



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.

**General Meeting - Tues 8/17, 6p – Texas T-Bone – 5245 N Academy Blvd
(Just North of Union)**

President's Note – *Chuck Danley*

The summer has heated up and so has the ballooning activities. More rallies have occurred in the last few weeks and some big ones in the next few weeks as well. Many in the club supported the Celebration of Honor Flight. All the soldiers looked like kids, they had so much fun. The club fly this month is in Westcliffe. It will be good to have a change of view this month. I know the people in Westcliffe are excited to have us come. A big Thank you to Frank for putting everything together for this event. Then 2 big events follow right on the heels with the Classic and Fiesta. Many in the club participate in these events as well. Make sure all of your equipment and crew are ready for this stretch of activity. Most of all, everyone be safe through this period of activity and don't burn out.

I have had a request for a pilot to support a lesson on aviation during week before the Classic at Lincoln Elementary School. Contact me for more details.



Kinda Schuler – Celebration of Honor Fly



Program for the August meeting is to be David Callear. He is a Air Traffic Controller Instructor at DIA. He used to be a ATC Controller here in Colorado Springs.

Note from Colorado Balloon Classic:

Planning on crewing at the Balloon Classic? Have you signed up yet? If you have not done so already, please sign up online on the Classic's website to be eligible for a parking passes. They are also attempting to get accurate crew numbers for demographics that are always needed for sponsors and the city. Just visit www.balloonclassic.com and click on Participate. If you have any questions please, call the Balloon Classic office at 719-471-4833.

*Our Club Photographer busy at work
Kimberly Barnett – Celebration of Honor Fly*

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July 2010

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August 2010

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1	600	2010	8	607	2002	15	613	1954	22	619	1944	29	626	1934
2	601	2009	9	607	2001	16	614	1952	23	620	1943	30	626	1932
3	602	2008	10	608	2000	17	615	1951	24	621	1941	31	627	1931
4	603	2007	11	609	1959	18	616	1950	25	622	1940			
5	604	2006	12	610	1958	19	617	1948	26	623	1938			
6	605	2005	13	611	1956	20	617	1947	27	624	1937			
7	606	2004	14	612	1955	21	618	1946	28	625	1935			

September 2010

Day	Rise h m	Set h m	Day	Rise h m	Set h m	Day	Rise h m	Set h m	Day	Rise h m	Set h m	Day	Rise h m	Set h m
1	628	1929	8	634	1919	15	641	1907	22	647	1856	29	653	1845
2	629	2009	9	635	1917	16	642	1906	23	648	1855	30	654	1843
3	630	2008	10	636	1915	17	642	1904	24	649	1853			
4	631	2007	11	637	1914	18	643	1903	25	650	1851			
5	632	2006	12	638	1912	19	644	1901	26	651	1850			
6	633	2005	13	639	1911	20	645	1859	27	651	1848			
7	634	2004	14	640	1909	21	646	1858	28	652	1847			

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings

Date	Event	Location/Details
8/17	BSOPP General Meeting	6pm, Texas T-Bone, 5245 N Academy Blvd
8/22	BSOPP Club Fly	Westcliffe -
9/6	BSOPP Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30 pm, Frankie's – Corner of Powers and Galley

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
8/22	BSOPP Club fly	Westcliffe, CO – Brief 6:15 behind Silver Dome Bar
8/28	Crew Training for CBC	Memorial Park 7:30am - 719-471-4833
8/27 - 8/29	Garden City	Garden City Chamb. Of Comm. – 800-879-9803
9/4 – 9/6	Colorado Balloon Classic	Colorado Spring, CO - www.balloonclassic.com
9/10 - 9/12	Colorfest Balloon Rally	Pagosa Springs, CO – info@pagosarally.com
9/17 - 9/20	Snowmass Village B. Rally	Snowmass Village, CO – bwood@sopris.net
9/18 - 9/20	Frederick Miners Day B. Rally	Fredrick, CO - michael@lifecycleballoons.com
9/18 - 9/20	Great Midwest Balloon Fest	Overland Park, KS - Amanda - 913.649.2359
10/2-10/10	ABQ Inter. Balloon Fiesta	Albuquerque, NM – www.balloonfiesta.com/

Look for more events at <http://www.BFA.net>

Westcliffe Club Fly Info: Pilot Brief Sunday the 22nd @ 6:15 am

For those going up to Westcliffe Saturday the 21st there is a group potluck/bbq scheduled at Hermit Park. Frank has arranged for a grill to be there, so bring your own grill choice and something to share on the side. More information to follow.

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

Federal Aviation Regulation Part 91.155 is straight forward and has to do with **VFR** weather minimums. I highlight **VFR** because it seems some pilots do not understand the letters mean Visual Flight Rules. This means there are minimum visibility requirements and minimum distances the aircraft must be kept from clouds. For those flying in uncontrolled airspace, the rules are different than if in controlled, whether away from a populated area or in an airport traffic area.

Rather than put all the information here, as that is not the purpose of this column, pilots should brush up on FAR 91.155 and the visibility/distance table that goes with it.

The point of this article is not *which* part of the rule is in effect in Class A, B, C, D, E and G but *where* the airspaces are. Some pilots are not sure of, or do not understand, the class of airspace in which they are flying, and this can be a problem when navigating in unfamiliar surroundings. A pilot could be somewhere unintended and find him/herself on the business end of a visit or letter from the FAA. For example, a flight launching from an area that appears to be in uncontrolled airspace might in reality be on the edge of the Class C belonging to an airport four and a half miles away.

The easiest airspace is Class G, which is uncontrolled below 700 feet above ground level (AGL). That gives a balloon a lot of flying room.

Class E is the next easiest (there is no Class F) and though “controlled” to a point, the balloonist still has a good choice of flight paths. In Class E, pilots will find non-towered (not to be confused with non-controlled) airports.

Class D, C, B, and A are very controlled environments and pilots must be aware of their existence in the flight area.

FAR 91 Sections .126, .127, .129, .130, .131 and .135, are the places to find the operating rules for the various airspaces. Another source, and perhaps easier to understand, is the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) Chapter 3. To go along with the printed word, the pilot will find pictorial displays as well, and, as they say, “a picture is worth a thousand words”.

SAFE FLYING!

BFA Note:

Dear BFA Members,

Keep an eye on your mailbox, the BFA ballots are out. There are several positions on the BFA board, Hot Air Competition Division board, and Gas Division board that need to be filled. As trite as the statement sounds, every vote truly counts (especially for an organization of our size). Make your voice heard by casting an educated vote. You can read the candidates statements posted on our web site, <http://www.bfa.net/>.

After careful thought and discussion, we selected Jim Lynch of Ocala, Florida to fill the remainder of Don Edward's term as Southeast Region Director on the BFA Board. I would like to personally and publicly thank Marsha Treacy of Statesville, North Carolina and Ken Garner of Decatur, Alabama for offering their time and statements for consideration. I would also like to thank the members of the Southeast Region for your suggestions and input to our discussion about these and other highly qualified candidates. Jim's LTA experience combined with his experience in powered flight that includes military, airlines and general aviation, as well as working for Flight Standards departments

regulating training, flight operations safety and security make him an excellent addition to your BFA Board.

We did experience a backup problem with the BFA web site between the dates of July 5 and July 9. If you submitted anything to the office during those dates the data was lost. The Online Shop was unaffected. Fred Dinkler, our amazing web site mechanic, took care of the problem and we should not experience this issue again. However, if you did send anything between the dates mentioned please resubmit the information to Sharon.

As a reminder, the 50th Anniversary of the BFA is next year. It is a good time to reflect on our history and a great time to celebrate our future! The biggest event of our Golden Anniversary will be the 2011 National Convention in Des Moines. The Convention Committee in Iowa is working towards putting on a first class event with a great line up of speakers and seminars that all balloonists can benefit from attending. I highly encourage all members to be in Des Moines, April 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2011.

I hope everyone is having a great summer of flying. Be safe out there!

Sincerely,
Troy Bradley
BFA President and Life Member

BSOPP August Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
8/2/10

The meeting was held at New China Kitchen and called to order by Stephen Blucher at 6:47PM.

Board Members and Club Members attending:

Stephen Blucher
Peggy Sansom
Kim Barnett
Connie Moreland
Greg Littlejohn
Linda Littlejohn
Nolan Schuler

1. It was decided to comp Ken Davidson's membership dues for the use of his warehouse.
2. Nolan asked about if the club was going to participate in the Christmas Parade of Lights this year. It was decided to see if money could be raised to pay for the registration fee. More will be discussed at the monthly Club meeting.
3. Elections will held at the November Club Meeting.
4. Nolan Schuler and Stephen Blucher will let us know who will be the speaker at our next Club Meeting.
5. The next board meeting will be held on September 6 at Frankie's on the corner of Powers & Galley
6. Meeting adjourned approximately 7:15 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary

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**Next General Meeting is Tuesday, August 17
6p Dinner, 7p Program**

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