



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.BSOPP.com.

**General Meeting – Tues 02/21/2012, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting –
Hatch Cover – 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

WEBSITE CHANGE:

We are back to being on www.bsopp.com

President's Note: Stephen Blucher

THE PREZ's PLACE

February??? Already!?!?!? And speaking of Winterfest. If you were not there, you missed it...and a good time it was. The white elephant was especially fun and there was GOOD stuff this year. The bowling shoes made their annual appearance. What is he talking about? If you had been there....

The eats were terrific. Thanks to hostess Debbie, your newsletter editor Kimberly and my bride Jeanie for really good chili. Barbi Hann brought something I am told was very tasty, but being a wimp, and the fact my fork dissolved when I put it near the pan, I knew it was beyond my taste-buds capability to cope. Thanks to Skip and Debbie for once again opening their home to our gathering.

Your BSOPP Board had a really awesome meeting the other night. BSOPP.com is back up. There are balloon pictures and pilot names and BLANK spots. If your picture is not there or if it is and you want to add biographical information or a link to something, contact Paul D. deBerjeois. He is working on the site. Did you know he does live streaming photography classes? Check it out at Colorbandit.com. But I digress.

The Board talked about things the club can do to make us more noticeable to the public. Come to the meeting and learn more. One thing I can tell you is that the Board cannot do it alone. The Ballooning Society of Pikes Peak is YOUR club. We need your ideas and participation to make the club grow. Do you know a former member who did not renew? Ask them if they forgot or why they chose to step away. It is a first step getting folks back. Invite people you know and talk to about ballooning to a club meeting.

Our very own Dewey Reinhard will be presenting the program next Tuesday, 21 February. If you are reading this but not attending the monthly gathering. Do join us. Come and hear the plans, add your input or just visit. We look forward to seeing you.



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February 2012

Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set
1	0706	1720	8	0659	1728	15	0651	1736	22	0642	1744	29	0632	1752
2	0705	1721	9	0658	1729	16	0650	1737	23	0641	1745			
3	0704	1723	10	0657	1731	17	0648	1739	24	0639	1746			
4	0703	1724	11	0656	1732	18	0647	1740	25	0638	1747			
5	0702	1725	12	0654	1733	19	0646	1741	26	0636	1748			
6	0701	1726	13	0653	1734	20	0645	1742	27	0635	1749			
7	0700	1727	14	0652	1735	21	0643	1743	28	0634	1750			

March 2012

Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set
1	0631	1753	8	0620	1800	15	0610	1807	22	0559	1814	29	0548	1820
2	0629	1754	9	0619	1801	16	0608	1808	23	0557	1815	30	0546	1821
3	0628	1755	10	0617	1802	17	0607	1809	24	0556	1816	31	0545	1822
4	0626	1756	11	0616	1803	18	0605	1810	25	0554	1817			
5	0625	1757	12	0614	1804	19	0603	1811	26	0552	1818			
6	0623	1758	13	0613	1805	20	0602	1812	27	0551	1818			
7	0622	1759	14	0611	1806	21	0600	1813	28	0549	1819			

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location/Details
2/21	Club General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/Program Hatch Cover - 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd
2/25	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's - Pilot Brief – Approx. 715am
3/5	Board Meeting – All Members Invited	6:30 PM – IHop – Powers & Stetson Hills
3/20	Club General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/Program Hatch Cover - 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd
3/24	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's - Pilot Brief – Approx. 715am

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
3/3/12	LTA Safety Seminar	Denver, CO – 7am Check-in starts

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

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

During the life of this column, numerous Federal Air Regulations have been discussed. I still receive questions about some of them that seem straight forward and understandable but are, in fact, confusing to some. For this reason, readers may see past regulations discussed again.

If you, pilots, crew members or just interested persons, as readers of this column, have even the slightest question, please do not hesitate to ask. The regulation in question may not be that vital to safe flight, but the information may be important to you...and perhaps others. It has been said, "the only dumb question is the one *not* asked".

FAR 91.209 (aircraft lighting) has been discussed by balloonists for as long as pilots have put their aerostats up after sunset.

Obstruction lights in the area of a tether negate the need for "position lights" on the balloon. A structure higher than the balloon does the same. Obstruction lights? And how close do they need to be? Structure...man or nature made? These questions show how the regulations can sometimes be confusing and open to interpretation by pilots and FAA alike.

How high one tethers is another matter. If the balloon is held by 50-foot ropes, the top of the envelope is perhaps 150 feet in the air. If position lights are used, where are they? They are below the basket. What are position lights for?? To keep other aircraft from running into you! An airplane at night is not going to be flying 150 feet AGL unless the pilot has a death wish. An even if he was and the balloon was dark between burns, the airplane pilot avoiding the position lights could easily wrap multiple yards of fabric around his slipping-the-surly-bonds-of-earth-machine.

Often, the enforcement of the rule, as written, depends upon the FAA representative watching the tether. Different people see situations in different ways. In more cases than not, a pilot carrying passengers on the tether, is going to run amuck of 61.57(b), night currency requirements. Even though he/she is not planning to leave the tether site, they have departed the confines of Mother Earth and lines have been known to come loose...a scary thought for a night tether.

Some of the questions this writer hears are asked as if regulations were the subject, when in fact the information is actually found in the **Aeronautical Information Manual**. Perhaps the name of this column should be *AIM high-FAR out*.

Be that as it may, information you are curious about may be the same someone else is as well, and be it about regulations or information, radio frequencies or maintenance, turbulence or requirements, you will do both a favor by asking...the question. This column is for you, the reader, to make use of for your knowledge and understanding.

SAFE FLYING!!

BSOPP February Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak - Board of Directors Meeting - 02/13/12

The meeting was held at IHop and called to order by Stephen Blucher at 7:00 PM.

Board Members and Club Members attending:

Dave Bair, Stephen Blucher, Kimberly Barnett, Paul D. deBerjeois, Paul deBerjeois Sr., Frank Hunter
Peggy Sansom

1. The next Board Meeting will be held at I Hop on the corner of Powers & Stetson Hills on Monday, March 5, 2012.
2. Dave Bair stated that the Club has the following amounts in the treasury:
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3. Paul has done a great job with the Web Page. He stated that he left enough room to be able to plug in information pertaining to pilots and their balloons.
4. Frank Hunter accepted the position of Vice-President and Dave Yob has accepted the position of Membership Coordinator, but will not actively work on it until April. Connie Moreland is now going to line up speakers for the club meetings.
5. Dewey Reinhard will do the presentation "When Rules & Safety Collide" for the February meeting.
6. Paul has reserved TGIF (located at Woodman & I-25) for the March meeting. He was asked to check into the availability of the facility for future use. The final decision for the location of the March meeting is TBD.
7. The question "What is the Purpose of BSOPP?" was asked by Dave Bair. After lengthy discussion it was decided that the purpose of our club is to promote the sport of ballooning.
8. Frank Hunter suggested putting information of Craig's List about when and where or club meetings will be held. Paul would like to use facebook as a tool for promoting interest in ballooning. By using the internet, we can let the public know when and approximately where club flies will be held. Also, we could have a sight such as "Fly with us" that will show what it is like to fly in a hot air balloon.
9. Dave Bair mentioned that anyone with outstanding receipts pertaining to the Winterfest need to bring them to the February club meeting for re-imbusement. He will only pay these through February 21, 2012.
10. Meeting adjourned approximately 8:04 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary

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