



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 3/15/2011, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting –
Hatch Cover – 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

President's Note – Chuck Danley

Although mother nature still hasn't made up its mind on what type of weather we can expect, spring or winter, it is time to make up our mind as a club who will represent us on the board. Kimberly sent out the ballots and bios of the nominees. Cast your vote by mailing in your ballot or bringing it to general membership meeting at the Hatch Cover. Additionally we will vote on where to hold future meetings at the meeting. The program this month will take us to the other side of the globe. Patsy Buchwald and Ken Tadolini will take us there with their presentation on their trip to a balloon rally hosted in China.

I saw a number of you at the recent safety seminar. Several good topics were covered there. As the weather becomes more conducive to flying, put some of those topics to good use. It is always in the forefront of our efforts to be safe. Use the safety seminar to knock of the rust and clear out the cobwebs to make safety happen. Don't leave safety in the garage, or wherever you store your system. Make sure it is evident in your actions. For those that haven't flown in a while, make sure you go through a few scenarios in your head before that next flight. Even include your crew in those scenarios to get them back in the right frame of mind to give the pilot the best support possible that results in the safe conclusion of a flight for everyone involved, to include the general public that may stop to take a picture or help out.



Fire Extinguisher - LTA Safety Seminar – Jessica Bair



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3	0629	1754	10	0619	1801	17	0708	1908	24	0657	1915
4	0628	1755	11	0617	1802	18	0706	1909	25	0655	1916
5	0626	1756	12	0615	1803	19	0705	1910	26	0654	1917
6	0625	1757	13	0714	1904	20	0703	1911	27	0652	1918
7	0623	1758	14	0712	1905	21	0701	1912	28	0650	1919

April 2011											
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
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2	0643	1924	9	0632	1930	16	0622	1937	23	612	1944
3	0641	1925	10	0631	1931	17	0620	1938	24	611	1945
4	0640	1925	11	0629	1932	18	0619	1939	25	609	1946
5	0638	1926	12	0628	1933	19	0617	1940	26	608	1947
6	0637	1927	13	0626	1934	20	0616	1941	27	607	1948
7	0635	1928	14	0625	1935	21	0615	1942	28	605	1949

Long jump – Jessica Bair



Upcoming Events Calendar BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location/Details
3/15	General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Hatch Cover - 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd
3/19	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's - Pilot Brief – approx 7:15am
4/4	Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30pm – Location Old Chicago's @ Academy & Austin Bluffs
4/19	General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Old Chicago's @ Academy & Austin Bluffs
4/23	Club Fly	TBD

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
5/6 – 5/8	Balloons & Varooms Festival	Ridgway, CO- Chamber of Commerce 970-626-5181
5/20 – 5/22	Erie Town Fair Balloon Festival	Erie, CO - michael@lifecycleballoons.com

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

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

It has been said, people will try to interpret rules to their advantage. It is just as true in the aviation world. Recently, this author became aware of a Commercial balloon pilot who would allow his Student Pilot to fly with a Private Pilot and log the time...but I am getting ahead of the scenario.

A Commercial Pilot is about to embark on a training flight with his student, when the instructor gets an emergency phone call. Rather than giving up the day, the Commercial Pilot asks a Private balloon rated pilot to go along with the Student and “critique” his abilities. During the flight, the Private Pilot never touches the controls.

The question of the scenario is, of the two people in the basket during the flight, who can log the time? According to the Commercial Pilot who posed the question, both pilots can legally log the time; the Private Pilot as Pilot-in-Command and the Student Pilot as “experience time”.

Do I hear rumblings out there? I would hope it to be an outcry and the sound of pages turning in an up-to-date printed version of the Federal Aviation Regulations, or the clicks of a keyboard as the FAA site on the Internet is accessed.

We have been to this regulation before. It answers the question very specifically and leads to another FAR, which has also been subject of this column and could stir up ramifications neither pilot would be happy dealing with.

Let us begin at...amazingly enough...the beginning.

61.51 Pilot logbooks.

(a) Training time and aeronautical experience. Each person must document and record the following time in a manner acceptable to the Administrator:

(1) Training and aeronautical experience used to meet the requirements for a certificate, rating, or flight review of this part.

(2) The aeronautical experience required for meeting the recent flight experience requirements of this part.

(b) Logbook entries. For the purposes of meeting the requirements....

(1) General.... *We will skip this part, as it does not deal directly with the scenario.*

(2) Type of pilot experience or training--

(i) Solo.

(ii) Pilot in command.

(iii) Second in command. (ed. not applicable to hot air balloons)

(iv) Flight and ground training received from an authorized instructor.

More information that does not apply to the scenario.

(d) Logging of solo flight time. ...a pilot may log as solo flight time only that time when the pilot is the sole occupant of the aircraft.

(e) Logging pilot-in-command time.

(1) A recreational, private, or commercial pilot may log pilot-in-command time only for that flight time during which that person--

(i) Is the sole manipulator of controls of aircraft for which pilot is rated;

Again we skip nonessential information.

(4) A student pilot may log pilot-in-command time only when the student pilot--

(i) Is the sole occupant of the aircraft....

(ii) Has a current solo flight endorsement as required under part 61.87 of this part; and

(iii) Is undergoing training for a pilot certificate....

If the Private Pilot logs the time, he/she is in violation of 61.51(e)(1)(i). The Student violates not only 61.51(e)(4)(i) but 61.51(d) as well. No where can be found a category for logging “EXPERIENCE” time.

This leads us to:

61.59 Falsification, reproduction, or alteration of applications, certificates, logbooks,

(a) No person may make or cause to be made: *Skip (1)*

(2) Any fraudulent or intentionally false entry in any logbook.... *Skip (3)(4)*

(b) The commission of an act prohibited under paragraph (a) of the section is a basis for suspending or revoking any airman certificate, rating, or authorization....

Can there be any argument for a Student Pilot legally logging time flown with a Private Pilot? If a FAR has been missed during research for this article that allows a Student Pilot to log "EXPERIENCE" time, as one Commercial Pilot seems to think, please let me know and I will gladly pass it on to the readers.

BSOPP February Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
03/07/11

The meeting was held at Panera Bread and called to order by Chuck Danley at 6:30PM.

Board Members and Club Members attending:

Stephen Blucher
Chuck Danley
Peggy Sansom
Kimberly Barnett
Nolan Schular

1. Chuck mentioned that Barbi with CBC would like to cross over dues between clubs. The board agreed that doing this would not increase funds for BSOPP or CBC. We were trying to decide on how to be able to send out The Tetherlines to people outside of the club.
2. Stephen reported the following for the Treasure's Report:

Savings	\$1,010.77
Checking	\$1,452.76
Petty Cash	\$ 26.59
3. For the next two months (March & April) David Bair will be the Balloon Meister at the monthly Club Fly.
4. The next Board Meeting will be held at Old Chicago's at the corner of Academy & Austin Bluffs.
5. We discussed the club contacting Jackie Peterson again to see if we can help with the Celebration of Honor Fly.
6. Chuck mentioned that we need volunteers for the same fund raisers as mentioned at the club meeting. Stephen said that he would auction off rides starting with a \$125.00 bid.
7. Chuck said that it was brought to his attention that some people had joined the club and that they had never received a newsletter or information pertaining to when the club meets, etc. Stephen has no record of them ever paying dues.
8. Meeting adjourned approximately 7:09 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary



How many balloonatics does it take to change a tire??? – Jessica Bair

Midweek flight landing at Spring Ranch Elementary School – Wendy Neal



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.

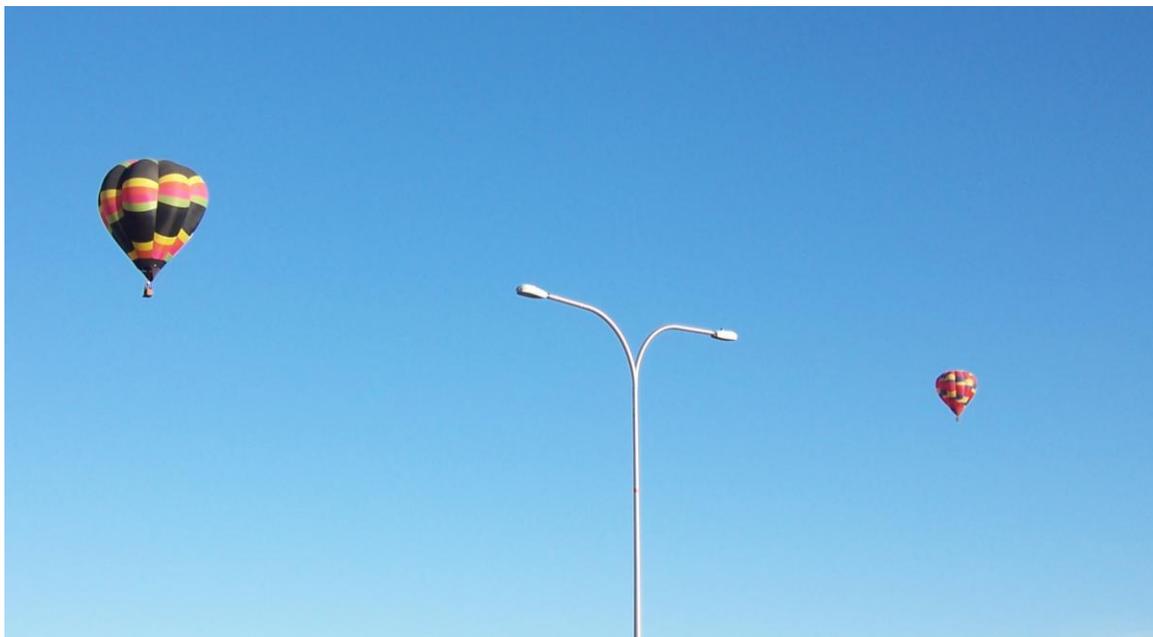
I also think that we need to be active within the Colorado Springs region sharing what we love to aid our schools as an educational tool and by providing ourselves and our balloons as a resource to aid charities.

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

To go north or south... that is the question... midweek flight decisions...



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