



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 8/16/2011, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting –
Hatch Cover – 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

Note from Stephen Blucher:

There is a good chance that not only will the price of helium be going very high but the availability will become hard to find. If you have questions please check with Stephen for more information.

President's Note – Chuck Danley

Several events are coming up over the next several months that all of us will participate in one or more than one. There are several balloon rallies scheduled in "local" area that many of us will enjoy in one way or another. Remember to keep safety at the forefront of your participation. It is also that time of year to give consideration to how you may want to participate in the next board elections, decision/recommendation for location of future general membership meetings, and planning/organization for the club's holiday party. Over the next few months we will need to nominate members to the ballot and receive bios before the next board election in November. Give consideration to serving on the board. The club only has the Hatch Cover reserved through the September general membership meeting. We need ideas where to hold the meetings in the future. Bring your suggestions and opinions to the next meeting. It is also time to put together a committee to plan and organize our holiday party. Come with ideas and ready to make this event a success.

The program this month is the second half of the electrical power line safety video from the AAAA. Everyone in attendance last month enjoyed the first



half of the video. Additionally we will celebrate birthdays of the current and past quarter.

Celebration of Honorfly – Paul D. DeBerjeois

Membership Note:

If you have not already paid your due for this year please do so as soon as possible. This will be the last newsletter sent to those who have not paid by the September newsletter distribution. Questions please call or email me.

Thanks,
Kimberly



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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	0600	2010	8	0606	2003	15	0613	1954	22	0619	1945	29	0625	1934
2	0601	2009	9	0607	2002	16	0614	1953	23	0620	1943	30	0626	1933
3	0602	2008	10	0608	2000	17	0614	1951	24	0621	1942	31	0627	1931
4	0603	2007	11	0609	1959	18	0615	1950	25	0622	1940			
5	0604	2006	12	0610	1958	19	0616	1949	26	0623	1939			
6	0605	2005	13	0611	1957	20	0617	1947	27	0624	1937			
7	0605	2004	14	0612	1955	21	0618	1946	28	0624	1936			

September 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	Day	Rise h m	Set h m
1	0628	1930	8	0634	1919	15	0640	1908	22	0647	1857	29	0653	1845
2	0629	1928	9	0635	1917	16	0641	1906	23	0648	1855	30	0654	1844
3	0630	1927	10	0636	1916	17	0642	1905	24	0649	1853			
4	0631	1925	11	0637	1914	18	0643	1903	25	0649	1852			
5	0632	1924	12	0638	1913	19	0644	1901	26	0650	1850			
6	0632	1922	13	0639	1911	20	0645	1900	27	0651	1849			
7	0633	1920	14	0640	1909	21	0646	1858	28	0652	1847			

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location/Details
8/16	Club General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Hatch Cover - 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd
8/20	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's - Pilot Brief – Approx 6am
9/12	Board Meeting – All Members Invited	630 PM - TBD
8/16	Club General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Hatch Cover - 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd
9/24	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's - Pilot Brief – Approx 630am

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
8/19 - 8/21	Moffat County Balloon Festival	Craig, CO – Alan Luksik 303-699-6302
8/26 - 8/28	Sweetheart Balloon Rally	Loveland, CO – Alan Luksik 303-699-6302
9/2 - 9/5	Colorado Balloon Classic	Co . Springs, CO – www.balloonclassic.com
9/9 - 9/11	Colorfest Balloon Rally	Pagosa Springs, CO - Angel Preuit info@pagosarally.com
9/16	Columbine Memorial Glow	Littleton, CO – Alan Luksik 303-699-6302
9/15 - 9/18	Snowmass Village Balloon Rally	Snowmass,CO - Bruce Wood 970-309-3366

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Club Meeting Program Highlights – from Chris Liberti (June 2011) – continued

“Safety and Decision Making at Events” - Dealing with ego and herd mentality

Ego, herd mentality and the Cost:

What is the impact of these accidents / incidents?

- Increased negative visibility for ballooning on a national level
- Increases in insurance rates; decreases in participation
- Reputation problems (event AND the sport)
- Fear (justifiable?) in those who don't know the facts
 - » Less passenger rides due to fear means less exposure of new people to the sport

Ego, herd mentality and the PAYOFF!:

So, what is the payoff for taking these unnecessary risks anyway?

- Being “one of the guys (or girls)”
- Peer respect (based on false information)
- Acceptance or being respected
- Not being considered a “sissy pilot”
- LOOKING GOOD!!!

COST vs. PAYOFF : Is it really worth the risk? & How do we make that decision?

Five questions for making smart and safe go / no-go decisions:

- Do I “need” to fly today?
- Is it essential that I give my passengers a ride? Why?
- Who am I trying to impress?
- Am I prepared to handle things if the flight goes horribly wrong?
- **Will this be fun?**

Ego and Herd Mentality: The Reality:

None of the people who you're trying to impress, show off for or look good in front of will do the following:

- Cover your losses in a lawsuit
- Hesitate suing you if you injure them
- Truly care if you didn't fly (but will certainly make an example of you if you screw up!)
- Like you anymore because you survived making a bad decision

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

Preflight planning is not only a good idea, it is the regulation...FAR 91.103, to be specific. Though it has been mentioned in past columns, a reader inquiry has brought us here again. The rule was not originally written for hot air balloons, as can be seen in subparts (a), (b)(1) and some of (b)(2). However, the opening paragraph and the rest of (b)(2) leave nothing to interpretation or the imagination when it comes to getting ALL the necessary pre-flight information. And I quote: "Each *pilot in command* shall, *before* beginning a flight, become familiar with all available information concerning that flight. This information must include--(b)(2) For civil aircraft other than those specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, other reliable information appropriate to the aircraft, relating to aircraft performance under expected values of airport elevation and runway slope, aircraft gross weight, and wind and temperature".

This column is written for safety, so please, let us not split hairs and play word semantics (I do enough of that on my own relating to the FARs). "...all the necessary pre-flight information" means just that. Some pilots gather up balloon and crew and go to the launch field. If it is flyable, they do. If not, oh well, kick dirt and "it is nice to be outside". This obviously is neither a good or legal pre-flight.

The question arises, in relation to weather, what happens if a pilot receives inaccurate information. Do not blame Flight Service. They are telling you what the National Weather Service is telling them. NWS personnel are forecasters, not magicians and can only work with the data they have. Sometimes even the TV weather people are wrong. At least a pilot has made the proper/legal effort to get ALL the information.

Obviously there is much more to check than weather, but let me toss in this parting shot before we leave the prognosticators. If a pilot flies in a mountainous area like Colorado Springs, Albuquerque and even the Napa Valley, he or she must have ALL the weather information so they are not caught unaware by a mountain wave, rotor, or wind taking them somewhere further or faster than normal, planned or wanted. Pilots who fly the same area all the time can become complacent and forget or not "see" subtle weather pattern changes.

What else to check before inflation? The reg. says "aircraft gross weight...and temperature". There is a concern, in some flying locales, about density altitude. Density what? I have actually been asked that question by other pilots and had to explain.

When was the last time you (generic for all pilot readers) added the weight of passengers, pilot and aerostat and figured out the operational limits for that flight, that day, and how it would affect not only the balloon's performance but fuel consumption. Normally you fly from point A to B using X number of propane gallons. Today it is a bit hotter and one passenger is worth two in weight. Where is point B going to be? Hopefully not in a really wet or leafy (needles for those in coniferous country) place.

Pilots flying in the vicinity of airports hosting "heavy iron" in and out must be aware of wing tip vortices. We have spoken about the horizontal tornados created by a passing airplane. Know what runways are being used. Keep a listening watch on the tower frequency...let them know you are there, even if several miles from the runway threshold. Having ALL the information includes charts (knowing the airspace in which you are flying no matter if close to an airport or not) if the pilot has not committed to memory pertinent information located thereon.

FAR 91.103 is not meant to catch a pilot doing something wrong. It is there to remind one there is much more than weather to check before flight. Is the amount of gas in the inflator part of the ALL important information? Only if you are the only balloon on the field and the fan quits before cold inflation is completed.

Be safe when you fly. It is better to have more information than you need than less.

BSOPP July Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak - Board of Directors Meeting - 08/01/11

The meeting was held at Boston Market and called to order by Chuck Danley at 6:49 PM.

Board Members and Club Members attending:

Chuck Danley
Dave Bair
Kimberly Barnett
Paul Deberjois Sr.
Nolan Schuler
Kim Sweetwood
Peggy Sansom

1. The next Board Meeting will be held at Front Range BBQ on the corner of Templeton Gap & Austin Bluffs, September 5th.
2. Stephen Blucher reported that the Club has:
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We also discussed the magnetic sign with Stephen. The sign will be 12"x12". Hopefully, we will have it in the very near future. Kimberly was asked how the collections were going with the yearly dues. Apparently, the club's membership has dropped significantly. Kimberly thought that it could be almost in half of what it was last year. David Bair checked the rules of the club and found that members whom had not paid their dues would receive The Tetherlines through August and then they would not be eligible to receive it until dues are paid.

3. Nolan Schuler will get a birthday cake for the next club meeting. We have not purchased a cake every quarter as discussed, so this cake will represent six (6) months instead of (3) months.
4. Chuck asked if the budget for next year had been worked on. This will help the club to set aside money for different events, such as, Father's Day, a summer picnic, Winterfest, etc.

We will be able to look and see what was spent on each event and know how much money we will need in order to host the event again.



5. Kim Sweetwood said that she had not gotten the information we needed about the 501C3 tax law. Stephen said The Celebration of Honor Fly applied for the 501C3 and that there was nothing to it. Takes about 15 minutes.
6. Paul creating a web page for the club was discussed. Paul said that he would donate his time to prepare the web page, but would not maintain it. We need to find out from David Yob what program we already have. Kimberly said she would get with David Yob, and Joe Lillard and find out.
7. Nolan Schuler, Balloon Muenster, plans on doing the Hare & Hound at the next club fly which will be August 19th. Nolan has targets and beanies for the event.
8. Chuck Danley mentioned the stand-up, tether, and possible fly at the USAFA on the 8th and 9th of September. The event will be prior to the game. For more information, contact Chuck for more details.
9. One of the main items discussed was the CBC Ground School in October. The club would like to donate \$100.00 towards someone from BSOPP attending this program. Requirements would be a one (1) page essay and would be judged by Board Members. This will be discussed further at the Club Meeting.
10. It was also discussed about the meeting location for the next six months. If we will stay at the Hatch cover or move to a different location.
11. Meeting adjourned approximately 8:19 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary



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**Next General Meeting is Tuesday, August 16th
6p Dinner, 7p Program**

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