

Touch and Go

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May - June, 2005

Ode to Spring

April 30, 2005

Once again, the weather gods won Ode to Spring. The wind just wouldn't lie down enough for Balloonmeister Max Harris to call a task. Registration was held at the National Balloon Museum after the Open House to welcome the BFA to their new offices at the museum. It was great to see all the wonderful things that Becky and all have done at the museum.

After the pilots meeting, everyone adjourned to the Balloonport for food, drinks & merriment! The pork was great as was all the food brought by members.

Barb Knoll, kidmeister gathered all the kids for their tasks & prizes. Thanks to Barb & all her helpers.

Bill Griffin & Rob Bartholomew then started the announcements of the yearly awards. They welcomed Dan & Nancy Griffin from Colorado who were attending their first Ode. Nancy is a BFA Board member. Also introduced was Greg Marchant - the new Executive Director of the National Balloon Classic.

Last year's Crew of the Year - John Jensen's crew - brought forward the trophy & explained their addition to the trophy - a small John Deere Tractor. The tractor is in honor of all the farmers that use their tractors to pull vans, balloons, etc from places they shouldn't be. The **2005 Crew of the Year - Jim & Connie Thompson's crew.**

Pilot of the Year - Patti Todden. Patti is a new pilot who received her license in Albuquerque in February.

Rob Bartholomew then made the announcement of the prestigious **Cleo Award - Phyllis Drake.**

The 2004-2005 BOI Board was then introduced & awarded plaques thanking them for their year of service to the club. They were: Jen Nordhagen, Paul Randleman, Richard Swanson, Leroy Clair & Sheri Clark.

2005-2006 BOI Board: Dick Drake, Al Appenzeller, Todd Isley, Joel Worthington, Amy Williams.

Congratulations to the **2004 BOI Champion - Benji Clemons.** Benji was awarded \$90.

Balloonmeister Max announced the winners for the indoor task - identifying 63 balloons. #1 Gary Fouche #2 Cory

Bloom & Brad Craig (actually there was a tie, but Gary was awarded 1st since it took Brad & Cory 2 brains to get all right) #3 Benji Clemons.

Thanks to the following for their contributions to the Pilot Packs: Iowa Lutheran Hospital, McCoy Hardware, Medicap Pharmacy (WHO Weather Guide), National Pork Board, National Balloon Museum, Donna Rieck, Mary Conklin & Mark Weeks.

Welcome to BOI

Welcome to the new members who were initiated into BOI at the St. Patrick's Day party: 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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gerald & Mary Conklin - named Volunteers of the Year by the Indianola Chamber of Commerce. They were nominated by Gary and Dixie Ruble for all their years of support in ballooning.



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Letter from President

Meika

Hello to all my friends !

Spring is officially here and I think it is my favorite time of year. Everything is turning green, my family is busy in the fields, and optimism is high for great flying weather. Optimism was, of course, high for Ode To Spring, but once again weather prevailed.

Spirits were not dampened, however, with great food, camaraderie, awards and the presentation of new Board members. Vice President Sandy and I discussed having a New Board Member orientation but Dad said they would all "hit the ground with their feet running." We're not sure what that means but assume it's a pilot thing.

There is lots of discussion around the Balloonport about the BOI Retirement Committee because some members have apparently disappeared. Our Treasurer reports that committee expenses continue so it is presumed that progress is being made. It is requested that anyone having information about missing committee members please contact me at the Balloonport. If you don't have information, stop by for a visit anyway. This is a great time of year to sit on an envelope in the sun and visit.

I hope your best flights are still to come. Always remember to

Fly Safely,

Meika

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Well, another Ode to Spring has passed us. Once again, the same story...."Mother Nature Wins again". Even though we didn't fly, it was still good to see everyone. I sure had a good time. Once again, good food from the membership.

I would like to take this time to welcome the new BOI board of directors. I think we are going to have another good year! To the out going board, Thank-you for all you have done. We have accomplished a lot things during the year and also had a really good time. The founding fathers have done an outstanding job in picking the BOI board of directors. Thank-you to everyone who helped coordinate Ode and thank-you for all those who stuck around to help clean up.

With Balloon events coming up soon, don't forget to check your equipment to make sure everything is in order. In talking to several people at Ode, everyone is getting anxious for events to get started or just to get out to fly!

I hope everyone had an opportunity to stop by Godfathers in Indianola on Friday, April 29th for the Godfathers/National Museum fund-raising evening. All pop sales and tips were donated to the National Balloon Museum. From what I have heard, it sounds like they did pretty good. It was great news to hear that there were so many visitors at the Museum's open house on Saturday April 30th. It is really neat to have a museum where we can show case hot air/gas ballooning. What would happen if we didn't have the museum? How would we show case the history of ballooning to future generations? It was really neat to see that the Classic and the BFA offices were both open as well.

Well, it's getting time for Survivor and the Apprentice. Definitely a night for reality TV. Hope this finds everyone doing well. If you are every in Radcliff, IA stop by and say "hi".

Keep looking up!

Sandy Drake



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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.nts.gov under "Accident Reports".

NTSB Identification: DEN04CA072

On May 22, 2004, at 0800 mountain daylight time, a Lindstrand 180A hot air balloon, N60181, operated by the Bighorn Balloon Company, LLC, encountered gusting wind conditions during landing near Ridgeway, Colorado. The balloon was dragged and subsequently struck vehicles and a house before coming to rest at the bottom of a hill. One of the six passengers on board sustained a serious back injury. Two passengers sustained minor injuries. The commercial pilot and three other passengers on board the balloon were not injured. The sight-seeing flight was operating under the provisions of Title 14 CFR Part 91. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident. The local flight departed at 0700.

In his written statement, the pilot reported that while landing the wind changed directions taking his balloon up a slight draw between houses. The pilot said he elected to land on a hillside and wait for his crew. The pilot said they had been there for about a minute when a sudden gust of wind came up the draw and pushed the balloon in the air. The pilot said the balloon headed east toward a house at a rapid rate. He said the basket struck a boat, a ladder rack on a truck, and the edge of the roof of the house. The balloon then returned to the ground and was drug up a hill to its crest. At the crest of the hill the balloon again became airborne. The balloon again came down, this time on a road. The balloon then bounced down the hillside before dragging the basket on its side for a short distance. The pilot said the balloon then came to rest and deflated.

In an interview statement, the pilot said that when the balloon crested the hill, it then "caught a rotor on the backside" and dropped into a bowl. The pilot said he ripped out the top. The balloon struck the ground at the bottom of the hill and stopped. The pilot said the seriously injured passenger, on getting down in the basket, sat down hard. The pilot said the bottom of the basket sustained minor damage. The balloon envelope experienced some ripped panels.

A local Marshall said that the balloon was part of festival that was going on at Ridgeway. He said the balloon was one of 12 balloons that took off about 0700. He said the balloons drifted north over the town at approximately 300 feet above the ground. The Marshall said the winds were calm when the balloons took off. He said the winds picked up significantly as the hour passed.

NTSB Identification: NYC04CA128

On May 23, 2004, about 1900 eastern daylight time, a Cameron Balloons N90, N6123U, sustained minor damage while landing in Whately, Massachusetts. The certificated commercial pilot and three passengers were not injured,

while one passenger sustained a serious injury. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the flight that departed Conway, Massachusetts, about 1800. No flight plan was filed for the sightseeing flight conducted under 14 CFR Part 91.

The pilot reported that the surface winds were very light during takeoff; however, the wind velocity increased during the flight. Due to the increased wind velocity, the pilot located an open field to land the balloon. During the approach, windshear drove the balloon into trees. The balloon then became entangled in trees about 10 feet agl. A tree limb subsequently broke, and the balloon fell to the ground. During the fall, a passenger suffered a fractured leg.

The reported weather at an airport approximately 20 miles south of the accident site, at 1853, was: wind variable at 4 knots; ceiling 4,900 feet overcast; temperature 73 degrees F; dew point 66 degrees F; altimeter 29.83 inches Hg; remark lightning in the distance to the south and southwest.

The reported weather at an airport approximately 20 miles northeast of the accident site, at 1852, was: wind variable at 6 knots; ceiling 11,000 feet overcast; temperature 68 degrees F; dew point 60 degrees F; altimeter 29.88 inches Hg.

NTSB Identification: SEA04CA109

On June 17, 2004, about 0715 Pacific daylight time, a Balloon Works Fire Fly 9 balloon, N3097R, collided with terrain while landing near Aurora, Oregon. The balloon is registered to the pilot and was being operated under the provisions of Title 14, CFR Part 91, when the accident occurred. Of the seven people aboard (pilot plus 6 passengers), the certificated commercial pilot and one passenger sustained serious injuries, another passenger received minor injures, and the remaining four passengers were not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan was filed for the local flight. The flight originated at Tigard, Oregon, approximately 1 hour prior to the accident.

In a written statement provided to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the pilot reported that after about one hour of flight he "...came down to the surface to set up for a landing." He stated the winds were greater than expected (estimated to be 10-12 MPH) and prepared for a high wind landing. The pilot stated that during the landing approach the basket "...impacted land and dragged approximately 30-40 yards before coming to a stop" on its side.

Balloon For Sale

1999 TBW FF 7B-15 w/198 hours

The Envelope is a beautiful blue, green, yellow spiral and the 4.0 basket has lovely blue suede. The system is complete with a Mirage burner, 3-10 gal tanks and the envelope has velcro for a 15 x 28 banner. The entire system is in fantastic shape and comes with the following extras:

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Propane News

I stopped at Farm Service to fill my grill propane tank this past week and the employees knew that I was a hot air balloon pilot. They stated they had received a company memo stating they were NO longer able to fill the hot air balloon propane tanks in the TRAILERS/BASKETS. FS would fill the propane tanks but the tanks would have to be REMOVED from the basket, due to stricter regulations. Just to let everyone know. John Jensen

We were later told by Al Appenzeller at a Pilot Relations meeting that he was told that Farm Service is no longer filling Balloon tanks at all. Carol

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Heat Tape Information

Spring is here! Ballooning Season is here! It's time for some basket cleaning. Those of you who have heat tapes on your tanks – you need to take the time to remove & clean your tank covers. While they are off, check your heat tapes. We have found several that have actually been arcing on the tanks. Those of you who have tank covers with built-in heat tapes need to check the inside of the cover. We had one that actually burnt the liner. If you find this, remove them immediately. When re-installing your tanks, make sure your hoses are clear of anything that may cause abrasion.

Linda Bartholomew & Jen Nordhagen

Linda & Jen said they are required to check the tanks every 5 years. They recommend that pilots remove the tanks yearly when they clean the basket. Make sure that the tapes do not touch.



Will we be seeing Donna flying a Cloudhopper?

High Adventure in the Badlands

By Sam Blackburn

Last September I was lucky enough to get a call from John Boulger in Fargo inviting Deb and me to a little rally in Medora, ND. Medora is one of the “gateways” into the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, situated on I-94 about 20 miles from the Montana border and right smack in the middle of the North Dakota Badlands.

The ND badlands are very rugged and in a lot of areas, completely inaccessible. So, once you’re out over them, you’re committed to flying until you’re back out of them. Anything in between and you’re going to have to hike out and hire a helicopter to get your balloon back. Sound intimidating? It is, but with some careful planning and John’s experience with the area, the intimidation factor was reduced to pure excitement.

Medora is a tiny little town dotted with small gift shops and restaurants. You can walk from one end to the other in 10 minutes. Be that as it may, our launch site was literally right outside our motel room door. I could get used to that! There was just enough room for the six of us to lay out and inflate. The little park was well protected, nestled between two motel buildings and a large bluff extending upward several hundred feet.

Saturday morning, we awoke to a picture perfect, crystal clear morning. We all rounded up our passengers and set to launching our balloons. As we rose out of our protected site and above the bluff, the full grandeur of the area reached out and smacked us all in the eyeballs. The vastness of these rugged lands is indescribably impressive.

We all flew close together as we dropped into ravines and slipped over peaks. Our crews were led by locals in one big caravan. At one point during the flight, Vern Feekes, Duane Waack and I flew along in a clump, all three envelopes touching. After an hour and 20 minutes of the coolest contour flying I’ve ever done, we all landed within a quarter mile of each other along the same road...the ONLY road.

Sunday morning began much like Saturday, the difference being in the

wind direction. We decided to drive 10-12 miles south of Medora to the Iron Cross Ranch, formerly owned by Theodore Roosevelt. We launched out of a large hay field and flew into a very different type of terrain, much more rugged than the day before. This was shaping up to be a real adventure. The wind was a bit more brisk than the day before so we all got spread out quickly. Vern, Duane and I managed to stay in the same “neighborhood” but the crews were nowhere to be seen. Not surprising as there were no roads to be seen either!

After an hour of flight, we exited the ruggedness and entered the oilfields. There were roads all over the place, servicing the many oil rigs, a veritable maze of dirt paths snaking all over. Fortunately for everyone, the local volunteer firemen were along again, guiding the crews where they needed to be and everyone was located and packed up without a hitch.

Flying the ND Badlands was exhilarating, exciting and just plain fun. I can almost hear them beckoning now and there is little doubt that they’ll lure me back again and again. Wild and rugged, yet beautiful and inviting.

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St. Patty's Day Party



Initiates prepare



Giant Leprechauns



Touch & Go



Ode to Spring



**Kids
games**



**Jensen family passes on the
Crew of the Year trophy**



**Patti Todden -
Pilot of the Year**



Cleo Award - Phyllis Drake



2004 Board



**2005 Board - Amy,
Joel, Todd, Dick
(Al not present)**



**Crew of the Year
Trophy**



2004 BOI Champion - Benji Clemons



Abigail Jensen



Conversations



Hot Card Games



It was a great party!



Calendar of Events

- June 4-5 **My Waterloo Days** - Waterloo Iowa. Flights Sat am & pm, Sun am. Contact Carla Brinker 319 239-2903 or cbrinker@ballooningmail.com
- June 15-19 2005/8th **HAB World HONDA Grand Prix** - Round 1- Monroe, Wisconsin. 1st Round of the World HONDA Grand Prix. Sponsored by Monroe Chamber of Commerce & World Grand Prix Organization. Contact Debbie Spaeth 262-338-2300 or dasdeb@sbcglobal.net
- June 17-19 **2005/20th Monroe Balloon Rally**. Monroe, Wisconsin. Sponsored by Monroe Chamber of Commerce. Contact Debbie Spaeth 262-338-2300 or dasdeb@sbcglobal.net
- June 19 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**
- June 24-26 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race** Ottumwa, IA. Contact Phil Gray 515 961-6113
- July 14 **Balloons & Toons** Contact Jim Gebhart 515 961-6042 or Al Appenzeller 515 961-4429.
- July 17 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**
- July 23-29 **BFA Nationals**, Anderson, SC
- July 25 **Flight over Des Moines** Contact Jim Gebhart 515 961-6042 or Al Appenzeller 515 961-4429.
- July 29 - August 6 **National Balloon Classic** Contact Classic office at 1-800-FLYIOWA or www.nationalballoonclassic.com
- August 19-21 **Lighter Than Air Balloon Affair** Council Bluffs, IA Contact Stacy Kirchert 712 325-3257
- August 21 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**
- Sept 2-5 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby** Brookfield, MO. Contact Sherry Techau 660 258-5290 or rstechau@shighway.com
- September 16-18 **SW Iowa Pro Balloon Race** Creston, IA. Contact Rob Bartholomew 515 989-3708
- September 18 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**
- September 30 - October 9 **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** Albuquerque, NM
- October 15 **Jill Ruben memorial Flight**
- October 16 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**
- October 29 **BOI Halloween Party** Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- November 20 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**
- Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2005 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com*

Happy Birthday

Jacob Ricke	6-2	Riley Nordhagen	7-1
Lee Trebbien	6-4	Dustin Herman	7-2
Amy Smith	6-4	Whitney Oberman	7-2
Mike Wildung	6-4	Gerry Prine	7-2
Mya Foelske	6-5	Penny Pieper	7-3
Barbara Ross	6-6	Sheri Clark	7-4
Jim Norris	6-7	Mary Conklin	7-4
Ben Clark	6-7	Meg Allbaugh	7-5
Wynne Clark	6-8	Alexandra Adams	7-5
Paula Boe	6-9	Randy Kochheiser	7-7
Richard Swanson	6-10	Pat Tierney	7-7
Loretta Taylor	6-10	David Edmister	7-7
Brandon Pedersen	6-10	Matthew Grote	7-8
Don Wiley	6-12	Courtney Clark	7-8
Melissa Harris	6-12	Cory Bloom	7-8
Blair Brody	6-13	Julie Herman	7-8
Don Trebbien	6-14	Doug Purdy	7-9
Jodi DeZurik	6-14	Anthony VanBroekhuizen	7-9
Macenzie Rubin	6-14	Benji Clemons	7-10
Aaron Gebhart	6-14	Steve Lacroix	7-11
Terry Riepe	6-16	Bret Christian	7-11
Charlie Ong	6-18	Keith Williams	7-13
Edel Fromm	6-19	Tom Ricke	7-13
Ellis Benus	6-20	Phil Smith	7-13
Mallori Adams	6-20	Michael VanHamme	7-15
Nicholas Pash	6-22	John Jensen	7-15
Mark Mohring	6-22	Aaron Foelske	7-15
Jerry Tierman	6-23	Nathan Smith	7-15
Ashley Oakes	6-26	Abigail Jensen	7-15
Meghan Taylor	6-27	Kristy Pash	7-16
Michael Dunnick	6-28	Tony Funaro	7-17
Eldon Benus	6-29	Christina Sponsler	7-17
Beth Oberman	6-29	Laurie Allbaugh	7-23
Kristie Wildung	6-29	Lynn Craig	7-23
		Steven Ross	7-24
		Jodi Erger	7-24
		Ken Allbaugh	7-26
		Dan Ricke	7-26
		Todd Isley	7-26
		Gene Elsasser	7-27
		Brad Temeyer	7-31
		Linda Bartholomew	7-31



Happy Anniversary

Steve & Jerri Hoover	6-1
Randy & Rochelle Kochheiser	6-6
Kathy & Tom McCoy	6-7
Jeff & Deb Bridgewater	6-10
Gerald & Barb Knoll	6-11
Gil & Becky Wigeland	6-12
Steve & Barbara Jones	6-21
Jim & Rita Fromm	6-22
Mike & Beth Oberman	6-22
Nate & Amy Smith	6-24
Bill & Becky Sponsler	6-29
Jeremy & Macenzie Rubin	6-30
Mary Eagan & Rick McCubbin	7-1
Norm & Kay Fee	7-3
Mason & Heather Fromm	7-4
Randy & Lisa Stone	7-22
Joe & Monica Thompson	7-22
Dan & Michele Corbin	7-22



The Way It Was

20 years ago in BOI History:

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

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ June 1-3, 1990 My Waterloo Days: Winds resembled an In-land Hurricane. Light poles blown to the ground, signs blown over & hanging from their poles. All flights winded out. Much time spent around the pool. Bill Clemons saved the life of a little girl in the pool – Bill jumped into the water with brand new shoes on.
- ★ June '90 newsletter – Price comparison chart:
77,000 cu ft – Aerostar \$13,295; Cameron \$13,995; Balloon Works \$14,500
90,000 cu ft - Aerostar \$18,385; Cameron \$21,460; Balloon Works \$18,600
105,000 cu ft - Aerostar \$22,465; Cameron \$24,000; Balloon Works \$20,900

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ May/June '95 - Carrie Bartholomew graduated from

Carlisle High School; Monica Fromm graduated from Indianola High School.

- ★ Joel Blom retires as Newsletter Editor *"There's the kudos from unexpected corners and you realize your efforts have made somebody feel good about belonging to an organization whose only rule is there are no rules, a dog as its president, all run by an old guard of authoritarian Founding Fathers whose idea of fun is sacrificing a virgin once a year (see Ode to Spring) under the approving eyes of their wives and families."* Joel accepted a position with Balloon Works in North Carolina.
- ★ Events on the calendar for '95 – Waterloo, Mason City, Ottumwa, Grinnell, National Balloon Classic, Nationals in Columbia Missouri, Amana, Storm Lake, Albuquerque.
- ★ 6-12-1995 Dale Dommer received his Private license.
- ★ Waterloo - 3 flights; 1st Rich Jaworski, 2nd Garry Miklus, 3rd Dale Dommer
- ★ Wisconsin Dells - 3 flights; 1st Dave Edmister
- ★ Mason City - 15 balloons
- ★ Oskey - no flights
- ★ May & June – no meeting – flyable weather
- ★ 6-19-95 Mike Oberman received his private license. He has purchased "Black Diamond" Balloon.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Iowa Ballooning featured in the "State of Ballooning" series in Balloon Life.
- ★ Ottumwa - It was raining when we arrived in town on Friday & was still raining when we left Saturday with record rainfall in between. The only ones that had fun on the launch field were the ducks & geese swimming in the puddles.
- ★ BFA Nationals canceled for 2000
- ★ Ames Boys & Girls Club - kick off night - weathered out, Balloonists enjoyed Hog roast

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 20, 2002
BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

Present: Patti Todden, Richard Swanson, Michelle Craig, Eldon "Gomer" Benus, Bill Griffin, Todd Isley, Rob & Linda Bartholomew, Meika Bartholomew, Sheri Clark, Paul Randleman, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Brad Craig, Bill Craig, Jen & Derek Nordhagen, Riley & Josie Nordhagen, Ellie Bartholomew, Max & Carol Harris. Guest - Sue Anthony

Meeting called to order by Chair Sheri Clark at 6:36:02. Chair immediately lost control of the meeting. A moment of silence was held.

Secretary's report: Secretary Tom not present. Minutes from February's meeting presented. Bill moved to approve secretary's report, Jr. Old Business (AKA Paul) 2nd. Motion

approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer not present, is on the way. Treasurer's report on hold

Old Business:

- ★ Old Business not present, but Jr. Old Business is here.
- ★ Rob brought up St. Patty's party. It was smaller than normal. The good news is that the keg didn't run out. Rob appreciated everyone who stayed & helped clean up.
- ★ Clean up committee for Ode is Brad & Dick.
- ★ Rob spoke with some of the Ground school attendees - there were some airplane questions on the test. Discussion held on Ground School.
- ★ Discussion held on balloon insurance.

Treasurer's report: We have 66 kegs.

Return to Old Business:

- ★ Discussion on club web site. Joel can get a site for \$60/year. Bill moved that Joel obtain a site - www.BalloonsOverIowaClub.com and have a link from Rob & Linda's web site & from National Balloon Classic site. Patti seconded. Discussion. Motion approved.
- ★ The museum is hosting an open house the afternoon of Ode to Spring. They would like to invite the BFA board members that are attending to come to Ode. Carol will send invite to Becky to pass on to BFA board.
- ★ Discussion on Ode. Rob will handle the meat & arrange for cooking. This will be a 2 keg party!

New Business:

- ★ Bill congratulates Brad, Eldon & Aaron Foelske on their goatees - this is the new look for younger pilots.
- ★ Brad spoke about returning the Nationals to Indianola. There are proposals from Baton Rouge, Anderson & Reno, NV.

The meeting is again out of control.

Patti moved to adjourn. Jen 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:23:17pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Harris, temporary secretary.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

Sunday, April 17, 2002
BOI Balloonport, Carlisle, IA

Present: Phyllis & Dick Drake, Paul Randleman, Bob & Penny Pieper, Bill Griffin, Max & Carol Harris, Jen & Derek Nordhagen, Riley Nordhagen, Josie Nordhagen, Meika & Ellie Bartholomew, Elmo & Lucy Nordhagen.

Meeting called to order by Chair Jen Nordhagen 6:49:59pm

Secretary report: Minutes from the March meeting presented. Dick questioned the assignment of clean up committee for Ode to spring. Balloonmeister Max pointed out that Dick is in charge of clean-up and he may delegate authority. Dick moved to approve minutes, Phyllis 2nd motion. All approved.

Treasurer's report: We have 65.07 kegs. Paul moved to accept Treasurer's report. Max 2nd. All approved.

Old Business:

- ★ Old Business is not here. Jr. Old Business is here.
- ★ Carol sent an invite to the BFA Board to attend Ode to Spring if they come to Indianola for the museum Open House.
- ★ Max reported on Ode to Spring "Party's On". Bill suggested that the Balloonmeister invite all who are at the Pilot's meeting to attend the party at the Balloonport.
- ★ Linda & Jen provided info on Heat tapes. See May newsletter.
- ★ Discussion on BOI Champion. This award will be presented at Ode to Spring.
- ★ Discussion on cost to fly Ode to Spring & to be in BOI championship. Dues \$20, \$10 to fly Ode, \$5 for BOI Championship. \$50 to fly Ode & not join BOI.

Junior Old Business has wandered off.

- ★ There is a Kybo outside the Balloonport - left from Ground school. Clean up committee may need to work on it - it has tipped over 3 times in storms. Discussion, discussion (you had to be there!)
- ★ New member introduced - Lucy Nordhagen.
- ★ Bob & Penny Pieper have purchased a new balloon - to arrive in May. It is multi colored spiral.

New Business:

Bill called for a Ponderance. Dick said he checked into local motel (House of Bartholomew). Rob charged them \$30 for 3 of them (\$10 each). Linda found out & gave Cousin Don \$5. He gave each \$1 back - kept \$2. So the charge was \$9 - 3 x \$9 = \$27. Don kept \$2 = \$29. Where is the other \$1?

- ★ Dick & Phyllis spent some time in March at Myrtle Beach, SC. They checked out some Retirement sites.
- ★ Discussion on Morel mushrooms.
- ★ Linda said they have done an annual on Chic-a-Boom. It was their first Special Shape annual.
- ★ Rob said that the Pilot of the Year has been chosen. Discussion on a prize for Pilot of the Year.
- ★ Max brought up that the Spectator Parking is not owned by NBC - it is owned by the city. Maybe BOI should purchase that & build the BOI Retirement home there. The lower price condos would have a view of Highway 92 and the higher price would have a view of the Balloon field. Discussion, discussion.

The meeting is out of control.

Max moved to adjourn, Bill 2nd. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:50:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, temporary secretary.

Request for Change of Certificate Number

I wanted to let you know that you have two options for changing your pilot certificate number to a unique number. These changes can be accomplished easily with the FAA.

Option 1 - FAA form AFS.760-Exam-01 (Request for Change of Certificate Number) This form is attached - see page 14. As you will see on the form, it is designed specifically to change from a Social Security Number ID to a unique Pilot #. There is NO CHARGE for this change.

Option 2 - Go Online at: http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates There are a couple of steps but it is easy. First they require that you create a user's account. The return email with your password is almost instantaneous. Then look for the "Replace a License (Certificate)" choice. You can then complete the form on-line. For a cost of \$2, you can get the new Pilot Certificate that has the Wright Brothers background and is a credit-card type card. Much better format in case you run your pilot certificate thru the laundry. Those paper ones get a little ragged around the edge after the spin cycle.

The only negative is that the replacement certificate will have a 2005 date of issue. The FAA has no option to update the number AND keep your original issue date (which reflects your last pilot rating addition or change).

John Jensen

Federal Aviation Administration DUI/DWI Program Reporting Requirements

Under 14 CFR 61.15, all pilots are required to submit a notification letter to AMC-700, within 60 calendar days of the effective date of an alcohol-related conviction or administrative action. For purposes of 14 CFR 61.15©, alcohol-related convictions or administrative actions are referred to as motor vehicle actions (MVA).

An administrative action consists of a suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a driver license. Examples of administrative actions include a suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a driver license for driving with an excessive blood alcohol level or refusal to submit to a chemical or blood test. Airmen should be aware that the nature and duration of administrative actions varies among the states.

For instance, some states, such as North Carolina, provide for a 10-day civil revocation for refusing to test. Other states may impose a lengthy suspension (e.g. 90 - 180 days) for a similar violation.

It is important to note that a separate notification letter is required for each action (e.g. conviction or administrative action). For example, many times an airman's driver license will be suspended at the time of arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. At this point the airman should submit a notification letter regarding the driver license suspension. At a later date if the airman receives an alcohol-related conviction, then a second notification letter is required. This situation is ultimately viewed as one alcohol-related incident even though two notification letters are submitted, since the suspension and conviction arose out of the same incident.

Requirements for a notification letter are stated in 14 CFR 61.15(e). Provide a written report of each MVA to the FAA within of the effective date of the MVA.

Federal Aviation Administration
Security and Investigations Division (AMC-700)
P. O. Box 25810
Oklahoma City, OK 73125

OR Fax to (405) 954-4989

The report must include the following information:

- 1) the person's name, address, date of birth, and airman certificate number;
- 2) the type of violation that resulted in the conviction or the administrative action;
- 3) the date of the conviction or administrative action;
- 4) the state that holds the record of conviction or administrative action; and
- 5) a statement of whether the motor vehicle action resulted from the same incident or arose out of the same factual circumstances related to a previously-reported motor vehicle action.

Optional information you may include in the written report to enhance the efficiency of processing:

- 1) driver license number;
- 2) social security number if different from airman certificate number;
- 3) daytime telephone number.

For more information see: <http://asi.faa.gov/duidwi/>

Request for Change of Certificate Number

PRIVACY ACT: This information is required under the authority of Transportation Title 49 U.S.C. Section 44703 et. seq. Your request cannot be processed unless the data below is complete. Disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) and/or date of birth (DOB) are optional. Refusal to furnish your SSN and/or DOB will not result in the denial of any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law; however, failure to provide the SSN and/or DOB may result in the delay of a response or the processing of your inquiry. Routine uses of records maintained in the system include; categories of users and the purpose of such uses i.e., to determine that airmen are certified in accordance with the provision of the Federal Aviation Regulations; repository of documents used by individuals and potential employers to determine validity of airmen qualifications; to support investigative efforts of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies; supportive information in court cases concerning individual status and/or qualifications in law suites; to provide data for the Comprehensive Airmen Information System.

If you hold an airman certificate that uses your Social Security Number (SSN) as your certificate number and would like our office to change that certificate number to a unique number other than your SSN, please complete the information below, sign and date the form, and return it to the following address:

Federal Aviation Administration
Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760
PO Box 25082
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0082

(If address is a PO Box, Rural Route, General Delivery, or Star Route, please provide physical address, directions or map for locating your residence.)

Name: _____ SSN: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Signature

Date

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Order Form for Official 2005 National Balloon Classic Apparel

If you would like to purchase T-shirts or Sweatshirts please complete the order form below and **return by May 17** to:
The National Balloon Classic, P.O. Box 346, Indianola, Iowa 50125. Orders will be delivered after June 7.

Payment is due with this order form by cash, check or VISA/MasterCard.

2005 Pilot

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>X-Large</u>	<u>XX-Large</u>	<u>Total \$ Amt</u>
T-Shirts						
	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$
Mandarin Orange 100%						\$
Periwinkle 100%						\$
Washed Plum 100%						\$
Poppy 100%						\$
Clover 100%						\$
Total Amount Due						\$
<u>Adult</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>X-Large</u>	<u>XX-Large</u>	<u>Total \$ Amt</u>
Long-Sleeve T-Shirts						
	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$
Periwinkle 100%						\$
Denim 100%						\$
Brick Red 100%						\$
Willow 100%						\$
Total Amount Due						\$
<u>Adult</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>X-Large</u>	<u>XX-Large</u>	<u>Total \$ Amt</u>
Crewneck Sweatshirts						
	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$
Denim 80%C 20%P						\$
Brick Red 80%C 20%P						\$
Hemp Green 80%C 20%P						\$
Total Amount Due						\$
<u>Adult</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>X-Large</u>	<u>XX-Large</u>	<u>Total \$ Amt</u>
Hood Sweatshirts						
	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$
Denim 100%						\$
Brick Red 100%						\$
Hemp Green 100%						\$
Total Amount Due						\$
<u>Youth</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>			<u>Total \$ Amt</u>
	6-8	10-12	14-16			
T-Shirts						
	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00			\$
Neon Orange 100%						\$
Periwinkle 100%						\$
Poppy 100%						\$
Clover 100%						\$

Total T-Shirt & Sweatshirt order \$ _____
(Tax included in price)

Please charge my order to my Credit Card account:
(Circle One) VISA MASTERCARD
Account # _____
Expiration Date: _____
Signature _____

Please make checks payable to The National Balloon Classic

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Touch and Go

Balloons Over Iowa

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Congratulations

Congratulations to the Appenzeller family on the arrival of their new baby girl Hana. Hana was born October 16, 2004 and is now home with Mom Mel, Dad Al & big brother TJ

Sympathy

BOI expresses sympathy to the family of John O'Grady. John flew the "Spirit of Ohio" at the 1995 Classic. BOI members may remember him for his bike ride to Albuquerque in 2000 to benefit Epilepsy. John was killed in a car accident in April.