

Balloons Over Iowa Ode to Spring

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*Please join Balloons Over Iowa in the celebration of **Ode to Spring**. Because this Celebration has traditionally signified the arrival of spring and the start of the flying season, the event will include much merriment & joyous behavior.*

Serious business will also take place. The Board of Directors chosen to lead this great club for the next year will be announced. One lucky pilot will be named "Pilot of the Year". Crew of the year and the famous Cleo award will also be announced. Don't miss this wonderful occasion!

Schedule:

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration at the National Balloon Museum, Indianola, IA.

5:30 p.m. Pilot briefing at the museum

6:00 p.m. Flight (weather permitting). Festivities moved to the Balloonport if flight is cancelled

Pot luck will be held at the Balloonport after the flight. The club will provide meat. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert & your own table service. After dining will be the announcement of the annual club awards and the crowning of the 2011-2012 Board.

Ode Officials:

Balloonmeister - CrAzY Al Appenzeller

Assistant Balloonmeister - Darcy Hoch

Weathermeister – Brad Smith

Pilot registrationmeister - Carol Harris

Pilot packmeisters – Tisha Smith and Missy Bloom

Safetymeister – Ken Bolton

Launchmeister – Kirk Bloom

Scoremeisters - Gerald and Mary Conklin, Bill and Dunkie Christian, Mark Weeks

Prizemeister – Allan Keller

Balloonportmeisters - Rob & Linda Bartholomew

Kegmeister - Lucy Nordhagen

Barbequemeister – Preston Gebhart

Keeper of the Purse - Jen Nordhagen

Finder of the virgin sacrifice – Jim Gebhart

Keeper of the virgin sacrifice – Cheryl Gebhart (sorry Jim!!!)

Virgin sacrifice – Caitlin Oponski

Protest jury – Jake Hermanson, Jenn Hermanson, Allan Keller, Mandy Keller

Cleanup committee – Everyone that shows up

Kidmeisters – Mel Appenzeller, Marcy Hoch, Cheryl Gebhart, Shanda and Shelby Bolton

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

March-April, 2011

Letter from President Meika

Spring is in the air!!! March 20 marks the start of spring, and I can't wait to have this cold weather gone. February teased us a couple of times with some warm spells, but the end of February and start of March was relatively cold. I hope this new warmth will stick around. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for the grass to start growing again. It feels so much better on the paws than that brown stuff we have on the ground right now.

Speaking of green, I hope this note finds you getting ready for (or maybe recovering from?) the St. Patty's day holiday. I'm holding out hope that I get some green kibble in my bowl that day. I don't drink beer, so I've got to get my green food/drink elsewhere, and I don't trust green water anymore (don't ask!!). If you happen to be at Mom and Dad's house this spring, don't forget to come find me so we can talk business. I haven't been able to keep in touch with a lot of you like I'd want, and a leader out of touch with her constituency is doomed for defeat at the next election. Plus, you could maybe help me with a constant itch that's been bothering me at the base of my neck. My paws just don't seem to get down deep like I need. Don't forget that you can find me on Facebook if you can't come visit me in person.

I look forward to seeing everyone's pictures online from your spring flights, so be sure to get them uploaded as soon as you land. I love seeing what all of you are out there doing with your wonderful balloons!!

Well, it looks like that black squirrel is back again outside the window. I'd better go say "Hi" and help him with his exercise. Plus, Dad is wanting the computer, and I want to make sure he gets his fair share of time today. He gets cranky without some time to check the latest celebrity gossip (Bieber, Gaga, Britney, Charlie Sheen, etc.). He just can't get enough!

Happy flying and safe landings to you all!!

Meika

Ground School 2011

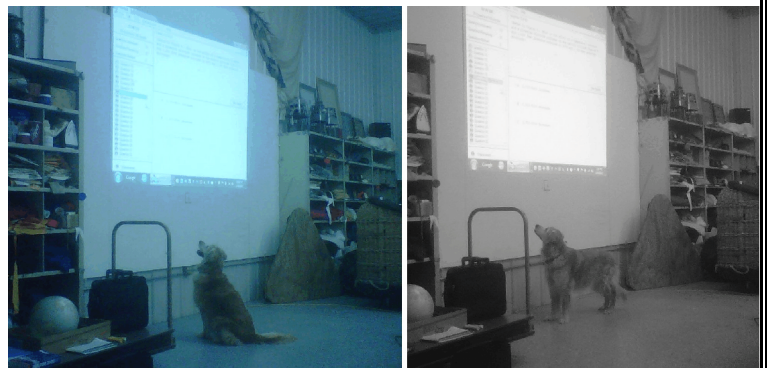
Ground School was held February 19-20 at the BOI Balloonport. 20 students from 5 states attended.

Thanks to all the instructors: Dick Drake (Sectionals), Donna Rieck (FAR's), Bill Griffin (Weather), Jason Jones (Equipment), Matt Fenster (Instruments) and Don Prine (Commercial – fundamentals of instruction). Thanks also to Rob & Linda Bartholomew for hosting the weekend.

Another big thanks to everyone who helped with food - Linda Bartholomew & Phyllis Drake, and especially Donna Rieck for all the sweet treats for which Ground School is famous.

Organizers for Ground School were Mike Oberman (Ground Schoolmeister), Joel Worthington & Al Appenzeller.

Students attending were: Eldon Benus, Ian Beyer, Troy Ford, Seth Goodman, Christopher Holland, Eric Kennedy, Ted Martin, Terry & Cindy Montague, Shelby Moores, Carolanne Norris, Ronald Oppold, Jim Phelan, Nicole Phillips, Jacob Ricke, Shanda Bolton, Mark Shoemaker, Brad & Tisha Smith, and Sandy Drake.



VP Sandy at Ground School

In Heaven (and at BOI) There is No Beer

At the February meeting, members voted to no longer provide beer at the BOI parties. Drinks will be provided for the kids, but members are asked to **bring their own adult refreshments**. Beer will be provided at the St. Pat's party, but beginning with Ode to Spring the club will not furnish beer for parties.

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Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Hi Everyone,

WHEW---I almost forgot to get this to Carol. Must have been that bit of spring that messed with my mind. Are you ready??? For flying, of course. Oh YEA, and for the big convention in a few weeks. I put in to be a greeter, but haven't heard yet if my services will be needed. Guess if you don't see me, they didn't need me.

I have been seeing a few robins around the yard in the mornings, and hearing pretty songs coming from the trees. I love the renewing of our earth at this time of year. There is new growth on trees and babies of all varieties will soon be frolicking around. Beautiful balloons will again grace our skies, and lots of green machines will be taking to the fields. Well, red ones and blue ones, too.

You know, there just isn't much to paw about this time, sort of the in between stage of seasons. It's too easy for weather to turn nasty to go anywhere very far, so just hang around home and wait for that final winter happening and then before you know it, spring has arrived.

Until we meet again, be safe. Remember the BFA Convention would like your help in a few spots. Go to BFA50.com and lend a hand or two.

RUFF, RUFF

Sandy

Dues!

If your address label does not say 11-12, your dues are due. Complete the membership form on page 15 & bring to Ode or send it with \$25/family to:

**Carol Harris
2305 Hillside Ave
West Des Moines, IA 50265**



If you haven't already done so, please consider changing to receiving the email version of the newsletter. This will save the club about \$2 per issue.

For Sale:

1996 TBW 65K – 187 hrs. Temp label – shows below 270 – \$4,200

Plasimo Ball compass – \$75

2 – 30 inch fans Briggs engines 6.5 hp. – \$850

Contact:

John Jensen

515-371-3682

Balloons Over Iowa Repair Station

Rob & Linda Bartholomew

18999 Blue Pl., Carlisle, IA

Phone: 515 989-3708

email: balloonsoveriaowa@wildblue.net



- ☺ Get well wishes to Connie Thompson who had surgery recently.
- ☺ Get well wishes to Gene Elsasser. He fell down a flight of stairs while working and as a result, sustained a traumatic brain injury. Follow his progress at:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/geneelsasser>

† Sympathy to Gerry & Don Prine and family. Gerry's mother passed away recently.

† Sympathy to Randy, Rochelle, and Allison Kochheiser and family. Randy's mother Frances passed away February 10.

† Sympathy to Becky & Gil Wigeland and family. Becky's mother passed away.

Aviation quotes

Pilots track their lives by the number of hours in the air, as if any other kind of time isn't worth noting. — Michael Parfit, "The Corn was Two Feet Below the Wheels", Smithsonian Magazine

I would recommend a solo flight to all prospective suicides. It tends to make clear the issue of whether one enjoys being alive or not. — T. H. White, "England Have My Bones"

Any pilot can describe the mechanics of flying. What it can do for the spirit of man is beyond description. — Barry M. Goldwater, US senator.

It's the most exciting thing you have ever done with your pants on! — Stephen Coonts, "Flight of the Intruder"



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Note from the Editor

Max & I are taking this year off from ballooning, so I am asking for everyone's help with the newsletter. If you attend an event or have a great flight, please send an article and/or photos for the newsletter. Carol

Calendar of Events

- March 13 2:00 a.m. **Time change - CST to Daylight Savings Time.** "Spring Forward"
- 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
- May 27-30 **Kansas City Hot Air Balloon Invitational** Gardner, Kansas. Contact Jason Jones at jjones05@bluevalleyk12.org
- 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 15-17 **Balloons at the Park** Chillicothe, IL Contact Maury Petrehn 913-744-7170 MPetrehn@gmail.com
- 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 4-7 **Gatesway International Balloon Festival** Claremore, OK www.kcballoon.com Contact Amanda Sabia 913-649-2359
- 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 **Huff-N-Puff Balloon Rally** Topeka, Kansas Contact Tony Goodnow at gpbcHuffNPuff@gmail.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
- September 23-25 **Heartland Balloon Fest** Kansas City Contact Amanda Sabia 913-649-2359
- Oct 1-9 **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta** www.balloonfiesta.com/ 1-888-422-7277
- 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.** "Fall Back".
- November 20 6:30 pm **BOI Membership meeting** BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- January 21, 2012 **Ballooning Fashion Flare & Brunch** Indianola, IA. Contact Becky Wigeland - 961-3714
- March 10-11, 2012 **IBA Continuing Education Seminar** Indianola, IA

Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2011 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com

Museum News & Notes

The National Balloon Museum is having a tour for the BFA Convention on Friday, April 8th. At 11 am that day, we will be having a photo shot for all the Hall of Famers who are attending. We are expecting at least 7 of the HOFers and the attendance for the tour is around 50 at this time. Public is welcome to meet the HOFers.

The National Balloon Museum has designed a new poster to honor all the US Hot Air Balloon Champions from 1963-2010. The Champions attending the convention have been invited to autograph the poster. The poster will be on display at the Museum during the tour and at the Museum's booth at the convention. Later it will be framed and hung at the Museum.

We had a very successful Ballooning Fashion Flare and Brunch on January 16 at the First United Methodist Church. Colores by Nita was our style show with her hand-dyed styles with 19 different models from babies, toddlers, teens, men and women. We had several items and fashions made from the balloon decorations as well as balloon fabric. We had a prom dress, purses, shorts outfits, and crocheted balloons for the contest. The entertainment was supplied by Marissa Kephart and her friends with baton twirling, strutting, and singing. Kathryn Wright was the caterer with the delicious brunch for the 60 attendees. The Brunch will be on the third Saturday of January 2012 - put it on your calendar, please!

The Crouse Family sponsored another delicious fundraiser Soup Supper for the Museum last week and we did quite well with the hungry ticket buyers, Thanks again with their support and all the people who helped by buying \$500 in tickets.

Harrah!!! The Museum is getting a new website so that once it gets updated and refreshed we will be able to add items ourselves which will help keeping the gift shop and events updated. Jason Cross will be our new Webmaster. We are also in the process of designing new brochures and membership cards--so keep your eyes open for NEW!!!

We were closed through the month of January and made several additions and changes in the museum. In the north pod we created small exhibit cubicles on the south wall to match those that have been in place on the north wall. The new space also provides a second level display area for more baskets above the cubical. The work was done mostly by volunteers and involved painting electrical wiring, building frames, installing wall board and lifting baskets to the new upper level display area. Work is still being done on adding new track lighting fixtures. Some of the volunteers who worked on the project were Ralph Reick, Scott Armstrong,

Gil Wigeland, Kelly Shaw, Blair Lawson, Dan Bertsch, Dennis Anderson, Allan Keller, Shawn Michael, Tony Harris, Becky Wigeland, Al Appenzeller, and Darcy Hoch. Dennis Nicholson and Becky Wigeland are busy making new signs and interpretive material for the updated and new displays. See photos on page 8. Stop by and check them out!

Two Mile High Club

I am trying to find out any information of the "Two Mile High Club" started by Dan O'Brien of Dublin, Ohio in 1974. The rules were simple: 1) One meeting a year - during the Nationals in Indianola. 2) To qualify you must have flown a balloon as PIC to 2 miles high (over 10,600 ft. AGL) or more, verified in your log book. 3) Pay the one time membership fee of \$2.00 (raised to \$4.00 in 1976). Then you would become an exclusive charter member and receive a certificate of membership.

In 1976 there were 60 US members and 5 international members. I am looking for these members and possibly a certificate of membership. Can any of you help me, please? Send the word out and see what we stir up! (Mr. O'Brien is deceased so he can't help).

Thanks for the help.
Becky Wigeland
balloonmuseum@bfa.net

Happy Anniversary

Gary & Elaine Lawrence	4-5
Keith & Cathy Williams	4-8
Jim & Cheryl Gebhart	4-9
Mike & Pam Hadley	4-13
Gene & Jacquie Elsasser	4-17
Mike & Melissa Van Patten	4-18
Benjamin & April Bartlett	4-22
Brian & Chris Seymour	4-28
Gerald & Mary Conklin	4-29

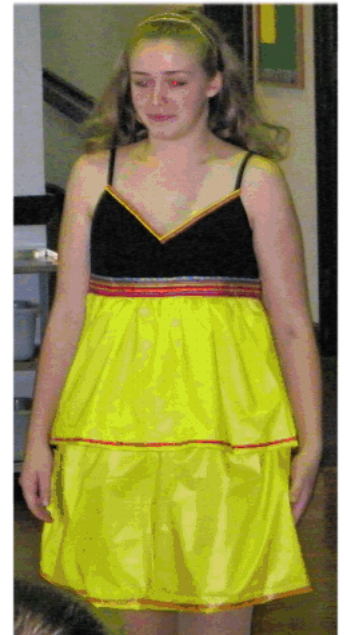
Bret & Melissa Christian	5-5
Brett & Melissa Boerner	5-12
Larry & Barb Van Wyngarden	5-12
Troy & Amy Ohnemus	5-12
Terry & Karin Riepe	5-18
Troy & Shanna Ford	5-20



Museum Improvements



Ballooning Fashion Flare



Photos provided by
Dennis Nicholson

Happy Birthday

Jeremy King	4-1	Melissa Bloom	5-1
Keonna Kintzel	4-1	Jessica Stone	5-2
Emma Thompson	4-1	Rosa Tierman	5-2
Carol Harris	4-3	Amber Moen	5-5
Angelica Corbin	4-4	Bill Marhoun	5-6
Ryan Stone	4-5	Paxton Patterson	5-6
Phillip Smith	4-7	Marcy Hoch	5-10
Jennifer Hermanson	4-8	Ward Roscoe	5-12
Joseph Seymour	4-9	Meghan Cline	5-13
Rick McCubbin	4-10	Paige Erger	5-14
Casey Frame	4-11	T.J. Appenzeller	5-15
Barb Knoll	4-11	Donna Rieck	5-15
Lisa Stone	4-12	Tammy Hatcher	5-17
Barb Van Wyngarden	4-12	Lindsay Churchill	5-17
Peggy Bloom	4-13	Delaney Churchill	5-17
Jim Gebhart	4-14	Don Prine	5-18
Rick Amos	4-14	Brad Smith	5-21
Brad Craig	4-15	Elsie Cloyd	5-22
Dixie Ruble	4-17	Bryce Wichelt	5-23
Gary Lawrence	4-21	Karen Worthington	5-23
Tony Oberman	4-21	Ian Beyer	5-23
Kimberly Jones	4-22	Nathan Dobesh	5-25
Ralph Rieck	4-22	Jeff Lawrence	5-25
Jacob Hermanson	4-24	Diane Roscoe	5-27
Denise Shoemaker	4-24	Jeanne Wiley	5-29
Parker Patterson	4-25	Mike Van Patten	5-29
Christopher Reinert	4-25	Sherry Techau	5-31
Patti Todden	4-25		
Jon Hatcher	4-26		
Ashley Jensen	4-26		
Cathy Williams	4-26		
Donna Hill-Snipes	4-27		



The Way It Was

30 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 4-20-1980 Denny Pash received his Commercial license.
- ★ 4-20-1980 Jim Oakes received his Private license.
- ★ 4-25-1980 Warren Stone received his Private license.
- ★ Ode 1980 – won by Orv Olivia – a balloonist who was driving through Iowa on his way to South Carolina & stopped to join us when he saw the balloons.

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 3-10-1985 Wayne Wasson received his Commercial license.
- ★ April 27 – Ode to Spring at Piccard Park. 1985 Crew of the Year – Tom Harvey, Jim Love, Darlene Terry. 39 Hot-Air Balloons floated in the sky in pursuit of that elusive Bunny Rabbit as a Hare and Hound was run for Sanctioned flight. The Bunny Rabbit out foxed the Hounds by going high on take off and then working the winds to the best of his ability. New BOI Board Members for 85-86: Jim Oakes, Fay Shelley, Becky Riley, Doug Purdy, and Gary Fouche.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 3-24-1990 Jim Fromm received his Commercial license.
- ★ 4-15-90 BOI Meeting: Don Prine to present a flag to the balloon museum at Ode; Donna Rieck named as secretary for the following year
- ★ 1990 Ode to Spring: 12th Annual; it was Flyable! Jim Oakes was Balloonmeister. It was a slow easy race with a launch site at the new balloon field and a target east of Warren Stone's. Those who took off soon after the pilot briefing missed the field to the east, but those launching later flew right over the field, but the scorers had rolled up the X & headed for the Balloonport for the "Pot Luck" of the year. The 1989 board of Louise Clemons, Jim Fromm, Sally Kirtley, Merrie Fouche & Ralph Rieck will long be remembered as the Board to start the "Ponderances", "Okey-Dokey & Not-a Chance" forms of voting). The board for 1990 was then introduced - Bill Clemons, Rita Fromm, Jeri Hoover, Georgia Oakes, Mark Ziino. Cleo Award – Rob Bartholomew. Pilot of the Year – Jim Oakes. Crew of the Year – Bartholomew & Craig crews – Bob, Helen, Denny, Lynn, Bill, Brad, Michelle. Ode to Spring winners - #1 Mark Ziino, #2 Don Prine #3 Warren Stone. BOI presented a US flag to Jim & Maxine Wieman to be flown at the National Balloon Museum.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ March '95 - Norm & Kay Fee's new balloon - Tranquility
- ★ St. Pat's day party: Irish Stew Cook-off - Sherry Allsup first place, second place to Virginia Van Hamme, 3rd place to Bill Griffin. New members included - Mike & Beth Oberman, Todd & DeanAnn Netley, Julie Frueh, Brent Hess, Shannon Smith, Jim Pearson, Mason Fromm, & the Stone family. Again the leprechauns became rowdy. New event - the "Night Glow Pibal"; Members oohed & aahed over the launch of a "Night glow pibal" – a pibal with a 2 ft. sparkler attached to the bottom of the balloon, then danced to tunes from the new juke box.
- ★ 4-2-1995 Todd Netley received his Private license.
- ★ Ode to Spring '95: Weather won. Balloonmeister Joel Blom, Assistant Don Prine. Indoor event – Miniature golf. This event tested pilot skills as well as crew skills. Each pilot recruited 4 other people. Each person would then take one turn putting around different obstacles ranging from balloon envelope bags, chairs and people in the way. One pilot disqualified for not signing the official paperwork. 1st place Winkenwerders, 2nd place - Drakes. Sherry & Red Allsup presented an autographed picture of Sherry's balloon Moonshine to Rob & Linda. They will be moving to Arizona after the Classic. Cleo Award – Founding Father Don Prine Pilot of the Year – Joel Blom for impersonating Balloon Watcher Bob. Crew of the Year – Mike, Beth, April & Tony Oberman. New board – Jim Pearson, Julie Frueh, Todd Netley, Mike Oberman, Mike Wildung

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 3-11-2000 Brad Craig & Scott Moon received their Commercial licenses.
- ★ St. Patrick's Day party - Irish Stew contest winner was Tom Blumer! Runners up were #2 Luann Randleman; #3 - a tie between Helen Bartholomew & Drew & Cathy Gocken. Honorable mention went to Wendie Spence for her White chili. A special ceremony was held for a special signing of documents by the President & Vice President of BOI. Gerald Knoll made a fantastic debut as Kegmeister with the Green Beer. Initiation of 22 new members - Amber Clark, Ashley Oakes, Ann Espinosa, Polina Poliektova, Kim Rosenboom, Bill Smith, Wendie Spence, Rob Spence, Laurie Allbaugh, Ken Allbaugh, Wyman Borts, Wendi Borts, Bill Marhoun, Bonnie Marhoun, Joe Page, Jake Hamlin, Dean Carrington, Dan Strand, Patti McGaughey, Karen Riepe, Terry Riepe & Tiffany Everts.
- ★ Veisha - April 15 - the winds did not cooperate. Only 2 pilots flew that day - Benji & Barbie; BBQ at

Andersons' after the flights. Barbie flew a long jump, allegedly landing in Winterset. We deny any knowledge of why Winterset lost power for 5 hours.

- ★ Maiden flight of Golden Griffin 3 - April 17th
- ★ Maiden flight of "Step'n Up" - Gebharts new balloon - April 21st

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Ode to Spring (April 29) - 29 pilots, Bill Griffin was the only pilot to score. BBQ pork cooked by Greg Oakes & his crew. Crew of the Year - Scott Moon's crew. Jill Rubin was "honored" as Pilot of the Year. Cleo Award to Donna Rieck for all her work in helping with Ground School & the Museum. 2000 - 2001 BOI Board - Eva Blumer, Brad Craig, Carol Harris, Scott Moon, Eric Young
- ★ Retirement Center Update - World Renowned Architect (WRA) Phil Pash has either been abducted by a Mexican drug cartel, or placed in a Federal Witness Protection Program. BOIRHPSAC members have been interviewed by State and Federal authorities. Upon advice of State and Federal authorities, it may be necessary for BOIRHPSAC to go undercover. A picture of BOIRHPSAC member Prine, somewhere off the coast of Mexico, searching for Pash, accompanies this report.
- ★ St. Pat's party: 22 new members initiated into BOI: Jason Scott, Yetska Roff, Matt Cress, Ryan Kintzel, Charlie Thompson, Jeremy King, Mark Fisher, Larene Fisher, Penny Pieper, Bob Pieper, Melissa Harris, Tyler Pedersen, Brandon Pedersen, Charlie Fauser, Lexi Nordhagen, Jen Galetich, Kaitlyn Galetich, Todd Galetich, Anthony Galetich, Henry Thompson & Clara Thompson
- ★ Gerald & Mary Conklin named Volunteers of the Year by the Indianola Chamber of Commerce for all their years of support in ballooning.
- ★ Ode To Spring: Weather won - no flight; Ode Officials: Balloonmeister - Max Harris; Assistant Balloonmeister - Mark Harris; Safetymeister - Rob Bartholomew; Weathermeister - Bill Griffin. 2005 Crew of the Year - Jim & Connie Thompson's crew; Pilot of the Year - Patti Todden; Cleo Award - Phyllis Drake; 2005-2006 BOI Board: Dick Drake, Al Appenzeller, Todd Isley, Joel Worthington, Amy Williams; 2004 BOI Champion - Benji Clemons; Indoor task: #1 Gary Fouche #2 Cory Bloom & Brad Craig #3 Benji Clemons

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

January 16, 2011

Present: Dick Drake, Bill Griffin, Shanda Bolton, Ken Bolton, Darcy Hoch, Kole Hoch, Brad Craig, Brad Smith, CrAzY Al, Rob Bartholomew, Jen Nordhagen, Michelle Craig

Meeting called to order by chair Ken Bolton at 6:40.

Secretary's report: Minutes from November meeting presented. Bill moved to approve secretary's report, Al 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Bill moved to approve pending clarification of newsletter expense. Dick 2nd. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here.

New Business:

- ★ Ground school has 16 people signed up. 8 refreshers and 8 private.
- ★ Bill made a motion to have CrAzY Al be balloonmeister for Ode. Rob 2nd. Motion approved.
- ★ Rob made a motion to have the February meeting at 5:00 after ground school. Bill 2nd. Motion approved.
- ★ Al and Brad Smith gave an update on Pilot Relations.
- ★ The Red Rock event is full.

Shanda made a motion to adjourn, Al 2nd. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 7:20.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Craig

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

February 20, 2011

Present: Brad Craig, Darcy & Marcy Hoch, Brad & Tisha Smith, Mike Oberman, Tim Cloyd, Jim Fromm, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Bill Griffin, Rob & Linda Bartholomew, Michelle Craig, Ken Bolton, Lance Hoch, Kole Hoch, Madison Smith, Jen Nordhagen, Josie Nordhagen, Caleb Nordhagen.

Meeting called to order by Chair Marcy Hoch at 5:17:04.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the January meeting presented. Bill moved to approve the secretary's report, Max 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Tabled until later.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here - he had a party to attend.

Bill spilled his beer - he's out of control already

- ★ Ground School report from Ground Schoolmeister Mike Oberman - it was a good class. We had 5 commercial, 2 crew & 12 private. FAA visited & had an excellent report. Thanks to all the instructors and cooks. Thanks to Al for donating the donuts. A round of applause given for all who donated time, knowledge, food, etc. Bill moved to double the salary for the instructors for next year. Dick 2nd. Motion carried, close vote, called by the chair. Instructors were: Dick Drake, Donna Rieck, Bill Griffin, Don Prine, Matt Fenster, Jason Jones. Joel Worthington & Al Appenzeller assisted with computer, etc. Al volunteered to instruct next year if someone wanted to step down. Discussion on his salary - old or new rate.

New Business:

- ★ Carol asked about cost for dues. Discussion on finances, etc. Bill moved to increase dues to \$25. Jim 2nd. Discussion. Motion passed.
- ★ Jim Fromm discussed the Awards Brunch for the National Balloon Classic. They are requesting BOI & IBA sponsor. Members agreed to table this until after the Treasurers report.

Treasurer's report: Before Ground School we had 21 cases. Ground School - costs of about \$850, income of \$2550, with a profit of about \$1700. This will bring our account to 151 cases. The 3 parties last year cost about \$400-\$500 and the newsletter cost about \$1200.

Bill spilled his beer again - he's OUT OF CONTROL!

Return to New Business:

- ★ Rob moved that BOI not provide the adult beverages at the parties. Michelle 2nd. Discussion, discussion. This is a historic moment - the end of an era. Motion carried after show of hands. Rob says he's sad. Members concerned about Lucy the Kegmeister - will she be laid off - what will become of her??
- ★ Brad moved to table discussion of the donation to the Awards Brunch until after IBA decides on their donation. Motion died due to a lack of a second.
- ★ Dick moved to match IBA up to \$500. Darcy 2nd. Discussion. Motion carried, unanimously. Dick states that he'll allow \$500 of his salary to go towards this donation.
- ★ Carol questioned whether the club would provide meat for Ode. Members agreed we will. Schedule for Ode to be the same as last year. Jen volunteered Lucy to guard member coolers during Ode party.

- ★ Members toasted President Meika in honor of President's Day tomorrow.
- ★ The Classic & Nationals may overlap next year. Discussion.

Tisha moved to adjourn, Phyllis 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 6:25:30. Members applauded Marcy for a job well done chairing the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, secretary for life.

Flying at 75 Miles Per Hour

If you think about flying a hot air balloon faster than the speed limit on Iowa highways, it sounds crazy. But that is what I did during a long jump on January 29, 2011. It may seem like it would be a breathtaking, exhilarating experience. The view from 12,000 ft. was very breathtaking, although since I had no point of reference to judge my speed, it didn't seem any different than going 5 mph at a few hundred feet above the earth.

This flight had the potential of a low and slow flight. Since I was interested in multiple distances of long jumps. I felt I will use this flight to continue to gather data on my system, personal equipment, and other physical aspects of these flights. The forecast was a low ceiling with potential for snow by mid-afternoon. Due to strong forecast winds at sunup, I chose an 11:00 am launch time. With a great protected launch site, winds were 4 mph at takeoff. I started southwest for a mile at 10mph then south and finally southeast. For the first 40 minutes the winds were in the low 20 mph's with a ceiling of about 7,000 ft. and behind me were approaching clouds at 3,000 ft. It was looking like I would have be going very low very soon. Ahead of me there showed a promise of some clearing. Gradually the sky did open up and I felt I may only have a short window of time to go up and find stronger winds. Not only did I have a window, the sky cleared and the rest of the flight was in beautifully blue skies. I proceeded to climb and so did my speed. Watching my GPS I noticed the speed, 30, 40, now 50mph. "Boy this is great," I thought. I had been to 10,900 ft. on my previous flight, so I though why not 12,000 ft. Then I saw 60 mph and for a time 68 mph was a top speed. I thought, "If I could just find 2 more mph, that would be awesome". I did reach 12,000 ft. and 70 mph. I was flying steady in the low 70 mphs, and I noticed the GPS register a top speed of 75.2 mph. I stayed with these speeds until my last tank reminded me that the fun was coming to an end. So with a gradual descent, I found a wind speeds to be less than 5mph on the surface. I found a landing site and gently set it down. It is quite a sight to see towns and roads moving that quickly underneath you, not to mention you

outrun your ground crew. Speed was never a concern. As long as your envelope is pressurized, the transition between speeds will be smooth. I would love the experience of 100-120 mph someday.
Tim Cloyd

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Date: January 29, 2011

Distance: 124.3 Miles 200.041 Kilometers

Duration: 2 Hours 46 Minutes

Speeds: Top - 75.2 mph 121.02 kph

Avg. - 44.8 mph 72.1 kph

Top Altitude: 13,369 ft. MSL. 4,074.871 meters

Cruising Altitudes: 11,000-12,500 for 1¼ hour @ 65-73mph

Launch

Landing

Location: Near Runnells, Ia.

Near Wapello, Ia.

Time: 1045

1331

Latitude: N41d 35'30.43"

N41d 13'25.39"

Longitude: W93d 24' 19.74"

W91d 12' 7.61"

Winds: 4mph 6.44kph

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Launch & Chase Teams

Elsie Cloyd: Communication; George Smith: Driver, Crown; Roger Stewart: Crown; Janet Stewart: Throat; Janean Stewart: Throat; Katie Leveke: Assembly, Tapping, Radio; Joel Worthington: Assembly; Larry: Fan; Barb: Photographer; Sean: Assembly; Jeff: Assembly

New Years Resolution

Christmas is just a few days away as I write this and the New Year is not far behind. So it seems that this would be a good time to think about New Year resolutions.

Sure we all make resolutions and maybe we can keep them into February, how many have you broken by the time you read this? How many times have you made a resolution that you were able to keep all year and beyond? Here are a couple of suggestions.

-I resolve to join and participate in the BFA Crew Achievement Awards Program (CAAP).

Already in the program? How about this resolution?

- I resolve to advance to the next level in the CAAP.

Already a Level 4, Master Crew Chief? Try this one.

- I resolve to help others to join or advance in the CAAP.

Think about it, you already get up early and work hard to make it possible to have safe and fun balloon flights. Now you can learn new aspects of crewing and get rewarded and recognized for your efforts, it is simple to do.

The first step is to get a crew logbook. The logbooks are available from the BFA website or maybe your local club has them. Then start logging your crewing experiences.

Second go to the BFA CAAP web page:

http://www.bfa.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=374:caap&catid=55:crew-achievement-awards&Itemid=88889137

Here you can see the requirements for each level and download the worksheets and applications. Then as you crew you can check off what tasks you have become proficient at and have the logbook to verify it. Completing each level will earn a certificate and a pin. Completing Levels 3 and 4 will also earn you a patch for your jacket.

Pilots, why not encourage your crew to participate, why not participate yourself? Yes, pilots are eligible.

- I resolve to encourage my crew to become members and advance in the CAAP. I will lead by example and participate myself.

- I resolve to nominate a crew member for the BFA Crew Person of the Year Award.

The CAAP task list also makes an excellent training syllabus. So if you are a pilot and have a new person join the crew, why not give them a copy of the task list and work with them to have them learn each task and they can advance in the CAAP at the same time.

So while other resolutions may have fallen by the wayside, here are some that CAN be kept all year without sacrificing that cup of latte or the ice cream, etc.

Happy New Year and Safe Flying to Everyone!

Bob Tyszka
Chairman BFA Crew Achievement Awards Program
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NTSB Reports

NTSB Identification: WPR10LA161

Monday, March 15, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ
HEAD BALLOONS INC AX9 118, registration: N3087D
Injuries: 1 Serious, 4 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.

On March 15, 2010, about 1807 mountain standard time, a Head Balloons, Inc., AX9 118, N3087D, made a hard, bounced, high wind landing in an open field about 5.5 miles northwest of the Deer Valley Airport, Phoenix, Arizona. During landing, the balloon's basket impacted uneven rocky terrain and tipped over. Several panels in the balloon's envelope were ripped open, and the balloon was substantially damaged. The commercial certificated pilot was seriously injured. One of the 3 child passengers and both of their parents sustained minor injuries. The fare-paying passengers had contracted with Arizona Hot Air Balloons, Inc., Phoenix, for their anticipated hour-long sightseeing flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan had been filed. The flight was performed under 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91, and it originated from a field in northern Phoenix about 1730.

Information received from responding emergency personnel, the owner of Arizona Hot Air Balloons and his ground recovery crew, passengers, and Federal Aviation Administration inspectors, revealed that the pilot elected to terminate the flight earlier than planned when the local wind speed increased. The pilot communicated to her ground crew via radio that she intended to land, and she advised her passengers that the landing would likely involve one or more bounces. Reportedly, the touchdown was hard and the basket bounced as it encountered rocks while dragging in the soil. The pilot attempted to rapidly deflate the envelope by pulling on the red line to expedite the hot air venting process. The envelope did not promptly deflate. Although the pilot was ejected, she held on to the red line while being dragged about 100 yards. The envelope eventually collided with a roadside crossing gate and came to rest.

During the FAA inspectors' subsequent examination of the balloon, they reported observing two airworthiness certificates bearing different registration numbers, along with a flight manual that did not pertain to the accident balloon envelope, and unused safety helmets. The passengers reported they had not been offered use of the helmets. One of the passengers sustained a head injury while exiting the balloon's basket.

The balloon is undergoing an examination for airworthiness anomalies related to the functionality of its deflation system and to its preimpact integrity.

NTSB Identification: WPR10LA169

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in San Diego, CA
Aircraft: ULTRAMAGIC S-160, registration: N30048
Injuries: 3 Serious, 6 Uninjured.

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contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.

On March 17, 2010, at approximately 1855 Pacific daylight time, an Ultramagic S-160 balloon, N30048, sustained substantial damage when it landed hard near San Diego, California. The commercial pilot and five passengers were not injured; however, three passengers received serious injuries. Panorama Balloon Tours was operating the balloon under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the commercial air tour flight, which originated approximately 55 minutes before the accident. A flight plan had not been filed.

The pilot reported that as the flight progressed, the wind moving the balloon gradually decreased. He had selected a landing spot, but needed to cross over some high power transmission wires. The pilot reported that the balloon's three burners failed to produce their full power and he elected to land short of the power lines. In order to avoid drifting into the power lines, he pulled the top out of the envelope and the balloon landed hard. The envelope snagged on several trees resulting in substantial damage.

NTSB Identification: ERA10CA211

Friday, April 02, 2010 in Durhamville, NY
Probable Cause Approval Date: 8/12/2010
Aircraft: FIREFLY AX8B, registration: N1514G
Injuries: 1 Serious, 2 Uninjured.

The pilot of the balloon stated that at the conclusion of the 1-hour flight, with two passengers, he conducted a typical landing to a "level, grassy" golf course fairway. During the landing, one of the passengers "lost [her] footing" in the gondola, fell, and slid into the pilot. The pilot then fell onto the passenger, fracturing her ankle. The pilot did not mention if he gave the passengers a prelanding briefing prior to the landing.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The passenger's failure to adequately brace herself for the landing.

NTSB Identification: CEN10CA257

Saturday, May 15, 2010 in Hilliard, OH
Probable Cause Approval Date: 7/22/2010
Aircraft: AEROSTAR INTERNATIONAL S57A,
registration: N9002Z
Injuries: 1 Serious, 2 Uninjured.

After a 50-minute, late afternoon balloon flight, the pilot executed a normal touchdown onto a flat grassy area. A weather station 8 miles to the northeast reported the surface wind was five miles per hour at the time of the accident. All

of the occupants were facing forward for the touchdown and the pilot had previously instructed both passengers how to hold on to two points and how to flex their knees for the first impact of landing. At the first impact with the ground, the 82 year old female passenger sank to the floor of the balloon basket. It was immediately apparent to the other passenger that she had been injured. After the basket stopped moving, the pilot deflated the balloon and the pilot, the other passenger, and a bystander assisted the injured passenger in exiting. The injured passenger was transported to the hospital and treated for a broken leg. The other occupants were not injured and the balloon was not damaged. The uninjured passenger said the pre-takeoff safety briefing and the before landing safety briefing were simple and clearly understood.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The passenger's inadequate brace for the balloon landing, resulting in injury.

NTSB Identification: WPR10LA300

Friday, June 18, 2010 in Grants Pass, OR
Probable Cause Approval Date: 1/7/2011
Aircraft: LINDSTRAND 120A, registration: N501LB
Injuries: 1 Serious, 1 Uninjured.

During the post-landing, pre-deflation portion of a hot air balloon flight, the basket of the balloon began to lift off the ground when one of the individuals holding it released their grip on the top rim of the basket. At that point, the remaining three individuals holding the basket released their grip on the top rim of the basket and the balloon began to ascend. As the basket lifted higher into the air, one of the individuals who had released their grip on the basket top rim grabbed onto the rope handles near the base of the basket and was therefore lifted about 20 feet into the air. As soon as the pilot realized that someone was hanging from the bottom of the basket, he began venting air from the top of the balloon in order to get the basket back on the ground. But the individual hanging from the rope handles lost his grip and fell to grassy terrain below. The injured person had extensive experience acting as a balloon ground crew member and as a passenger in a balloon. He had no memory of the event, and it could not be determined why he grabbed onto the rope handles after releasing his grip from the basket rim.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The balloon ground crew member's decision to not release his hold on the basket of an ascending hot air balloon basket as it lifted off of the ground.

If your address label does not say 11-12, your dues are due. Send any updates on this application & bring to Ode or mail to Carol. If you haven't already done so, please consider changing to receiving the email version of the newsletter. This will save the club about \$2 per issue (and your volunteer newsletter editor a lot of work!)

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Application		Dues: \$25 per family
		\$5 for BOI Championship
Name: _____	Birthday: _____	
Address: _____	Spouse Name: _____	
City _____	Spouse BD: _____	
State / Zip _____	Anniversary: _____	
Home Phone # _____	Family:	Birthdays:
Email Address: _____	_____	
Balloon Name: _____	_____	
List any other Birthdays, special occasions or Events:		

_____ Commercial Pilot	_____ Student Pilot	_____ Balloon Enthusiast
_____ Private Pilot	_____ Crew	
Mail to: Balloons Over Iowa	Would you like to receive the Newsletter by:	
Attn: Carol Harris	_____ Mail	
2305 Hillside Ave	_____ Email	
West Des Moines, IA 50265		

BOI Championship

Add \$5 to your dues if you'd like to participate in the BOI Championship. The championship includes the scores from Ode to Spring, National Balloon Classic, & Creston.

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May 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:

April 17

May 15