year. Wouldn't that be a super trip and maybe could make it a club sponsored paid trip looking for Retirement home sites ...Just a thought. Facebook is a good way to keep up with ballooning friends. Meika and I share news about happenings at the balloonport.

Speaking of news--don't forget about the BFA convention coming in 2011 to Des Moines. Dad is on the board so I get in on some meeting reports in the kitchen with Mom. Be a volunteer, lots will be needed. I think I would make a nice greeter...WOOF!!

I'm tired after all this, so nap time. Looking forward to seeing my old and new friends at the balloonport, coming out after the terrible winter and enjoying the dandelions coloring the ground and balloons coloring the sky.

**FLY SAFE AND BE SAFER ON THE GROUND!!!!!!!**

All for now,  
Sandy Drake

## U. S. Ballooning Hall of Fame Induction

National Balloon Museum  
Sunday August 1, 2010 at 2:00 pm.

Joe Kittinger, Tom Sheppard and Anthony Fairbanks will be the inductees this year.

Mr. Kittinger is best known for his record setting parachute jump from a balloon on August 16, 1960 from an altitude of 102,800 feet. In that jump he approached the speed of sound at 614 mph and opened his parachute at 18,000 feet. He made five stratospheric balloon flights. He was the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in a helium balloon from Maine to Italy in 1984. He won the Gordon Bennett Balloon Race 3 times in a row to retire the trophy and then won it a fourth time.

Mr. Sheppard has an extensive record of leadership roles in the Balloon Federation of America including past president and Chairman of BFA Competition Division rules committee. He is considered the father of modern balloon competition in the United States and has been a leader and participant in many international ballooning competition events. He is also the recipient of many ballooning awards.

Mr. Fairbanks began flying gas balloons in 1931 and was a charter member of the Balloon Club of America which was formed in 1952. He also became the first Balloon Pilot Examiner in the United States. He was the pilot of the balloon "La Coquette" used in the movie, "Around the World in Eighty Days".

Additional happenings at the National Balloon Museum:

- Check out the Red Bull Stratos Project on Google and learn all about Joe Kittinger's record. Felix Baumgartner from Austria is trying to break his record. It is sponsored by Red Bull and the DM office has been very helpful. This will happen between now and August.

A whirlwind of events is going to hit the National Balloon Museum in Indianola, Iowa during the National Balloon Classic July 30th-August 7th:

- July 31, 2010 (Saturday) 1:00-3:00 p.m. Speaker: Early balloonist Don Capelan from St. Louis is speaking on "Early Ballooning Stories--The Good Old Days"
- August 1, 2010 (Sunday):
  - ▶ 12:30-1:45 - Book signing for the new autobiography by Joe Kittinger "Come Up and Get Me!"
  - ▶ 2:00-4:00 - U. S. Ballooning Hall of Fame Induction
  - ▶ 4:00-5:00 - Book signing for the new autobiography by Joe Kittinger "Come Up and Get Me!" and book signing for "Indianola: Ballooning Capital of Iowa"

- by Dennis D. Nicholson and Becky S. Wigeland
- ▶ August 3, 2010 (Tuesday) - 1:00-3:00 Robert von Zeppelin from Toccata, Georgia, Great-great grand nephew of Ferdinand Graf Von Zeppelin, speaking on the "Trials and Tribulations of Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin"
- August 5, 2010 (Thursday) 1:00-3:00 - Viewing of the new movie "The Red Baron"

Becky Wigeland  
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Indianola, IA 50125-0149  
Museum: 515 961 3714  
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## Distinguished Community Service Achievement Award

Congratulations to Dennis Nicholson, who was recently awarded the Simpson College Distinguished Community Service Achievement Award for 2009. Dennis is the Assistant to the Curator at the National Balloon Museum.

The new Pizza Ranch Restaurant in Indianola will be featuring Balloon Photos taken by Dennis Nicholson and by Ward Roscoe.



## ***Indianola: Ballooning Capital of Iowa*** **Upcoming Author Events**

*Indianola: Ballooning Capital of Iowa* celebrates Indianola's ballooning heritage and covers a span of more than 100 years. Join authors Becky S. Wigeland and Dennis D. Nicholson for these upcoming events.

### **UPCOMING AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 9 FROM 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

At National Balloon Museum

Special Mother's Day Pre-Release Event with books available.

1601 N. Jefferson Way (Highway 65/69 North), Indianola

For more information call 515.961.3714

and

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13 FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 PM**

At National Balloon Museum

1601 N. Jefferson Way (Highway 65/69 North), Indianola

For more information call 515.961.3714

and

**THURSDAY, JULY 1 FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM**

At The Village

1203 North E Street, Indianola

For more information call 515.962.4741

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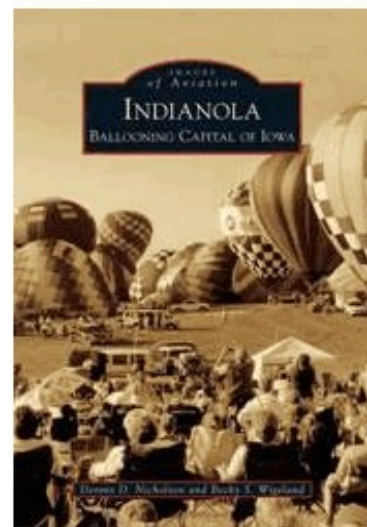
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 PM**

At National Balloon Museum

1601 N. Jefferson Way (Highway 65/69 North), Indianola

For more information call 515.961.3714

The new book will be available at the National Balloon Museum, independent book shops and other local retailers, as well as on-line. The authors will be hosting book signings and other events throughout the year.



### ***Indianola: Ballooning Capital of Iowa***

by Dennis D. Nicholson and  
Becky S. Wigeland

*Images of Aviation Series*

Price: \$24.99

144 pages/ softcover

Publication Date: **May 10, 2010**

## NTSB Reports

### NTSB Identification: CEN09LA009

Friday, October 10, 2008 in Rio Rancho, NM  
Aircraft: Sproul 72K-TET, registration: N72KX  
Injuries: 1 Fatal, 1 Serious.

The pilots were participating in a balloon festival. A witness stated that the balloon was traveling northeast between 15 and 20 knots. The wind was gusting between 20 and 25 knots. The witness said, "As the balloon proceeded towards me...I noticed that there was no heat given to the envelope. [As the balloon flew over a ditch and upward slope, it] encountered an updraft from the low level winds causing this accident." Photographs taken by witnesses show the balloon approaching power lines. Neither pilot had their hands on the burner control. When the balloon struck the power lines, the suspension cables were partially severed. The fuel line was completely severed and began spewing liquid propane, and the basket caught fire. The occupants and part of the basket fell to the ground. The envelope drifted off and was later recovered some 7 miles away from the power lines. The recorded winds at the time of the accident were from 130 degrees at 4 knots. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to maintain clearance from the power lines and the failure of either pilot to take any corrective action to avoid the collision. Contributing to the accident was the pilot-in-command's inadequate supervision of the pilot-rated passenger.

### NTSB Identification: CEN09CA159

Saturday, January 31, 2009 in La Junta, CO  
Aircraft: CAMERON BALLOONS US V-90, registration: N2097H  
Injuries: 1 Serious.

While landing a hot air balloon, the pilot encountered surface winds estimated at 22 mph and gusting to 28 mph. At 20 to 25 feet above ground level, the pilot shut off the burner and prepared for the landing. The hot air balloon descended 400 to 450 feet per minute, impacted hard on downward sloping terrain, and was dragged approximately 360 feet by the wind before coming to rest. The pilot suffered two broken ankles. There were no reported pre-impact anomalies. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to maintain a safe rate of descent during landing. Contributing to the accident was the strong surface winds.

### NTSB Identification: CEN09CA162

Sunday, February 08, 2009 in Terre Haute, IN  
Aircraft: Cameron Balloons V-77, registration: N7524J  
Injuries: 1 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

The balloon pilot and passenger departed on a personal flight and flew for 30-40 minutes, during which the pilot performed a simulated "pilot light failure" emergency procedure. The pilot performed the simulation so as to "teach" the passenger the procedure. The pilot light was reportedly not extinguished during or after the simulation. Following the simulation, the pilot began a stair-step climb for the approach to a landing area during which the pilot light extinguished at the last stop of the climb. The pilot said he had three sources of ignition aboard: a flint spark provided by the balloon manufacturer, a grill lighter, and a wind proof grill lighter. He could not relight the pilot light after three attempts, and also attempted to light fuel from the whisper and blast valves. The pilot stated that fuel emanated from these valves during the relight attempts. There was about 25 gallons of fuel remaining at the time of the accident. The pilot then pulled the "red line or deflation line" to deflate the balloon. The balloon descended into 180-foot-high power lines and caught fire, which consumed the basket and envelope. The pilot was uninjured and the passenger received minor injuries. The pilot accumulated a total flight time of 30 hours in lighter-than-air aircraft, of which 15 hours were in the accident make and model. He last performed a "pilot light failure" emergency procedure about 5 months prior to the accident flight. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The loss of the burner pilot light during approach to the landing area and the pilot's failure to relight the burner using alternate sources.

### NTSB Identification: WPR09CA207

Accident occurred Saturday, April 18, 2009 in Tracy, CA  
Aircraft: AEROSTAR INTERNATIONAL INC RAVEN S49A, registration: N6378E  
Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Uninjured.

The pilot reported that while approaching an open field for landing, the balloon suddenly slowed down. Shortly after, he noticed that the balloon had contacted power line wires and that the lines were traveling down the side of the balloon's envelope and uprights and trapped his passenger against the basket. The pilot stated that the passenger was able to free herself as he was able to kick the wires from the corner of the basket. The balloon subsequently ascended about 200 feet. The pilot proceeded to initiate a landing in the nearest open field and landed without further incident. The pilot further reported that neither he nor his passenger saw the power lines prior to impact. Examination of the hot air

balloon revealed that the envelope and basket sustained minor damage; however, the passenger sustained serious injuries. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's failure to maintain clearance from the power lines.

**NTSB Identification: ERA09CA276**

Sunday, April 26, 2009 in Louisville, KY  
Aircraft: ARBC INC DBA LINDSTRAND 60X,  
registration: N877LX  
Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Uninjured.

The pilot of the balloon located a landing area after completing a racing event. The pilot stated that he briefed the passenger prior to the landing to hold on to the basket handles. The pilot positioned himself in the front of the basket, with the passenger behind him. The landing was a normal, "stand-up landing." The passenger lost her grip from the handles and she consequently pitched forward as they bumped the ground and came to a stop. The passenger complained that her ankle hurt as she exited the basket. At first it was believed the passenger suffered a sprained ankle. A medical evaluation, 2 days later, discovered a fracture above the ankle. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The passenger's inadequate bracing during landing.

**NTSB Identification: CEN09LA318**

Monday, May 25, 2009 in Albuquerque, NM  
Aircraft: AEROSTAR INTERNATIONAL INC S-60A,  
registration: N120RB  
Injuries: 1 Serious, 4 Uninjured.

On a scenic balloon flight with four passengers, the pilot located a clear area to land the balloon. As the pilot maneuvered the balloon to the area, the wind the pilot was expecting did not materialize and the pilot picked an alternate site. In order to remain clear of obstacles, the pilot "vented" the balloon "and had a hard landing." During the landing, one of the passengers sustained a broken ankle. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's excessive descent rate.

**NTSB Identification: CEN09CA358**

Saturday, June 13, 2009 in Marathon City, WI  
Aircraft: AEROSTAR INTERNATIONAL INC RX-9,  
registration: N9116M  
Injuries: 1 Serious, 3 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

The pilot and four paying passengers departed in a free air

balloon. The local area surface weather observations indicated that the winds were consistently from the northwest at 6 – 8 knots. Around the time of the balloon launch, the winds were observed to be 300 degrees at 6 knots. About 3 minutes after liftoff, the balloon was heading 180 degrees at 10 knots about 800 feet above ground level. The winds on the ground suddenly increased to about 25 mph, and the balloon experienced strong wind gusts. The pilot reported that about 9 minutes after takeoff, a big wind gust "caved in" half the balloon and the mouth was "almost shut." The pilot decided to get the balloon on the ground at the nearest suitable field, and instructed the passengers to prepare for a hard landing. The balloon hit hard, bounced in the air about 30 feet, and traveled about 200 feet before it hit the ground again. The balloon tipped on its side and one of the passengers partially fell out of the basket, but was restrained by the pilot and a passenger. The wind dragged the basket about 125 feet where the passenger fell out the basket and into a ditch. The basket was dragged about another 60 feet before it came to a stop in another field. The passenger was seriously injured. The balloon sustained minor damage. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: A hard landing as a result of unexpected high winds and gusts.

**NTSB Identification: CEN09CA496**

Tuesday, August 04, 2009 in Albuquerque, NM  
Aircraft: LINDSTRAND BALLOONS 240A, registration:  
N494LB  
Injuries: 1 Serious, 4 Uninjured.

After a sight-seeing flight, the pilot located an area to land the balloon, and briefed the passengers for the landing. The pilot stated that he "landed in soft sand ... going approximately 10 miles-per-hour." The basket slid for approximately 15 feet before tipping over, coming to rest on its side. As the pilot began to unload the passengers, one of passengers complained of pain in her right arm/shoulder area. The passenger was transported to the hospital, and later was determined that she had suffered a broken arm. The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: A run-on landing of the balloon causing the basket to tip over, resulting in a passenger's injury.

**New addresses**

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3002 - 183rd Ave  
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2402 Green Hills Dr.  
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Pete & Dixie Smith  
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Ryan & Melissa Casner  
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Indianola, IA 50125

Mike & Melissa VanPatten  
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Sympathy to Bill Sponslor and family on the death of Bill's father

Sympathy to the family of Vicky Winterstien who passed away Wednesday May 5, 2010. Vicky and her husband Bill were Rob's sponsors in Creston and long time supporters of the Creston event.

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Congratulations to Rob & Erika Nutting. Daughter Brooklyn Lee Nutting was born Dec. 18th, 2009.



# BOI St. Patrick's Day Party



Members celebrate UNI's victory over Kansas



Irish Stew cook-off judges Jerry & Jeremy



Irish lasses 



Linda & Phyllis



Irish lads



Initiation of new Members



Irish Stew cook-off winners



Founding Fathers & Giant Leprechaun



Members taking the BOI oath



**Ode to Spring**



**Conk, Connie, Mary**



**Ralph, Gil, Becky**



**Kochheiser family with the Crew of the Year award**



**The coveted Cleo Award was given to CrAzY Al Appenzeller**



**Michelle, Marcy, Tisha, Kirk**



**Rob & Brad**



**Derek, Preston, Scott**



**2010-2011 BOI Board - Elsie Cloyd, Shanda Bolton, Preston Gebhart, & Marcy Hoch. Not present - Allan Keller**



**Bill & Paul**

**Y M C A**



**Touch & Go**

**Doing the Limbo**



## Calendar of Events

May 28-31 **Kansas City Hot Air Balloon Invitational**  
Kansas City, Mo Contact Jason Jones 913.338.2628

June 4-6 **Manitowoc Air Show & Hot Air Balloon Rally**  
Manitowoc, WI Contact: Ken Walter  
[wiwinddancer@cs.com](mailto:wiwinddancer@cs.com)

June 11-13 **Sioux Falls Hot Air Balloon Race** Sioux Falls,  
SD Contact Brad Temeyer [flynhgh31@yahoo.com](mailto:flynhgh31@yahoo.com)

June 18-20 **Monroe Balloon Rally** Monroe, WI Contact  
Matt Urban [urban@tds.net](mailto:urban@tds.net)

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

June 25-27 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race** Contact Dale or  
Holly Dommer at Ottumwaproballoonrace @  
yahoo.com or 641-684-8999 or go to:  
[www.ottumwaproballoonrace.com](http://www.ottumwaproballoonrace.com)

July 1 - 4 **Field of Flight**, Battle Creek, MI. Contact: Debbie  
LeClear, 269 962-0592 or email  
[Debbie@bcballoons.com](mailto:Debbie@bcballoons.com)

July 8-11 **Wausau Balloon Rally** Wausau, WI Contact  
[info@ausauareaevents.org](mailto:info@ausauareaevents.org)

July 11-15 **BFA Kids balloon summer camp**, Tyler, TX  
Contact [balloonist@pandaballoons.com](mailto:balloonist@pandaballoons.com)

July 16-18 **Balloons Over the Mississippi** Fort Madison, IA  
Contact Joel Worthington at 641 831-3034 or  
[www.balloonsoverthemiississippi.com](http://www.balloonsoverthemiississippi.com)

July 18-22 **BFA Kids balloon summer camp**, Albion, MI  
Contact [balloonist@pandaballoons.com](mailto:balloonist@pandaballoons.com)

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](mailto:info@nationalballoonclassic.com)

August 1 **National Balloon Museum Hall of Fame  
Induction** Open House 1-4pm, Induction ceremony  
2pm

Aug. 6-8 **Seymour Hamburger Fest & Balloon Rally**  
Seymour, WI Contact [bicollar@aol.com](mailto:bicollar@aol.com)

Aug. 13-15 **Hartford Balloon Rally** Hartford, WI Contact:  
Ken Walter [wiwinddancer@cs.com](mailto:wiwinddancer@cs.com)

August 14-22 **Intl Balloon Festival** Saint-Jean-sur-  
Richelieu, Québec Contact [mc@ballooncanada.com](mailto:mc@ballooncanada.com)

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

August 20-22 **Centralia IL Balloon Fest** - Centralia, IL  
Contact [gccoc@centraliail.com](mailto:gccoc@centraliail.com)

Aug. 23-28 **BFA National Championship** Battle Creek, MI  
Contact BFA at 515 961-8809 or [www.BFA.net](http://www.BFA.net)

August 27-29 **Lincoln IL Art & Balloon Fest** Lincoln, IL  
Contact [events@lincolnillinois.com](mailto:events@lincolnillinois.com)

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

September 3-5 **Danville IL Non-Event**, Danville, IL  
Contact [dean@heritagedevelop.com](mailto:dean@heritagedevelop.com)

September 10-11 **Macomb IL Balloon Rally** Macomb, IL  
Contact [balloons33@comcast.net](mailto:balloons33@comcast.net)

September 10-12 **Huff 'n Puff Rally** Topeka, KS Contact  
Karl H. Fruendt at [info@huff-n-puff.org](mailto:info@huff-n-puff.org) or  
[www.huff-n-puff.org](http://www.huff-n-puff.org)

September 10-12 **Field Of Flight** Council Bluffs, IA  
Contact Matt Fenster at [mwfester@aol.com](mailto:mwfester@aol.com) or 402  
740-6629

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

September 17-19 **Forest Park Great Balloon Race** St.  
Louis, MO Contact [pilot@greatforestparkballoonrace.com](mailto:pilot@greatforestparkballoonrace.com)

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

September 24-26 **Quad City Balloon Fest** East Moline, IL  
Contact [stanpcs@mchsi.com](mailto:stanpcs@mchsi.com)

October 2-10 **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**

October 16 **Jill Rubin Memorial Balloon Flight** Location  
TBA.

October 02-24/10 **AIBF** Albuquerque, NM Contact Pam  
McCarty, 888 422-7277

October 15-17 **Wakefield Balloon Rally** Wakefield, NE  
Contact Alan Paul (712)-310-8824 or Wayne Mohring  
(402) 844-4975

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**

November 25 **Les Nessman Turkey Drop** Danville, IL  
Contact [dean@heritagedevelop.com](mailto:dean@heritagedevelop.com)

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

## Balloons Over the Mississippi

The Balloons Over the Mississippi event in Fort Madison, Iowa still has openings for pilots this year for the weekend of July 16th-18th. The Illinois state championship event got scheduled for the same weekend, so most of the Illinois pilots who attended the Fort Madison event last year will not be able to attend this year. That leaves openings for new pilots to enjoy Fort Madison's hospitality this year!

Please check out the event website at [www.balloonsoverthemiississippi.com](http://www.balloonsoverthemiississippi.com) and register to attend! Don't hesitate to call or email either Heather and Lynn Faeth or me if you have any questions. Registration information is on the site; you can register and pay the entry fee right from the website.

We hope you will join us in Fort Madison!

Thanks,  
Joel Worthington  
641-831-3034

### Happy Anniversary

Brad & Amy Craig	6-3
Randy & Rochelle Kochheiser	6-6
Jeff & Deb Bridgewater	6-10
Gerald & Barb Knoll	6-11
Gil & Becky Wigeland	6-12
Linn & Marsha Hoskins	6-16
Charlie & Debbie Thorman	6-17
Jim & Rita Fromm	6-22
Mike & Beth Oberman	6-22
Nate & Amy Smith	6-24
Bill & Becky Sponsler	6-29
Jeremy & Macenzie Rubin	6-30
Mary Eagan & Rick McCubbin	7-1
Ronald & Misty Dobesh	7-1
Norm & Kay Fee	7-3
Kirk & Melissa Bloom	7-3
Mason & Heather Fromm	7-4
Larry & Tesha Huffaker	7-5
Mike & Linda Guffey	7-10
Brian & Emily Becker	7-13
Randy & Lisa Stone	7-22
Joe & Monica Thompson	7-22
Ron & Esther Snyder	7-23
Matt & Emily Fenster	7-26
Aaron & Dawn Foelske	7-29



Kamryn Becker	6-1	Scott Armstrong	7-4
Blake Casner	6-1	Mary Conklin	7-4
Jacob Ricke	6-2	Sheri Moen	7-4
Lee Trebbien	6-4	Alexandra Adams	7-5
Mike Wildung	6-4	David Edmister	7-7
Mya Foelske	6-5	Randy Kochheiser	7-7
Shawn Michael	6-5	Jody Woodruff	7-7
Barbara Ross	6-6	Cory Bloom	7-8
Jim Norris	6-7	Matthew Grote	7-8
Paula Boe	6-9	Courtney Schulte	7-8
Brandon Pedersen	6-10	Doug Purdy	7-9
Richard Swanson	6-10	Anthony	
Loretta Taylor	6-10	VanBroekhuizen	7-9
Jake Hamlin	6-11	Benji Clemons	7-10
Melissa Boerner	6-12	Madison Smith	7-10
Gretchen Ryan	6-12	Bret Christian	7-11
Don Wiley	6-12	Tom Ricke	7-13
Blair Brody	6-13	Keith Williams	7-13
Jodi DeZurik	6-14	Adam Thompson	7-14
Aaron Gebhart	6-14	AJ Foelske	7-15
Macenzie Rubin	6-14	Abigail Jensen	7-15
Don Trebbien	6-14	Deb Jensen	7-15
Terry Riepe	6-16	John Jensen	7-15
Charlie Ong	6-18	Michael VanHamme	7-15
Edel Fromm	6-19	Kristy Pash	7-16
Caleb Nordhagen	6-19	Tony Funaro	7-17
Mallori Adams	6-20	Christina Sponsler	7-17
Ellis Benus	6-20	Ron Snyder	7-18
Jensen Gebhart	6-20	Melissa Casner	7-18
Hunter Nutting	6-22	Jaden Clair	7-19
Nicholas Pash	6-22	Kirk Bloom	7-21
Bob Shelton	6-23	Cynthia Wooge	7-21
Jerry Tierman	6-23	Laurie Allbaugh	7-23
Ashley Oakes	6-26	Lynn Craig	7-23
Meghan Taylor	6-27	Jodi Erger	7-23
Michael Dunnick	6-28	JoAnn Moon	7-23
Eldon Benus	6-29	Collin Oponski	7-23
Beth Oberman	6-29	Steven Ross	7-24
Kristie Wildung	6-29	Ken Allbaugh	7-26
		Todd Isley	7-26
		Gene Elsasser	7-27
		Brendan Cahill	7-28
		Branden Bloom	7-30
		Linda Bartholomew	7-31
		Misty Dobesh	7-31
		Maury Petrehn	7-31
		Brad Temeyer	7-31
Riley Nordhagen	7-1		
Whitney Oberman	7-2		
Gerry Prine	7-2		
Brenda Rohr	7-3		

## The Way It Was

### 25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ June 1-2, 1985 My Waterloo Days. One fun flight, no tasks.
- ★ June 1985 Newsletter – New Newsletter editor – Jill Rubin.
- ★ 1985 Ottumwa: Two flights, then leader Bill Gilson enlisted Elton Freeman to do a rain dance. Much to everyone's surprise, it worked, so Sunday a.m. tasks cancelled. 1st Bill Gilson, 2nd – tie between Jim Oakes & Keith Creswell, 3rd Brian Bennett.

### 20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ June 1-3, 1990 My Waterloo Days: Winds resembled an In-land Hurricane. Light poles blown to the ground, signs blown over & hanging from their poles. All flights winded out. Much time spent around the pool. Bill Clemons saved the life of a little girl in the pool – he jumped into the water with brand new shoes on.

### 15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ May/June '95 - Carrie Bartholomew graduated from Carlisle High School; Monica Fromm graduated from Indianola High School.
- ★ Events on the calendar for '95 – Waterloo, Mason City, Ottumwa, Grinnell, National Balloon Classic, Nationals in Columbia Missouri, Amana, Storm Lake, Albuquerque.
- ★ Waterloo - 3 flights; 1st Rich Jaworski, 2nd Garry Miklus, 3rd Dale Dommer
- ★ Wisconsin Dells - 3 flights; 1st Dave Edmister
- ★ Mason City - 15 balloons
- ★ Oskey - no flights
- ★ May & June – no meeting – flyable weather
- ★ 6-12-1995 Dale Dommer received his Private license.
- ★ 6-19-95 Mike Oberman received his private license. He has purchased “Black Diamond” Balloon.

### 10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Member of the Month - Paul Craven. Paul got involved in ballooning from being around the Nationals as a child. Paul is currently building his own balloon – named Stormy. Paul & wife Val have a 1½ year old daughter Alyssa.
- ★ Ottumwa - It was raining when we arrived in town on Friday & was still raining when we left Saturday with record rainfall in between. The only ones that had fun on the launch field were the ducks & geese swimming in the puddles.
- ★ BFA Nationals canceled for 2000
- ★ Ames Boys & Girls Club - kick off night - weathered

out, Balloonists enjoyed Hog roast

### 5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Brylee Suezanne Anderson born May 17th to BJ & Wendi Anderson
- ★ Iowa events on calendar for 2005: Waterloo, Ottumwa, Clinton, Classic, Council Bluffs, Creston
- ★ Jeremy King received his Private license May 20
- ★ Competition committees from BFA & NABA are talking. They are looking into points being good for both groups and the possibility of a combined Nationals in 2006.
- ★ Joel is working on the club web site - [www.balloonsover-iowa-club.com](http://www.balloonsover-iowa-club.com) has been registered.
- ★ Patti Todden received her new balloon - “Patti's Dream”
- ★ My Waterloo days - 30 balloons. 1 flight, 1 glow
- ★ Sioux Falls - 35 balloon - 1 flight 1 - Matt Fenster; 2- Scott Christensen 3 - Mike Benson.
- ★ Great Galena Balloon Race - 3 flights, 1 glow
- ★ Ottumwa Pro Balloon - 3 flights, 1 glow. 1. Maury Petrehn 2. Benji Clemons 3. Leroy Clair

### Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

March 21, 2010

**Present:** Bill Griffin, Brad Smith, Rob Bartholomew, Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Ralph & Donna Rieck, Jen Nordhagen, Megan Cline, Preston Gebhart, Aiden Gebhart, Michelle Craig, CrAzY Al Appenzeller, Lucy Nordhagen, Brad & Amy Craig, Colton Craig, Ashlyn Williams, Meika Bartholomew and Ellie Bartholomew.

Meeting called to order by Chair Ken Bolton at 6:43:10.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes from the February meeting presented. Donna moved to approve secretary's report, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's report:** We have 62 cases. We have less money than normal for this time of the year, due to Ground School being canceled. Discussion on raising dues, etc. Carol has requested members change to email version of the newsletter to decrease costs. Ralph moved to approve Treasurer's report, Max seconded. Motion approved.

### Old Business:

- ★ He's not here
- ★ Discussion on meat for Ode. Al will donate the pork loin.
- ★ IBA Seminar was successful. There was a good turnout.

## New Business:

- ★ Classic registration is out. The pilot gift will be 2 shirts and possibly a bag.
- ★ Ottumwa is full.
- ★ The Worlds will be in Battle Creek in 2012. There is some interest in having the Nationals in Indianola in 2012, since Battle Creek will be hosting Worlds.
- ★ Rob lead a discussion on increasing membership.
- ★ Rob says we will fly Ode. Al is ready.
- ★ There is a rumor that Dick Drake has ordered a racer, and 3 laptops - two for in the basket and one for the crew, maybe even a fourth for the advance crew.
- ★ Discussion on Ballooning, insurance, accidents, etc. etc. In the words of the infamous former Secretary of BOI, Mark Weeks *"You had to be there"*.
- ★ Al spoke of a flight where pilots took off from Norwalk HS. They worked with the tower & had no problems.

Bill moved to adjourn, Al & Jerry both 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then Al voted "Not a Chance". Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:42:09.

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Harris, secretary for life.

## FRY Fest

I'm the current Director of FRY Fest, a "celebration of all that is Hawkeye", now in it's second year in Coralville. We would like to highlight any Hawkeye balloonists, maybe landing at the event around 6 PM and leaving their balloon tethered and lit throughout the evening. I understand weather is a huge factor along with insurance, but want to see what we can find first. I would greatly appreciate you mentioning our search for balloonists with an Iowa Hawkeye hot air balloon who would be interested in showcasing at FRY Fest 2010. You are invited to check out our website for more information on the event - [www.fryfest.com](http://www.fryfest.com)

Whether you enjoy a crisp, fall Saturday at historic Kinnick Stadium or exploring the Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty Area, there is one passion shared by many – the University of Iowa Hawkeyes! FRYDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, will again serve as every Hawkeye enthusiast's dream. Celebrate the Hawkeye's successful 2009-2010 seasons and immerse yourself in a sea of black and gold at the World's Largest Hawkeye Tradeshow and Tailgate Party. Come meet Hawkeye student-athletes, coaches, and many of the honored 1960 and 1985 Rose Bowl teams, both of whom will be celebrating important anniversaries. Become a part of history

and "shake it all about" when we attempt to break the Guinness World Record for largest organized Hokey Pokey Dance! Last but certainly not least...as we gear up for the start of the 2010 Hawkeye football season, finish your Fryday off with an outdoor concert with Iowa favorites, the Nadas, and national headliner, Three Dog Night!

With numerous family friendly activities planned throughout the day this will be a truly be another great Celebration of all that is Hawkeye – something you don't want to miss!

Thank you for your help and Go Hawks!

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## BFA Announces Formation of Festival Guidelines Committee

In response to the current hot air balloon insurance environment and the history of balloon incidents and accidents occurring at organized balloon events across the Unites States over the past five years, the BFA Board has established an ad hoc committee to develop a publication aimed at encouraging safer balloon events by providing guidance for event organizers, officials and pilots.

Event safety is the result of many working together with common goals and objectives. Balloon events involve complex dynamics involving many individuals; the creation of a comprehensive guideline publication prepared by those knowledgeable and experienced in these dynamics is a necessary first step to improve safety at balloon events of all sizes and for all purposes.

Members of the Festival Guidelines Committee selected by the BFA Board have an enormous amount of experience organizing, directing and officiating at fiesta, competitive and ride-based events from the largest of events to small weekend gatherings. Members of the committee are

Maury Sullivan, Canton, Ohio	Chairman
Bill Hughes, Beacon, New York	BFA Board Liaison
Bill Whidden, Tavares, Florida	Member
Sam Parks, Statesville, North Carolina	Member
Ray Bair, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Member
Gene Burnstein, Brick, New Jersey	Member

At its first meeting the committee established the following Mission Statement.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Festival Guidelines Committee**

The Mission of The Festival Guidelines Committee is to update, develop and publish a comprehensive reference source containing detailed information enabling Event Organizers to properly organize, plan and execute a balloon event with the safety of pilots, sponsors and the general public as the top priority.

The publication will be developed and written with pilots and organizers in mind and will be prepared in a manner pertinent to sport, ride and competitive based events.

It is the committee's plan to submit a draft of the publication to the BFA Board in September so that the document can be presented to the BFA membership in October at its annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The general membership will have an opportunity to comment on the publication before it is finalized.

### **FAR Regulations Update** What's new in the FAR Regulations (A layman's interpretation) By Jim Smith

Last October the FAA incorporated a number of changes to 14 CFR Part 61. Why? A variety of reasons resulted in the revised regulations including:

- to update and clarify training and qualifications rules for pilots, flight instructors, ground instructors, and pilot schools;
- to incorporate International (ICAO) flight standards;
- to respond to recent technological advances;
- to ensure a better understanding of these rules;
- to ensure flight crewmembers have the training and qualifications to enable them to operate safely;

Included in the changes are a couple overall change concepts that address the 'clarify' issue;

- The use of 'days'. How 'days' has been interpreted (working days, calendar days, weekdays, weekends, holidays, etc.) has led to interesting discussions. We will begin to see this clarified by the incorporation of the words 'calendar days', 'months' or 'calendar months' in the future.
- Another attempt to clarify will be to incorporate the use of the term 'calendar months' in place of 'months' or in some cases 'days'. An example is where an action is to be completed or required by or within a certain time

period. i.e. A flight review must be completed within 24 calendar months from... , or instruction required for a Practical Test must be completed within 2 calendar months preceding....

It should be noted that the incorporation of these changes in October created a unique situation we all should be aware of. The printing of the 2010 FAR books had already gone to press without the changes. If there is any question about a regulation resulting from consulting your 2010 FAR book, that we all faithfully run out and purchase in January to be "current", you should consult the online regulations available on the FAA web site (WWW.FAA.GOV). The most current version is available at this site. In each section there is a heading section that lists the revision date of that section. When in doubt, go online first, then consult your FSDO representative if further clarification is needed. These changes were covered in depth at a FAA Seminar I attended. I believe the changes are worthy of further discussion, so I shall attempt to address those changes that affect or relate to Ballooning. Will I cover them all? Probably not. Please read the following with the understanding that these notes are MY understanding (with a lot of help from FAA staff) and in no way are to be taken as official. For the official understanding consult the regulation as written and consult with your local FSDO representative if needed.

- FAR Part 61.19 Duration of Pilot and instructor certificates. Extends the duration period for student pilot certificates for persons seeking balloon rating to 60 months regardless of age. [Was 24 months].
- FAR Part 61.19(g). The holder of a paper pilot certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2010.
- FAR Part 61.23 Medical Certificates. Clarifies Examiners who conduct practical tests in a balloon are not required to hold a medical certificate. Clarifies that no medical certificate required when taking a practical test in a balloon
- FAR Part 61.39 Prerequisites for Practical Tests. Changes phrase "60 Calendar days" to "2 calendar months" for training required prior to the practical test. [In discussion with the FAA on this change, it was concluded that two things happen with this change. First the change to months from days simplifies the definition. Second, depending on the timing of the training, the time frame to conduct the practical test could be expanded. For example a student completes training any time during the month of January, they could take the practical test as late as the end of March and be within the required time frame as the regulations reads "...within two calendar months preceding..."]
- FAR Part 61.51 Pilot Logbooks. Permits a pilot who is performing the duties of PIC while under supervision of

qualified PIC to log PIC time. [This most likely will occur in ballooning when a Private Pilot is receiving training preparing for a Commercial certificate. The Private Pilot may now log time as PIC and Instruction received while the Commercial Instructor Pilot would log the same time as PIC and instruction given. ]

- FAR Part 61.103 Eligibility requirements. Expands the requirement that a private pilot certificate applicant must hold a student pilot certificate to include a recreational or sport pilot certificate.
- FAR Part 61.109 Aeronautical Experience. Changes the distance on a cross country flight from "at least 50 nautical miles" to "more than 50 nautical miles". [Not likely to apply to ballooning, it is an example of clarification.]

Another change for ICAO compliance is the addition of "English Proficient" on a Pilot's license. This certifies that the holder of the certificate has met the English language skills required under 14 CFR Parts 61, 63, and 65. Instructors please note that the requirement for determining English Language skills rests first with you and second with the Designated Examiner conducting the Practical test. Guidelines for this are found in Advisory Circular 60-28. While evaluating a potential student for training if you cannot be comfortable making the English language skill requirement the 'safe' thing to do is to refer them to the FAA for further evaluation and not accept them for training until the FAA has made a ruling of proficiency. With improvements in technology there is a trend to improve the speed and accuracy in which changes are communicated to the aviation community. Training aids, Advisory Circulars, etc. are being made more available online and moving away from paper publishing. To ensure you keep abreast of changes sign up for online distribution of information wherever it is available.

FAA.GOV and AOPA are but two sources where you may sign up to receive information online.

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## **BFA Great Lakes Region Balloon Camp looking for Scholarship Assistance**

Last year, the BFA Great Lakes Balloon Camp held its first camp at Albion College and hosted ten campers from four area states. Thanks to several donors and sponsors, almost every one of the campers were able to attend for little cost (mainly travel costs) to their immediate families. These sponsors include balloon clubs and the camper's pilots.

This year, we are currently expecting eight returning campers and another eight who have never attended either of the BFA Balloon Camps (Michigan or Texas). We kept the fees of the camp at \$395 and working to try to keep expenses down to encourage more campers. While we have received scholarship funds from several generous people and a couple balloon clubs (SEMBA, BAGI) will be sponsoring campers, this currently only covers about half of the campers that have expressed a desire to attend this year.

### BFA Great Lakes Region Hot Air Balloon Camp

#### 2010 Expected Camper Count

State	2009	Returning	New
MI	3	3	2
IN	5	5	1
OH	1	0	3
IL	1	0	1
NC	0	0	1 (16 campers
Total	10	8	8 expected this year)

That leads to this request for assistance. Please see if your balloon community would able to help sponsor a camper's fees (full or partial). If a balloon club would like to sponsor an individual camper from your area, contact me and we can see what we can arrange.

If you are able to make a personal donation directly to the BFA on behalf of the Great Lakes camp, remember at tax time that the BFA is a 501c3 non-profit association. Check with your company if they match donations to non-profit organizations. Most likely the BFA would qualify thus helping to increase your donation.

If you have any questions about the 2010 BFA Great Lakes Region Hot Air Balloon Camp, check out [www.BFACamp.com](http://www.BFACamp.com) or contact me directly at [GreatLakes\\_Balloon\\_Camp@hotmail.com](mailto:GreatLakes_Balloon_Camp@hotmail.com) or 269-217-7566. For information, activities pictures from the 2009 Great Lakes Region camp, check out <http://ballooncamp.kkzo.com>.

Thanks in advance!

Thomas C. Jones  
2010 Great Lakes Camp Director  
BFA Hot Air Balloon Camp

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### Newsletter Deadline

July 10

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### Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings

Meetings are held every third Sunday of the month 6:30 p.m. at the Balloon Port. Schedule of meetings:

**June 20**

**July 18**