



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 2/15/2011, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting –
Old Chicago's – Corner of Austin Bluffs and Academy**

President's Note – Chuck Danley

I am glad to see the number of people that came to the last meeting increase from previous meetings, as well as the number of candidates to fill the board positions. I hope to see the same or larger numbers attending future meetings. I hope Jackie Peterson can make the next meeting to explain more about what help she could use to make Honor Flight a success this year. I am certain that she could use the help of club members to accomplish that. I would like to add some additional columns to the newsletter, either as occasional or full-time efforts. Come to the meeting with either ideas of topics/areas of interest you would like to see published. Immediate ideas I have are safety and crew development. I look forward to hearing your interests.

The next speaker for the club will be Charlie with The ISR (International Surveillance & Reconnaissance) will speak on how balloons help in the governmental procedure.

List of Topic Suggestions from January General Club Meeting:

Neuances of Weather – Marty from TV Station
Dewey – How I Survived It
WW II Aviation Plane Restoration
Patsy/Ken – Flying in China
Alternate forms of Flight
Repair Stations – Authorized vs Not
LTA Summary
Videos from AAAA
Weather from Flight Services/Aviation National Weather Service
Crew Training
More Knot Tying
NTBS- Denver
Patsy/Ken – Flying in the Phillipines

There were a few more that I wrote down and can not read my own writing so if I left something off that was mentioned please email me and I am going to have something typed up for the meeting so we can go over it since there were a lot of good and new ideas floating around.

Thanks,
Kimberly

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Treasurer's Report

Savings \$1,060.77
 Checking \$1,436.76
 Petty Cash \$26.59

Membership News:

It has been requested that I send out a copy of the membership listing. I would like to know by the March 15th Meeting if you would/or would not like your phone number and/or email address published in the listing. I will not be putting physical address's in the listing for privacy reasons. If someone has any questions or concerns please contact me at barnettkim@yahoo.com or 719-649-9187.

Kimberly



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March 2011

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Times again are now Good..

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location/Details
2/15	General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Old Chicago's @ Academy & Austin Bluffs
2/19	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's - Pilot Brief -7am
3/7	Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30pm – Location TBD
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Flights, Rallies and Related Events (Tell them you saw it in BSOPP's Tetherlines!)

Date	Event	Location / Details
3/5	LTA Safety Seminar	Denver, CO - http://ltasafetyseminar.org

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

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

“Every aircraft generates a wake while in flight.” So said a FAR/AIM book editor once upon a time. According to FAR 1.1, an “aircraft means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air.” This, of course, makes a hot air balloon, an “aircraft”, and while, like a canoe floating with a river current, the balloon creates no wake, the information about wake turbulence is something every pilot flying in the vicinity of large airplanes should know.

Balloon pilots who have not had training in the cause and effect of wake turbulence may find themselves in a situation they would rather not. Aeronauts often think if a large plane passes over them and to the side there is nothing to be concerned about. Not so. Wing tip vortices (also known as vortexes) do really interesting things when created by an airplane. Chapter 7, Section 3 of the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) devotes several pages to these horizontal tornados. Another aircraft can compensate if hit; a balloon cannot! So, know how to avoid the vortex in the first place.

The same AIM chapter has information on wind shear and preflight briefing. The LLWS (low level wind shear) warning on a weather report is not to be taken lightly by a balloon pilot. Have you seen a balloon “question mark” as it passed through a wind shear? Preflight briefings come from various sources, including Flight Service (1-800-WX-BRIEF) Stations and the Internet. You may design one to suit your flight, however, do not forget the NOTAMS. (FAR 91.103 preflight information).

Could a balloon pilot get a visit from a military jet? It happened. The PIC neglected to check NOTAMS and floated into a TFR (Temporary Flight Restriction-no fly zone). What should you do? The FAR/AIM, para.5-6-2 has the answer. Some procedures have changed since 911, but the basics are there. Of course, from a safety standpoint, the best procedure is to know where you are flying. Having the latest regulations and flight information is primary for safe and legal flight. The FAR/AIM is the reference to have on your bookshelf or in you flight bag. There are expanded sections of the Federal Aviation Regulations; some good for crew as well as pilots. Changes in the AIM and FARs are normally on the website of the publisher of the FAR/AIM you happen to have. ASA will e-mail updates free if one signs up for them. The FAR/AIM 2011 is available at bookstores or can be ordered directly from various sources.

Yes, the regs. are available free on line from the FAA, but as has been said before, it is really hard to write notes on or dog-ear a computer screen.

BSOPP February Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
02/07/11

The meeting was held at Old Chicago's on the corner of Academy & Austin Bluffs. It was called to order by Chuck Danley at 6:30 pm.

Board Members attending:

Chuck Danley	Greg Littlejohn
Nolan Schuler	David Bair
Kinda Schuler	David Yob
Stephen Blucher	Joe Lilliard
Paul DeBerjeois, Sr.	Peggy Sansom

1. Elections were discussed as follows:

Ballots can be mailed in or brought to the March Club Meeting. If mailed write the name of the person you want on the board on a blank piece of paper and make sure your envelope has a return address so the Board Members know who sent it in. Ballots do not need your name on them, only the person you are voting for.

Nominations are as follows: Kim Barnett, David Yob, David Bair & Frank Hunter. If you want to nominate someone else, then please bring it up at the February Club Meeting

2. Treasure's Report :

Savings	\$1,060.77
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We spent \$120.88 for Winterfest and made \$163.00 for the raffle.

3. New location for the monthly Club Meetings will be held at Old Chicago's on the corner of Academy and Austin Bluffs.
4. The Balloon Meister will be out of town for the Club Fly this month. David Bair will fill in for him for this flight.
5. It was mentioned that the Honor Fly can use volunteers and to what extent the club wants to participate in the event. This will be brought up at the club meeting.
6. Chuck mentioned two different functions requesting balloons. This also will be mentioned at the next club meeting.
7. Stephen Blucher mentioned that our next speaker for the club will be Charlie with The ISR aka International Surveillance & Reconnaissance will speak on how balloons help in the governmental procedure.
8. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30m.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary

BIOS FOR BSOPP BOARD CANDIDATES:

I have been a member of the BSOPP since 2006 and a balloon pilot since 1989. I am currently commercially rated in Hot Air and Gas balloons and enjoy flying for fun, for competition, for hire and instruction. I have a desire to see the local club flourish and I want to lend a hand in that. I believe our balloon club can help promote ballooning in a positive light in the community, as well as provide education and growth to club members...pilot and crew alike. Two of my goals for my three year term would be to improve the consistency and quality of meeting programs and to improve the communication among club members for events and information.

Ballooning has been a part of my life for over 30 years and I have no intention of stopping anytime soon! Elect me to the board and I will see you all at the tailgate!

- David Bair

I have always been in love with balloons and all things ballooning. I began flying balloons over thirty years ago, in Gallup NM, and have accumulated over a thousand hours flight time. I joined the BSOPP in the early 1980's soon after moving to Colorado. Over the years I have come to care deeply about the BSOPP as well. In the 1990's I took the training and obtained the FAA approval to open Granite Mountain Repair. I did this, as a community service, to make sure that we would have quality maintenance locally available.

It is my hope to use my experience and sense of history to provide good input to the board to help the club, as a whole, to grow and prosper. I want the club to be valued by all its members. To accomplish this goal we need to provide our members with fun events, meetings with informative and fun speakers, enjoyable flights be they for fun or competition, and educational opportunities for all our members, crew and pilots alike.

I am willing to volunteer my time and abilities where they can be best used and wanted.

- David Yob

Name: Kimberly Barnett. Occupation: Airport Bum.

Reasons for wanting to be on the board: I would like to be on the BSOPP Board to be able to use my skills for organization, persistence and dedication to an organization that has the knowledge and experience to be involved in so many different things going on in the community.

I would like to see the organization involved in more things at the schools and educating kids on hot air balloons and how they work.

- Kimberly Barnett

BIOS FOR BSOPP BOARD CANDIDATES (continued):

Hi all, I decided to jump in this time and give a board position a try. That is if you decide to cast your vote for me. I got interested in ballooning shortly after moving to Colorado Springs and going to the Classic in the early '80s. I think it was around 1985 I volunteered as crew and got my first balloon ride that year. I continued to crew for pilots coming in to town for event's for the next 20 years. During that time I grew to realize that if I wanted to fly more, I'd have to become a pilot.

I got my private pilots certificate in 2005 and my commercial rating in 2008. I have been a member of BSOPP, BFA and AAAA most of that time. I enjoy ballooning, not just the flying, but the friendship, family and social activity that comes as a part of the sport.

I believe that our club will be around for many more years, I see us growing a lot at this time. We have several potential new pilots in the club, and a growing number of people that want to come out at 0'dark: 30 to help add color to the sunrise.

I believe the BSOPP has a responsibility as a part of the ballooning community has to encourage and help to train these new pilots and crew members. As a member of the board I will be looking at ways that the club and better provide this encouragement.

I also think that we need to be active within the Colorado Springs region sharing what we love to aid our schools as an educational tool and by providing ourselves and our balloons as a resource to aid charities.

These are a couple things that I think we need to focus on as the club grows and something I as a board member will be looking at ways to promote.

If you think along these lines then, thank you for your votes.

- Frank Hunter

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6p Dinner, 7p Program**

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