

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

January - February, 2005

Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends !

Well, winter has certainly arrived with a bang. We got spoiled in November & December, didn't we?

I hope to see many of you at the New Years Eve party January 8th. I've had several people ask me why we are celebrating on January 8th rather than December 31st. Well, what do you expect from a club that has me as president & Sandy Drake as Vice President. Dad says BOI never does anything that a normal balloon club does, so why should we start now. Then don't forget the St. Patty's Day party March 12th & the famous Ode to Spring April 30th.

If anyone tries a long jump or even a winter flight, write up an article & send it to Carol - photos, too if you take any. Not everyone is brave enough to attempt either, so let everyone read all about it.

Rumor is that our treasury is getting perilously low. But Ground school is just around the corner & dues are due in a couple months, so I assure you that we'll have enough to take care of important business!

Come visit me at the Balloonport - I love company.

Meika

BOI St. Patrick's Party

March 12, 2005 6:30 p.m.



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

BOI Year in Review -2004

January:

- ◆ Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee presented to BOI members six options for eventual construction of the BOI Retirement Home Complex.
- ◆ New Years Party. There was a good crowd in attendance

February

- ◆ BOI Ground school had a record number of students - 46 from 6 states - Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska & Wisconsin
- ◆ Joel Worthington took his check ride & received his private license

March

- ◆ IBA Safety Seminar March 6, 2004
- ◆ Eldon Bensus (aka "Gomer") passed his check ride & received his private license 3-12-04.
- ◆ St. Patty's day party March 13. Initiation of 29 new members: Patti Todden; Richard Swanson; Joel & Karen Worthington; LeRoy & Cathy Clair; Caitlyn & Celsey Clair; Eldon Bensus; Jean James; Jeremy Smelser; Mark Moen; Jeff & Deb Bridgewater; Rebecca Bridgewater; Cory Bloom; Vickie Bartholomew; Savanna Oakes; Katie Oakes; Jody Jensen; Chad Goodhue; John Jensen, Sr; Joyce Jensen; Bryan Smith; Don & Jeanne Wiley; Debbie McKnight; Hilleary Lockard; Alex Langenberger. Irish Stew cookoff: 1. Barbara Jones; 2. Edie Lawrence; 3. Jim Fromm

April

- ◆ April 17 - IBA, BOI & Museum members hosted a social for the BFA board at the BOI Balloonport

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Balloons Over Iowa President
Meika Bartholomew

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

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Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe, but January 2005 is here. The days are starting to get longer, and we have been fairly snow-less for this winter. But as we all know, that doesn't mean the rest of the winter will be the same. Everyone knows here in Iowa the weather can change in a matter of minutes.

Ground school 2005 is fast approaching. If you know of anyone interested in attending ground school be sure to have them call Rob at 515-989-3708 to get signed up. From the sounds of the planning committee, BOI could have one of the biggest classes yet. For more information on Ground School check out the Ground school information inside this newsletter.

The Iowa Balloonist "Continuing Education" seminar (formerly known as the IBA safety seminar) is also fast approaching. The date for the Continuing Education seminar is set for March 19th at the Sheraton Four Points on Army Post Road (same location as last year). Some great speakers and topics lined up for this year's event. An added bonus to this seminar will include guest speakers Joe Kittinger and Ed Yost. For more information on the Continuing Education Seminar, please contact Jeremy Rubin, IBA President, at 515-963-9307 or e-mail: rubinjeremy@hotmail.com

Carol told me I needed to hurry and draft up an article for this issue of the newsletter since she is trying to get the BOI newsletter out early. Carol and Max are heading to Hawaii in a couple weeks for a little get away. Hey Meika-- maybe we could convince the BOI Retirement home planning and Acquisition committee we need to go to Hawaii to check on some locations for the retirement village. Meika and I, could be the new BOI Retirement Site Apprentices. Come to think of it, if we don't find a location we could get "Fired" from site committee chair Don Prine. But then, if we do get fired, we could always apply for being Donald Trump's Apprentice. Meika and I could show Mr. Trump a few things about running business. Any way, have a great trip Carol and Max!

Hope this finds everyone doing well. If you are ever in Radcliff, IA be sure to stop by and say "Hi".

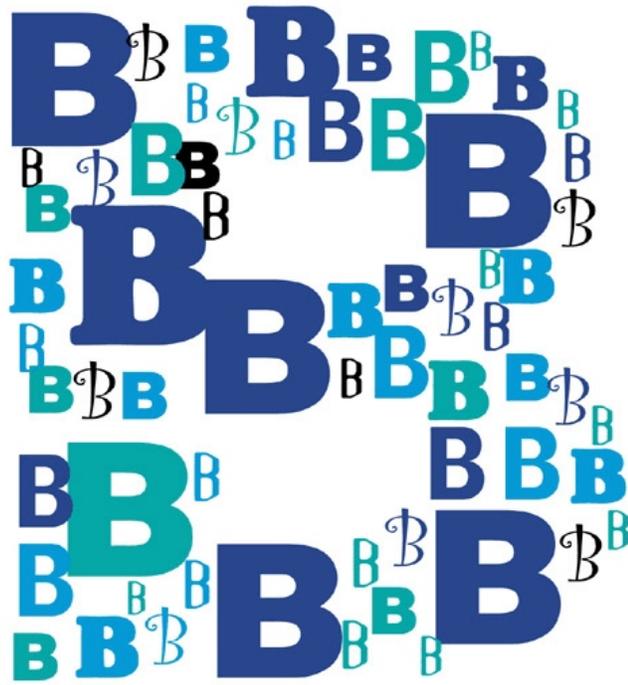
Until next time,

Sandy Drake

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BOI Year in Review (continued)

April (continued)

- ◆ BOI passes motion for our BOI Representative to recommend to the NBC Board of Directors "That the National Balloon Classic (NBC) investigate entering into a mutually acceptable long term contract with the Balloon Federation of America (BFA) for the purpose of providing necessary facilities and technical support to host the BFA National Hot Air Balloon Championship"
- ◆ Ode to Spring - Balloonmeister - Max Harris. The weather Gods were not kind to BOI. It was a miserable, rainy day in central Iowa - no balloon flight. Last year's Crew of the Year winners - members of the Golden Griffin crew, added a miniature Medicare Card. The 2004 Crew of the year is John Jensen's crew. 2004 Pilot of the Year: Eldon Benus. 2004 BOI Champion: Rob Bartholomew. 2004 Cleo Award: John Jensen. 2004-2005 BOI Board: LeRoy Clair, Sheri Clark, Jen Nordhagen, Paul Randleman & Richard Swanson. Indoor task winners: 1. Andy Ogden; 2. Eldon Benus; 3. Wayne Mohring
- ◆ April Oberman & Benjamin Bartlett were married April 22

May

- ◆ BJ & Wendi Anderson were married May 1

June

- ◆ Marshalltown: 44 Hot Air Balloon Pilots from across the Midwest and Texas. 2 flights
- ◆ Ottumwa - 4 flights 1. Mark Harris 2. Aaron Folskey 3. Brian Bennett
- ◆ Dale & Holly Dommer were married June 25, 2004.
- ◆ BOI donated \$500 to the National Balloon Museum for Brochures to promote the Museum

July

- ◆ 20 or more new balloons in the skies over Iowa this summer. Ballooning is not dying in Iowa.
- ◆ July 9 - Glow at Prairie Meadows
- ◆ July 15 - Balloons & Toons on the Indianola Square

August

- ◆ Aug 1 - Ed Yost day at the museum. Ed Yost is regarded as the Father of Modern Ballooning. He developed the burner that is now used. He was honored as the first inductee into the Ballooning Hall of Fame.

- ◆ National Balloon Classic: 104 registered pilots. Nine flights. John Russell Award - the Reinert family - Mike, Brenda, Chris & Angie; Farmer of the Year - Jerry Pritchard; Volunteer of the Year - Martha & Steve West; President's Award - Al Appenzeller; Crew of the Year - Ralph Rieck's crew; Newcomer of the Year - Scott Armstrong (12th place). Top 5: 1. Harold Graves 2. Benji Clemons 3. Jim Thompson 4. Jim Neill 5. Scott Allsup
- ◆ Charles City - 2 flights
- ◆ Balloons Over The Mississippi; Fort Madison, Iowa. Two flights, one glow
- ◆ The Lighter Than Air Balloon Affair, Council Bluffs - John Ninomiya of Helium Cluster Ballooning launched.
- ◆ Connie Austin Christensen passed away August 30th

September

- ◆ Brookfield - Brian Bennett won the Ugly Shoe Derby
- ◆ Creston - weathered out - no flights. Crappy beer contest won by Dan & Irene Bertsch with beer brought from Michigan
- ◆ New members: Bob & Penny Peiper

October

- ◆ Brian Seymour placed #14 at Albuquerque.
- ◆ Saturday, October 16th, 2004 Jill Rubin Memorial Flight - flight canceled due to wind; picnic held at Red Haw State Park in Chariton, Iowa.
- ◆ Halloween party - Chili Cookoff: 1st - Donna Rieck, 2nd - Dominic Paterno, 3rd - Helen Bartholomew. Best Costume - Indian Family-Jeremiah, Amber and Sage Hoyt; Most Original - Lone Ranger-Dick Drake; Cutest - Lion Baby-Trinity Keller; Best Kid Costume - Pumpkin - Emma Sherman
- ◆ BOI's kegmeister was run over by a car. He is home recuperating. No broken bones, stitches in leg

November

- ◆ We have 45 Kegs in the treasury. The SKC factor has gone up - keg inflation. We are approaching a crisis in the Treasury.

NTSB Reports

The following reports were provided by Rob Bartholomew for review & educational purposes. Full reports can be found on the NTSB Web site: www.ntsb.gov under "Accident Reports". More reports to follow in the coming months.

NTSB Identification: CHI03LA208

On July 4, 2003, at 0800 eastern daylight time, a Cameron Balloons O-77, N8085G, encountered a hard landing approximately 10 miles northeast of Battle Creek (BTL), Michigan. The pilot was not injured, but the passenger was seriously injured. The balloon was not damaged. The 14 CFR Part 91 personal flight departed a field near BTL at 0630. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed. No flight plan was filed.

The pilot reported attending a balloon festival the morning of the accident. The pilot reported that while attempting to land, he felt the rate of descent was more than normal and the approach was too steep. The balloon landed hard, and the passenger sustained serious back injuries.

At 0753, the weather at BTL was reported as: wind 210 degrees at 9 knots.

The pilot reported a total flight time of 250 hours in the make and model of the accident balloon, of which 200 hours were as pilot in command.

The pilot reported no mechanical malfunctions or failures.

NTSB Identification: DEN03LA126.

Aircraft: National Ballooning LTD 858

Injuries: 1 Serious, 2 Minor.

According to the pilot, he departed with variable winds at 6 knots. At approximately 0710, the wind increased to 22 to 24 knots. Approximately 30 minutes later, the pilot located a landing site and started an approach. During the approach, the balloon increased in speed and descended faster than planned. The pilot stated he "quickly went to two burners" with no result. The balloon failed to clear a fence and the pilot pulled the "red line." The basket impacted the ground, ejecting the passengers and pilot. The pilot was dragged behind the basket until his foot disentangled from the red line. Subsequently, the balloon impacted a "building, a fence, a farm gate and transmission wires." The envelope was ripped open at several locations. According to the aviation routine weather report (METAR) taken at 0747 from Jefferson County Airport, winds were reported as 340 degrees at 20 knots.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: The pilot's inability to control the balloon. Contributing factors include the high winds, the attempted remedial action by the pilot, the building, fence, and transmission wires.

NTSB Identification: DEN03LA130A

Accident occurred Wednesday, July 16, 2003 in Snowmass Village, CO

Aircraft: Aerostar RX-8

Injuries: 10 Uninjured.

Balloon #1 departed approximately 1 to 2 minutes after balloon #2 departed. Balloon #2 had proceeded slightly west of a creek bed. Approximately 1 mile down the creek bed, #1 passed #2. Two miles further down the creek bed, #2 had obtained a faster ground speed and began to close in on balloon #1. The pilot of balloon #2 initiated an accent to climb up and over balloon #1. The basket of balloon #2 impacted the envelope of balloon #1 approximately 20 feet down from the top of the balloon causing substantial damage to the envelope.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the failure of the pilot of balloon #2 to maintain clearance from balloon #1 while overtaking him.

NTSB Identification: CHI03LA224.

Accident occurred Wednesday, July 23, 2003 in Highland, MI

Aircraft: Aerostar S81A

Injuries: 2 Serious, 8 Minor, 2 Uninjured.

Two passengers of the sightseeing balloon flight sustained serious injuries during a hard landing. A total of eleven passengers were on-board. Seven of the passengers, as well as the pilot, reported minor injuries. The remaining two passengers reported no injuries. The balloon was undamaged. The pilot reported surface winds at departure were light. However, during flight at 2,500 feet mean sea level, the winds were in excess of 30 knots, according to the pilot. He reported descending to where more moderate winds were encountered. The pilot stated that about 30 minutes into the flight, however, lower level winds started to increase. He stated he had selected a field and was approaching to land when the winds "increased rapidly" and the trees "began to move violently." Power lines and a house were reportedly located at the opposite end of the landing field. For this reason, the pilot reported that he felt he needed to land immediately considering the reported high winds and gusts and the presence of the power lines and house. Passengers stated the balloon basket clipped a tree on approach. The balloon impacted the ground and was dragged about 170 feet, ejecting one passenger in the process. The balloon was undamaged. The pilot reported no malfunctions with the balloon prior to the accident.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the

probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: Failure of the pilot to maintain a proper descent rate. Contributing factors were the pilot's failure to maintain clearance from the trees, the reported high winds and gusts, the trees, the power lines and the house.

NTSB Identification: CHI03LA313

On August 11, 2003, about 1800 central daylight time, a passenger was seriously injured during landing in the Raven S-60A balloon, N2789N, in which the passenger was riding. The accident occurred in Slayton, Minnesota. The balloon was piloted by a student pilot in visual meteorological conditions. No flight plan had been filed. The pilot and the other 4 passengers were not injured. The flight originated from Slayton, Minnesota, about 1700.

The injured passenger contacted the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and informed an inspector of the accident. The passenger's right leg was broken in two locations during a rough landing. The passenger informed the FAA that she was a paying passenger in the balloon at the time of the accident.

The recorded weather at Pipestone Municipal Airport, Pipestone, Minnesota, located 23.7 nautical miles to the west of the accident site reported the winds at 1816 as: 090 degrees at 6 knots.

At the time of the accident, the pilot held a student pilot certificate issued on December 30, 2002.

14 CFR Part 61.89 states in part:
General limitations.

(a) A student pilot may not act as pilot in command of an aircraft:

- (1) That is carrying a passenger;
- (2) That is carrying property for compensation or hire;
- (3) For compensation or hire;
- (4) In furtherance of a business;

The pilot did not inform the FAA or the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) of the accident, and no NTSB Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident Report was received from the pilot.

NTSB Identification: LAX04CA003.

Accident occurred Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003 in Phoenix, AZ
Aircraft: BALLOON WORKS INC FIREFLY II
Injuries: 2 Minor, 10 Uninjured.

The balloon sustained fire damage to the envelope while it was on the ground. One of the passengers became ill during the flight. The pilot landed the balloon in a field, and he waited for the ground crew to arrive. While he was waiting, he applied heat to the balloon to keep it standing. Each time that he applied burner, he would look to ensure that it was not contacting the envelope. Just as the ground crew arrived, he glanced at the balloon and began another burn. As he was

speaking with the crew, the flame made contact with the envelope. The crew evacuated the passengers from the balloon as portions of the burning fabric fell from it. Several panels were directly burned; melting fabric damaged others. The pilot noted no mechanical problems with the balloon.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the pilot's diverted attention that resulted in the inadequate handling of the burner during ground operations.

NTSB Identification: DEN04LA005.

Accident occurred Sunday, October 05, 2003 in Albuquerque, NM
Aircraft: Lindstrand Balloons LBL
Injuries: 2 Serious, 3 Minor, 1 Uninjured.

According to the passengers on board, the balloon was climbing when the pilot pulled the deflation line, releasing a flap at the top of the balloon. The balloon then descended rapidly striking terrain, bouncing, and then colliding with a retaining wall. The passengers were thrown to the floor of the balloon, seriously injuring two passengers. The pilot remained on his feet, re-inflated the balloon and continued the flight for an additional 20 to 30 minutes. Two passengers asked the pilot, after the collision, what had happened. The pilot replied, "He had pulled the wrong chord."

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows: the inadequate in-flight planning/decision by the pilot. Contributing factors include the inadvertent activation of the deflation line by the pilot and the retaining wall.

NTSB Identification: LAX04LA123.

Accident occurred Friday, February 13, 2004 in Phoenix, AZ
Aircraft: Balloon Works Firefly 11
Injuries: 3 Minor, 8 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 February 13, 2004, at 1022 mountain standard time, a Balloon Works Firefly 11, N7244X, was dragged across the ground after it had landed near Phoenix, Arizona. Hot Air Expeditions was operating the balloon under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 91. The commercial pilot and two passengers sustained minor injuries; eight passengers were not injured. The balloon sustained substantial damage. The flight departed an area north of Phoenix about 0845 for the local area sightseeing flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and a flight plan had not been filed.

After touching down for landing, the pilot pulled the vent line in an effort to deflate the balloon. The line broke and he instructed the passengers to remain inside the basket. A gust of wind dragged the basket about ½ mile before it came to rest.

Creston 2004



We couldn't fly, so we played -
Crappy Beer Contest, Parade, baggy toss



Dan & Irene Bertsch
Crappy Beer
Contest Winners



So bad it had
to be poured out!



Pilot's meeting

Bill reading
from his
book of
Weather
Wisdom



Albuquerque 2004



Hot card game



The whole Iowa gang



Jerry & Brian

2004 BOI Halloween Party



Look at all that Chili!



Chili Cookoff Judges



Meika in costume



Chili Cookoff winners: Steve Jones, Wayne Wasson, Helen Bartholomew, Dominic Paterno, Donna Rieck



BOI Saloon & Jail



Indian Linda



Most Original - Lone Ranger-Dick Drake



Best Costume - Indian Family - Jeremiah, Amber and Sage Hoyt



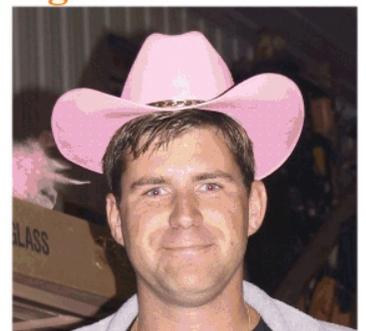
Kids in Costume



Cutest Costume - Lion Baby-Trinity Keller



Kaitlin Wiley going for the Pinata



Cowboy Ryan

Calendar of Events

January 16, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

February 12, 2005 **Puttin' on the Ritz**

February 18-20, 2005 **BOI Ground School** Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

February 20, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

February 2005 **Sweetheart Rally**. Mankato, MN Contact Daniel Reuter 507 245-3844. www.keysystemsplus.com/stardrifter.

March 12, 2005 **BOI St. Patrick's Day Party** Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

March 19, 2005 **IBA Continuing Education Seminar**, Des Moines

March 20, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

April 17, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

April 30, 2005 **BOI Ode to Spring** Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

May 15, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

June 4-5 **My Waterloo Days** - Waterloo Iowa. Flights Saturday AM, PM, and Sunday AM. Competition. Contact Carla Brinker 319-239-2903 or cbrinker@ballooningmail.com

June 10-12. The Great Plains Balloon Race Contact Vern Feekes or Julie Ruud (743-2952 -- vernesjewel@hotmail.com)

June 19, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

July 17, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

July 29 - August 6, 2005 **National Balloon Classic** 1-800-FLYIOWA or www.nationalballoonclassic.com

August 21, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

September 18, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

October 16, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

October 29, 2005 **BOI Halloween Party** Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

November 20, 2005 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2005 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com

Happy Birthday

Tracy Urell	2-2	Chris Seymour	3-2
Nancy Walsh	2-3	Gary Ruble	3-3
Max Harris	2-4	Terry Foell	3-4
Becky Sponsler	2-4	Jerri Hoover	3-7
Alexis Clark	2-5	Deanna Ziino	3-7
Dan Harris	2-7	Louise Clemons	3-7
Linn Hoskins	2-7	Jim Oakes	3-7
Dennis Firestone	2-8	Mary Huntington	3-8
Joyce Blevins	2-9	Adam Schulte	3-8
Kyle Shern	2-9	Ivan Idso	3-8
Brent Hess	2-11	Elaine Lawrence	3-9
Charles Winkenwerder	2-11	Jim Foell	3-9
Jacque Elsasser	2-12	Jennifer Winkenwerder	3-9
Tom Klitz	2-13	Myah Jo Brinker	3-9
Deb Blackburn	2-13	Eric Young	3-11
Allen Macdonald	2-13	Rob "B.J." Nutting	3-11
Ed Miller	2-13	Gavin Pash	3-12
Elane Lacroix	2-14	Dave Champion	3-13
Richard Holland	2-15	David Ruby	3-13
Marsha Hoskins	2-17	Shelly Mitchell	3-14
Jim Thyne	2-19	Fred Schoening	3-15
Lynn McVay	2-21	Sherry Allsup	3-15
Holly Frees	2-21	Erika Nutting	3-15
Dennis Gibbs	2-22	Judy Schoening	3-16
Marv Blevins	2-22	Mason Fromm	3-16
Denny Craig	2-22	Eric Mildebrath	3-17
Lysa Holmes	2-23	Roger Pointer	3-17
Richard Pash	2-24	Steve Hoover	3-17
Michele Rubin	2-24	Carl Young	3-17
Bill Craig	2-25	James Snipes	3-18
Valerie Craven	2-25	April Oberman	3-21
Randy Stone	2-27	Judy Hamlin	3-22
Matt Wiltse	2-27	Stephanie Peterson	3-24
Janet Mohring	2-27	Beth Pieper	3-24
Tom McCoy	2-28	Dean Carrington	3-25
Andy Ogden	2-28	Ruby Pieper	3-25
Nelle Bartholomew	2-28	Brenda Reinert	3-26
		Bonnie Marhoun	3-26
		Kelly Shaw	3-26
		Vickie Frees	3-28
		Rob Bartholomew	3-28
		Bret Wiltse	3-30
		Meika Bartholomew	3-31



Happy Anniversary

Ralph & Donna Rieck	2-3
Ken & Meg Allbaugh	2-6
Travis & Dawn Hogan-Alexander	2-13
Pamela & Luke Cesnik	2-14
Mary Huntington & Don Trebbien	2-14
Larry & Sheelagh Owen	2-20
Bill & Joyce Smith	2-24
Patti Todden & Richard Swanson	3-15
Eric & Fran Mildebrath	3-19
Kelly & Shari Shaw	3-20
Deb & Sam Blackburn	3-21

The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

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

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ BOI newsletter Subscription increased to \$7.50 per year.
- ★ February 9, 1985 – BOI Initiation. 25 new members initiated into the inner circle of BOI. The Pink Fuzzies made their appearance and made everything official.
- ★ BOI's first every Instructors Ground School. 30 pilots attended.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ P.H.A.R.T update – PHART members doing covert espionage work down in Panama. PHARTeam is now using a special non-porous micro insulated fabric in combination with totally new silent burners, so they are able to fly completely unnoticed by the casual observer.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Ground school successful – 21 students.
- ★ 2-12-1995 Jason Jones received his Commercial license.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1-1-2000 Gerald Knoll received his Private license.
- ★ Allison Hope Garrett born January 21st to Terry & Gina Garrett
- ★ Norm & Kay Fee have moved to Arizona
- ★ Barb Knoll named new BOI treasurer & Gerald Knoll named new Kegmeister.
- ★ Ground School - 21 students from Iowa, IL, MN, MO & WI.
- ★ Events on the calendar for 2000: Hudson, Veisha, Ode, Ames kick-off Sponsor night, Sioux Falls, Ottumwa, Team Nationals in Battle Creek, Balloons & Toons, Classic, Rantoul, Council Bluffs, Amana, Columbia, Mo, Storm Lake, Brookfield, Creston & Albuquerque (1000 balloons for 2000).

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

November 21, 2004

Present: Jen Nordhagen, Riley Nordhagen, Josie Nordhagen, Don Prine, Bill Craig, Brad Craig, Jodi Jensen, Dick & Phyllis Drake, Sandy Drake, Todd Isley, Leroy Clair, Celsey Clair, Caitlyn Clair, Michelle Craig, Rob & Linda Bartholomew, Meika Bartholomew, Sherry Clark, Max & Carol Harris, Bill Griffin. Members noted that Bob & Penny Peiper didn't return for their 3rd meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chair Sherry Clark at 6:45:06.

Secretary's report: Secretary Tom not present. Minutes from October meeting presented by temporary secretary Carol Harris. Bill moved to approve minutes, Max second. Don called for a Ponderance.

Dick read from his "Book of Imponderables" on Briefs vs. Boxers. Briefs provide support & stretch, boxers provide more comfort. Members are now more knowledgeable on this timeless topic.

Motion to approve minutes passed.

Treasurer's report: We have 45 Kegs based on the SKC factor in the treasury. The SKC factor has gone up - keg inflation. We are approaching a crisis in the Treasury. Bill thanked the Bartholomews for providing the keg for tonight (leftover from wedding celebration). Don asked if this was setting a precedent. Dick moved to accept Treasurer's report, Don seconded. All approved.

Old Business:

- ★ Old Business #1 was present.
- ★ Carol reported that she spoke with Al Appenzeller about a Port-a-pot at the field. He says there will be one there during the times that they rent out the sponsor & pilot compound buildings.
- ★ Don Prine gave an update on the Retirement Home project. Negotiations on the site continue - Dick is leading this. They have formed an alliance with MORK - Motorcycles over Road Kill. Don has traveled to Mexico to investigate the possibility of increasing our treasury.
- ★ Paul not present - couldn't make it out 2 nights in

a row.

- ★ Bill was at the Balloonport past 9pm last night - even until midnight!
- ★ Jen reports that the Kegmeister today ran away & rolled in S__ T. He is in the garage. He got the cone off his head & can now lick himself.

New Business:

- ★ Ground School - price is increasing slightly, but everyone attending will receive a years membership to BOI. The cost will be \$200 if they refuse the membership. Dates are Feb 18-20.
- ★ IBA Continuing Education Seminar is March 19, 2005.
- ★ New Years Eve Party is January 8, 2005

The meeting is out of control. The chair beat the table, but the chair lost.

- ★ Back to Ground School - Instructors are lined up.
- ★ Discussion on changing Rob's name. (*You had to be there*). Rob moved to change Todd's name to Ed. Don 2nd. Discussion. Rob & Don withdrew the motion.

The chair is begging membership to please adjourn the meeting.

Max moved to adjourn, Phyllis 2nd. The "Not a Chance" vote won.

Don called for a Ponderance. Dick read from his "Book of Imponderables" on why Lions are afraid of kitchen chairs. (*See what you miss when you don't come to meetings!*)

Brad Craig signed the paperwork for his new balloon. Congratulations, Brad!

The Chair puts her foot down. The meeting is adjourned 7:33:33

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Harris, Temporary Secretary

Pilot Relations Committee

Anyone who would like to be a part of the National Balloon Classic Pilot Relations committee is invited to attend the monthly meetings at the National Balloon Museum in Indianola. This committee works closely with the National Balloon Classic on maps, pilot-gift & waiver. They also work closely with the Balloonmeister & landowners & recruit pilots to attend the event. If you would like to be a part of this committee or would like more information, contact the National Balloon Classic at 1-800-FLY-IOWA or 515-961-8415. If you are unable to attend, contact co-chairpersons Al Appenzeller or Brad Craig with any comments or concerns. The meetings are temporarily being moved to Tuesday evenings due to a schedule conflict. Upcoming Meetings:

February 8	March 8
April 12	May 10



**Congratulations
to
Tyler Pedersen
on his First
Balloon Flight!**



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Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2005

February 18-20, 2005

Want to know more about flying a Hot Air Balloon? Attend Balloons Over Iowa Ground School this winter and learn how. Our Ground School is FAA certified. 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: \$175.00 which includes one set of books and a one year membership to BOI

Family Enrollment Fee: \$175.00 for 1st family member and \$65.00 per person for any other family member, includes one set of books and a one year membership to BOI for each student.

Refresher Fee: \$65.00 - a one year membership to BOI, no books included.

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

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

Email: _____

Which section are you interested in? Private _____ Commercial _____

Please make checks payable to Balloons Over Iowa and mail to: BOI, 18999 Blue Place Carlisle, IA 50047

For more information contact Rob Bartholomew at (515) 989-3708, email: balloonsoveriowa@msn.com or Barb Knoll (515) 961-5807, email: barb@baker-elkin.com

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 Scotchridge 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.

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)

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

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

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

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

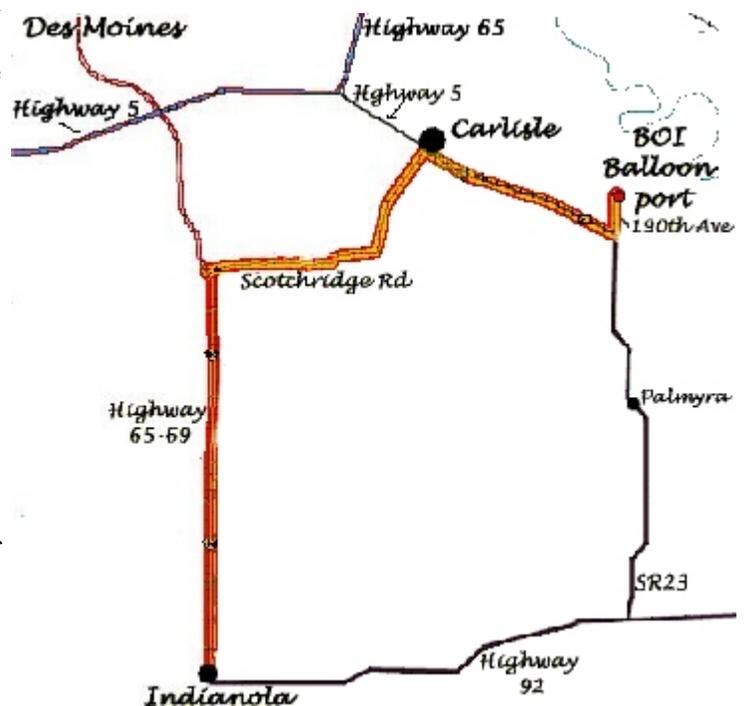


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Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings
Meetings are held every third Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the B.O.I Balloonport. Schedule of meetings:
January 16
February 20 - 5 p.m.
Note change of date & time for February meeting - due to Ground School
March 20
April 17