

Touch and Go

BALLONS OVER IOWA

November-December, 2005

BOI Championship

Here are the final standings for the BOI Championship. This year we had 22 registered pilots and completed 12 tasks.

1.	Rob Bartholomew	11,360
2.	Ryan Kintzel	11,250
3.	Benji Clemons	11,130
4.	John Jensen	11,120
5.	Dan Corbin	11,070
6.	Brian Seymour	10,890
7.	Todd Isley	10,830
8.	Grant Pfeifer	10,820
9.	Gary Fouche & Tom Ricke (tie)	10,780
10.	Aaron Gebhart	10,700
11.	Cory Bloom	10,620
12.	Jeremy King	10,610
13.	Brad Craig	10,575
14.	Aaron Foelske	10,530
15.	Bill Griffin	10,370
16.	Leroy Clair	9,980
17.	Bret Christian	9,860
18.	Dick Drake	8,710
19.	Tom Peterson	6,795
20. T	Denny Anderson & Shawn Erger (tie)	4,695

Congratulations Mark Weeks

Congratulations to **Mark Weeks**, who was awarded a BFA Directors award at the BFA Annual Meeting in Albuquerque in October from BFA "At Large" Director Nancy Griffin. Here are some of her words as she presented the award:

"When you are a Director at Large, you have many deserving people to choose from. There has always been one person that has stood out in my mind and knew that when my last year came I was going to give my director's award to that person. Now here is a little about him: He has been Newsletter editor for both Balloons Over Iowa and Iowa Balloonist Association; Member of the Board of Directors for both BOI and IBA; Member of the Safety Seminar committee for IBA; Planning committee for Balloon and Toons. Mark would you please come up here. Everyone this Mark Weeks. If you ever need crew he is the best. If you ever need a friend I will share." **Congratulations Mark!**

BOI Halloween Party

The Balloonport was decked out in Red, White & Blue and most of the guests wore Patriotic colors or costumes. There was a large crowd - some from eastern Iowa & Riepe's & Tehaus from Missouri. The first order of business was the Chili Cookoff. The judges were Eldon "Gomer" Benus, Terry Riepe & Richard Swanson. They had a tough job judging the many entries. Members & guests dined on chili and all the other great food & desserts. After the meal the Chili Cookoff winners were announced:

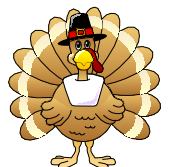
1. Linda Williams
2. Karin Riepe
3. Wayne Wasson
4. Becky Wigeland

Then it was time for the judging of the Costumes. Winners in the 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. See photos on page 11.

Then it was time to break out the new Karaoke machine. There was some discussion about purchasing a "Gong" to go with the machine & it may have gotten some use! A hot quarters game was played with LuAnn Randleman & Phyllis Drake the big winners.

Thanks to all who stayed to help clean up the Balloonport & thanks to the Appenzeller family for the music. Some members packed it in early, but a few die-hards out-lasting Rob! "Last one out, turn out the lights & lock up."

Happy Thanksgiving



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Retirement Home Update

November 2005

Rob Bartholomew, Keid Ekard, Jim Fromm, Bill Griffin, Mike Oberman, Nod Enirp and Enyaw Nassaw, members of the Balloons Over Iowa Retirement Home Planning and Site Acquisition Committee (BOIRHPSAC), submitted the following report:

Despite extraordinary circumstances, your BOIRHPSAC continues to function with emphasis on site acquisition and refreshment flow. Everyone is now aware of our ill-fated fund raising partnership with Motorcyclist Over Road Kill (MORK). Until now, because of national security concerns, we have been precluded from reporting the rest of the story. Even now, this column is edited by ~~the CIA~~ a federal agency to assure that ~~secret strategies~~ national concerns are not revealed.

Deep appreciation is expressed to the BOI members that have been serving as ~~undercover agents~~ volunteers in our nation's continuing fight against narcotics imported tobacco. Because of the hazardous nature of their service, the following BOI members have been placed in the Federal Witness Protection Program and continue to serve as ~~secret agents~~ volunteers posing as traveling karaoke singers:

Elleheim Giarc Keid Ekard Lorac Sirrah Nnej Negahdorn
Lihp Hsap Nod Enirp Annod Kceir Mij Nospmoht
(~~Leonard Taylor~~) Dranold Rolyat Enyaw Nossaw Loej Notgnihtrow

~~Seventeen~~ 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. If your spouse or significant other exhibits strange behavior and keeps unusually late hours, please reward this symptom of patriotic behavior.

America can sleep sounder each night knowing that BOIRHPSAC continues to function. Expenses will be submitted in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted.

An attempt at discussion ensued. Llib Niffirg explained that it is necessary to temporarily suspend board discussion of BOIRHPSAC activities until our brave volunteers are no longer on the karaoke circuit. Gary Fouche asked why these activities are paid out of BOI's budget. Niffirg said Fouche was "out of order", but the participation of BOIRHPSAC is prerequisite to potential receipt of a large Federal grant for construction of our Retirement Home.

Keid Ekard immediately requested a ponderance and noted that Niffirg was "out of order" for revealing secret trade agreements. Soon the whole meeting was "out of order". (You had to be there) BOIRHPSAC members retired to the refrigerator. The distant rumble of motorcycles could be heard. Ellehcim Giarc left the meeting.

The chair attempted to reconvene the meeting. Participants were hopelessly absorbed in trying to decipher the CIA secret agent name code. Rob asked that the last one to leave, turn out the lights. Enyaw Nossaw moved that each BOI board meeting be supplied with a pony keg. As of press time, the resolution of that motion and any other concluding board activities remains unknown.

Letter from President Meika

Hello to all my friends !

Can you believe the great fall weather we have been experiencing? Our crops are harvested early and now lots of opportunity to watch the boys do maintenance stuff. With plentiful landing sites and pleasant weather, I thought the sky would be full of balloons, but Dad explained that we have much less daylight now and lots of people have to work. I haven't noticed because much of my day is spent on administrative duties associated with being BOI President.

I want to express thanks to everyone that worked to make our Halloween party such a great success. There was over 150 in attendance and we had the best chili that I can remember. Lots of children and a few clumsy adults made my clean up detail a real treat, with no scrap left uneaten.

This Halloween was the debut of our clubs new karaoke machine. I loved it, but must admit it opened to mixed reviews. Maybe the next party we can have a little less volume and a little later start. I admit to being a little biased in my opinion after being voted "Best Vocal Entertainer" of the evening.

Now I'm back to the books. Dad says I can assist with the FARs during the BOI Ground School on February 18 & 19. Visit me at the Balloonport anytime, or make a special visit to Ground School. It's always a great time to meet new balloonists and visit with the experienced ones. And when you have the time and opportunity, always remember to

Fly Safely,
Meika

National Balloon Museum News

The museum will be celebrating Christmas in the Air on Dec.3th. Its New, It's Novel and Its Nostalgic! We will be having crafts and Santa for the kids. We would like several pilots to be on hand to answer or explain any balloon questions. Please join us for the festivities. It will be from 1:00-4:00 on Saturday afternoon. There will be 10% off on all gift shop items and if you're a member there is another 10% discount. There will be free gift wrapping also.



The museum is looking for volunteers either during the week 9:00-12:30 or 12:30-4:00 M-F and 10:00-1:00 or 1:00-4:00 on Saturday or 1:00-4:00 on Sunday. Training is available and we ask for a commitment to work at least one shift a month. Call the Museum and give us your name and number and we will get back to you.

Becky

Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Hello to all my friends!

Fall has finally arrived with its beautiful colored trees, sunny warm days and cool crisp evenings. All the crops are finally out and we can relax a little and try to get some flying in on the weekends. With the time change you can fly late in the afternoon and still have the evenings free to do what ever.

The Halloween party was another success. Once again, many new faces in attendance, which means BOI keeps growing. BOI purchased a new karaoke machine for the membership to try out. Who knows, we may have some members ready to head to Nashville to become famous recording artists. Thank-you to everyone who helped organize the party, to all the great cooks, and to everyone who stayed to help clean up. Also, a thank you goes out to the Appenzeller family for helping with the entertainment. I enjoyed visiting with everyone that evening.

Welcome back to those who attended the 2005 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. From the stories I heard at the Halloween party it sounds like everyone had a good time. So, is it really true that at one of the tailgate parties there were waffles and margaritas being served? If this is true that would be called the breakfast of champions. If you would like to read more about Albuquerque be sure to check out the article and photos inside this newsletter.

Meika called me the other day stating she had received a call from a BOI member. Meika said this member stated how he and his family appreciate what Meika and I have done leadership wise for Balloons over Iowa. In fact, he highly suggested that we run for the presidential elections in 2008. We felt much honored for the comment, but there are many other people behind the scenes that get most of the credit for BOI's success. Meika and I could not do all this ourselves. We do, however, still continue to support the Balloonport and balloon system security, an economy with a growing keg surplus, and a bigger and better ground school. I guess to sum it up; I just don't know if the White House is ready for us. Meika and I have decided to try out for the next Donald Trump's Apprentice. I think we could give Donald a run for his money. Speaking of, it's time for the Apprentice so I need to sign off for now.

I hope everyone will attend our monthly membership meetings and participate in lots of winter flights. And also, don't forget to pass the word around about BOI's Ground School 2006.

Until next time, safe landings,
Sandy Drake

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A View of the Competition Situation

by

Ray Bair, President, Balloon Federation of America

The competitive activities in the United States have been badly fractured over the past several years. The reasons and subsequent actions are a matter of history . . . as a matter of fact you can find multiple versions of the same events. We all have a tendency to bias the presentation, sometimes intentionally, sometimes not.

Recently we have had a group of people working hard to rectify the situation. While they have made meaningful progress, the gap seems too wide to bridge. Dick Rudlaff, Jim Birk, John Davis, Sam Parks and David Levin have been the key central players of late. There have been many secondary participants who have offered help as well. George Richard encouraged the group to get together and he hosted a meeting in Baton Rouge from which emerged a number of agreed-to items. In addition, it provided the springboard for subsequent development of a proposed structure to manage competition in the United States under the sanction of the Balloon Federation of America.

The proposed structure was aired before a number of competitive pilots through a variety of meetings and discussions. While these discussions could only include a small cross-section of competitive pilots, they none-the-less served as an opportunity for feedback and critique. The proposal was vague in the area of the business structure. It did however offer insight to the proposed board structure which met with resistance from many competitive pilots. The structure lacked representation from the pilot membership. The proposal was structured in this way to build a lean, responsive organization. The board constituents were recognized experts in developing competitive events.

The proposal was presented to the BFA Board of Directors at its Albuquerque Board Meeting in late September. It was discussed in executive session and in open session. Dick, Jim, David and Sam participated in the discussion. George Richard was also in attendance. Following discussions, a formal vote supporting the proposal in principle was held. The vote was six in favor, three against, one abstention. Following that vote it was thought that further development and clarification of the content would occur. Several days later an email to Sam Parks from Dick indicated negotiations would be discontinued and the agreements reached in Baton Rouge would be immediately rescinded. The reasons for this are not clearly delineated but hint at the difficulties the proposed Board structure faced, and the fact that the BFA Board did not unanimously support the proposal, even

though it was supported by the majority.

I respect the decision Dick has made. I am especially grateful for the efforts of the key players. I spoke with Dick and Jim after I learned of the decision and requested that we continue with the one agreement of sharing points through the balance of the calendar year. I requested this to minimize the disruption to the competitive pilots, fully recognizing that it will have little material impact because we are so late in the competition year. They agreed to consider the request.

The BFA has refocused attention on hosting another independent National Championships for 2006. Following very positive feedback regarding the '05 Nationals, we intend to conduct a similarly fun and competitive event as a training ground for the current US team headed for Japan, and to determine the team to represent the United States in the 2008 world championships in Austria. Whether aspiring to compete at the international level or not, this event promises to be another highly competitive and very rewarding event for all pilots and crews involved, once again in the pure spirit of competition.

The Way It Was

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ November Board of Directors Meeting: Treasurer's report \$144.72; 20 students participated in Fall Ground School.
- ★ December 1985 - The board of the National Balloon Championship voted to purchase 155 acres of land as a permanent site for the Nationals. The land borders Highway 92 and is located across from the NE corner of Pickard Park. They paid \$215,000 for the 155 acres. The BFA has voted to move the nationals to Battle Creek, Michigan, but NBC president Jim Thompson is hopeful that this decision could be reversed at the next BFA meeting with the purchase of this permanent site and a show of local support.
- ★ December 1985 Newsletter - Congratulations to Chuck Shrader on receiving his commercial pilot's license and to Bill & Louise Clemons on the purchase of their first balloon.

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 11-3-90 Halloween party huge success – Lots of dancing going on. Theme – come as your favorite Road kill. Rob lead the Bunny Hop. Steve Matthews DJ. First Annual Becky Riley Wild Earring Contest.

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Due to recent acts of vandalism in the National Balloon Classic field, the field will be kept locked & will be accessible only to those people with a legitimate reason to be there. The P.B. West Tower has been especially hardest hit by the vandals.
- ★ Report from Gary Fouche on his first trip to Albuquerque. Albuquerque – 650 balloons & special shapes, 1,000,000 people in attendance.
- ★ 11-12-1995 Denny Anderson received his Commercial license.
- ★ The Otter Creek Balloon team was featured in a story on a ballooning family on Iowa Public Television. Highlights from the National Balloon Museum were also featured. Others shown were Mark & Deanna Ziino, Edel Fromm, Joe & Monica Thompson & Maxine Weiman.
- ★ Webster City: canceled due to bad weather, rescheduled 1 wk later; 13 balloons, 2 flights #1 Tom Fitzpatrick (won \$1.75 – it would have been more, but not all pilots put in their quarters) #2 tie between Paul Randleman & Bill Clemons
- ★ REJOICE, REJOICE – THE BEER HATS HAVE ARRIVED!!!! Motion made by Rob to have BOI board members wear their inflatable beer hats at the IBA seminar in March, the chair cleared the motion.

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ BOI Halloween Party: “Survivors” theme; Chili contest: #1 – Carolyn Holland, #2 – tie between LuAnn Randleman & Tom Blumer; Pumpkin carving winner: Rochelle & Allison Kochheiser; Kids Costumes: #1 – Elizabeth, #2 – Emma, #3 – Alice, #4 – James, #5 – Sarah, #6 Clara; Rita Fromm won the Survivors \$1,000,000 (in Cleo bucks) for the BOI / Ballooning trivia; Lori Schmidt won the adult costume award.
- ★ New members – Lori Schmidt and the Jensen family – John, Tracey & Ashley.
- ★ November 19, 2000 BOI Meeting; 21 members present; New beer hats being ordered; Retirement Center committee continues its hard, hard work.
- ★ 12-28-2000 Gerald Knoll received Commercial license
- ★ John & Tracey Jensen purchased their first balloon.
- ★ BOINY Eve party – BOI members dined on Prime rib & pot luck. Partiers played Phase 10, Euchre, Yahtzee & Quarters.

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Email Address Changes

- ✓ Mark Ziino: mark@ziino.com
- ✓ Deanna Ziino: deanna@ziino.com
- ✓ Mark Weeks: mweeks@pork.org

Congratulations

Jeanne & Don Wiley baby boy, born Aug 17th. Brandon Don Wiley - 8 lbs 11 oz, 21 inches

Thanks

The National Balloon Museum would like to thank Pilot John Jensen for generously donating \$25 for each balloon ride that they have referred to him. They appreciate it very much. Thanks John!

**Merry
Christmas
&
Happy New
Year**



Forwarded from AOPA by Nancy Griffin, BFA Balloon Clubs Chairperson:

Air Defense Identification Zone

Dear Type Club Member,

The Airworthiness Concern Distribution process has only been used for airworthiness related issues; however, we feel that the importance of the proposed rule on the Washington, DC Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) and making it permanent needs to be communicated.

We believe the threat of the ADIZ becoming permanent is so serious that we have issued only our third national pilot alert in more than a decade to all of our members. We are asking everyone to file comments to this NPRM and are asking the type clubs to help in communicating this critical message. Please tell your members how important it is to submit comments in opposition to this rulemaking. This is not just an issue for those in the Baltimore/Washington, DC area; it is an issue that easily has the potential to impact anyone throughout the country.

Imagine this: Every time you want to fly - even to do touch and goes - you have to file a flight plan. Before you can take off, you have to get a transponder code, but the landline you call to get the code is busy most of the time. If there is an RCO (remote communications outlet) frequency for your airport, you can rarely get a timely response from an overworked controller. Services are falling off at your local FBO because business is down drastically. Soon, your favorite diner is gone along with other businesses that fail. Welcome to life within an ADIZ. But there's only one ADIZ, you say. It's around Washington, and that's hundreds of miles away. There's no chance it will ever affect me. Don't bet on it. New York City has had a "temporary" ADIZ. Chicago's Mayor Daley keeps pushing for one. At any of the other 29 Class B airspace areas across the country, there could be an ADIZ at a moment's notice. That's what happened in Washington, DC. The 'temporary' ADIZ was created on a weekend in response to a heightened national threat level, but after the threat level was reduced, the ADIZ remained. And now, the FAA wants to make it permanent and the same thing could happen anywhere.

To make filing your comments easier, we have developed a step-by-step guide www.aopa.org/adizalert/ to help your members' craft their message and submit them to the FAA and to copy their members of Congress. We ask that you include a link to this guide in your communications so that a coordinated message can be delivered in the comments.

The areas that we asked to be addressed include:

- Ask the FAA to hold public hearings on the ADIZ rule.
- The Washington, DC ADIZ is operationally unworkable and imposes major burdens on pilots and air traffic controllers alike, all with minimal security benefits, and it must NOT be made permanent.
- Protecting the unique assets in the nation's Capital is important, but this can be achieved with the existing requirements for the 15-mile Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ). This has been augmented by other security measures put in place around Washington, DC, including ground-based missile defense systems, more nimble air interdiction capability with U.S. Customs helicopters, and a laser warning system.
- The FAA must implement safer, more efficient and rational security procedures for the airspace in the Washington, DC area. Lighter aircraft, flying at slower speeds, should not be subject to the current ADIZ requirements for filing a flight plan, obtaining a unique transponder code and maintaining two-way communications with air traffic control.
- The proposed rule is flawed because the evaluation of the economic and operational impacts on pilots and aviation businesses and an analysis of alternatives are insufficient.
- No general aviation aircraft has ever been used in a terrorist attack. And the government has determined that not a single ADIZ violation was terrorist-related.

We appreciate your efforts in communicating the importance of this proposed rule.

Regards,
Robert E. Hackman
Manager
Regulatory & Certification Policy
AOPA

Calendar of Events

- December 8 7pm **Pilot Relations Meeting** National Balloon Museum
- January 15 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- February 18-19, 2006 **BOI Ground School**. Contact Rob Bartholomew at (515) 989-3708, email: balloonsover Iowa@msn.com
- February 19 5 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- March 4, 2006 **IBA Continuing Education Seminar**
- March 18, 2006 **BOI St. Patrick's Day Party**
- March 19 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- April 16 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- April 29, 2006 **BOI Ode to Spring**
- May 21 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- June 2-4, 2006 **My Waterloo Days**, Waterloo, Iowa; Contact Carla Brinker 319 239-2903 or cbrinker@ballooningmail.com
- June 18 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- July 16 6:30 p.m. **BOI membership meeting**, Balloonport, Carlisle, IA
- July 28-August 5, 2006 **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
- Sept 1-4, 2006 **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, 2006 **Jill Rubin Memorial Flight**
- October 28, 2006 **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

Happy Birthday

Mike Oberman	12-2	Corey Knowlton	1-2
Kim Bridgewater	12-2	Norm Fee	1-4
Lyle Taylor	12-3	Wendie Spence	1-4
Paul Randleman	12-3	Jason Anderson	1-4
Grant Pfeifer	12-4	Ryan Kintzel	1-5
Jackson Garrett	12-4	Rachel Herman	1-5
Merrie Fouche	12-5	Mel Appenzeller	1-7
Mandy Keller	12-8	LuAnn Randleman	1-7
Carolanne Norris	12-10	Connie Thompson	1-8
Terry Montague	12-11	Henry Borts	1-9
Steph Lawrence	12-11	Chris Pedersen	1-10
Alex Paul	12-11	Jeff Reid	1-16
Richard Techau	12-15	Kathy McCoy	1-19
Allison Kochheiser	12-16	Derek Pieper	1-19
Madison Williams	12-17	Jane Winkenwerder	1-20
Christine Bertsch	12-21	Allison Garrett	1-21
Gerald Knoll	12-21	Irene Bertsch	1-21
Judy Ong	12-21	Wyman Borts	1-21
Derek Nordhagan	12-22	Bill Clemons	1-21
Wayne Mohring	12-22	Clint Schmidt	1-22
Randy Schmidt	12-26	Shawn Erger	1-26
Josie Smith	12-27	Jennifer Pfeifer	1-27
Morgan Clark	12-28	Kerrie VanBroekhuizen	1-27
Sabrina Delaney	12-29	Jocelyn Marhoun	1-28
Sally Terry	12-29	Josie Lin Nordhagen	1-29
Rochelle Kochheiser	12-30	Alan Paul	1-30
Red Allsup	12-30	Bill Griffin	1-31
Bob Pieper	12-30		
Cheryl Gebhart	12-31		



Happy Anniversary

Doug & Teresa Purdy	12-10
Derek & Jen Nordhagen	12-10
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Dan & Irene Bertsch	12-26
Charles & Jane Winkenwerder	12-26
Jim & Connie Thompson	12-27
Jason & Kimberly Jones	12-30
Bill & Louise Clemons	1-21



Editor's Note: I know this reception has already taken place, but I wanted all to know of the award presented to the Weinman's.



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Date: October 25, 2005

Event Date: Saturday November 12, 2005

Reception to honor Weinmans - winner's of Shields/Trauger Award



The Balloon Federation of America (BFA) will be presenting the Shields/Trauger Award to Jim and Maxine Weinman of Indianola, Iowa at a special reception Saturday November 12 at 5:00-7:00p.m. at the National Balloon Museum, 1601 North Jefferson Way (Highway 65/69), Indianola Iowa. There will be a short awards presentation at 5:30. The reception is open to the public.

The Shields/Trauger Award is the highest award given by the BFA and it is given annually to recognize outstanding service to ballooning in the categories of notable flights, contribution to the science of aviation, important contributions to ballooning safety and exemplary service to BFA.

Jim and Maxine Weinman have worked on behalf of the BFA and were instrumental in the efforts to establish as well as operate the National Balloon Museum. Jim was an active member of the BFA from 1971 to 2003 and served in many leadership roles including president of Indianola Balloons Incorporate (IBI), Charter member and president of the museum Board of Directors, co-chair of the building committee, and he worked raising funds to build the current museum building. Jim and Maxine served as co-chairpersons for the combined BFA and IBI Balloon Museum committee which were responsible for ballooning exhibits each year at the U. S. National Hot Air Balloon Championships in Indianola. Maxine served as a member of the museum endowment committee as well as creating the museum's gift shop. Maxine initiated the museum gift shop by selling balloon pins and other items at the Nationals each year. Now the museum gift shop provides a significant portion of the funding for the operation of the museum. Maxine also became the curator of the museum's collections while it was housed in temporary locations and she remained curator after the new museum opened in 1988 and served in that capacity until 2003. Both Jim and Maxine were also involved in fund raising efforts for the 2003 addition to the museum.

Jim's involvement with BFA and the museum lasted for 28 years and Maxine's term of service lasted 25 years. They both retired from active involvement in 2003.

Albuquerque 2005

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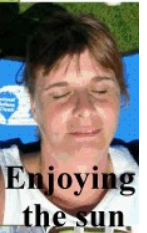
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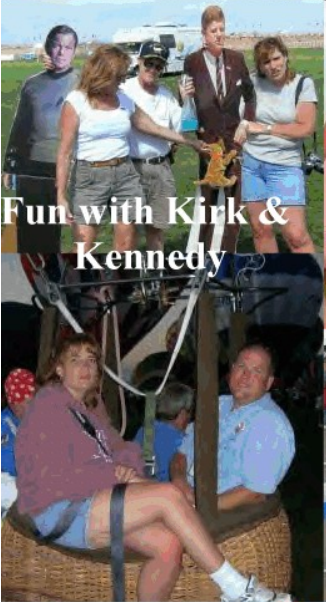
Mark self-portrait #1



New museum



Enjoying the sun



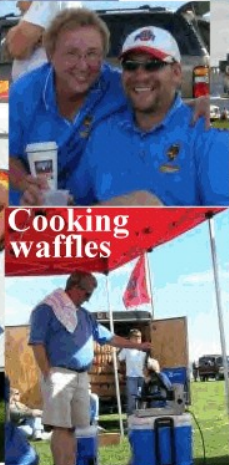
Fun with Kirk & Kennedy



Starting early!



Cooking waffles



Jim's new wheels?



Zoo Party



Who is This?



Dog



Pouting crew?



People everywhere



Mark self-portrait #2



Cheers!



Iowa Gang

Halloween Party



Chili Judges



Chili Cook-off Winners



Sherri & Richard came up from Missouri



Adult Costume winners Penny & Bob



Hana - kids winner



Kids Costumes



Phyllis & Dick - most original



Gomer & the girls sing YMCA

Jenn ready for a USO tour



Karaoke!



Hana dancing



Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

Bartholomew's pool; Carlisle, IA

September 18, 2005

Present: Joel Worthington, Maggie Worthington, Mark Weeks, Bill Griffin, Mary & Gerald Conklin, Michelle Craig, Meika Bartholomew, Ellie Bartholomew, Rob & Linda Bartholomew, Max & Carol Harris, Jenn Nordhagen

The meeting was out of control before it was even called to order.

Meeting called to order by Chair Joel Worthington at 6:43:17. Meeting held on the deck around Rob & Linda's pool.

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

Treasurer's report: Same as last month. There are checks to deposit & bills to pay. Max moved to accept, Bill 2nd. Motion approved.

Old Business:

★ He's not here, but Conk is.

New Business:

- ★ Report on Crappy Beer contest at Creston
 - ★ Conk reported on Creston - all pilots did a good job. Flew 3 flights.
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| 1. Rob - did not take prize | 5. Ryan Kintzel |
| money - paid more places | 6. Joel Worthington |
| 2. Todd Isley | 7. Benji Clemons |
| 3. Scott Moon | 8. Bill Clemons |
| 4. Chris Reinert | |

At 6:58:30 Old Business arrived. He was greeted by the President & his identity was verified by the Security Chief.

New Business: (continued)

★ Report on Karaoke machine - Jenn needs to go shopping.

Meeting interrupted for a brief lesson in Clouds 101. Members studying the shapes of the clouds. Bill found one that looked like Mt. Rushmore & another that looked like Broom Hilda. Members question whether Bill has been drinking adult beverages all afternoon. Meeting is obviously out of control! One cloud is giving Bill the finger!

- ★ Don has no report on the retirement home.
- ★ Question from members - Can you legally tether at night. Bill states according to Larry Arenholz - you need to be prepared for flight.

Bill moved to adjourn, Conk 2nd the motion, but then voted "Not a Chance". Is this legal? Motion not passed.

Old Business has been here for 1/2 hr & has not called for a Ponderance. Upon realization of this, he called for a Ponderance.

- ★ Mary reported that 25 old cars are coming to the museum Friday at 9:30 a.m. Come for cookies & coffee.
- ★ It was reported that the President is hooked on "Ice". Members appalled until it was reported by Linda that it is "Ice cubes". She has allergies - has pink feet & belly. Members question whether this was a HIPPA violation to release this information without her permission.

Rob moved to adjourn. Max 2nd. Conk stated "I'm not voting". Old Business voted "Not a chance". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37:21.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, temporary secretary.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

October 16, 2005

Present: Bill Griffin, Don Prine, Michelle Craig, Al Appenzeller, Max & Carol Harris, Jenn & Derek Nordhagen, Riley & Josie Nordhagen

Meeting called to order by Chair Al Appenzeller at 6:40:52.

Secretary's report: Minutes from September meeting presented. Al questioned the question on night tethers. Explanation given. Bill moved to approve secretary's report, Max 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: We have 62 kegs. The bill for the Karaoke machine has not been paid, so it will be about 57 kegs after that is paid.

Old Business:

★ He's here, drinking Diet Pepsi. What's up with that?

New Business:

- ★ Jen reported that she purchased a Karaoke machine for the club. The cost was \$269.99 with 6 CD's. She purchased a pack of CD's with a mixture of music for \$97.57 for a total of about \$370.
- ★ Al said his father will bring his DJ equipment for the Halloween party

Don reported that Bill sang "Louie, Louie" as a teenager. He requests that Bill sing it at the Halloween party.

- ★ Al reported that Kelly Shaw from Columbia is moving to Indianola. He invited Kelly to the Halloween party.

Bill pointed out that Al is playing with Cinderella Barbie. He has his hand up her skirt. Is she anatomically correct? He has in front of him 2 purses & "Thing 2". Is he coming out? At least he's playing with Barbie, not Ken.

Don is playing "Doctor" - with a stethoscope. He's also wearing Riley's headband - it looks good.

Everyone is trying to figure out where in the meeting we are - Old Business, New Business?? Who knows!

Don calls for a Ponderance "That was a good Treasurer's report".

- ★ Members thank Jenn for all her work on purchasing a Karaoke machine. We gave her the clap!
- ★ Jenn is organizing the Halloween party. If you'd like to help set up, come to the Balloonport after 4pm. She reported that Todd (co-Halloween party chair) offered her money to help with the party. Is he trying to bribe her - this may be "Keg-gate".
- ★ Al requested ideas for Pilot gift. Bill requested a "Lugger" (pilot organizer). We tried to get this last year, but unable to get the company to give us an estimate in time.

The table is now a play pen. We have Tony, Minnie mouse, Thing 2, Barbie, an un-named doll, a donkey & a fish.

- ★ Members question "Who's getting the keg for the Halloween party". Jenn says she probably will. Bill asked if we have a kegmeister. Elmo is our kegmeister. Jenn will drive him to get the keg.

Jenn points out that it has been 1 year since she ran over Elmo. He has recovered nicely

Bill's beer is still frozen.

Discussion on Potty training. BOI members have "Potty Mouth". You had to be there.

Rob arrived. The beans are done, corn will be ready in about 1 week.

Bill told a story about frozen beer. It was many years ago - 1 pm on a Sunday afternoon in the winter. Temperature was about -10°, winds about 10 mph and there was snow up to their knees. Rob, Bill, Jerry R, Denny C. & Terry B were going to fly. They took off from Avon Lake - slid their fans, baskets & envelopes down the bank to launch from the lake. They planned ahead that they would all make road landings. Bill decided to do some touch & goes and on the last one, got too far down & the basket tipped & started to scoop snow, so he couldn't recover. Thus, he landed in the center of a field. He only had 1 passenger &

I crew, so the others came to help him carry out - about 1/2 mile. The snow had a crust, but they kept breaking the crust & sinking into the snow. When they got back to their vehicles 1/2 hr later, Rob's beer was frozen. Members thanked Bill for this historical tale.

- ★ Al announced that Jason Jones will be the race director for the 2006 National Balloon Classic.
- ★ Discussion of NBC & the board.

The meeting is out of control.

- ★ Jenn moved to donate money to Al's dad for DJ services at the Halloween party. Don 2nd. Jenn accepted a friendly amendment from Rob to donate \$100. Don also accepted the amendment. Jenn called for the vote. When Bill pointed out that she couldn't do that, she said "I don't care, the chair isn't doing it". The vote was tied, so chair Al had to break the tie as to whether or not to give \$100 to his dad. He stated "Can I go back to playing with the doll?" The chair cast a secret vote of "Okey Dokey".
- ★ Discussion on Creston. Again you had to be there. The treasurer states that Derek did not score at Creston. *We've moved from Potty mouth to "Too much information"*.

Members state Al runs a fun meeting, can we make him permanent chair?

- ★ Jamie Bishop purchased Al Wiltse's balloon & is taking training.
- ★ John Jensen has purchased a 105 - should be shipped this week. 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.

Jenn moved to adjourn, Bill 2nd. Vote tied, the chair must break the tie. He voted "Okey Dokey". Meeting adjourned 7:36:34.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Harris, temporary secretary.

Southwest Iowa Pro Balloon Race

Creston, Iowa
September 16-18, 2005

Well, for some of us the balloon festival season has drawn to a close. We will watch the internet for any news about Fiesta and I'm sure there are other events taking place but for this pilot there are just all those donated rides and a couple of paying pax to take care of and then get ready for winter. Long Sigh...

Creston Iowa - my last event of the year...long sigh again. My sponsor had already called and made arrangements to meet on Friday afternoon to do the fun flight Friday night.



Blair sampling "Crappy beer" at Creston

Naturally, I took the most direct route up there...almost. Up 63 to 36 to 65 to Princeton where my Dad was born and then I got sidetracked. I saw on the map this curious road #145. Curious you ask? It's mystery was that you could see neither the place that it connected to or where it reconnected to B before heading for Iowa. Having been there I now see that they did that to discourage wiser folk from going that way. It is a very short road covered completely on the map by the hwy number but it is a very long road

to tow a trailer up. The longest straight flat stretch was...wait, there was no such thing. Just my kinda road. It was obviously a gravel road to the local farms that had accidently had a large quantity of asphalt spilled onto it. With only a few stops to check the map I found myself on I35 headed to Osceola and then onto 34 west to Creston!

Flew a nice flight Friday night, but upon our first landing we discovered that we and another balloon had managed to land in an inaccessible spot between rows of corn so I dropped the pax off and flew on to a field across the road. I may have stretched that sunrise to sunset rule to the very limit but all worked out well since the brothers that owned the Alfalfa field we stopped in were happy to see us and helpful in putting away the balloon!

The next morning was just a little breezy for an inexperienced crew but what better way to teach them. Just a little rough on the launch but we got to see all of the



targets at the airport although see them was all we could do. Our next target was at a track somewhere up north so we went higher and started following the other balloons that looked like they knew where they were going. We seemed to be in line with them but Lori said that the High school was further to the west than we were going but I couldn't get any left so I drifted across town with an eye for landing spots ahead. Then suddenly I noticed a small track with a bunch of people around it and asked what that was only to find out it was the OLD track...wow, the target! right in front of us! I quickly readied my baggie, tossed it just outside the leg of the X and flew happily on to a mowed back yard surrounded by a 400 acre bean field and containing the neatest brick farm house you have ever seen! I like Creston! Unfortunately, I later discovered that I had failed to properly sign my baggie so I got no score for the 3rd place toss on that task. Bummer (Dumber).

Saturday night was too windy to consider flying too



seriously so we tried again Sunday. Another beautiful flight took us over the airport for a gravity drop that landed inside the legs of the X and on to Walmarts back yard for what should have been an easy toss if I really knew how to guide a balloon and take the baggie out of my pocket before I get there! Oh well, we landed and traded passenger and I got to take the last of the available sponsor family for a ride that landed us behind a beautiful house that would easily have sold for 2-3 million in LA but was available for \$450K in Creston. I'd much rather live in Creston than in LA anyway!

A great race it was although I have no idea who won or where I placed because I wanted to get home in time to help Cheri eat the roast she promised for dinner that night. It was tempting to take a scenic route home but I went straight east on 34...for a little way before I was somehow drawn down hwy 14 to hwy 2 to S40 through Sewal which took me into the top of MO. This hwy shows you

how they decided to end Missouri and start Iowa. Our Forefathers apparently ran out of smooth wide road as they were working their way south from Des Moines. When they found the rough narrow asphalt they knew it must be Missouri! So, they changed the road to Hwy 139. It is a perfectly straight road that goes up and down like the wildest roller coaster you have ever been on! Nothing but farms scattered far apart. I met only two vehicles en route. Both were large tanker trucks and both were sluggishly making exits from large hog operations so you can imagine what they might contain.

After a short nap in the closest excuse for shade I could find I finally made my way to hwy 5 through Brookfield and indirectly to hwy 70, over to Columbia where I put another \$80 in the gas tank before heading home to dinner. Fun Trip!

So now we are doing landscaping and building a deck in our front yard. It is quite a project but we cheated and are having pros do the landscaping part and having Cheri's Dad, Homer help me (probably the other way around) build the deck. Next year I think I'll plant some grass!

LOL
Herb

Creston Winners:

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| 3. Scott Moon | 7. Benji Clemons |
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Crappy Beer Contest Winners:

- ★ Bottle division - Blair Brody - Camo Beer
- ★ Can division - Dan & Irene Bertsch - also Camo Beer (it must be really bad)



Albuquerque 2005

by Allan Keller

Well, as the “newbie” I was told that I am required to write the article for the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. After several weeks of anticipation, Jim and Cheryl picked me up for the big trip about 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 29th. We quickly loaded up my stuff and were on our way to meet the Seymours, Denny Anderson, and Mark Weeks in Bevington. Brian, Chris, and Roger were running a little late, so we admired the legality of Denny’s vehicle and trailer while we waited for them. Soon after, Brian radioed they were near the interstate and we were on our way. We had no real issues on the way down, outside of the high gas prices and some Maple Nut Goodies, apparently a mild trip compared to years past. About 14 hours after the start, they decided to “break the newbie in right” and have me drive the home stretch through the mountains and on into Albuquerque. We checked into the hotel and then went to the field for the pilots to register. Jim and Cheryl then went on a dentist scavenger hunt, and as the saying goes, third times the charm. I stayed with Seymours and we went to get a bite to eat at the “World’s Worst BBQ.”

Saturday morning, I woke up with high expectations of what was to be an incredible week. When we got to the field it turned out to be a little windy. Jim was in the second wave so he had plenty of time to decide whether or not to fly. As we watched the first wave take off, it was apparent that the winds, while flyable, were quite brisk and it didn’t appear that they were going to let up. Jim chose not to fly which was fine by me as I got to take in the sights and just enjoy the spectacle my first morning in

Albuquerque. I quickly filled both memory cards on my camera. After the flight we did the usual tailgate where I was introduced to many people who, at the time, I thought I would never remember the names of, but I eventually did. Late Saturday afternoon we went back out for the inflation of the gas balloons. I had been warned that it was not the most exciting thing (I believe “watching paint dry” was the term used), but I

was interested in seeing it either way. We hung around for the night glow that was happening that evening and the actual launch of the gas balloons. After watching several

of the gas balloons begin their journey, we headed back to the hotel for some much needed rest.

Sunday morning we headed out to the field again, and I was as excited for the day's activities as I was the day before. Jim was in the first wave this morning and we launched early. Jim headed off toward the Rio Grande River and quickly flew off the map. One of the girls who worked at the dentist office showed up with her husband on Sunday and they knew the area well, which was a big help to us in the chase vehicle. Jim got back into the good graces of the crew after picking an easy access landing spot (AKA a road). We quickly packed up so we didn't block traffic. It was quite a sight from there though as we were able to look back through the valley and see the entire second wave launching from the field. It was a spectacular view. Sunday evening we were back out at the field and participated in the evening's glow.

Monday was another breezy morning to start with and all pilots were instructed to fly into the field. We went to the east of the field and watched for some time. Jim decided the winds were good enough and we got to work. Jim had told me I would be going along with him this morning, so I was obviously really excited for the flight. We took off and had the Albuquerque box working quite well in our launch field. We were up for some time before we ever left the field we launched in, but eventually we worked our way north of the field where we could drop down in between some other balloons and head south to the field. We had two things to do at the field this morning. First was the target. With a little assistance from Victoria's Secret, we flew right over one of the targets, good enough for fourth in Jim's division. We were happy, but the other pilot didn't seem quite as pleased with the way things turned out. Also we were to play Black Jack on the field; however we soon discovered the bags were not meant to be thrown long distances as neither baggie landed on a card. The landing on our flight became a talk of the week though. We were heading right for new balloon museum just to the south of the field and its huge glass windows in the front. While there were people there to catch us, we did end up landing about 60 yards in front of the windows. It would have been a nice picture of the balloon standing in front of the museum, but with the winds being brisk and other balloons looking at the same landing spot, we put it down and packed up as quickly as we could. It was a perfect flight and quite an experience, and as mandated by the rest of the group, a celebration was required for my first flight in Albuquerque (which I think was really the

whole reason I was invited). Leaving out the unnecessary details, we'll just say that I learned how precious oxygen is and I will never think of Kahlúa the same way.

Tuesday was yet another breezy morning when we arrived out at the field. Pilots were allowed to take off from the field but there was no task for the morning due to the winds. The flight was strictly a fun flight at the pilot's discretion. Jim chose not to fly so I helped Scott Alsup, as they needed an extra person. Again, the balloons went over the Rio Grande River and Scott landed quite close to where Jim had just a couple days earlier. Wednesday morning was more of the same, windy. Jim was in the second wave so we sat and watched some of the first wave start their inflation. Many pilots were having a difficult time getting up and after about 150-200 balloons had launched, the field was closed and the task cancelled. Wednesday afternoon was the zoo party and we went for some food and drinks and to look at the animals. The highlight of the zoo (though I would guess that Gerald Knoll would have a different opinion) was the probably 20 phone calls he got from the "Albuquerque Police Department" informing him that Barb had been arrested and that he needed to send down money. Thursday morning we woke up to wind, lightning, and rain so it was a morning to sleep in. On Thursday evening we went out for the Special Shapes Glowdeo. Cheryl and I walked round and took pictures and collected as many balloon cards as we could. It was quite a sight.

Friday morning was an eerie morning at the field. As we looked up we could see the ceiling was low. At the pilot's meeting, we were told it was at approximately 2000'. However, as the morning went on, it appeared as though it was continuing to fall. Jim didn't feel comfortable flying in it as we had watched several of the ride balloons and shapes that took off from the field "disappear." All the other pilots were to fly into the field, and the pilots who stayed at the field (those that chose not to fly) had decided they would probably cancel the task anyway. We were proven wrong however, so we went up to the targets to watch those that decided to fly drop at the targets and attempt the pole grabs. It was quite a show as the pilots grabbed several poles. The box was working quite well this morning and we watched several balloons make 3 and 4 passes over the field, many choosing to land there after the targets were closed. Friday night was another Special Shapes Glowdeo and I volunteered to help Denny with the Champagne bottle. Though the wind was again strong, we

got the bottle up and with a little help from Oggy, it went back down.

Saturday morning I woke up realizing this was my last morning. Jim was in the first wave and with the winds being from the south, we were one of the very first balloons to launch (which we later discovered was a very good thing). The wind direction meant that flying into the Indian Reservation was a distinct possibility. Not very long after launch, Jim radioed that he was headed for the reservation and that we should head that way. Traffic was quite a mess as there is really only one way to get there and many of the balloons were headed that way. Jim radioed that he had landed in the reservation and a couple of the police officers there had already granted permission and gave him the directions of how to get to him. After a while, we got to the entrance and immediately were stopped by police officers. After telling them we had a balloon landed in there, they told us to go ahead. We packed up and headed out without incident and from the sounds of things, we got a little lucky. There were many other balloons in there as well and apparently their crews had to wait for sometime in order to go in and get them. After saying our good-byes at the field we headed back and packed up at the hotel. We headed out about 1:00 pm on the long trip back. I would like to thank Jim and Cheryl for inviting me to go along. I had a wonderful time and lots of memories. Also thanks to the rest of the Iowa group for welcoming me on the trip and letting me be a part of the Albuquerque experience. I hope that I can make it back again next year.

BFA youth programs

Hello Everybody!

As we enter the holiday season, we begin to think of ways we can improve the lives of others. One of the nicest gifts I can think of this year is a one year membership in the BFA youth programs (Junior Balloonists or Hi-Flyers) for that younger crew member. A gift membership may be purchased by contacting Sharon in the BFA office at 515/961-8809. You just need to have the youth's birth date and mailing address handy to complete the purchase!

Submissions are still being accepted for the youth program art contest through December 15th. The entries will be displayed in the National Balloon Museum children's room. If your JB or Hi-Flyer would like to submit an entry, please mail it to Art Contest, 322 Knowles St., Kilgore TX 75662.

We are also compiling the names of teens actively pursuing a student or private pilot certificate. If you are aware of a future pilot, please let us know. We want to join your efforts in encouraging these future balloonists.

Designs are being sought for a memory quilt. If you are a quilter or know one, submit a design. The quilt will hang in the National Balloon Museum while it is being raffled. All proceeds will benefit the BFA Youth scholarship program.

I would like to thank those of you who have sent trading cards for the trading card project. The kids really enjoy receiving the cards with their newsletters. The birthday card project was begun with a donation of cards and we have received lots of positive feedback from our members (we all know how much fun it is to receive a card on your special day!)so we hope to be able to continue this project in 2006. If you would like to contribute, please contact Shelley for details.

The T-shirts are here. Show your spirit and support of our youth by purchasing a Junior Balloonist (yellow) or Hi-Flyers (apple green) T-shirt to wear or stuff in someone special's stocking this year! The shirts are \$18.50 (postage included) and are available in youth and adult sizes. All proceeds from the shirts fund youth activities for the kids. Please mail your checks to BFA Office, P.O. Box 400, Indianola, IA, 50125. Please indicate JB or Hi-Flyer, and t-shirt size in the memo.

And finally...plans are underway for BFA Youth Camp 2006! There will be another camp in Texas. If you are interested in putting together a camp in your area or sending some of your youth to the Texas camp, please contact Shelley. Dates and more details will follow as arrangements are finalized.

Many Safe Flights and Soft Landings,
Shelley Caraway
BFA Youth Program Chair

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 _____

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

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).

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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)

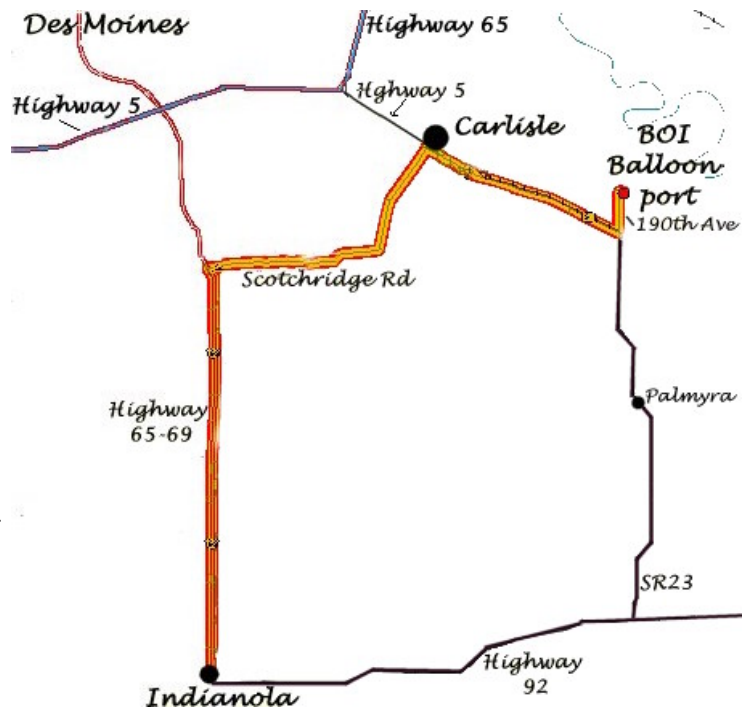


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Touch and Go

Balloons Over Iowa

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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:

January 15	May 21	September 17
February 19	June 18	October 15
March 19	July 16	November 19
April 16	August 20	

New Years Party

The decision was made at the November meeting not to hold a New Years Party in January.