



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

Happy New Year. It's a new year and a chance to review where the club is going. Without input from the club members the club will likely not go in the direction that they wish. I have received suggestions from various members about activities and directions to pursue. All the ideas make sense in their own right. Based on the number of members that make it to general membership meetings and get involved in planning and/or participating in regular club activities I think it may be best to either dissolve the club or just make it a social club. We will consider where to meet for future general meetings as well as what direction to take with regard to the future purpose of the club.

The topic for the next meeting, and possibly the last topic, will be an officer from the traffic division of Colorado Springs Police Dept.

I hope to see all the members attend this next meeting to help decide its future. I also expect that anyone that shows up will also get involved in the club if it continues in its current form.

BFA Note:

In most parts of the USA it is easy to lose enthusiasm for flying this time of year, when the weather is less predictable, temperatures are colder, and if the snow is deep pack up can take a little longer.

However, this is the PERFECT time of year to challenge yourself and your crew to set a new personal best. A few years ago we changed the format of the BFA Long Jump from a competition to a personal achievement challenge. Rather than declaring an overall winner, we each get to set major milestones in personal achievement that are relevant to the part of the country we fly in and our own skill levels.

For example, whether you fly 30 miles, or 300 miles, you can challenge yourself to attain one of the 9 achievement levels and receive one of the Long Jump Challenge Patches from the BFA (not to mention some bragging rights).

The focus is not on winning, but on doing something you have never done before, which is something we can all be proud of. Why not start off the year by brushing off some cobwebs and improve your flying and planning skills. Whether as pilot or crew, a BFA Long Jump flight is a great learning experience, and lots of fun.

To sign up, and for complete details, paste the following link into your browser:

http://bfa.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=740&catid=58&Itemid=88889144

Happy New Year!

Andrew Baird

BFA Director at Large

It has been mentioned by a few members of our club that they are interested in doing a long jump and date that is being looked at is the 29th/30th of January. If you have any questions before the club meeting on the 18th please let me know and I will put you in-touch with those looking at doing the long jump.

Kimberly

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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 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	705	1721	8	658	1729	15	650	1737	22	641	1745			
2	704	1722	9	657	1730	16	649	1738	23	640	1746			
3	703	1723	10	656	1731	17	648	1739	24	639	1747			
4	702	1724	11	655	1732	18	647	1740	25	637	1748			
5	701	1725	12	654	1733	19	645	1741	26	636	1749			
6	700	1726	13	653	1735	20	644	1742	27	634	1750			
7	659	1728	14	652	1736	21	643	1743	28	633	1751			

Times again are estimate because the page I need to get them times from is down.. Hopefully I will get it downloaded by the next Tetherlines.

Upcoming Events Calendar**BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events**

Date	Event	Location/Details
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
1/29	Tenative Long Jump	Dependent on Weather
2/7	Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:20pm – Location TBD

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
3/5	LTA Safety Seminar	Denver, CO - http://ltasafetyseminar.org

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

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

Fellow balloon pilots who fly in the Rocky Mountain West. Do you realize how easy we have it drifting about the blue unencumbered skies? I am talking about the rules we must aviate by. FAR Parts 61 & 91(basic) are with which we concern ourselves. However, delve deeper into Part 91...into the SFARs and you will see how our brethren in other parts of the country must be aware of so much more. SFAR?... Special Federal Air Regulations...due to terminal areas, Homeland Security and/or Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs).

Where is all the needed information found? In the 2011 edition of the AIM/FAR book printed and released by numerous publishers. Did you know there is a subsection (61.18) that could affect YOUR flying? True it is. If for whatever reason a pilot is considered a threat to national security, a certificate can be suspended and/or denied.

Another ongoing discussion matter is FAR 91.103. More specifically, “does a pilot have to carry an aviation chart of the flight area”? The regulation states “must become familiar with all available information concerning the flight”. However, it then gets more specific and speaks of weather, runway lengths and “other reliable information appropriate to the aircraft, relating to aircraft performance....” But, this is a matter for another article.

The 2011 Aeronautical Information Manual/Federal Aviation Regulations publication has numerous areas of interest for the balloon pilot. Do YOU recall what airspace in which you can/do fly? On the air charts, what DO those little gray lines with numbers mean? Did we not just talk about that? Which balloon really has the right-of way? If a pilot applies for a new certificate or upgrade, is there something the mandated background checks will find that might derail the process?

Some pilots are content with getting regulation and flight information off the Internet. This pilot prefers having the book on the shelf for easier and faster reference... besides, it is easier to jot notes on the pages. Must one have a copy of the latest FARs? Hold on a moment, let me check 91.103 :-)

The 2011 AIM/FAR edition is available on the Internet and from local bookstores.



“2 pilots talking”



“Yes they do work”

Flight after Christmas



BSOPP December Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
01/03/11

The meeting was held at Jose Muldoons corner of Powers & S. Carefree behind the Village Inn. It was called to order by Chuck Danley at 6:45 pm.

Board Members attending:

Chuck Danley
Nolan Schuler
Stephen Blucher
Greg & Linda Littlejohn
Peggy Sansom

1. The New Year's Eve Glo did happen in spite of the frigid weather. Stephen said that less than 15 people showed up for the event.
2. Treasure's Report : Savings \$1,061.00
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3. New location for the monthly Club Meetings were discussed and will be mentioned at the next Club Meeting which is at the Texas T-Bone on 1/18/11.
Here are some of the new locations discussed:
 Jose Muldoons
 Old Chicago – Powers
 Panera Bread
4. Winterfest will be held at Skip and Debbie Howe's home again this year on January 22, 2011. Do not forget to bring a covered dish. The address and time will be discussed at the January club meeting.
5. The planned topic for the next meeting will be the Colorado Springs Police – Traffic Management.
6. It was also discussed that no nominees have come in for the elections.
7. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary

*Stephen Blucher -
Our fearless Club Photographer teaching photography*



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