

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

January-February, 2011

Letter from President Meika

This is gonna be a short letter this month as I just don't have a lot to say. I have been pondering this letter for some time now, but have to finally buckle down & paw one out since Carol keeps bugging me to send it to her. (I hear she & Max are going to Hawaii soon, so I think she doesn't want to work on the newsletter while they are gone.)

It's been a pretty uneventful winter here in central Iowa, and it sounds like most of you like it that way (excluding the little ones under the age of 18 who get snow days when it snows a bunch). I've done a lot of sleeping by the fireplace myself, with the exception of one beautiful day where all the snow was melting & I ran around & got all muddy (Dad was pretty mad at me that day & Mom had to give me a bath). Happy Flying to anyone willing to brave the cold (and I've heard there have been a few)!!

Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL:

WOFFER to all my furry friends out there. Wasn't Christmas a blast?? There was a lot of paper to romp in, and the smells of all the wonderful food cooking. Then there's all the candy and cookies. Of course I don't get any of the good stuff, but was given doggy treats from some of the bakeries that do them. So, guess I am a special DOG.

The snow was really pretty. Our yard is or was so smooth and soft looking, until I got to go out and play. It was really deep up here and was fluffy, so was super fun to jump and play in. Mom and Dad don't like it when I come back in all covered in snow, but it was a blast. And I do dry eventually. Christmas night the wind blew, and filled in all my tracks, SOOO- I got to do it again. This part of winter is fun, but I prefer the warmer stuff.

I bet there are some balloons out flying over the snow. What a wonderful sight is. If it wasn't so cold, it might even be fun. I heard that Brian Bennett flew 2½ hrs. from the Ottumwa area to Fairfield, a good 30 miles. Wouldn't that have been a ride. He's sort of a carefree dude, but does fly right.

This morning it is gorgeous out with everything covered in the hoary frost. The sun is trying to break through the foggy air, so it's getting very bright. With the frost blowing off the trees, it looks like snow falling. I like to try to catch the frost as it flies off stuff. It's just another of my ways to entertain myself and anyone who is watching.

A reminder - **get your reservations in for the BFA convention.** It will be here before we know it. The rates go up after Jan. 31, 2011.

So I will get on with the day and let you all continue reading more important stuff. I wish you all a wonderful year full of safe flying and happy landings. See you around somewhere.

Sandy

BOI St. Patrick's Party

March 12, 2011 6:30 p.m.



- ♣ Irish Stew Cookoff
- ♣ Initiation of New members
- ♣ Appearance of the Giant Leprechauns

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Group long-jump

I was privileged to be a member of Tim Cloyd's crew on Saturday morning December 18th, 2010. Although the setup and takeoff a mile or so from Southeast Polk School was pretty typical for a mid-winter flight, this flight was anything but typical!

After Tim took off solo that morning, those of us in his crew started down highway 163 to follow him, but the chase would not end until 110 miles, 34 gallons of propane, and over 3 hours later northeast of Olds, Iowa. For those of you wondering where Olds, Iowa is, it is a small town along highway 218 between Iowa City and Mount Pleasant.

Tim had done a lot of prep work before the flight, including arranging for crew in southeast Iowa to meet him if the launch crew couldn't keep up, but the launch crew was within a mile of him when he landed. I'm still amazed at the surreal feeling of launching just east of Des Moines and meeting my friends Lynn and Austin Faeth from Fort Madison in their neck of the woods when Tim landed!

For his flight that day, Tim averaged between 35 and 40 MPH ground speed, so we were able to keep up. But if he hadn't been paralleling highway 163 for so much of the trip, or if he had been able to find more speed up there we would have never kept up.

It was a very successful flight, and Tim considers it a learning experience, but it has just whet our appetites for more!

Tim has suggested we try to get a few balloonists together to try a group long-jump the first favorable Saturday beginning January 22nd. We haven't made any detailed plans yet as far as takeoff point or minimum winds aloft we would settle for, but we will work those details out among all interested pilots when we see how many are interested.

Please let Tim or me know by email or phone call if you are interested in joining us for a long flight. We can get more preparation details from Tim between now and flight time.

If you are interested in the BFA long-jump, you must sign up before the flight for it to count. The details are on the BFA website. The BFA recognizes flights as short as 25 miles as long-jumps, and has categories up to greater than 300 miles.

I can be reached at joel@balloonride4me.com or 641-831-3034.

Thanks for reading,
Joel Worthington

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Balloon Museum Open House

The theater upgrade was made possible in part from a \$5,000 Grant for the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership. The new equipment makes it easier for the Museum volunteers to



Theater upgrade

operate the system and enhances the picture quality and sound.

Thanks to Bev Wilson, Paula Ar and, & Cheyenne Brown who organized the new acquisitions to the Harwell Demoss Ballooning Library. The books are all ready to be checked out.



Joyce Koehler, Kaylee & Denise Kalbus

BFA Announces Release of Balloon Event Guidelines Draft

The BFA formed an ad hoc committee in May, 2010 charged with the responsibility to develop a comprehensive handbook detailing educational materials aimed at improving the safety of hot air balloon events and the pilots participating in those events. Maury Sullivan was appointed chairman of the committee based on his experience in organizing and officiating both fiesta and competitive-type balloon events. He, along with five experienced committee members and two legal consultants, have completed the draft outline of the publication.

The publication draft outline, including many suggested forms and documents, has been posted to the BFA web site, www.bfa.net. The document is available in the 'public' area

of the web site so it's available for download to all: BFA members and non-members alike.

If you attend balloon events or serve as an organizer or event official, you owe it to yourself to download the document and give it a thorough read. We are accepting 'public' comments for any areas you feel warrant improvement or expansion. In addition, if you feel an aspect of balloon event flying was overlooked, please feel free to advise the committee.

Maury Sullivan
Balloon Event Guidelines Committee Chairman

A & W Fundraiser

We had a great fundraiser at Gib's A&W on November 29th. These are pictures of the volunteers and workers who helped make our fundraiser a SUCCESS!!! We'd like to thank all the generous and hungry eaters that joined us for an all American food dinner. We made over \$600 compliments of Larry McConnell and Gib's A&W and all those generous tippers!!!! The tips came to \$129.00. Thanks to everyone for coming in!!!



Jeanie & Marilyn



Mike Polson



Kelly Shaw & Appenzellers



Marilyn & Blair Lawson



Mike Polson, Shanice Whitney (Simpson Intern), Kelly Shaw (Board president), Becky Wigeland, Sharon Sallee, Jeanie Taylor, Marilyn and Blair Lawson



Sharon Sallee

FAA Re-registration and Renewal of Aircraft Registration

Why Re-registration & Renewal?

Re-registration of eligible aircraft takes place between October 1, 2010, and December 31, 2013, updating the U.S. Civil Aircraft Register with current data derived from recent contact with aircraft owners. Renewal of registration every third year, with other new tools, enables the Aircraft Registration Branch (Registry) to keep aircraft registration information current.

"These improvements will give us better knowledge about the state of the aviation industry, especially general aviation," said FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt. "We also are responding to calls from law enforcement and other government agencies for more accurate, up-to-date registration data."

About one-third of today's 357,000 registered aircraft have inaccurate records. At least 100,000 of these are not expected to re-register. Prompt reporting of a change in aircraft ownership, mailing address, or destruction has long been required by registration regulations. Without these reports from the owners the aircraft records could not be updated. The Registry has revoked registrations due to unreported changes; however, this process is slow and expensive. In many cases registration would be revoked, but owners whose notices were undeliverable would be unaware and continue to operate their now unregistered aircraft.

Re-registration, renewal and expiration will clear inactive aircraft from the database. The availability of on-line processing to many owners, and periodic FAA reminders to

renew the certificate, should maintain the gains in accuracy and currency. This is essential to safety, regulatory enforcement, and all levels of law enforcement.

October 1, 2010, is the day that the changes in the new rule become effective

Aircraft registration certificates issued on or after October 1, 2010, will show an expiration date. The first re-registration notices will be sent on or shortly after October 1, 2010

If aircraft registration has expired and a re-registration certificate has not been issued, received, and placed in the aircraft, then the aircraft is without authority to operate.

Aircraft registration issued under re-registration expires three years after the last day of the month in which it is issued.

Aircraft registration issued due to renewal expires three years from the expiration date of the previous certificate.

Aircraft registration issued to a new, import, or reinstated aircraft entering or re-entering the U.S. Civil Aircraft Register expires three years after the last day of the month in which it is issued.

The cancellation of the N-number assigned to that aircraft will take place approximately 90 days after the expiration of an aircraft's registration. Upon cancellation, an N-number will be unavailable for assignment or reservation for a period of five years.

If aircraft registration has expired and the N-number has been canceled, application may be made to register the aircraft under 14 CFR § 47.31, using the standard

If the Certificate was issued in:	The certificate expires on:	The owner must apply for re-registration between these dates, - to allow delivery of a new certificate before expiration.
March of any year	March 31, 2011	November 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011
April of any year	June 30, 2011	February 1, 2011 and April 30, 2011
May of any year	September 30, 2011	May 1, 2011 and July 31, 2011
June of any year	December 31, 2011	August 1, 2011 and October 31, 2011
July of any year	March 31, 2012	November 1, 2011 and January 31, 2012
August of any year	June 30, 2012	February 1, 2012 and April 30, 2012
September of any year	September 30, 2012	May 1, 2012 and July 31, 2012
October of any year	December 31, 2012	August 1, 2012 and October 31, 2012
November of any year	March 31, 2013	November 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013
December of any year	June 30, 2013	February 1, 2013 and April 30, 2013
January of any year	September 30, 2013	May 1, 2013 and July 31, 2013
February of any year	December 31, 2013	August 1, 2013 and October 31, 2013

Aircraft Re-Registration Schedule

application for registration and payment of the \$5 registration fee. The process to reinstate a previously registered aircraft remains unchanged.

When a post office or drop box is used as a mailing address, the street or physical address of the applicant must be entered on the aircraft registration application.

How does Re-registration and Renewal Work?

- Approximately six months before an aircraft's registration expires, the Registry will mail a notice with instructions to the owner using the mailing address of record. The notice will identify the expiration date, and the three month window during which application must be made to ensure receipt of the new certificate before the old certificate expires.
- The third, fourth & fifth months before expiration make up the timely filing window. A code provided in the notice allows on-line re-registration and payment of the \$5 fee when there are no changes in ownership, address, or citizenship to report. If there are changes to report, the form can be completed on-line, printed, signed, and mailed with the \$5 fee.
- Two months before expiration, the timely filing window and opportunity for on-line re-registration closes. Remaining applications and fees must be mailed to the Registry.
- Two months before expiration, a second notice will be sent to owners of registered aircraft for which the Registry has not yet received an application for re-registration.
- Upon expiration of registration the owner of an unregistered aircraft will be sent notice of the scheduled cancellation of the N-number and their option to reserve the N-number. Once canceled, the N-number will not be available for assignment or reservation for the next five years.
- Notices will not be sent to addresses from which mail has been returned as undeliverable.
- Renewal follows the same process.

Other changes in the regulations

With these changes the Registry and other system users will be better able to distinguish between validly registered aircraft and unregistered aircraft as the time aircraft are in transitional statuses will be limited.

- When aircraft registration has ended as prescribed by §47.41 (e.g., expiration, destruction, etc.) the assignment of an N-number is no longer authorized for use. (The exception remains for the 90 day temporary operating authority of the second, or "pink," copy of the Aircraft Registration Application, following ownership transfers

under §47.31(c)).

- Six months after notice from the owner of an ownership transfer, if application for registration has not been made, the Registry will schedule the assigned N-number for cancellation.
- Twelve months after a purchaser has filed evidence of ownership and applied for registration, if the applicant or successive applicants have not met the requirements for registration, then the Registry will schedule the assigned N-Number for cancellation.
- "Pink Copy" temporary operating authority will not be extended beyond one year from the date of the first application for registration filed.
- When six months after a dealer's certificate holder has submitted evidence of ownership under Section § 47.67, have passed and the Dealer has not met registration requirements, then the Registry will schedule the N-number for cancellation.
- When a dealer's certificate expires, any aircraft registered under that certificate would be without registration and must be registered under normal registration procedures of § 47.31 or §47.63; or the N-number will be scheduled for cancellation.

For additional information, contact:

U.S. Civil Aviation Registry Aircraft Registration Branch

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2011 Calendar of Events

- January 15 **Ballooning Fashion Flare & Brunch** Indianola, IA. Contact Becky Wigeland - 961-3714
- January 16 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- February 4-6 **Hudson Hot Air Affair** Contact Michelle Scheel 888.247.2332 or hotairaffair@gmail.com
- February 12 **Puttin' on the Ritz** Embassy Suites, Des Moines Contact Greg Marchant (515) 961-8415.
- February 19-20 **BOI Ground School** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA Contact Rob Bartholomew at (515) 989-3708 or email: balloonsoveria@wildblue.net
- February 20 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- March 12 **BOI St. Patrick's Day Party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- March 13 2:00 a.m. **Time change - CST to Daylight Savings Time**
- March 20 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- April 7-10 **BFA National Convention** Marriot Hotel, Des Moines, IA www.BFA50.com
- April 17 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- April 30 **BOI Ode to Spring** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- May 15 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- June 10-12 **Great Plains Balloon Race** Sioux Falls, SD; Contact Devin Burnham at (605) 940-7706 or mystic_balloons@hotmail.com
- June 19 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- June 24-26 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race** Ottumwa, IA; Contact Dale or Holly Dommer (641) 684-8999 or email ottumwaproballoonrace@yahoo.com
- July 1-4 **Battle Creek Field Of Flight** Battle Creek, MI; Contact Debbie LeClear or Barb Haluszka (269) 962-0592, email Debbie@bcballoons.com or barb@bcballoons.com
- July 15-17 **Balloons Over The Mississippi** Fort Madison, IA; contact Joel Worthington at (641) 831-3034 or Joel@diamondjake.com
- July 15-17 **Edward Jones Red Rock Lake Balloon Fest** Knoxville/Pella, IA; contact Bill Clemons at (515) 287-6934
- July 17 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- July 29-August 6 **National Balloon Classic** Indianola, IA; Contact Greg Marchant (515) 961-8415
- August 21 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- Aug. 22-27 **BFA National Championship** Battle Creek, MI; Contact BFA at (515) 961-8809 or go to www.BFA.net
- Sept. 2-5 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby** Brookfield, MO; Contact Sherry Techau (660) 258-5290 or rstechau@classicnet.net
- Sept. 9-11 **Field Of Flight** Council Bluffs, IA; Contact Matt Fenster – mwfester@aol.com
- Sept. 9-11 **Great Midwest Balloon Fest** Overland Park, Kansas; Contact Chris or Amanda Sabia at GreatMidwestBalloonFest@gmail.com
- Sept. 16-18 **SW Iowa Hot Air Balloon Race** Creston, IA; Contact Rob Bartholomew (515) 989-3708
- September 18 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- Oct 1-9 Abq Balloon Fiesta
- October 14-16 **Wakefield Balloon Rally** Wakefield, NE Contact Alan Paul (712)-310-8824 or Wayne Mohring (402) 844-4975
- October 15 11th Annual **Jill Rubin Memorial** Balloon Flight location TBA
- October 16 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- October 29 **BOI Halloween Party** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- November 6 **Time change-DST to Central Standard Time.**
- November 20 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2011 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com*

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Happy Anniversary

Ralph & Donna Rieck	2-3
Jim & Donna Hill-Snipes Snipes	2-14
Mary Huntington & Don Trebbien	2-14
Todd & Patti Isley	2-23
James & Carol Spencer	2-25
	
George & Cindy Warren	3-5
Rob & Linda Bartholomew	3-10
Patti Todden & Richard Swanson	3-15
Mark & Sheri Moen	3-19
Thad & Peggy Bloom	3-27
Tom & Tammy Hatcher	3-31



Long time BOI member Keith Williams passed away Christmas Eve. Our thoughts and prayers go out to wife Cathy, son Andy and all of Keith's family.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA
November 21, 2010

Present: Bill Griffin, Rob Bartholomew, Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, CrAzY Al Appenzeller, Brad Smith, Michelle Craig, Tim Cloyd, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Brad Craig, Max & Carol Harris

No Board Members were present, so the meeting was called to order by Chair CrAzy Al at 6:39:27.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the September meeting were presented. Charlie moved to approve secretary's report, Ken 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer not present. There were no lights on at her place tonight. Discussion on whether the treasurer skipped town with our funds. The Halloween party didn't break the bank.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here.
- ★ Light the Night went well. There were ~10 balloons that glowed.
- ★ The Halloween party was good.

Happy	Happy	Birthday
Dunky Christian	2-1	Bill Christian 3-1
Tracy Urell	2-2	Chris Seymour 3-2
Max Harris	2-4	Gary Ruble 3-3
Luana Shull	2-4	Dixie Smith 3-3
Becky Sponsler	2-4	Danie Dobesh 3-4
Woofwoof Huntington-		Louise Clemons 3-7
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
Todd Patterson	2-7	Adam Schulte 3-8
Darcy Hoch	2-8	Elaine Lawrence 3-9
James Spencer	2-9	Tyler Thompson 3-9
Patti Isley	2-10	Jennifer Winkenwerder 3-9
Charles Winkenwerder	2-11	Alyssa Guffey 3-10
Jacque Elsasser	2-12	Kole Hoch 3-14
Linda Guffey	2-15	Sherry Allsup 3-15
Marsha Hoskins	2-17	Mason Fromm 3-16
Errin Patterson	2-17	Ronald Dobesh 3-17
Mark Moen	2-19	Steve Hoover 3-17
Tyler Michael	2-21	Samantha Burnham 3-17
Mike Guffey	2-21	Joel Foley 3-18
Denny Craig	2-22	Jim Snipes 3-18
Preson Gebhart	2-24	Tisha Smith 3-20
Michele Rubin	2-24	April Oberman 3-21
Bill Craig	2-25	Larry Huffaker 3-23
Reed Ohnemus	2-25	Peyton Schulte 3-25
Randy Stone	2-27	Peyton Schulte 3-25
Nelle Bartholomew	2-28	Breiden VanBroekhuizen 3-25
Andy Ogden	2-28	Bonnie Marhoun 3-26
		Brenda Reinert 3-26
		Rob Bartholomew 3-28
		Janice Shelton 3-30
		Meika Bartholomew 3-31
		Melissa Van Patten 3-31



- ★ Discussion on Ground School and BFA National Convention. Suggestion made to have crew pricing for Ground School. \$50 for early registration, \$55 for regular registration, and \$60 for late registration. Everyone please encourage pilots and crew to attend Ground School.

New Business:

- ★ CrAzY Al bought Brad Craig's racer. Its new name is "Air Coaster".
- ★ There is a new event in Iowa in the Pella/Knoxville/Red Rock area.

Charlie moved to adjourn, Joel 2nd. Motion passed after a show of hands. Meeting adjourned 7:13:56.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary for life.

The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Richard Schick purchased a new balloon
- ★ Bill Griffin purchased a new balloon - "The Griffin".
- ★ Marv & Joyce Blevins purchased their first balloon
- ★ Mark Ziino purchased of his first balloon.
- ★ February 15, 1986 Sweetheart Rock'n Roll Dance & BOI Initiation: Rob Bartholomew won the most authentic male 50's costume in his "white sport coat with a pink carnation" and black wing tips; Linda Bartholomew and Carol Firestone tied for most authentic 50's costume in their poodle skirts, sweaters, bobby sox & black & white saddle shoes; Rob also won the "limbo" contest; DJ's: "Wolfman Jim" Oakes, "Lucky Leprechaun" Riley, "Hairy Gary" Fouche & "Wild Willy" Griffin; 42 Initiates escorted to their once-in-a-life-honor by the tush-pinched Pink Fuzzies – Gary Ford & Wayne Wasson.



20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 2-2-1991 Gene Elsasser received his Commercial license.
- ★ 2-17-91 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Bill Clemons; Donna Rieck resigned as Secretary, Deanna Ziino chosen as replacement; 27 students at Ground school from 4 states

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Mike Oberman & Jim Fromm flew January 21 from Hickory Hills (South of Indianola) to Rob's;
- ★ January 21, 1996 BOI Meeting: Dan & Michele Corbin & Bill Craig introduced; Ground school canceled due to

low interest; Bill Griffin chosen as Balloonmeister for Ode; Membership directory – 104 members.

- ★ Puttin' on the Ritz: MC Connie McBurney.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1-1-2001 Bonnie Marhoun received her Private license.
- ★ Robert Bartholomew, Sr passed away January 16, 2001
- ★ BOI now has an architect for the Retirement home – World Renowned architect Phil Pash.
- ★ January 21, 2001 BOI Meeting: Don Prine presented an architectural drawing of one of the proposed designs. Membership in awe!; Scott Moon chosen as Balloonmeister for Ode to Spring; Memorial fund being set up for Robert Bartholomew, Sr. to purchase a flag pole for the Classic field.
- ★ Josie Lin Nordhagen born 1-29-01 to Jennifer & Derek Nordhagen (grandparents Rob & Linda Bartholomew).
- ★ Iowa Rally's on the calendar for '01 – Veisha, Ames, Clinton, Ottumwa, Classic, Council Bluffs, Amana, Storm Lake, Creston.
- ★ Hudson Hot Air Affair – Some balloons flew in the snow! Other flights weathered out.
- ★ Ground School – 40 students! The Balloonport was full! Everyone passed the test at Todd's Flying service.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Ground school - 26 students from eight states.
- ★ Rich Jaworski completed a dual-record setting flight (AX-4 and AX-5) of 13 hrs 13 min 02 seconds on Saturday February 18, 2006 near Clearmont, MO.

BFA National Convention Silent Auction

As a part of the upcoming BFA National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, there will be a silent auction, similar to the very successful auction held at Louisville convention.

The auction will consist of items or services to be auctioned off which have been donated by balloonists, ballooning related businesses, or anyone interested in ballooning. Suitable items or services to donate would be quite wide-ranging, and could be anything that would be of value or interest to the ballooning community. For the Louisville convention, items ranged from ballooning memorabilia to tickets to a professional baseball game donated by Casey Blake.

Please contact; Gary Ruble at 515-961-7407 x 201 or gruble@cementech.com for further information and/or to donate items for the auction.

BFA National Convention Extends Early Registration

Des Moines, IA (Dec. 16, 2010) The planning committee for the Balloon Federation of America's National Convention has extended the early registration through January 31, 2011 to accommodate the holidays. Anyone registering before midnight on Feb. 1 will receive the discounted registration price of \$190. After midnight on Feb. 1, registration will go up to \$245.

The event, held April 7-10, 2011, in Des Moines, IA, will offer ballooning enthusiasts the opportunity to hear from some of the best, most experienced balloonists in the world and have some fun, too!

For a full list of speaker and topic, go to bfa50.com.

Program sessions start April 8. The convention programming has been developed to fulfill the continuing education requirements for a BFA sanctioned safety seminar. A complete list of topics and speakers will soon be available at BFA50.com.

For media contact info, e-mail bfamarketing@pobox.com.

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BFA National Convention Announces Speaker Lineup

Des Moines, IA (Dec. 10, 2010) Planners have released a full slate of speakers scheduled to appear at the Balloon Federation of America's 50th Anniversary Convention in April.

The event, held April 7-10, 2011, in Des Moines, IA, will offer ballooning enthusiasts the opportunity to hear from some of the best, most experienced balloonists in the world and have some fun, too!

Covering topics ranging from competitive ballooning and event planning to the history of ballooning and building your own aircraft, the program list includes such presenters as Tom Couch, Senior Curator of the Division of Aeronautics at the National Air and Space Museum; gas ballooning expert Peter Cuneo; several national champions and record setters:

CONVENTION SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Balloon History in America – Tom Crouch

The History of the Modern Hot Air Balloon – Orv Olivier

Safety First – the BFA's Balloon Event Guidelines – Maury Sullivan

Balloon Maintenance – Mark West

Crew Training and Accident Prevention – Gordon Schwontkowski

Navigating the Alphabet Airspace – Randy Coller

Racer vs Standard Shape – Friends or Foes? – Pat Cannon

Lower Is Better – FAR 91.119 – Kevin Knapp, Ken Yoest, J D Huss

Balloon Accidents – What Happened? – Pat Cannon

Ride Operators Forum – Scott Appleman

Blimps and Airships – Rick Wallace

Passenger Management and Liability Waivers – Scott Appleman

Computer in the Cockpit – Take 2 – Al Nels

Primer for Gas Balloons – Peter Cuneo

DIY Ballooning – Home Built and Experimental – Paul Stumph

Flight Risk Management – Bill Hughes

Balloon Pong – Chase Donner and Joe Zvada

Meet the Editor – Glen Moyer

www.bfa.net - What Do You Want and What Can it Do for You – Rick Jones

Ballooning in Buddy Bombard's Europe – Buddy Bombard

OTHER SESSIONS AND ROUNDTABLES

Competitors Forum and other sessions on competitive ballooning

2012 World Hot Air Championship – event planning and observer Training

Balloon Insurance Roundtable

Balloon Manufacturers – separate sessions for each

The Way it Was – panel discussion by Indianola national hot air balloon champions

BFA History According to the Presidents – forum by early BFA presidents

Balloon Photography

Program sessions start April 8. The convention programming has been developed to fulfill the continuing education requirements for a BFA sanctioned safety seminar. A complete list of topics and speakers will soon be available at BFA50.com.

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Balloon Federation of America is a 501c3 non-profit association dedicated to the advancement of the sport and science of lighter-than-air aviation, both hot air and gas balloons. Founded in 1961, membership in the BFA is open to anyone who shares a fascination with lighter-than-air flight. For more information, go to bfa.net.

Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2011

February 19-20, 2011

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 18, 7:00 P.M.
Class: Saturday, February 19, 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Class: Sunday, February 20, 8:00A.M. – 4:00 P.M.



Fees: Individual Enrollment Fee: \$195 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2011)
\$205 for regular Registration (January 1-February 11)
\$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, 2011)
\$102.50 for regular Registration (January 1-February 11)
\$107.50 for late Registration (February 11-17)
Includes one year membership to BOI, no books included.

Crew Fee: \$50 for early Registration (prior to January 1, 2011)
\$55 for regular Registration (January 1-February 11)
\$60 for late Registration (February 11-17)

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: balloonsoveriaowa@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).



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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:

February 20

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