



Welcome to the newsletter for the Ballooning Society of Pikes Peak (BSOPP)! This monthly publication of the balloon club is to inform and educate club members and others about ballooning in the area. Learn more at [www.FlyBSOPP.com](http://www.FlyBSOPP.com).

**General Meeting - Tues 5/18, 6p – Old Chicago – N Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs**

### ***Presidents' Letter***

The weather so far this year hasn't been the most cooperative. The winds have been pretty persistent recently. Borrowing from what someone else recently said, we should all make sure our equipment is ready to go for that next flight whenever it may be. That includes the able bodies of ourselves and crew. Perform a once-over review of the equipment and even start up the fan or check your radios. Review your flight checklists and add a step to check airspace above you before launch.

The next club flight will include a buffet for Mother's Day at Golden Coral on Woodmen near Powers. The buffet will be on Saturday, 22 May, regardless of suitable weather to fly. The flight for June will be in South Park as a combined event with the Denver Club. The final preparations are being made, and the event committee could use some additional help to bring it all together. Come out to the next meeting to provide your input and volunteer for this event.

There are a number of request(s) for supporting charitable events coming up. Please review your calendars and consider donating your time to support them. Contact me if you want more information.

Youth Festival 2010, Colo Spgs, July 30-31

- *Chuck Danley, President*



*BSOPP At Ridgway Balloons & Varooms  
- Paul D deBerjeois*

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## Treasurer's Report

As of 3/31

Checking	\$1790.69
Savings	\$1060.25
Petty Cash	\$ 26.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2877.53</b>

### First Quarter 2010:

#### Money Spent:

Tetherlines	\$ 35.84
Drawing Prizes	\$ 45.00
Winterfest	\$ 85.78
1st Qtr B'day Cake	\$ 17.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 183.62</b>

#### Income:

Winterfest	\$ 138.00
Advertising	\$ 60.00
Dues	\$ 102.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 300.50</b>



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May 2010														
Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set
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1	601	1952	8	554	1958	15	547	2005	22	541	2011	29	537	2016
2	600	1953	9	553	1959	16	546	2006	23	541	2012	30	537	2017
3	559	1954	10	552	2000	17	545	2007	24	540	2013	31	536	2018
4	558	1955	11	551	2001	18	544	2007	25	539	2013			
5	557	1956	12	550	2002	19	544	2008	26	539	2014			
6	556	1956	13	549	2003	20	543	2009	27	538	2015			
7	555	1957	14	548	2004	21	542	2010	28	538	2016			

June 2010														
Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set
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1	536	2019	8	534	2023	15	533	2026	22	535	2028	29	537	2028
2	536	2019	9	534	2023	16	534	2026	23	535	2028	30	537	2028
3	535	2020	10	534	2024	17	534	2027	24	535	2028			
4	535	2021	11	534	2024	18	534	2027	25	535	2028			
5	535	2021	12	533	2025	19	534	2027	26	536	2028			
6	534	2022	13	533	2025	20	534	2028	27	536	2028			
7	534	2022	14	533	2026	21	534	2028	28	536	2028			

## Upcoming Events Calendar

### BSOPP Membership Meetings

Date	Event	Location/Details
5/18	BSOPP General Meeting	6p, Old Chicago, N Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs
5/22	BSOPP Club Fly & Mother's Day Brunch	Flight from Fountain & Aeroplaza 6:00a Brunch at Golden Corral, Woodmen & Powers, 10a
6/7	BSOPP Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30p, Location TBA

### Flights, Rallies and Related Events *(Tell them you saw it in BSOPP's Tetherlines!)*

Date	Event	Location / Details
5/14-5/16	Erie Town Fair	Elle@ErieChamber.org, 303-828-3440
6/4-6/6	Telluride Balloon Rally	Marilyn Branch 970-728-4769 balloons@telluridecolorado.net
6/20	BSOPP/CBC Fly-Out	South Park – BSOPP serves brunch
7/2-7/5	America's Freedom Festival	Provo UT – Bill Talbot – WTalbot@ZionsBank.com
7/9-7/11	Steamboat Balloon Rodeo	Steamboat Springs CO - Kara - 970-875-7002
7/24-7/25	Celebration of Honor Fly	www.CelebrationOfHonorFly.com fly@celebrationofhonorfly.com
7/31-8/1	Casper WY Balloon Roundup	www.CasperBalloonRoundup.com Lacy Harper 307-473-8300

## ***FAR out*** – Stephen Blucher

Where have most of today's lighter-than-air pilots learned to fly? I think it safe to say they have been taught by local commercial pilots/friends. The majority of instruction is done on an informal basis. That is to say, budding aeronauts are not attending formal balloon pilot schools.

This is not a negative comment but simply a fact. When compared to the number of balloon students in the country, there are not that many "formal" balloon pilot schools available. Looking in classified sections of various ballooning publications, one will find less than half a dozen such schools advertised, which is not to say others do not exist.

Is there an advantage to flight training one way or the other? To those who have local commercial pilots not spending all their time flying paid ride flights, the advantage is possibly not to have drive long distances and pay for room and board. However, if, as some do, the student pilot has no one locally willing to teach them on a regular basis because the ride business is far more lucrative, a FAR Part 141 pilot school may be the place to go.

You were wondering where the FARs were going to fit into this column? 141 schools have the advantage of an everyday flight curriculum...the instructor is yours once or twice a day plus being available for question answering. The schools also have more formal classroom facilities.

Another advantage is, because of the concentrated instruction and regulations, 141 schools can recommend a student for a check ride with fewer training hours and/or flights...presuming, of course, the student is proficient. FAR 141 has the details.

Some schools have a FAA Designated Examiner on staff, which could make getting the check ride more convenient.

Is going to a Part 141 school better than being taught by an independent instructor? Only the student pilot can or should make that decision by researching the school, talking to students who have flown with one or the other, word on the street and looking into their wallets.

Why are they not more formal schools in the country? The primary reason appears to be financial. Per the requirements of FAR Part 141, setting up a facility is not difficult. Finding pilots with Chief, Assistant Chief and Check Pilot qualifications is not a major block. An applicant for "school certification" must have adequate personnel and ...oh yes...students. There are many who say they would love to learn to fly a balloon, but when it comes to putting their names on a contract... Diversifying the business by selling balloons, doing commercial rides and flying advertising contracts helps the bottom line.

Want to know more? Check FAR Part 141 – Pilot Schools in the latest issue of your AIM/FAR publication. The information is all there.



## **Thank You, Casper!**

For the past six years, the Casper WY Balloon Roundup has been one of the premier balloon rallies in Wyoming. This year, the event organizers changed the date of their event to avoid a conflict with the Celebration Of Honor Fly.

Lacey Harper, an organizer with the Casper Balloon Roundup, has extended an offer to BSOPP pilots to fly at their rally during the weekend of 7/31-8/1. Casper offers 'travel cash', free pilot rooms, free propane, Friday night reception, Saturday BBQ, and all the hospitality offered by a grateful, balloon-friendly community.

Lacey can be reached by phone at 307-473-8300 or by email at [Lacey@WYTheGroup.com](mailto:Lacey@WYTheGroup.com). Check out their great website at [www.CasperBalloonRoundUp.com](http://www.CasperBalloonRoundUp.com). Even if you aren't able to attend the rally, why not send an email thanking the event for being such a gracious ballooning friend and neighbor. Tell them you heard about it in the BSOPP Tetherlines!

## **BSOPP April General Meeting**

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak  
Club Meeting - April 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Blucher at 7:00 pm. Items discussed:

1. Major Mandolin was invited by Chuck Danley to speak to the group about a New Year's Eve Celebration at the Antler's Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs. He would like for the BSOPP Club to participate by having a balloon inflated and rising from behind the Antler's Hotel at the Midnight hour. He suggested that the balloon be launched from Antler's Park which is basically tree covered. It was suggested to Charles Prignano, aka Major Mandolin, that members would think and discuss ways that would benefit his idea. However, the park is totally out of the question.
2. Welcome New Members! Brandon Miamiaga, Jason Miamiaga, Janet Miamiaga, Matt Davidson and Desiree Tucker. New student pilots are: Kim Barnett, Ben Schuler, Desiree Tucker & Matt.
3. Frank Hunter talked about the fly in Westcliffe on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone was enthusiastic about the whole get-together. If it goes according to plans, it will be fun. Updates forthcoming.
4. Pat DeBerjeois mentioned that she could use some help with the Father's Day Celebration on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Southpark. Dusty Shutt and Tonya Hall said they would be glad to participate.
5. Dusty mentioned that the Balloon Federation of America is challenging each division to raise money for stained glass windows that were damaged by a storm. They also are having a contest for drawings for these windows.
6. Patsy Buchwald announced that 'ELVIS' would be performing at the Classic this year.
7. The town of Cheyenne Wells would like to have two or three balloons come to their Tumbleweed Festival for its 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will be held in Cheyenne Wells on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010. For more information contact: Debbie @ (719)767-5865 or her cell (719) 343-5865.
8. Garden of the Gods has decided that their plates are full at this time. They feel like they would have more time next year to plan and think about the glow. Paul DeBerjeois suggested that a few of the pilots meet with them and discuss a few ideas and get to know the committee members. Hopefully, this will help in the future.

Peggy Sansom, BSOPP Secretary

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- Publication by second Tuesday of each month
- 12 Months for the price of 10 if paid in advance
- 12 Mo ads include ad & link on BSOPP.com

**Next General Meeting is Tuesday, May 18  
6p Dinner, 7p Program  
Old Chicago – N Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs  
New club website – FlyBSOPP.com  
Facebook – Ballooning Society of Pikes Peak**



## **Tetherlines**

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