



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 1/18/2011, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting –
Texas T-Bone North - 5245 N Academy Blvd (Just North of Union)**

President's Note – Chuck Danley

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. There have been several good things that have happened this year and a few that we wished that wouldn't have happened. I request that everyone use both types of events to continue to learn and to share what we have learned with each other as well to make all of us better at our sport.

I would also like to challenge everyone in the club to make the club better through the coming year. It is our club, and we can do only as good as the effort we put into it. Become a member of the board or of the committees/positions that help to complete the many things the club accomplishes during the year. Also do what you can to help all our student pilots to progress to their private pilot license. There are 10 student pilots in the club. Let's all help them become the best pilots that they can become.

We have a few events coming up during the next few weeks. Come join any or all of those events. There isn't a club flight in December, but some are planning a Christmas Eve flight for those interested in participating. Watch facebook for more details. There is a glow scheduled for New Year's Eve starting about 5:00 PM near the intersection of Briargate Parkway and Powers Blvd to collect food for Care & Share. There will also be a glow to coincide with the countdown to midnight next to the Antler's Hilton downtown.

The next general membership meeting is in January. I invite as many of you to come as possible to provide your input for the restaurant to hold our meetings at for the next 6 months, to vote for the new board members and more. Before we can vote, we need to have nominations for those positions. Send your nominations to me by the next board meeting, Jan 3.

December Special Events –

Christmas Eve Flight –

Location and time are in the works. Watch the Facebook page and an email will be sent with info also.

New Year's Eve Glow – Cordera Grand Lawn

The glow is at 5:00pm, so pilots should be on the Grand Lawn by 4:30 pm. Location is two long blocks east of POWERS on BRIARGATE PARKWAY. In coordination with Care and Share and the theme of Oreo's and Cheerios. Please let Stephen if you are interested in helping/attending.

New Year's Eve Glow – Downtown

Event is happening downtown in front of Antler' Hilton to be involved with the countdown to the new year. Check with Chuck or Kimberly for more info.



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Treasurer's Report

Savings \$1,060.00
 Checking \$1,420.64
 Petty Cash \$ 26.59

Request for Female Volunteers:

Pat Pruchnickyj one of our fellow balloonists has ask if we have anyone who would be able to help. The group called Salveson Ski Group and they do a ski weekend for children with disabilites at the end of February.

Here is a brief list what they ask their volunteers to have:

- * a naturally warm, empathetic, helpful and positive attitude
- * previous experience of dealing with teenagers - e.g. from parenting or involvement with youth groups
- * enthusiasm for skiing [or at least for the "big outdoors"] but N.B. not someone who looks upon the trip as a skiing holiday
- * a willingness to commit to attending meetings we would also like ideally:
- * some previous exposure to disabled people
- * a willingness to get involved in some aspects of fund raising
- * a willingness to get involved in publicity

Visit their webpage: www.salvesonskiigroup.org

Or contact Pat: Pat@BrandedSky.com

For more information or to volunteer.



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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			

January 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	718	1648	8	718	1654	15	716	1702	22	713	1709	29	708	1717
2	718	1649	9	718	1655	16	716	1703	23	712	1710	30	707	1718
3	718	1650	10	717	1656	17	715	1704	24	712	1712	31	706	1720
4	718	1651	11	717	1657	18	715	1705	25	711	1713			
5	718	1652	12	717	1658	19	714	1706	26	710	1714			
6	718	1653	13	717	1659	20	714	1707	27	709	1715			
7	718	1653	14	716	1700	21	713	1708	28	709	1716			

January times are estimates due to being pulled from last December newsletter.

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events

***** No General Meeting for the Month of December *****

Date	Event	Location/Details
12/31	New Years Eve Glow	Cordrea – Grand Lawn 4:30 Pilot Brief
1/3/2011	BSOPP Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30pm – Jose Muldoon's @ Powers & S. Carefree
1/18	General Meeting	6pm – Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Texas T-bone
1/22	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's – Pilot Brief -7am
1/22	WinterFest	Howes Residence 5pm – Directions to follow

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
2/2 – 2/6	Snowdown Bites	Durango, CO – www.snowdown.org
2/12 – 2/13	Friends and Lovers Rally	Albuquerque, NM – www.aaaa.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>

BFA Update:

The formation of an ad hoc committee charged with developing a reference handbook aimed at encouraging safer balloon events by providing guidance for event organizers, officials and pilots was announced in April, 2010.

The action was in response to the hot air balloon insurance environment and the increased frequency of balloon incidents and accidents occurring at organized balloon events across the United States since 2005.

Event safety is the result of many working together with common goals and objectives. Balloon events are comprised of complex dynamics involving many individuals. The creation of a comprehensive guideline publication prepared by those knowledgeable and experienced in these dynamics was deemed an important first step to improve safety at balloon events of all sizes and for all purposes.

An outline draft of the Balloon Event Guidelines along with a number of sample forms and documents is now available for viewing and downloading on this website. The committee encourages all balloon pilots and crew, event organizers, and officials to examine the document and provide comments to the committee for consideration before the finalization of the document. Please email your comments and constructive comments to committee chairman, Maury Sullivan at tequilatom@aol.com by December 31, 2010 to ensure consideration by the committee in the final stages of writing and editing.

The committee and the BFA certainly recognize that no effort of this magnitude can go without a certain amount of criticism and nay-saying. It is, however, the opinion of the BFA Board of Directors and all members of this committee that adherence to the principles outlined in this document will lead to safer balloon events.

It is the committee's plan to publish the document by April 1, 2011. The document will be rolled out at the BFA Convention, Celebrate in the Heartland, with instructional sessions offered to encourage the Guidelines understanding and use at 2011 balloon events.

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FAR out – Stephen Blucher

Federal Air Regulation Part 43 is not long and is easy to read. There are only a few sections that deal specifically with balloons, but they are important and all balloon owners and pilots should be familiar with them.

The regulation deals with preventative maintenance and repairs. Here, one can learn what work can be done on an "owned or operated" balloon, who can sign off the work and who can return the aircraft to service after work has been done.

43.3(g) says any pilot may perform preventative maintenance on any aircraft, not used for Part 121 or 135 (air carrier or charter), owned or operated by that pilot.

I hear the rumblings of dissension already. Note, it says, "may perform". To sign off work that has been accomplished, one must look under 43.7(f) where it specifies "a person holding at least a private pilot certificate...." Interestingly enough, the regulation does not specify the rating the person doing the sign-off must have. One could be private pilot-airplane, own a balloon and OK it for "return to service" whether that person was certified to fly it or not.

Someone not a certified repair person or even a pilot can do any kind of work on a balloon so long as, according to the regulation, they are working under the direct supervision of someone who is so certified. That person must observe enough of the work to know it is being done properly and be available, in person, for consultation.

No matter who does the work, what was done, the date of completion and the name of the person legally responsible for the work must be logged before the balloon is flown again.

In Appendix A, the wording is more specific as to what a balloon owner/operator can do. Section (c)(7) refers to the envelope and the kind of repairs that can be made in the field, logged and signed off by the pilot. A simple patch can save a trip to the repair station as long as it is applied "In Accordance With, the Balloon Manufacturer's Instructions and not requiring load tape repair or replacement".

The parts referring to the basket are more extensive as there are more things that can and cannot be done on the carriage.

It behooves every owner/operator to know how their balloon may be treated when it comes to repairs from the legal sense, and more importantly from a safety view.

BSOPP December Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
12/7/10

The meeting was held at Old Chicago's on the corner of Powers & S. Carefree.
It was called to order by Chuck Danley at 6:35 pm.

Board Members attending:

Chuck Danley
Nolan Schuler
Paul DeBerjeois Sr.
Peggy Sansom

1. The New Year's Eve Glo will be at 5:00 pm. Bring Cheerios and Oreos for Care & Share. The glo will be held at the corner of Briargate Parkway and Grand Cordera Parkway.
2. There will be no club meeting this month. Nominations for the open positions on the board will be accepted at the January meeting, followed by the election in February. Please think on whom you would like to have on the board. These positions need to be filled.
3. Stephen Blucher was not in attendance, so there was no Treasure's Report.
4. Chuck Danley will be standing his balloon up New Year's Eve at the Antler's Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs. Everyone is invited to this event to give Chuck moral support.
5. The meeting place for January 2010 will be at Jose Muldoon's located behind the Village Inn on S. Carefree & Powers.
6. My understanding is that Winterfest will be held at Skip and Debbie Howe's home again this year. We are so fortunate to have members who allow us to use their home.
7. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:26 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary



*Paul deBerjeois -
Red Rocks Rally*



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**Next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 18th
6p Dinner, 7p Program**

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