



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 11/16, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting - Texas T-Bone North -
5245 N Academy Blvd (Just North of Union)**

President's Note – Chuck Danley

It's that time of year again. November 16th is the last general membership meeting of the year. The annual board elections occur during this meeting along with a test of everyone's general knowledge of our sport. The problem is that no one is interested in running for the board. This club isn't just for a select few of the members. It is for the entire membership. The membership needs to provide its opinion, and thus representation, for the club to do what the membership wants it to do. That representation occurs through the board and committees. There are 2 board positions opening this year due to term limitations. The time requirement for a board member is 1 additional meeting of about an hour per month including the time to eat a meal. Without your support this club can't continue to move forward to support our sport and our community. I request your consideration in volunteering to support your club in some manner by running for a board position or joining a committee to make your voice known. It is an exciting time right now. For as big as this club is we have 10 student pilots currently. Don't let the opportunity to keep that momentum wither away.

Editor Note:

First, I would like to say I am sorry that things have been late for the last 2 months with the Tetherlines. My schedule has been a little crazy but will be settling out now hopefully.

Second, we have been receiving information on various new things going on within the ballooning community.

There is a discount for early registration for the LTA Safety Seminar 2011. I am going to get the registration form to the BSOPP Webpage Admin's and have them post the pdf download so if you would like to register early you can get the form.

The 2011 Casper Balloon Round Up will be held July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th- For more info contact Lacey Olson: casperballoonroundup@hotmail.com

The Desert Balloon Extravaganza is going to start up again in 2011. We are looking at August 19-21st 2011. So keep the date and look for more info coming after the first of the year.

The registration information for the Balloon Federation of America's 50th Anniversary Convention will also be posted on our website. There is a discount also for registering before the end of the year. The date of the convention is April 7-11 in Des Moines, IA.

Thanks – Kimberly

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Balloon Fiesta – Jessica Bair



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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	726	1759	8	634	1651	15	642	1645	22	649	1641	29	657	1638
2	727	1758	9	635	1651	16	643	1645	23	651	1641	30	658	1638
3	729	1757	10	636	1650	17	644	1644	24	652	1640			
4	730	1755	11	637	1649	18	645	1643	25	653	1640			
5	731	1754	12	639	1648	19	646	1643	26	654	1639			
6	732	1753	13	640	1647	20	647	1642	27	655	1639			
7	633	1652	14	641	1646	21	648	1642	28	656	1638			

December 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	659	1638	8	705	1637	15	710	1638	22	715	1641	29	717	1646
2	700	1637	9	706	1637	16	711	1639	23	715	1642	30	717	1646
3	701	1637	10	707	1637	17	712	1639	24	715	1642	31	718	1647
4	702	1637	11	708	1637	18	712	1639	25	716	1643			
5	702	1637	12	708	1638	19	713	1640	26	716	1644			
6	703	1637	13	709	1638	20	714	1640	27	717	1644			
7	704	1637	14	710	1638	21	714	1641	28	717	1645			



Balloon Fiesta-
Ben Schuler

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings

Date	Event	Location/Details
11/16	BSOPP General Meeting	6pm, Texas T-Bone, 5245 N Academy Blvd
11/20	BSOPP Club Fly	Holiday Inn's – Pilot Brief
12/6	BSOPP Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30pm – Old Chicago – Corner of Power and S.Carefree
No General Meeting for the Month Of December		
12/31	New Years Eve Glow	Cordea – Grand Lawn
1/3/2011	BSOPP Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30pm – location is TBD

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
12/3 - 12/5	Red Rock Balloon Rally	Gallup, NM – www.redrockballoonrally.com
2/2 – 2/6	Snowdown Bites	Durango, CO – www.snowdown.org
2/11-2/13	Lake City Hot Air Balloon Fest.	Lake City, CO – More info to come

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

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

There seems to be some confusion amongst balloonists as to what paperwork, documents and/or logbooks must be kept on file for eternity and be carried in the aircraft. Some pilots have been told they must carry the logbooks. This is NOT true.

FAR 91.417 is very specific about maintenance records and states in section (c) “the owner or operator shall make all maintenance records required to be kept by this section available for inspection by the Administrator (any FAA personnel) or any authorized (underlining added) representative of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

The rule does not say “immediately”, it says “shall make...available”. If the logbook is at the repair station, which is closed, the log is available to whomever but will take awhile to access.

The same section goes on to say...I love this one...“In addition, the owner or operator shall present the Form 337 described in paragraph (d) of the section for inspection upon request of any law enforcement officer”. Why would such a person ask for a 337 in the first place, and if they did, would they know what it means?

In truth, how many readers know what a 337 is and what it is used for? I bet not everyone, and that is OK because, unless you have modified your aircraft and changed the weight and balance characteristics, there is no reason to know that. You can read 91.417 (d) if you are really curious.

So, how long do you have to keep maintenance records? Every owner and pilot should know this so that one does not fly an aircraft that is not “legal”.

Section (a) says, “....shall keep the following records for the periods specified....”

Section (a) (1) goes on to say, “Records of the maintenance, preventative maintenance, and alteration and records of the 100-hour, annual, progressive, and other required or approved inspections, as appropriate, for each aircraft...” More of this section specifies what is to be noted in the records.

(a)(2) speaks of the overhauling of “all items installed on the aircraft which are required to be overhauled on a specific time basis”. Overhauled is another word for replaced and for balloonists that usually means fuel lines/hoses and some tank valves. Do not confuse “overhaul” with “inspected”. I did not mention how long which has to be kept, because it is important for owners and operators to know and understand the information and the context of FAR 91.417. It is a short regulation to read and well worth the investigation. Besides, when was the last time you took your FARs off the shelf?

BFA Face to Face Meeting Recap:

The BFA board of directors recently met in Albuquerque New Mexico for a face to face meeting Sept 30-Oct 1 2010. There were many items on the agenda, but the items that seemed to take up a lot of discussion time were both membership and the website.

Here is a recap of the items that the board discussed. President Troy Bradley opened up the meeting comparing two companies Netflix and Blockbuster. Ten years ago, Blockbuster was a well established successful company and Netflix was a young start up. Currently, Blockbuster is bankrupt and Netflix has grown by leaps and bounds. Filling a demand in a different way is the key to Netflix’s success and the way for our organization to thrive and succeed as well. Troy expressed to the board that our membership continues to decline, and we need to work together as a board so we do not become a Blockbuster.

Jim Thompson gave the treasurers report and showed some concern for the upcoming year. The board and staff have work diligently to cut expenses while providing member services that are valuable to our members. Over the two days, the board genuine concern for the sport and the organization showed as there were many ideas that came forth to save the organization money.

The online safety seminar was a huge success this year and will happen once again February 5, 2011, broadcasting live from Lakeland, Florida. This year's speakers will include; Troy Bradley, Gordon Schwontkoski, and a few others. Cost this year will be \$25.00 if registered before December 1, 2010, \$35 after December 1 and \$125 for non members of the BFA. There will be a registration form and ability to pay online on the website.

Registration for the convention has officially been opened. You can visit the BFA website to find a link to the convention website and to register. The convention committee has been working hard to provide the best program possible. The keynote speaker for the convention is Joe Kittinger. You can also reserve hotels on the convention website at the rate of \$99.00 at the Marriott.

The HACD report talked about the worlds and pre world's championships coming to Battle Creek, Michigan in 2011 and 2012. The BFA team in Hungary representing USA at this year's worlds is Nick Donner, Johnny Petrehn, Joe Heartsill, Paul Petrehn and Owen Keown. (See the competition area on www.BFA.net for the results)

One topic that had a lot of energy came from Matt Fenster. He gave a proposal at the April face to face meeting about a crew division of the BFA. He came to the board for this meeting with a proposal of what the membership category will involve. For \$30.00 a year, crew can become a nonvoting BFA member with many benefits geared toward crew. They will receive a crew t-shirt, electronic calendar of festivals across the country, electronic newsletter with reports from various festivals, topics for crew training, tailgate recipes, crew tips and tricks, and more. They will also receive 1 electronic issue of the ballooning journal. They will also be added to a database so pilots across the country can find crew either at festivals or as they travel. Board member Cory Miller contacted the balloon clubs around the country and those that responded showed the huge need for this membership category. Why not get your valuable crew members a membership and thank them for all of the hard work they have done for you over the years. You can call the BFA office to get started.

The website received a lot of attention and many of the topics came back to the website. Troy Bradley put together a 20 something focus group and they looked at the BFA and how to make it better. They gave some great suggestions on what the site should have. Many of those in the focus group have grown up in ballooning as well. The board also gave a lot of input as to what they wanted to see on the site and improvements to drive people to the site. Rick Jones was in attendance at the face to face meeting so there was good discussion what can be done with the site. The first two items include adding more color to the front page and to get the for sale ads up and running.

The 50 year commemorative coins have been for sale for a couple of weeks. These coins were made to celebrate the last 50 years of the BFA. These coins sell for \$15.95 which includes shipping from Indiana and have a msrp of \$19.95. These are bronze in color and have a raised edging. These coins can only be ordered on a pre-order basis and once we reach 100 coins, we will submit the order. Call the BFA office today to reserve your copy.

The youth camps this year held one camp in Michigan. There were about 20 campers that attended. The camp in Texas was cancelled due to lack of attendees. Next year, camps are scheduled to be held in Texas, Michigan, and the NE area where the location to be determined. If you are interested in hosting a camp in your area contact Shelly Caraway or Cory Miller for more information.

Maury Sullivan presented a document to the board that the Events Guidelines committee has been working hard for the past 6 months. There will be a review period in the future to give input and it will be presented at the convention. This document is a non-binding guideline to help balloon festivals organize a successful and safe event. Watch for more details as they develop.

Awards were given out at the Annual General Meeting.

This year's recipients of the Director's award are:

Great Eastern Balloon Association given by Bill Hughes-Northeast region

Barbara and Steve Stokoe given by Jim Lynch- Southeast Region

Roy Caton given by Kevin Knapp- at large

Bill Zangs given by Ken Walter- Great Lakes region

Pat Brake given by Shelley Caraway- Southwest region
Sharon and Edd Higbee given by Andy Baird- at large
Bob Tyszka given by Cory Miller- Western Region

The Presidents award was given to Maury Sullivan by Troy Bradley for his generous commitment of time, unwavering support and continual dedication to the Balloon Federation of America.

HACD 2009 Awards:

National Points Leader - Nicholas Donner

Highest ranking Rookie - Rhett Heartsill

Highest Ranking Female - Cheryl Edwards

WhiteHighest ranking Senior Pilot - Joe Heartsill

Most improved pilot 2 - Bruce Bussey and William Bussey (tie)

The Shields Trauger awards were announced at the AGM and will be presented at the convention in Des Moines. This years recipients are Colonel Joseph W Kittinger Jr and Louis R Billones.

Your new officers for the 2010-2011 year are:

President- Troy Bradley

Vice President- Matt Fenster

Secretary- Cory Miller

Treasurer- Kevin Knapp.

Please feel free to contact any one of the board of directors at any time with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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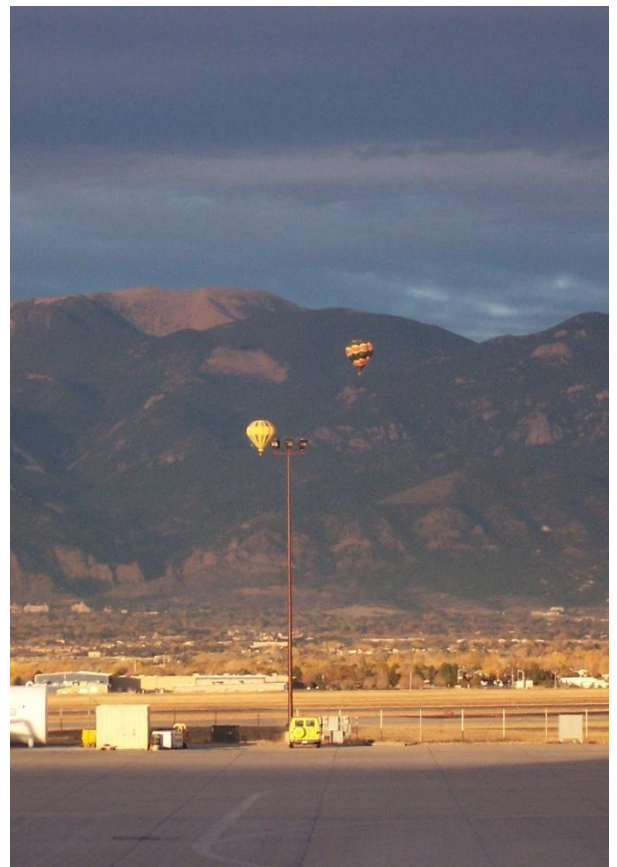
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View from the airport – Kimberly Barnett



Balloon Fiesta – Paul deBerjois

BSOPP November Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
11/1/10

The meeting was held at Rock Bottom Brewery and called to order by Stephen Blucher at 6:40PM.
Board Members and Club Members attending:

Stephen Blucher
Peggy Sansom
Connie Moreland
Paul deBerjois Sr.
Paul D. deBerjois

1. Stephen Blucher stated that BSOPP had paid the Colorado Balloon Classic for the propane used at crew training.
2. Skip Howe made contact with Cordera for the New Years Eve Glo on the grand lawn. Oreos and Cheerios will be the theme.
3. Members at Large, Connie Moreland and Nolan Schuler will be coming off the Board in November. So far we have no nominations. It was proposed to lower the Board to five members, or hold a special election.
4. The next board meeting will be held on at Old Chicago on the corner of Powers & So. Carefree.
5. Stephen reported the following for the Treasure's Report:

Savings	\$1,060.00
Checking	\$1,420.64
Petty Cash	\$ 26.59
6. Meeting adjourned approximately 7:10 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary



Balloon Fiesta – Paul deBerjois

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- 12 Months for the price of 10 if paid in advance
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6p Dinner, 7p Program**

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