

Balloons Over Iowa



Ode to Spring
April 24, 2010

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

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

Schedule:

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

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

6:00 p.m. *Flight (weather permitting). Festivities to be moved to the Balloonport if flight is called off.*

Pot luck will be held at the Balloonport after the flight. The club will provide meat & beer. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert & your own table service. After dining will be the announcement of the annual club awards and the crowning of the 2010-2011 Board.

Ode Officials:

Balloonmeister - CrAzY Al Appenzeller

*Assistant Balloonmasters - Darcy Hoch and
Jim Gebhart*

Weathermeister – Brad Smith

Assistant weathermeister – Bill Griffin

Pilot registrationmeister - Carol Harris

*Pilot packmasters – Rick Amos and Mark
Weeks*

Safetymeister – Ken Bolton

Launchmeister – Gary Fouche

*Scoremasters - Gerald and Mary Conklin, Bill
and Dunkie Christian*

Prizemeister – Dick Drake

*Balloonportmasters - Rob & Linda
Bartholomew*

Kegmeister - Lucy Nordhagen

Barbequemeister – Bret Christian

Keeper of the Purse - Jen Nordhagen

*Finder of the virgin sacrifice – Preston
Gebhart*

Keeper of the virgin sacrifice – Kirk Bloom

*Virgin sacrifices – Jerry Bolton and Branden
Bloom*

*Protest jury – Jake Hermanson, Rob
Bartholomew, Old Business (Don Prine)*

Cleanup committee – Everyone that shows up

*Kidmasters – Mel Appenzeller, Marcy Hoch,
Cheryl Gebhart, and Shanda Bolton*

Front cover: 2009 BOI Champions 1.Todd Isley, 2. Brad Craig, 3. Rob Bartholomew

Touch and Go

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March - April, 2010

Letter from President Meika

Well, it looks like this tough Iowa winter may be subsiding. I have seen some pictures on Facebook of some brave pilots & crew out taking advantage of our "nice" weather. Who would have thought that we'd think 30s & 40s would be nice?

I also saw some pictures of Mom & Dad at the Ritz. I tried to convince them to let me join them, but you can guess how well that turned out. Help me out here guys. The BOI President should be present at these events. Put in a good word for me with Mom & Dad.

Speaking of Facebook: this old dog has learned some new tricks. I'm already friends with lots of you, and I've been doing my best to find all of you, but typing gets difficult with these ol' paws sometimes. Look me up (Meika Bartholomew) & I'll keep you updated on BOI events. Carol tells me she should have this ready by Safety Seminar (which, again, I won't be allowed to attend), so look for the dates for the St. Patrick's Day Party. I will be going to that one, so hope to see you all there.

Meika

BFA Competition Division

2009 National Ranking

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Nick Donner | 6. Andrew Baird |
| 2. Chase Donner | 7. Scott Armstrong |
| 3. Joe Heartsill | 8. Robert Bartholomew |
| 4. Johnny Petrehn | 9. Maury Sullivan |
| 5. Robert "Woody" Watson | 10. Phil Glebe |

Other Iowa Pilots in the top 20:

- | | |
|----|--------------|
| 14 | Jeremy Rubin |
| 16 | Todd Isley |
| 20 | Brad Craig |

March 31 Deadline for Replacing Paper Pilot Certificates

Pilots who have not yet traded in their paper pilot certificates have until March 31, 2010, when the paper certificates are set to expire. If you're still using paper, don't delay. Pilots can no longer exercise the privileges of their paper pilot certificates after the March 31 deadline. Student certificates are not affected and certain non-pilot certificates, such as those issued to AMTs, are still valid for three more years before they need to be replaced.

Renewing a certificate can be done online or through the mail, and instruction can be found at: http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/. Requesting a replacement certificate online requires creating an account with Airman Certification Online Services, which only takes a few minutes. Being registered can help you in the future with quicker processing of an address change or a replacement certificate request.

To process a request by mail, fill out and send in Form 8060-56 (10/09)—see above link—along with a \$2 replacement fee. Make your check payable to FAA. New certificates will take four to six weeks to arrive with mail processing and seven to ten days for online processing.

2010 BOI Championship

Includes scores from Ode to Spring, Classic & Creston

To join, send \$5 with your dues.

2009 winner was Todd Isley, 2nd - Brad Craig, 3rd - Rob Bartholomew

Balloons Over Iowa President
Meika Bartholomew

Balloons Over Iowa Vice-President
Sandy Drake

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Terry Boettcher
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Letter from Vice-President Sandy

Wow, what a winter. I said in my last letter that it was going to be a long winter - was I right or what! Is it spring yet?

I was checking out Meika's Facebook page last week & saw photos of Mom, Dad, Rob & Linda at Puttin' on the Ritz. So that's where they went that night! Looks like several balloonists were there and a good time was had by all. They all cleaned up quite well.

As I write this, I see that it is only 2 months until Ode to Spring. I predict we will fly this year. Join us for the flight and a great party afterwards at the Balloonport. "Crazy AI" is the Balloonmeister, so it should be a good time!

Planning has begun on the BFA National Convention to be held in Des Moines in 2011. I'm sure they are going to let me head up one or two committees - food maybe or at least the greeting committee. Meika & I are planning on being at the convention. Surely the management of the convention headquarters will allow that - after all, we are the President & Vice President of one of the greatest balloon clubs around!

Well, stay warm & I hope to see you in the air this spring. Be kind to your crew and landowners.

Keep looking up!
Sandy Drake

Dues!

If your address label does not say 10-11, your dues are due. Complete the membership form on page 15 & bring to Ode or send it with \$20/family to:

Carol Harris
2305 Hillside Ave
West Des Moines, IA 50265



Sympathy to the family of Jocelyn Marie Marhoun, age 21 of Hudson, WI. Jocelyn, the daughter of William and Bonnie Marhoun, died peacefully yet unexpectedly, Thursday March 4th at her residence.

Contest: Design a Window / Save a Window at the National Balloon Museum

The National Balloon Museum in Indianola, Iowa needs our help to:

- 1) replace damaged windows and
- 2) design stained glass windows for the Museum.

Part 1: Contest – Design a Stained Glass Window. Theme: Ballooning Across America – From Sea to Shining Sea

Deadline for Entry: Friday, April 30, 2010

Seven windows are damaged and need to be replaced in the National Balloon Museum building. The plan is to replace those windows with stained glass scenes depicting ballooning across the (6) regions of the Balloon Federation of America (BFA) and the final window will depict Iowa ballooning.

This contest is open to balloonists and balloon enthusiasts across the country. For each region/window, the person with the winning design will have their name on a plaque under the window. Approximate dimensions for the (7) windows are: 85”-87” Wide x 28-1/4”-28-1/2” High

- ▶ Window 1 – Depict BFA Northeast Region – States of ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, NJ, WV, MD, PA, NY
- ▶ Window 2 – Depict BFA Southeast Region – States of DE, VA, KY, NC, SC, TN, GA, AL, MS, AR, PA, FL, & DC
- ▶ Window 3 – Depict BFA Great Lakes Region – States of WI, IL, IN, OH, MI
- ▶ Window 4 – Depict BFA Southwest Region – States of OK, TX, NM
- ▶ Window 5 – Depict BFA North Central Region – States of MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS, MT, WY, CO
- ▶ Window 6 – Depict BFA Western Region – States of WA, OR, ID, NV, UT, CA, AZ, AK, HI
- ▶ Window 7 – Depict Iowa & Ballooning

Send Design Entries to:

National Balloon Museum
PO Box 149
Indianola IA 50125-0149
Email: Balloonmuseum@bfa.net

Please send your entries as a jpg or pdf file. Entries will be posted on the www.nationalballoonmuseum.com.

Part 2: Challenge for Balloonists across the Country – Raise Funds for Stained Glass @ National Balloon Museum

Challenge to raise \$660/Club & \$25/BFA Member

The National Balloon Museum in Indianola, Iowa needs to replace seven large windows that are damaged. The clear glass currently in place will be replaced by stained glass

depicting scenes of ballooning across the USA. Replacing the clear glass will help to protect the artifacts from ultraviolet damage.

This comes at a cost of approximately \$4500 per window or \$31,500 for the project. This includes removal of the old window, repair the wall and structure as needed, and replace with a new stained glass UV protective window.

The National Balloon Museum would like to challenge the balloon clubs, and all those interested in ballooning, to help raise funds for the window depicting their region.

If each club can raise \$600, we can have the new windows paid for and have a great addition to the museum. If each BFA member donates \$25 to help preserve our ballooning history we will be well on our way.

Balloon Clubs and individual donors that raise at least \$250 for the windows will have their name listed on the plaque that will be displayed under each window.

The Balloon Federation of America (BFA) will hold the 2011 National Convention in Des Moines. Convention dates are April 7-10, 2011. This is the 50th Anniversary of the BFA and the National Balloon Museum would like to have the windows in place to showcase the BFA Anniversary and the Museum.

The Museum needs your help. Challenge your Club. Challenge the club in the next state. Match donations made by your individual club members with donations of matching funds from your club. These funds need to be raised before the end of the summer.

Take ownership of your regional window and help preserve ballooning history!

Grinnell Balloon Race Trophy

Please help us find the winners of the Grinnell Balloon Race which was held 1984-89, then 1994, 96, 97.

Velma and Frank Upton brought in the beautiful wooden balloon trophy that he had made for the race. He said the race had already been going on when he finished the trophy so not everyone was on it. In fact there are only 3 pilots on there and there are name plates for 11.

The three that are listed are Mike Hadley 1994, Dennis Firestone ?? (no year listed--does anyone know?), Terry McGonegle 1997. Can any one fill in the rest please? If you were the winner or know who was, we need the pilot, name of Balloon and the year of the win.

Thanks for the help.
Becky Wigeland

Other Museum News

Our Book "Indianola, Ballooning Capital of Iowa" is coming out in May. I will have order blanks for the book at the Safety Seminar. They will be \$24.99 each. I will have a list of everyone and balloons mentioned in the book at the seminar.

I am also trying to apply for one of the Pepsi grants for helping get the windows fixed. I won't know until March 15th whether or not we made the cut in the \$25,000 level in the Arts and Culture category. The website is www.refresheverything.com. If we made it everyone can access the website up to 10 times a day. The voting goes from April 1-30th. The top 10 in each category wins the money. If we don't make it, they can vote for some of the other worthwhile projects. We just need to get the word out.

The Hall of Fame is going to be on August 1st. Our inductees are going to be Joe Kittinger, Tom Sheppard and Tony Fairbanks. All inductees will be there or represented by family. Please save the date on your calendar and come and enjoy the look back in history! Becky Wigeland

Below is the text of presentation which honored Linda Bartholomew and Louise Clemens with the NBC Crew of the Year award. The award was presented by Matt Fenster at the Club's annual award banquet held in Omaha on January 16th. They were nominated by Rich Jaworski. They each receive a trophy and will share in displaying the traveling trophy in their shops - - Louise, January - June; Linda, July - December.

Nebraska Balloon Club's Russell Kieil, Jr. "Uncle Bud" Outstanding Crew of the Year Award

The pilots of the Nebraska Balloon Club are certainly fortunate to have access to the recipients of the 2009 Outstanding Crew of the Year Award. We seldom appreciate how much personal sacrifice, advice, and contributions these two great individuals make to keep us flying safely. Without their love and enthusiasm for ballooning we would not be flying, our crews would not be crewing, and there would not be balloons for local balloon rallies. There probably would not be a Nebraska Balloon Club.

Both individuals enjoy and participate in all phases of ballooning and flight events. They publish newsletters, serve as officials for regional and national competitions, and even act interested in the post flight stories shared by their pilots. These individuals not only drive, talk on the radio, and pack the cooler; they happily open that cooler to share its contents with fellow balloonists who aren't as skilled at preparing the appropriate "cooler contents" necessary for after flight

festivities. These two individuals are truly the most faithful and well-prepared crew chiefs in the sport.

However, these individuals' dedication goes far beyond their own pilots. Their dedication to ballooning has grown into the 24x7 business of fabric and thread, inspections, testing, and paperwork.

These two ladies cheerfully provide technical advice on repairs, envelope care, and major fabric replacements. They are skilled in the art of "biting their tongues" when hearing the reason for the incident (or in Jaworski's case "screw up") despite the extent or timing of the envelope damage. Yep, they will be there with fabric, thread, scissors, and sewing machine at night and on weekends, if necessary, to get you back in the air. They always provide quality workmanship and repairs made to the highest standards. They make no compromises in their work thereby assuring that pilots, crews, and passengers can fly reliable aircraft. Their frequent safety seminar presentations are timely and informative.

In addition, their workshops are open social and networking centers for pilots and crews. They host parties, meetings, and more than the occasional "BS session". Being hosted in their homes can follow the grand welcome we receive when we enter their shop. Honestly, when was the last time you had lunch with your auto mechanic?

Both of these ladies have both given their lifetimes in support of ballooning. Ballooning is their commitment and life style. They deserve recognition and our greatest thanks.

It is my pleasure to present the Russell Kieil, Jr. "Uncle Bud" Outstanding Crew of the Year Award to Linda Bartholomew and Louise Clemens.

Matt Fenster

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Calendar of Events

March 20 6 pm **BOI St. Patrick's Day party** BOI Balloonport

March 21 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

April 18 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

April 24 **BOI Ode to Spring**

May 16 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

May 28-31 **Kansas City Hot Air Balloon Invitational**
Kansas City, Mo Contact Jason Jones
913.338.2628

June 4-6 **Manitowoc Air Show & Hot Air Balloon Rally** Manitowoc, WI Contact: Ken Walter
wiwinddancer@cs.com

June 11-13 **Sioux Falls Hot Air Balloon Race** Sioux Falls, SD Contact Brad Temeyer
flynhgh31@yahoo.com

June 18-20 **Monroe Balloon Rally** Monroe, WI Contact
Matt Urban urban@tds.net

June 20 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

June 25-27 **Ottumwa Pro Balloon Race** Contact Dale or Holly Dommer at Ottumwaproballoonrace@ yahoo.com or 641-684-8999 or go to: www.ottumwaproballoonrace.com

July 1 - 4 **Field of Flight**, Battle Creek, MI. Contact: Debbie LeClear, 269.962.0592 or email Debbie@bcballoons.com

July 8-11 **Wausau Balloon Rally** Wausau, WI

July 18 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

July 30 - August 7 **National Balloon Classic** Contact Greg Marchant - 515-961-8415 or info@nationalballoonclassic.com

August 1 **National Balloon Museum Hall of Fame Induction** Open House 1-4pm, Induction ceremony 2pm

Aug. 6-8 **Seymour Hamburger Fest & Balloon Rally** Seymour, WI

Aug. 13-15 **Hartford Balloon Rally** Hartford, WI Contact: Ken Walter wiwinddancer@cs.com

August 15 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

Aug. 26-30 **BFA National Championship** Battle Creek, MI Contact BFA at (515) 961-8809 or www.BFA.net

September 3-6 **Great Pershing Balloon Derby** Brookfield, MO. Contact Sherry Techau 660 258-5290 or rstechau@classicnet.net

Sept. 10-12 **Huff 'n Puff Rally** Topeka, KS Contact - www.huff-n-puff.org or info@huff-n-puff.org

September 10-12 **The Great Midwest Balloon Fest** Overland Park, KS. 50 balloons; Prize Money; and more. Contact Becky Petrehn at kcbeckyp@aol.com

September 10-12 **Field Of Flight** Council Bluffs, IA--Contact Matt Fenster -- mwfester@aol.com

September 17-19 **SW Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days**, Creston, IA Contact Rob Bartholomew

September 19 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

October 2-10 **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**

October 16 **Jill Rubin Memorial Balloon Flight** Location TBA.

October 15-17 Wakefield Balloon Rally Wakefield, NE Contact Alan Paul (712)-310-8824 or Wayne Mohring (402) 844-4975

October 17 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

October 23 6pm **BOI Halloween party** BOI Balloonport

November 7 **Change to Standard Time** "Fall back"

November 21 6:30 p.m. **BOI Membership Meeting**

Race organizers - please send your dates, etc for 2010 to Carol - hotairflyn@aol.com

Balloons Over Iowa Repair Station

Rob & Linda Bartholomew

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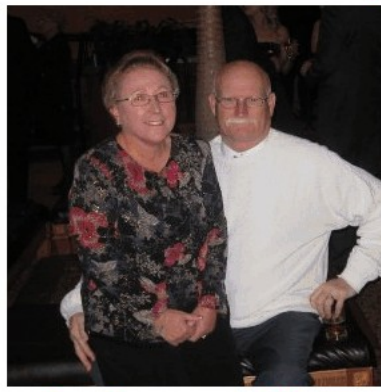
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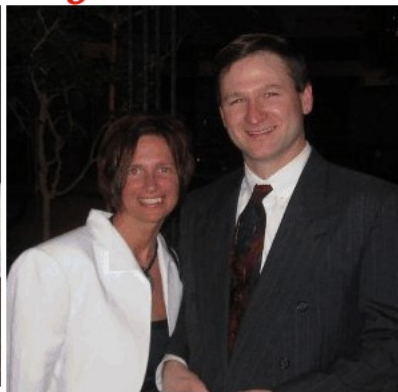
Puttin' on the Ritz



Rick Amos & Marcy Hoch



Cheryl & Jim Gebhart



Marcy & Darcy Hoch



Kirk Bloom

*Photos by
Rick Amos &
Marcy Hoch*



Tisha & Brad Smith



Meghan Cline & Preston Gebhart



*Laura Scullen
& Cory Bloom*



*Holly Pfeifer, Marcy, Tisha,
Laura, Missy, Kirk, Cory*



Allan & Mandy Keller



*Scott Armstrong
& Caitlin Oponski*



Al & Mel Appenzeller



Ken & Shanda Bolton



Missy & Kirk Bloom, Becky & Gil Wigeland



*Emily & Matt Fenster,
Missy Bloom*



Rob, Dick, Phyllis, Linda

Happy Anniversary

Gary & Elaine Lawrence	4-5
Keith & Cathy Williams	4-8
Jim & Cheryl Gebhart	4-9
Mike & Pam Hadley	4-13
Stevan & Gretchen Ryan	4-19
Benjamin & April Bartlett	4-22
Jamie & Rhonda Bishop	4-24
Brian & Chris Seymour	4-28
Gerald & Mary Conklin	4-29
Bret & Melissa Christian	5-5
Terry & Gina Garrett	5-12
Larry & Barb Van Wyngarden	5-12
Brett & Melissa Boerner	5-12
Troy & Amy Ohnemus	5-12
Terry & Karin Riepe	5-18
Jay & Juaquetta Holcomb	5-29



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Happy Birthday

Jeremy King	4-1	Melissa Bloom	5-1
Keonna Kintzel	4-1	Jessica Stone	5-2
Emma Thompson	4-1	Rosa Tierman	5-2
Roger Gray	4-2	Rachel Ong	5-4
Carol Harris	4-3	Amber Moen	5-5
Regan Bishop	4-4	Barbara Jones	5-6
Angelica Corbin	4-4	Bill Marhoun	5-6
James Mueller	4-4	Paxton Patterson	5-6
Ryan Stone	4-5	John Lewis	5-7
Phillip Smith	4-7	Jerry Jensen	5-8
Jennifer Hermanson	4-8	Jensen Bishop	5-10
Joseph Seymour	4-9	Marcy Hoch	5-10
Rick McCubbin	4-10	Ward Roscoe	5-12
Casey Frame	4-11	Meghan Cline	5-13
Barb Knoll	4-11	Garrett Hillary	5-13
Gavin Pash	4-12	Paige Erger	5-14
Lisa Stone	4-12	T.J. Appenzeller	5-15
Barb Van Wyngarden	4-12	Donna Rieck	5-15
Peggy Bloom	4-13	Angela Sutter	5-16
Jim Gebhart	4-14	Brylee Anderson	5-17
Jay Holcomb	4-14	Tammy Hatcher	5-17
Brad Craig	4-15	Daisy Pieper	5-18
Dixie Ruble	4-17	Don Prine	5-18
Gary Lawrence	4-21	Elsie Cloyd	5-22
Barbara Lewis	4-21	Melissa Coe	5-22
Tony Oberman	4-21	Melissa Nutting	5-23
Kimberly Jones	4-22	Bryce Wichelt	5-23
Ralph Rieck	4-22	Karen Worthington	5-23
Michael Wilhelm	4-23	Nathan Dobesh	5-25
Jacob Hermanson	4-24	Jeff Lawrence	5-25
Parker Patterson	4-25	Diane Roscoe	5-27
Christopher Reinert	4-25	Jeanne Wiley	5-29
Patti Todden	4-25	David Ong	5-31
Jon Hatcher	4-26	Sherry Techau	5-31
Ashley Jensen	4-26		
Cathy Williams	4-26		
Gary Hillary	4-27		
Donna Hill-Snipes	4-27		
Kelly Danielson	4-30		



Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

January 17, 2010

Present: Bill Griffin, Patti Todden, Richard Swanson, Rob Bartholomew, Michelle Craig, Brad & Amy Craig, Ariel Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Madison Williams, Colton Craig, Al Appenzeller, Darcy Hoch, Ken Bolton, Jerry Bolton, Don Prine, Tim Cloyd, Max & Carol Harris, Joel Worthington, Charlie Worthington, Linda Bartholomew, Meika Bartholomew, Ellie Bartholomew

Meeting called to order by Chair Tim Cloyd at 6:36:25.

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

Treasurer's report: The treasurer is not present. Members ask if she's lost in the fog. Rob reported that the treasury is the same as November. We haven't spent (or spilled) a drop.

Old Business:

- ★ He's here!
- ★ The BFA convention in 2011 will be held in DM. Discussion.
- ★ IBA Continuing Education Seminar is March 13. There is a BFA online Safety Seminar February 7th.
- ★ Discussion on the Classic Awards ceremony.

New Business:

- ★ Max nominated "Crazy" Al to be Balloonmeister for Ode to Spring. Darcy 2nd. Al voted "Not a Chance". Maybe there will be a "Hairless & Hound" task.
- ★ Discussion on Ground School. So far, there are only 2 students signed up. We need 10 students to break even. Bill moved that if there aren't 10 students signed up by February 1st, we will need to cancel. Patti 2nd. Motion approved.
- ★ Discussion on fund-raising if we don't have Ground School. Suggestions included sending Don out to collect cans or having him stand on a street corner with a coffee can.

Don called for a Ponderance. We're pondering why Dick isn't here to read from his "Book of Imponderables".

- ★ President Meika is present tonight. She's pondering.
- ★ Discussion on whether pilots should have passengers face forwards or backwards on landing.
- ★ Rob, Bill & Don told some old ballooning stories. You had to be there.

Patti moved to adjourn, Joel 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:33:43.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Harris, secretary for life.

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meeting

BOI Balloonport; Carlisle, IA

February 21, 2010

Present: Brad & Amy Craig, Colton Craig, Madison Williams, Ashlynn Williams, Brad Smith, Rob Bartholomew, Ken Bolton, Michelle Craig, Bill Griffin, Darcy & Marcy Hoch, Lance Hoch, Cole Hoch

Meeting called to order by chair Darcy Hoch at 6:40.

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

Treasurer's report: The treasurer is not present. Rob reported that the treasury is the same as November.

Old Business:

- ★ He's not here.
- ★ IBA Continuing Education Seminar is March 13.
- ★ Ground School was cancelled. Only had 5 students sign up.
- ★ Discussion on the Classic Awards ceremony.

New Business:

- ★ Classic registration forms are out.
- ★ St Patrick's party is March 20th
- ★ Marcy made a motion to make Michelle Vice Secretary for life, Bill 2nd. Michelle voted with a "Not a Chance". Motion approved.

Marcy moved to adjourn, Ken 2nd. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 7:06.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Craig, Vice Secretary for life.

The Way It Was

30 years ago in BOI History:

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

25 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 3-10-1985 Wayne Wasson received his Commercial license.
- ★ 3-24-85 BOI Board of Directors Meeting – Chaired by Don Prine; Treasurer's balance of \$915.62.
- ★ April 20, 1985 Crouse Café's First Annual Balloon Party Fund Raiser. Band – Beer – Hor d'oeuvres. All proceeds went to NBC Ltd.
- ★ April 21 BOI Board of Directors meeting: Chaired by Jerry Riley; Treasurer's report - \$859.75; Discussion on the Ode to Spring trophy; Motion made, seconded & carried that the Denny Pash Memorial Trophy will be given to the winner of Ode to Spring and that this trophy will be a traveling trophy.
- ★ April 27 – Ode to Spring at Piccard Park. Officials: Bill Griffin – Balloonmeister; Donna Rieck – Assistant Balloonmeister; Jim Oakes – Gala event following coordinator; Don Prine – Master of ceremonies; Jerry Riley – Weather Officer. 1985 Crew of the Year – Tom Harvey, Jim Love, Darlene Terry; The weather Gods looked upon us again. 39 Balloons floated in the sky in pursuit of that elusive Bunny Rabbit as a Hare and Hound was run for Sanctioned flight. The winds were unstable but that didn't stop the Poor Bunny Rabbit from out foxing the Hounds by going high on take off and then working the winds to the best of his ability. Everyone tied for first place in the flight because no one was within the 500 ft. scoring area of the Hare. The flight covered 5.6 miles in one hour. The Hog Roast furnished by Sally Kirtley and Dan Terry and all the fine foods brought by the other members made for an outstanding supper. New BOI Board Members for 85-86: Jim Oakes, Fay Shelley, Becky Riley, Doug Purdy, and Gary Fouche.

20 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Calendar for 1990 – Waterloo, Active 8 Rally; Ottumwa; Classic, Oskaloosa; Storm Lake, Altoona, Creston.
- ★ Ad for Galaxy balloon - \$9,999 – 16 gore, AX-7, hand woven 40" x 48" basket.
- ★ Article from The Balloon Tribune on drug testing of balloonists.

- ★ 3-17-90 St. Patrick's Party: 5 entries in the Chili cookoff: #1 – Jim Oakes "Georgia can't cook", #2 – LuAnn Randleman "Paul can't cook worth sh__"; #3 Rita Fromm "Are you kidding, Jim only eats the food" (The quotes were recorded when the editor asked for a clarification on who the cook actually was). All 5 crock pots went home empty.
- ★ 3-24-1990 Jim Fromm received his Commercial license.
- ★ 4-15-90 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Bill Griffin; Ode to be flown at the New Balloon Field; Donna Rieck named as secretary for the following year
- ★ 1990 Ode to Spring: 12th Annual; it was Flyable! Officials: Jim Oakes -Balloonmeister, Dan Terry - Assistant Balloonmeister; Rob Bartholomew -Safety Officer; Beermeister - Wayne Wasson. It was a slow easy race with a launch site at the new balloon field and a target east of Warren Stone's house. Those who took off soon after the pilot briefing missed the field to the east, but those launching later flew right over the field, but the scorers had rolled up the X & headed for the Balloonport for the "Pot Luck" of the year. The 1989 board of Louise Clemons, Jim Fromm, Sally Kirtley, Merrie Fouche & Ralph Rieck was brought forward. They will long be remembered as the Board to start the "Ponderances", "Okey-Dokey & Not-a Chance" forms of voting. The board for 1990 - Bill Clemons, Rita Fromm, Jeri Hoover, Georgia Oakes, Mark Ziino. Cleo Award – Rob Bartholomew. Pilot of the Year – Jim Oakes. Crew of the Year – Bartholomew & Craig crews – Bob, Helen, Denny, Lynn, Bill, Brad, Michelle. Smith Ford Memorial – Kay Fee for her dedication & love for ballooning. Ode to Spring winners - #1 Mark Ziino, #2 Don Prine #3 Warren Stone. BOI presented a US flag to Jim & Maxine Wieman to be flown at the National Balloon Museum

15 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Norm & Kay Fee have a new balloon - Tranquility
- ★ St. Pat's day party: Irish Stew Cook-off - 1st - Sherry Allsup, 2nd - Virginia Van Hamme, 3rd - Bill Griffin; New members included Mike & Beth Oberman, Todd & DeanAnn Netley, Julie Frueh, Brent Hess, Shannon Smith, Jim Pearson, Mason Fromm, & the Stone family. Again the leprechauns became rowdy. Members danced to tunes from the new juke box
- ★ 4-2-1995 Todd Netley received his Private license.
- ★ Ode to Spring '95: Weather won; Balloonmeister Joel Blom, Assistant Don Prine; Indoor event – Miniature golf. This event tested pilot skills as well as crew skills. Each pilot recruited 4 other people. Each person would then take one turn putting around different obstacles ranging from balloon envelope bags, chairs and people in the way. 1st place Winkenwerders, 2nd place - Drakes. Sherry & Red Allsup presented an autographed

picture of Sherry's balloon Moonshine to Rob & Linda. They will be moving to Arizona after the Classic. Cleo Award – Founding Father Don Prine. Pilot of the Year – Joel Blom for impersonating Balloon Watcher Bob. Crew of the Year – Mike, Beth, April & Tony Oberman. New board – Jim Pearson, Julie Frueh, Todd Netley, Mike Oberman, Mike Wildung

10 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ 3-11-2000 Brad Craig & Scott Moon received their Commercial licenses.
- ★ St. Patrick's Day party: Irish Stew contest - judges were Kim Rosenboom from LeMars, Ron Kordray from Nebraska & Laurie Allbaugh from Waterloo, Winner was Tom Blumer, #2 Luann Randleman; #3 - a tie between Helen Bartholomew & Drew & Cathy Gocken. A special ceremony was held for a special signing of bank documents by the President & Vice President of BOI. Gerald Knoll made a fantastic debut as Kegmeister with the Green Beer. Initiation of 22 new members - Amber Clark, Ashley Oakes, Ann Espinosa, Kim Rosenboom, Bill Smith, Wendie Spence, Rob Spence, Laurie Allbaugh, Ken Allbaugh, Wyman Borts, Wendi Borts, Bill Marhoun, Bonnie Marhoun, Jake Hamlin, Dean Carrington, Dan Strand, Patti McGaughey, Karen Riepe, Terry Riepe & Tiffany Everts.
- ★ March 19, 2000 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Benji Clemons; Approval given for BOI apparel – golf shirts.
- ★ 3-26-2000 Bill Marhoun received his Commercial license.
- ★ Veisha - April 15 - the winds did not cooperate. Only 2 pilots flew that day - Benji & Barbie; BBQ at Andersons' after the flights. Barbie flew a long jump, allegedly landing in Winterset. We deny any knowledge of why Winterset lost power for 5 hours.
- ★ April 16, 2000 BOI Meeting: Meeting chaired by Max Harris; Board wore official hats since this is their last meeting as board members; BOI Shirts now available to order – polo shirts – Navy or yellow.; Treas. Report: \$5458.71; Cost for Ode - \$15 – dues; \$25 for dues & flying Ode; \$50 to only fly Ode – no membership.
- ★ Maiden flight of Golden Griffin 3 - April 17th
- ★ Maiden flight of "Step'n Up" - Gebharts new balloon - April 21st
- ★ April 29 - Ode to Spring: 29 pilots; Bill Griffin was the only pilot to score; BBQ pork cooked by Greg Oakes & his crew; Crew of the Year - Scott Moon's crew; Jill Rubin was "honored" as Pilot of the Year; Cleo Award to Donna Rieck for all her work in helping with Ground School & the Museum; 2000 - 2001 BOI Board - Eva Blumer, Brad Craig, Carol Harris, Scott Moon, Eric Young

5 years ago in BOI History:

- ★ Lyle Ellis passed away March 2. Lyle lived right across

from the pilot compound entrance of the balloon field and could be seen frequenting the field on his golf car.

- ★ Retirement Center Update - World Renowned Architect (WRA) Phil Pash has either been abducted by a Mexican drug cartel, or placed in a Federal Witness Protection Program. BOIRHPSAC members have been interviewed by State and Federal authorities. Upon advice of State and Federal authorities, it may be necessary for BOIRHPSAC to go undercover. A picture of BOIRHPSAC member Prine, somewhere off the coast of Mexico, searching for Pash, accompanies this report.
- ★ St. Pat's party: 22 new members initiated into BOI: Jason Scott, Yetska Roff, Matt Cress, Ryan Kintzel, Charlie Thompson, Jeremy King, Mark Fisher, Larene Fisher, Melissa Harris, Tyler Pedersen, Brandon Pedersen, Charlie Fauser, Lexi Nordhagen, Jen Galetich, Kaitlyn Galetich, Todd Galetich, Anthony Galetich, Henry Thompson & Clara Thompson
- ★ Gerald & Mary Conklin named Volunteers of the Year by the Indianola Chamber of Commerce.
- ★ April 17, 2005 BOI Meeting: Chair Jen Nordhagen; We have 65.07 kegs; Bob & Penny Pieper have purchased a new balloon – to arrive in May. It is multi colored spiral; Linda said they have done an annual on Chic-a-Boom. It was their first Special Shape annual.
- ★ Ode To Spring: Weather won - no flight; Ode Officials: Balloonmeister - Max Harris; Assistant Balloonmeister - Mark Harris; Safetymeister - Rob Bartholomew; Weathermeister - Bill Griffin. 2005 Crew of the Year - Jim & Connie Thompson's crew; Pilot of the Year - Patti Todden; Cleo Award - Phyllis Drake; 2005-2006 BOI Board: Dick Drake, Al Appenzeller, Todd Isley, Joel Worthington, Amy Williams; 2004 BOI Champion - Benji Clemons; Indoor task: #1 Gary Fouche #2 Cory Bloom & Brad Craig #3 Benji Clemons

Harvey Hubbell is a relative of the Des Moines Hubbells. Those of you that were at some of the '70s nationals in Indianola will remember Grover Windsor, a balloon pilot whose mother was also a Hubbell. The first "Spirit of Ballooning" award presented to pilots by the BFA or IBI was named after Grover.
Jim Thompson

Harvey Hubbell IV

HUBBELL Harvey Hubbell, IV, age 80, of North Palm Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday morning, February 16, at home in his summer residence on 6 West St., Newtown, He was born May 8, 1929 in Bridgeport, to Clara (Ham) Hubbell and Harvey Hubbell III. He was a longtime resident of Newtown, and resident of Florida since 1984. Harvey Hubbell IV was the beloved husband of Ann (Edwards) Hubbell for the past 22 years. Harvey was a graduate of the

Eastman National Business College and the Babson Institute. He served as 1st Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. Harvey worked for and later retired from the family's business. Being an ardent historian, Harvey was a member and President of The Hubbell Center - a family historical society located in Des Moines, Iowa, as well as a member of the Palm Beach Genealogical Society. He was an avid hot air balloonist since 1978. One of his balloons, the Chanticleer, sports Newtown's "Rooster" logo. Harvey and his crew flew worldwide. He was the Director of the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. Besides his wife, he is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, William Ham Hubbell and Bianca of Argentina; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth Schwerin and Tim of Vero Beach, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Richard Lugovich of Harrisburg, Pa.; son, Harvey Hubbell V of Litchfield. Donations in honor of Harvey can be made to the following organizations: Hubbell Family Scholarship Fund 5102 Kenmore Ave. Parma, OH 44134; The Hubbell Center, Suite 422, Hubbell Building, 904 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa; New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096; Fidelco Guide Dogs, 103 Old Iron Ore Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002 (www.fidelco.org) Harvey will be remembered for his incredible faith, and his zest for life. The family would like to thank all those who have shared Harvey's life, and in closing state one of his favorite phrases "This, too, shall pass".

Email Address Change

Please change your address books for my listing from peoplepc.com. My NEW E-Address is wooffwooff@hotmail.com Please use this address for all future messages to me.

Thank-you. I look forward to you new messages. Warm wishes, Mary

FAAST Team

Mission: To improve the Nation's aviation safety record by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach, and education. At the same time, FAASTeam Managers and Program Managers will establish meaningful aviation industry alliances and encourage continual growth of a positive safety culture within the aviation community.

"The new FAASTeam will help the FAA and industry focus their resources on combined efforts to reach our common goal of reducing accidents. Join the FAASTeam and be part of the solution!" Kevin Clover, National FAA Safety Team Manager

The FAASTeam uses more data to decide what should be done to reduce accidents. Each Regional FAASTeam Office develops a business plan based on information compiled by FPMs from each of the region's geographic areas. The data

includes:

- ▶ Accident/incident reports involving airmen from the area
- ▶ Hazards identified by Inspectors at local Flight Standards District Offices
- ▶ Information from the local aviation community

Once the data is collected and analyzed the FPMs develop tasks that they plan to accomplish, with the help of all their FAASTeam Members, in an effort to mitigate future accidents.

The FAASTeam uses system safety techniques to shift the safety culture. New risk management tools will be created for individual airmen. A product to deliver safety management system tools to air groups is in the development process.

The FAASTeam is "teaming" up with individuals and the aviation industry to create a unified effort against accidents and "tip" the safety culture in the right direction.

- ▶ **FAASTeam Members** - A FAASTeam Member is anyone who makes a conscious effort to promote aviation safety and become part of the shift in safety culture. To become a member:
 - Sign-up to use FAASafety.gov and take part in all it has to offer.
 - Pilots – participate in our new WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program
 - Mechanics – participate in the AMT Awards Program
 - Attend live FAASTeam seminars and events in your area
- ▶ **FAASTeam Representatives** - Aviation safety volunteers that wish to work closely with FAASTeam Program Managers (FPM) to actively promote safety may be designated as FAASTeam Representatives. These volunteers will receive training and will be supported by the FPM with equipment and materials.
- ▶ **FAASTeam Industry Members** - The FAASTeam is in the process of developing guidelines for the establishment of Industry Members. They are companies or associations of people that have a vested interest in aviation safety. The guidelines will describe how these groups and the FAASTeam can formalize their desires to promote aviation safety together.

We invite you to join the FAASTeam at whatever level is right for you. Together, as a team, we can make a difference by reducing aviation accidents!

<http://www.FAASafety.gov>

The Ten Commandments of Ballooning

1. Thou shalt keep thine air hot, lest the earth rise up and smite thee.
2. Thou shalt always fly with champagne.
3. Thou shalt avoid landing on anything resembling crops, for these are the bounty of the earth, and sowers of the seeds may rise up and slay thee.
4. Thou ensure that the thirst of thy fan is slaked always with petrol.
5. Thou shalt not criticize thy neighbor's balloon colors, for yours may be no better.
6. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's chase vehicle or crew.
7. Thou shalt always keep bountiful supplies of propane in thy tanks, for this is the source of thy light.
8. Thou shalt always keep thy crew happy, lest they forget to retrieve you some day.
9. Thou shalt not fly into the midst of fluffy cumulus clouds, lest the shears flatten thine envelope and make thy heart skip many beats.
10. Thou shalt honor the pronouncements of thine air traffic controller, lest the air intake of a Boeing become stuffed with many yards of nylon and much wicker.

BFA North Central Region Report

Hello to everyone in the North Central Region. I wanted to give you a report of a few of the items that the BFA is currently working on.

BFA Board Meeting

On April 16-18, 2010, the BFA board of directors will be meeting for a face to face meeting in Indianola, IA. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like for me to address to the board, please let me know by April 2, 2010 so I can get it on the agenda. You are also welcome to attend this meeting. The more involved you are, the better the BFA can be!

Convention 2011

As most of you know, the BFA's National Convention has been set for April 7-10, 2011, in Des Moines IA. The BFA board and convention committee is working hard to make this a very successful event. Please watch the BFA website for more details on how to register and how to get involved.

Get Involved

During 2009, the board of directors worked on the development of a Ride Operators Code of Ethics. As you might recall we asked all of you to come and speak to the strengths and weaknesses of the guidelines and those outside forces you viewed as opportunities or threats to the ride industry and ballooning in general.

Some of the voices we heard were those we expected to hear, for these were the voices of leadership that have guided this organization, in some cases, for many years. But other voices emerged, too. These were the ones that are newer to our family or those we don't hear from regularly but nevertheless represent an opinion or a perspective that is as valuable as any other. It is these voices that were shared in these discussions that will continue to guide the BFA through the next decade.

Beyond each member's voice, the BFA also needs each person's gifts. And just like we need a diversity of voices, we need a diversity of gifts.

We've heard the story of someone who's had a bad knee for many years. And the knee, after so much wear and tear, needs to be replaced. But the individual keeps putting it off and putting it off. In the meantime, while hobbling around on a bad knee, he or she puts too much pressure on the other knee which has been overcompensating for the bad knee. And before she knows it, the second knee is in such bad shape that it has to be fixed as well.

In a volunteer organization such as the BFA, all parts of the body need to be functioning well so that all of them stay healthy. Without everyone's gifts, the BFA ceases to meet its potential as an organization. Without every part fulfilling its role, the body is broken at some point and can't do all that it wants or should be doing.

At this point, I could go through the numerous jobs that one could volunteer for as a BFA member. I could tell you of how we need people to volunteer to lead committees, someone to provide fresh ideas for ways to increase membership, or people to help run the summer youth camps. But, we really need to think past the jobs that are open and think about what our gifts and talents truly are. What capabilities do we have and how can we use these talents as part of the body of the BFA?

I ask that each person reading this look at the various skills and talents they possess and use on a daily basis in their vocations, then challenge them to use those talents to strengthen the BFA. With such diversity of voices and talents the possibilities of this volunteer organization are endless.

What part of the body are you? Without your voice or your gifts, we are not whole.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to any comments that you may have. Please feel free to call or text me at (402) 740-6629. You can also email me at mfenster@bfa.net.

Matt Fenster

If your address label doesn't say "10-11", please send the following information with \$20 dues.

Add \$5 if you'd like to be included in the BOI Championship

Balloons Over Iowa Membership Application		Dues: \$20/ yr
Name:	_____	Birthday: _____
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Home Phone #	_____	Family: Birthdays: _____
Email Address:	_____	_____
Balloon Name:	_____	_____
List any other Birthdays, special occasions or Events:	_____	_____
_____ Commercial Pilot _____ Private Pilot _____ Student Pilot _____ Crew _____ Balloon Enthusiast		
Mail to: Balloons Over Iowa Attn: Carol Harris 2305 Hillside Ave West Des Moines, IA 50265	Would you like to receive the Newsletter by: _____ Mail _____ Email with link to Newsletter posted on a Web site - you can then read, save or print the newsletter.	

If you currently receive your newsletter by mail, please consider changing to the electronic version. It is much less work for your (volunteer) newsletter editor, plus it saves the club money. Each newsletter costs \$1-2 to print and about \$1 to mail.

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Balloons Over Iowa Membership Meetings

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

April 18 - 6:30 p.m.

May 16 - 6:30 p.m.