

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

January-February, 2006

Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends !

Most non-balloonists suffer through the "Dog Days of Winter". Cold weather, no sunlight and short days. The only solutions to this dreary time of year are long naps and Balloons Over Iowa Membership.

I'm an expert on naps, and monthly BOI Board meetings give everyone something to look forward to. Our annual BOI Ground School on February 18-19 is a great opportunity to meet new balloonists and renew old acquaintances, and the BOI St. Patrick's Day Party on March 18th is a must for all serious party animals. Vice President Sandy and I look forward to these visits.

Once again, neither of us have been asked to attend "An evening at the Ritz" just three days before Valentine's Day. Dad explains that we have too many administrative duties to take the time. We keep thinking that sooner or later we will get lucky.

In the meantime, I will continue to hold the top line for cousin Bill. Quite a few winter flights, but crew must be a little hard to recruit. For those fortunate enough to be airborne, always remember to

Fly Safely,

Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Happy New Year!

Hope this finds everyone doing well!

Meika has informed me that several pilots have been out flying at every opportunity possible. Meika stated several balloonists flew New Years Eve, nothing like getting one more flight in before the end of the year.

With more new pilots coming on board and pilots buying new balloons, I guess we will have to have Carol put out an updated Balloon Roster. It is great news that ballooning keeps growing in Iowa.

I just noticed my ballooning calendar is filling up for 2006. Here are some ballooning activities coming up soon to put on your calendar.

- ★ February 11 - The Community State Bank's National Balloon Classic's Puttin' on the Ritz. (This is always a great time). Contact the National Balloon Classic for more information 515-961-8415 or 1-800-FLY-IOWA.
- ★ February 17th -19th - Balloons over Iowa Ground School. This should be another great year for the 2006 Ground School. As in the past, we have always had record number of attendees. This is always a good class to go through as a refresher course.
- ★ March 4th - Iowa Balloonist Continuing Education Seminar - This looks to be another great seminar. Some great speakers and topics are lined up for this years one day seminar. For more information contact Michelle Rubin at 515-989-4034 or visit their web-site at <http://www.flyiba.com/>
- ★ March 18th - The Balloons Over Iowa St. Patrick's Party and Membership Initiation. Do I need to say anything about this event, but always a great time, great food, and good company.

Well, it's getting that time for the Radcliff bank to open up. Need to get busy as Dad and Mom will be walking in shortly. Hope to see everyone at the next BOI meeting or at one the February/March functions.

Until next time....fly safe!

Sandy

BOI St. Patrick's Party

March 18, 2005 6:30 p.m.

☘ Irish Stew Cookoff

☘ Initiation of
New members

☘ Appearance of the Giant
Leprechauns



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Classic Info

With the end of the flying season, the National Balloon Classic Board and Staff have begun organizing and planning for the upcoming 2006 National Balloon Classic. The dates for the 2006 National Balloon Classic will be July 28 – August 5th, 2006.

Again, Jason Jones will be the Balloonmeister, with Matt Fenster, John Jensen and Todd Isley assisting.

The Pilot Registration Packet will be completed around Mid-January. The classic office will be sending the pilot registration packets via email. For those pilots that don't have email, the classic office will send a registration packet via normal mail. If any pilot that needs a Classic registration packet, please contact Ellen @ 515-961-8415 or email: assist@nationalballoonclassic.com or visit the National Balloon Classic Website: www.nationalballoonclassic.com

If anyone has any comments for the 2006 National Balloon Classic event, please email Greg Marchant at info@nationalballoonclassic.com

2006 Puttin on the Ritz

The 2006 National Balloon Classic "Puttin on the Ritz" event will be Saturday Feb 11, 2006, held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Des Moines.

This event is a fundraiser to help support the upcoming National Balloon Classic Events. If anyone is interested on tickets, please contact Ellen at the Classic Office 515-961-8415

Help! Missing silverware!

I had a sack at the Halloween party that had our paper plates & silverware (my every day silverware, not plastic). It wasn't at our spot when we went to leave. If anyone picked it up by mistake & now has some extra silverware, let me know. You can keep the paper plates, I just want the silverware back!!

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Rob & Linda Bartholomew

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email: balloonsoveriowa@msn.com



Congratulations

Less than 2 years after renewing his flying career with the purchase of "Dreamtime," Tom Peterson completed the next phase by earning his Commercial Pilot license on November 5. Congratulations, Tom

2005 Year in Review

January

- ▶ BOI NY Eve party - large crowd present, the food was good, but the keg went dry at 10:30. Paul won at Quarters, but LuAnn wouldn't let him keep the winnings. Rob stayed awake until after midnight.
- ▶ BOI dues increased to \$20
- ▶ Joel Worthington named BOI Webmeister (AKA "Web Dude")

February

- ▶ Ground school - 34 students from 6 states - Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska & Kansas. Ground Schoolmeister was Mike Oberman. Instructors were: Dick Drake, Jim Fromm, Bill Griffin, Jason Jones, Matt Fenster, Don Prine and Donna Rieck.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ BFA moved its headquarters offices from downtown Indianola to the museum.

March

- ▶ Lyle Ellis passed away March 2. Lyle lived right across from the pilot compound entrance of the balloon field and could be seen frequenting the field on his golf car.
- ▶ St. Pat's party: 22 new members initiated into BOI.

April

- ▶ Gerald & Mary Conklin named Volunteers of the Year by the Indianola Chamber of Commerce for all their years of support in ballooning.
- ▶ Bob & Penny Pieper have purchased a new balloon - to arrive in May. It is multi colored spiral.
- ▶ Ode To Spring: Weather won - no flight; 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

May

- ▶ Christine Bertsch & Keith Svare were married May 7
- ▶ BOI club web site - www.balloons-over-iowa-club.com
- ▶ Brylee Suezanne Anderson born May 17th to BJ & Wendi Anderson
- ▶ Jeremy King received his Private license May 20

June

- ▶ Patti Todden received her new balloon - "Patti's Dream"
- ▶ My Waterloo days - 30 balloons. 1 flight, 1 glow
- ▶ Sioux Falls - 35 balloon - 1 flight 1 - Matt Fenster; 2- Scott Christensen 3 - Mike Benson.
- ▶ Great Galena Balloon Race - 3 flights, 1 glow
- ▶ Ottumwa Pro Balloon - 3 flights, 1 glow. 1. Maury Petrehn 2. Benji Clemons 3. Leroy Clair

July

- ▶ 26 pilots flew over the Indianola Square or glowed on the square for Balloons & Toons.
- ▶ Bob Pieper's maiden flight in their new balloon "Fliegvergnugen"
- ▶ Derek Nordhagen soloed - he's flying a 1977 Thunder & Colt.
- ▶ Maiden Voyage column debuted with story of Patti Todden's maiden voyage in her new balloon "Patti's Dream".
- ▶ BFA Nationals in Anderson, SC: 1 Paul Petrehn 2 John Petrehn 3 Joe Heartsill 16 Benji Clemons 19 Brad Craig 26 Jim Thompson
- ▶ Don Kersten & Sid Cutter Named to the U. S. Ballooning Hall Of Fame

August

- ▶ A memorial service for Connie Austin held August 1, at Farmers Chapel United Methodist Church
- ▶ National Balloon Classic - 12 flights - bad weather or winds in the morning, windy at night, but it amazingly would settle down about an hour before sunset, allowing a short flight. Balloonmeister was Jason Jones and his assistants were John Jensen and Todd Isley. Crew of the Year was the Pfeifer crew. Landowner of the year was Mr & Mrs Art Linsley.

Volunteer of the year was Kerry Kasson. Newcomer of the Year was Carlos Zuniga. John Jensen was given the prestigious "John Russell" award. He was also named as the Winner of the National Balloon Classic. Second place was Dick Drake, third was Rob Bartholomew.

- ▶ Matt & Emily Fenster welcomed a Baby Girl.
- ▶ NABA Nationals Baton Rouge, LA 1 Maury Petrehn 2 Paul Petrehn 3 Mark Sullivan 4 Johnny Petrehn
- ▶ Brandon Don Wiley born Aug 17th to Jeanne & Don Wiley.

September

- ▶ Brookfield - 44 pilots; 5 flights, 1 glow; 1. Benji Clemons - by one point! 2. Dan Corbin 3. Matt Riley; Jon Thompson was awarded the Petrehn trophy and Cory Bloom received the Night Glow trophy.
- ▶ Creston - Flew 3 flights. 1. Rob Bartholomew, 2. Todd Isley, 3. Scott Moon . Crappy Beer Contest Winners: Bottle division - Blair Brody - Camo Beer; Can division - Dan & Irene Bertsch - also Camo Beer

October

- ▶ October 15 Jill Rubin Memorial flight
- ▶ Club has purchased a Karaoke machine & CD's \$370
- ▶ Al reported that Kelly Shaw from Columbia is moving to Indianola
- ▶ Jamie Bishop purchased Al Wiltse's balloon & is taking training.
- ▶ John Jensen has purchased a 105. He'll be doing rides again.
- ▶ There is a new balloonist from Centerville - John Bates and a new balloonist from West Des Moines - Jonathan Shelton.
- ▶ BOI Halloween party - Theme: Red, White & Blue - Support your troops. Chili Cookoff winners were: 1. Linda Williams, 2. Karin Riepe, 3. Wayne Wasson. Costume winners - Adult division were Bob & Penny Pieper, dressed as George & Martha Washington. Winner of the kids division was Hana Appenzeller dressed as a furry little wizard. Most original was Dick & Phyllis Drake dressed as Care packages and Funniest was Nate McCoy. The new Karaoke machine debut.

November

- ▶ BOI Championship: 1. Rob Bartholomew, 2. Ryan Kintzel, 3. Benji Clemons, 4. John Jensen, 5. Dan Corbin.
- ▶ Retirement Home Report: some BOI members have been placed in the Federal Witness Protection Program and continue to serve as ~~secret agents~~ volunteers posing as traveling karaoke singers. Some additional BOI members continue to serve as ~~secret agents~~ volunteers to assist our nation's efforts to ferret out participants in illegal ~~drug~~ tobacco trade.
- ▶ The Balloon Federation of America (BFA) presented the Shields/Trauger Award to Jim and Maxine Weinman

Congratulations

After more than 15 years of chasing and crewing, Matthew Grote of Omaha, Nebraska, on November 20th, fulfilled all the requirements and successfully completed the flight examination for his Private license!

Yes Matthew became involved in ballooning at a very early age and has crewed and supported just about every pilot in the Nebraska Balloon Club (NBC). He has been a very patient student, completing his instruction over the last three years and recently waiting several months since completing his instruction, for conditions to be right in his own life that would allow him to take the flight exam. He was awarded the NBC's "Crew Person of the Year" award last January for his help and support to our little balloon community. Making ballooning easier and happier are what Mr. Matthew Grote does for the pilot when he is on the crew.

Matthew did not crew to be entertained but contributed to the flight's success though his physical, mental, interpersonal, and musical capabilities. Hey! He can sing well too! He would take great professional quality balloon photographs and share them with everyone on the crew. His jokes and wit made even the most difficult situation fun for everyone. We will all miss having Matthew as crew.

Please congratulate Matthew Grote on reaching this milestone in his ballooning endeavors. *Rich Jaworski*

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 3-5 **Hudson Hot Air Affair** in Hudson, WI. Contact Evy Nerbonne at enerbonne@pioneerpress.com.
- February 11 - National Balloon Classic's **Puttin' on the Ritz**. Contact the National Balloon Classic for more information 515-961-8415 or 1-800-FLY-IOWA.
- February 18-19 **BOI Ground School**. Contact Rob Bartholomew at (515) 989-3708, email: balloonsoveriaowa@msn.com
- February 19 **BOI membership meeting** 5 p.m. , Balloonport, Carlisle, IA. **NOTE CHANGE IN TIME**
- March 4 **IBA Continuing Education Seminar** Contact Michelle Rubin at 515-989-4034 or e-mail: Mrubin@pobox.com or Christine Bertsch at 515-953-4222 or e-mail: Oasisballoon@aol.com
- March 18 **BOI St. Patrick's Day Party** 6:30 p.m.
- March 19 **BOI membership meeting** 6:30 p.m. , Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- April 16 **BOI membership meeting** 6:30 p.m. , Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- April 29 **BOI Ode to Spring**
- May 20 **Channel Champ Reception** with Ed Yost attending 1:00-4:00 at the Museum. All interested parties please attend.
- May 21 **BOI membership meeting** 6:30 p.m. , Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- June 2-4 **My Waterloo Days**, Waterloo, Iowa; Contact Carla Brinker 319 239-2903 or cbrinker@ballooningmail.com
- June 10 **Holmes Lake Park**, Lincoln, NE afternoon flight. 5 Balloons. Contact Tom Peterson 402 391-0068 or tpeterson@alltel.net
- June 18 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- July 14-16 **Columbus, NE** – New Event. 15-20 Balloons. Contact Jennifer Delaney 402-563-8102 or jehender@hotmail.com
- July 16 **BOI membership meeting** 6:30 p.m. , Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- July 28-August 5 **National Balloon Classic** Contact Greg Marchant at 1-800-FLYIOWA or www.nationalballoonclassic.com
- August 20 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- August 25-26 **IWCC** Council Bluffs. New date.

- Sept 1-4 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby** Brookfield, MO. Contact Sherry Techau 660 258-5290 or rstechau@shighway.com
- September 17 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- October 15 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- October 21-22 **Wakefield, NE** – 15+ Balloons??!! Contact Alan Paul 712 527-2896 or alan.paul@conagrafoods.com
- October 21 **Jill Rubin Memorial Flight**
- October 28 **BOI Halloween Party**
- November 19 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2005 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com*

2006 National Hot Air Balloon Championship

The BFA Competition Committee is pleased to announce that the US Hot Air Balloon Championship will return to Anderson, SC again in 2006. Plans are well underway to be able to accommodate 40 pilots and 30 out of town observers. Event Director David Levin, who promises a fair and challenging event, will head the staff. Housing will again be at the Ramada Inn with all staff, observers and pilots at the same location.

A minimum of \$17,500 will be provided for event prize money and the 2008 World Team fund. The Competition Committee is looking at possibilities for increasing the event prize money and an announcement on any change will be made well in advance of the event.

It is expected that application forms will be mailed to all 2005 Task Card holders some time in February. Selection of the competitors will be made on the basis of the 2005 National Ranking list with preference given to those pilots with four or more tasks. If the field of 40 pilots is not met, then opportunities will be given to those pilots flying three, then two, then one task, and then those pilots holding a Task Card who did not have the opportunity to fly a sanctioned task during the year.

The Balloon Federation of America has agreed to help Anderson County in promoting the event throughout the country. Those pilots submitting applications will be requested to assist in this effort by providing pilot biographies and additional information that will be used for promotion of the Nationals in Anderson County and providing exposure to the sport of ballooning and the Balloon Federation of America.

The BFA Web site, www.bfa.net, will be used to provide additional information on the event and the Competition Committee activities throughout the coming year. We are looking forward to a successful Nationals and increased activities in balloon competition.

Updated Information on the Nationals

The dates have been changed slightly in the same week as previously announced. We found out that the Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview moved their dates and there was a conflict the first weekend of Nationals. We tried to work it out so pilots could fly both events as a number of top competitive pilots fly Longview. Ultimately BFA decided to shift their dates to allow travel time for pilots so they could fly both. The Nationals schedule is as follows:

- Practice and Sponsor Flight - Tuesday morning - July 18. Pilots flying sponsors will be provided a room for Monday night.
- Registration and Mandatory Pilot Meeting - Tuesday afternoon - July 18
- First Competitive Flight - Wednesday morning - July 19
- Final Competitive Flight - Sunday morning - July 23
- Awards banquet - Sunday - July 23

The new dates will still give some pilots the opportunity to fly in Luxembourg and will also give additional travel time for those of us that will be flying in the Classic.

Thanks,
Jim Thompson

Check out <http://www.bfa.net/news.php> for BFA news

BOI Reflector

The BOI Reflector is similar to the International Balloon Reflector, but much less emails. Any message sent into the group will be sent out to all who subscribe. It can be used to make announcements, discuss events, discuss weather, tell about a recent flight, gather others for a flight, or just to say "Howdy".

There are currently over 40 members subscribed, but it would be great to have more - this is a good way to get the word out on activities that come up after the newsletter goes out.

To Subscribe - go to the web site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BalloonsOverIowa> or email: BalloonsOverIowa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Then to send messages to the list - email BalloonsOverIowa@yahoogroups.com. Contact me (hotairflyn@aol.com) with any questions or for more information. Carol

Happy Birthday

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| Tracy Urell | 2-2 | Chris Seymour | 3-2 |
| Max Harris | 2-4 | Gary Ruble | 3-3 |
| Becky Sponsler | 2-4 | Terry Foell | 3-4 |
| Alexis Clark | 2-5 | Jerri Hoover | 3-7 |
| Dan Harris | 2-7 | Deanna Ziino | 3-7 |
| Linn Hoskins | 2-7 | Louise Clemons | 3-7 |
| Dennis Firestone | 2-8 | Jim Oakes | 3-7 |
| Ellie Smith | 2-8 | Mary Huntington- | |
| Joyce Blevins | 2-9 | Trebbien | 3-8 |
| Charles Winkenwerder | 2-11 | Adam Schulte | 3-8 |
| Jacquie Elsasser | 2-12 | Elaine Lawrence | 3-9 |
| Richard Holland | 2-15 | Jim Foell | 3-9 |
| Marsha Hoskins | 2-17 | Myah Jo Brinker | 3-9 |
| Marv Blevins | 2-22 | Jennifer Winkenwerder | 3-9 |
| Denny Craig | 2-22 | Rob "B.J." Nutting | 3-11 |
| Theodore Mueller | 2-22 | Gavin Pash | 3-12 |
| Richard Pash | 2-24 | Shelly Mitchell | 3-14 |
| Michele Rubin | 2-24 | Fred Schoening | 3-15 |
| Bill Craig | 2-25 | Sherry Allsup | 3-15 |
| Valerie Craven | 2-25 | Erika Nutting | 3-15 |
| Veronica Fisher | 2-26 | Judy Schoening | 3-16 |
| Randy Stone | 2-27 | Mason Fromm | 3-16 |
| Janet Mohring | 2-27 | Steve Hoover | 3-17 |
| Tom McCoy | 2-28 | Jim Snipes | 3-18 |
| Andy Ogden | 2-28 | April Oberman | 3-21 |
| Nelle Bartholomew | 2-28 | Beth Pieper | 3-24 |
| | | Ruby Pieper | 3-25 |
| | | Brenda Reinert | 3-26 |
| | | Bonnie Marhoun | 3-26 |
| | | Rob Bartholomew | 3-28 |
| | | Meika Bartholomew | 3-31 |



Happy Anniversary

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| Ralph & Donna Rieck | 2-3 |
| Ken & Meg Allbaugh | 2-6 |
| Jim Snipes & Donna Hill-Snipes | 2-14 |
| Mary Huntington & Don Trebbien | 2-14 |
| Lary & Sheelagh Owen | 2-20 |
| Patti Todden & Richard Swanson | 3-15 |
| Thad & Peggy Bloom | 3-27 |

The Way It Was

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 1-24-1981 Steve Blank received his Commercial license.
- ★ 1-24-1981 Dennis Shelley received his Private license.
- ★ 1-25-1981 Carl Young received his Private license.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ January 1986 Newsletter – Congratulations to Richard Schick on the purchase of his new balloon and to Bill Griffin on the purchase of his new balloon to be called “The Griffin”.
- ★ January 12, 1986 BOI Meeting - Treasurer’s report - \$1192.12
- ★ February 1986 Congratulations to Marv & Joyce Blevins on the purchase of their first balloon; to Dan Terry on the purchase of his new balloon and to Mark Ziino on the purchase 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. (Linda with a pony tail & Carol with heart-shaped pink glasses); Rob also won the “limbo” contest with Wayne Wasson second; Denny & Carol Firestone won the dance contest with Jill Rubin & Wayne Wasson second; DJ’s: “Wolfman Jim” Oakes, “Lucky Leprechaun” Riley, “Hairy Gary” Fouche & “Wild Willy” Griffin; 42 Initiates escorted to their once-in-a-life-honor through a gauntlet of sex-crazed female groupies by the tush-pinched **Pink Fuzzies** – Gary Ford & Wayne Wasson.



15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 2-2-1991 Gene Elsasser received his Commercial license.
- ★ 2-17-91 BOI Meeting: Donna Rieck resigned as Secretary, Deanna Ziino chosen as replacement; \$2463.85 in Treasury; 27 students at Ground school

from Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois & Minnesota; Don Prine described as a pain in the b_____ to the new BOI secretary

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Mike Oberman & Jim Fromm flew January 21 from Hickory Hills (South of Indianola) to Rob’s. Oberman’s chase vehicle slid off the road. Rob’s towing service to the rescue.
- ★ January 21, 1996 BOI Meeting: Dan & Michele Corbin & Bill Craig introduced; \$2439.39 in Treasury; Ground school canceled due to low interest; Bill Griffin chosen as Balloonmeister for Ode
- ★ Membership directory – 104 members.
- ★ Julie Frueh purchased a balloon.
- ★ Puttin’ on the Ritz: MC Connie McBurney. Those attending enjoyed a great meal, then bid on the various auctions and tried their hands at Las Vegas style casino tables.
- ★ February 18, 1996 BOI Meeting: Julie’s crew – Eric & Jeannie (Dena) Young introduced.

5 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: 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.
- ★ February 18, 2001 BOI Meeting: Planning for Ode – debate over chicken vs. “the other white meat” – pork; Dick Drake will be the new Retirement Home Finance committee chairman.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

November 16, 2005

Present: Amy Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Ariel Williams, Madison Williams, Michelle Craig, Jenn Nordhagen, Riley & Josie Nordhagen, Rob Bartholomew, Bill Griffin, Brad Craig, Bill Craig, Max & Carol Harris

Meeting called to order by Chair Amy Williams at 6:49:47.

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

Treasurer's report: We have 52 kegs. Members question need for audit. "Keg-gate". The price of kegs has remained steady. We should keep drinking. Maybe the economy should be run off the beer standard.

The meeting is out of control.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here
- ★ Al's dad was paid \$100 for DJ services at the Halloween party. All bills are paid.
- ★ There is a Karaoke controversy. Members request no Karaoke until 9pm. Issue tabled.
- ★ Bill Griffin reported on Halloween party - it was a great party, good food, lots of people. Good job Jenn.

New Business:

- ★ Carol reported on an email for someone willing to make balloon pins for the club. No interest in this.
- ★ Carol will have Ground school forms this week and they will be in the November newsletter.
- ★ New Years party. Discussion, discussion. Decision made not to have NY party this year.
- ★ BOI Champ for 2005 is Rob Bartholomew. Round of applause!
- ★ No meeting in December.
- ★ Ground school work progresses. Mike Oberman will be Ground Schoolmeister with Al & Joel doing the computer work.
- ★ Bill reported that members are reading books - Three cheers for literacy. Some of the books being read are "Green Eggs & Ham", "Barney & Baby Bop", "M & M's Counting Book", "More M & M's Math", "BJ's Silly Story", "Eating the Alphabet", "Maisey Dresses Up", "The Fierce Yellow Pumpkin", "Inside, Outside,

Upside Down" (this must be about a confused Hot Air Balloon pilot).

Bill called for a Ponderance.

Max moved to adjourn, Bill 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:48:54.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, temporary secretary

Maiden Voyage Column

At the May BOI meeting a motion was made & passed to

Sioux Falls Has Witches!



Seen flying over Sioux Falls (suspended under a balloon) Photo by Brad Temeyer

initiate a "Maiden Voyage Column" - to memorialize maiden voyage flights. Everyone who has a Maiden voyage - new balloon, new used balloon, new pilot, new rider, new crew, etc is welcome to write an article for the newsletter.

An amendment to the motion was added that a penalty of 1 keg to be provided to the club if no article is provided within 2 editions. So keep sending those tales of your maiden flights.

Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2006

February 17-19, 2006

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 17, 7:00 P.M.

Class: Saturday, February 18, 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Class: Sunday, February 19, 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 _____

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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).

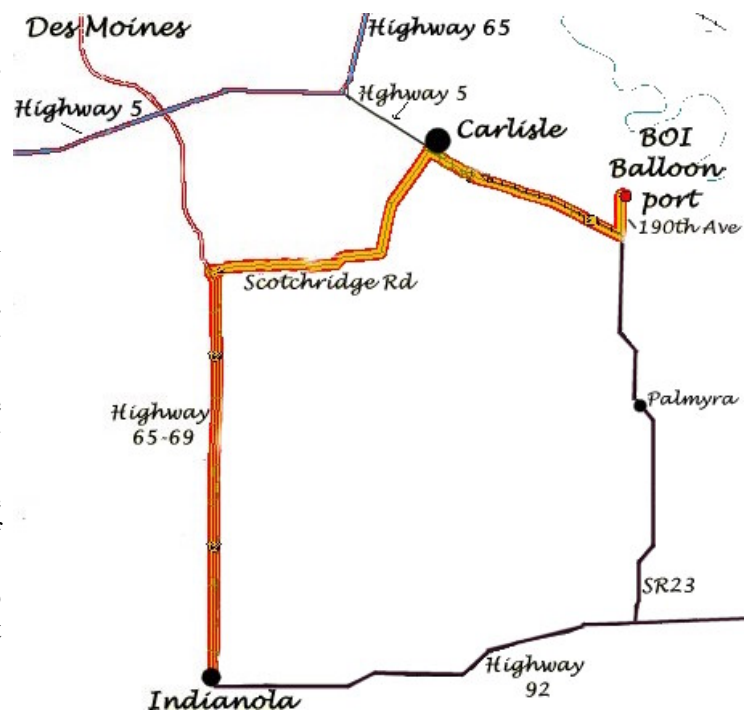
From west on I-80 - at the west mixmaster, go south on I-35 (exit 123B) about 4 miles to the Highway 5 bypass (exit 68). Go east on Highway 5 - 13-14 miles to the Carlisle exit (exit 72). Go southeast into Carlisle - 1 ½ - 2 miles. Go through Carlisle - continue on highway 5 about 2 miles - turn north 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)



Indianola, IA

Sunrise and Sunset for 2006

Location: W093 34, N41 22

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Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings

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

February 19 - 5pm - **NOTE TIME CHANGE**

March 19

April 16