

DESERT BREEZES



On a high: Adventurer becomes first person to cross Channel in chair attached to helium-filled balloons

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1282096/Adventurer-Jonathan-Trappe-crosses-Channel-chair-tied-helium-balloons.html>

If it wasn't for the white cliffs of Dover, you could almost mistake it for a scene from the Oscar-winning animation Up.

Tied to a colourful cloud of balloons, Jonathan Trappe drifts across the Channel - and becomes the first flesh-and-blood adventurer to complete the journey with only helium to keep him aloft.

In the Pixar film, Carl Fredricksen strapped hundreds of equally bright balloons to his house to transport it from the U.S. to South America.

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Board Meeting

Pinnacle Community Church, 1330 E. Union Hills

Tuesday, June 15th, 5:45 PM

General Meeting: Election results and Ice Cream Social

Pinnacle Community Church, 1330 E. Union Hills

Tuesday, June 15th, 7:00 PM

BFA Summer Camp information

BFA Great Lakes Region Balloon Camp looking for Scholarship Assistance

Last year, the BFA Great Lakes Balloon Camp held its first camp at Albion College and hosted ten campers from four area states. Thanks to several donors and sponsors, almost every one of the campers were able to attend for little cost (mainly travel costs) to their immediate families. These sponsors include balloon clubs and the camper's pilots.

This year, we are currently expecting eight returning campers and another eight who have never attended either of the BFA Balloon Camps (Michigan or Texas). We kept the fees of the camp at \$395 and working to try to keep expenses down to encourage more campers. While we have received scholarship funds from several generous people and a couple balloon clubs (SEMBA, BAGI) will be sponsoring campers, this currently only covers about half of the campers that have expressed a desire to attend this year.

BFA Great Lakes Region Hot Air Balloon Camp - 2010 Expected Camper Count

State	2009	Returning	New
MI	3	3	2
IN	5	5	1
OH	1	0	3
IL	1	0	1
NC	0	0	1
Total	10	8	8

(16 campers expected this year)

That leads to this request for assistance. Please see if your balloon community would be able to help sponsor a camper's fees (full or partial). If a balloon club would like to sponsor an individual camper from your area, contact me and we can see what we can arrange.

If you are able to make a personal donation directly to the BFA on behalf of the Great Lakes camp, remember at tax time that the BFA is a 501c3 non-profit association with your company if they match donations to non-profit organizations. Most likely the BFA would qualify thus helping to increase your donation.

If you have any questions about the 2010 BFA Great Lakes Region Hot Air Balloon Camp, check out www.BFACamp.com or contact me directly at GreatLakes_Balloon_Camp@hotmail.com or 269-217-7566.

For information, activities pictures from the 2009 Great Lakes Region camp, check out <http://ballooncamp.kkzo.com>.

Thanks in advance!

Thomas C. Jones
2010 Great Lakes Camp Director
BFA Hot Air Balloon Camp

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE

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|-------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 4-6 | Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival | Lake Skinner Park, California | Contact Festival Office: 951-676-6713 |
| 4-6 | Liberty Bank Balloons Over Bend | Bend, OR | Contact: 541-323-0964
http://www.balloonsoverbend.com/ |
| 19-20 | Sevier County Eyes to the Sky | Salina, Utah | Kent J Barnes, KJBarnes@att.net
801-557-5300 |
| | Panguitch Valley Balloon Rally | Panguitch, Utah | Bryan Hill or Cheryl Church
bryan@pageelectric.org |
| 25-27 | Allstate Festival of Balloons | Tigard, OR | Contact: Jim Smith, 503-590-4632
http://www.tigardballoon.org/ |

JULY

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| 3-4 | Madras Balloon Rally | Madras, OR | Contact: Greg Miller 503-510-7835 or
waspres@msn.com |
| 9-11 | Rogue Valley Hot Air Balloon Rally | Medford, OR | Contact: Larry & Teresa Sprague,
541-664-1862
http://www.rvballoons.com/ |

AUGUST

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| 14 | Valley View Air Show | Rock of Ages, McMinnville, OR | Contact: Sheila, 503-472-6212
Email: sheilas@onlinemac.com |
| 21-22 | Loose Goose III | McMinnville, OR | Contact: Laura Hancock, dayshancock@aol.com |
| 27-29 | Nortwest Art & Air Festival | Albany, OR | Contact: Rebecca or Cathy, 541-928-4911
http://www.cityofalbany.net/parks/nwaaf/ |

SEPTEMBER

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| 17-19 | Cedar City Sky Fest | Cedar City, Utah | Mary Payne, skyfest10@infowest.com |
| 17-19 | Plano Balloon Festival | Plano, Texas | Registration begins in April |
| 24-26 | Great Prosser Balloon Rally | | Contact: Kelly Carlson 509-786-4134
kellyde57@hotmail.com |
| | The Great Reno Balloon Race | Reno, NV | Contact: Dixie Craig, 775-826-1181
http://www.renoballoon.com |

OCTOBER

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|------|--|-------------------------|---|
| 2-10 | Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta | Albuquerque, New Mexico | |
| 16th | Cottonwood Airfest | Cottonwood, Arizona | Aleck Gradijan,
sundance@commspeed.net |

NOVEMBER

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| 19-21 | Colorado River Crossing | Yuma, Arizona | Shara Merten, 928-343-1715
info@caballeros.org |
| 19-22 | Festival International Del Globo Bicentario | Leon, Mexico | http://www.festivaldelglobo.com.mx/registros/FIG2010-Pilots.pdf |



Go with the float: Adventurer Jonathan Trappe floats over Dover in his quest to become the first person to cross the English channel on a cluster balloon.



Lift-off: Jonathan Trappe takes off from Ashford, Kent on his epic journey - with the aid of 54 balloons and a wicker chair

But yesterday, Mr Trappe took along just a wicker chair - albeit one kitted out with radio communication, satellite navigation, oxygen masks and an emergency beacon.

The 36-year-old dangled beneath 54 balloons for more than four hours to complete the 22-mile journey, taking off from Ashford in Kent and landing near Dunkirk in northern France.

His destination was a little less picturesque than Mr Fredricksen's Paradise Falls - he was forced to crash land in a cabbage patch after the wind blew him off course, to the bemusement of French gendarmes.

Mr Trappe, a trained pilot, said: 'The flight was outstanding, but it was a hell of a landing. I'm tremendously proud. It's an outstanding thing to do.'

'Right over the white cliffs of Dover in complete silence. It was tremendously peaceful, tremendously beautiful.'

The American reached a top height of 7,500 ft and travelled at up to 25 mph before descending by cutting away some of the balloons tied to his chair.

French police said they were 'surprised' by Mr Trappe's unorthodox arrival, but he avoided

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SUNRISE / SUNSET

June 2010 for Phoenix - W 112° 05' N33° 30'

Sat., June 5	5:18 AM / 7:34 PM
Sat., June 12	5:17 AM / 7:38 PM
Sat., June 19	5:18 AM / 7:40 PM
Sat., June 26	5:20 AM / 7:42 PM

Mountain Standard Time

Source: http://www.sunrisesunset.com/calendar.asp?comb_city_info=Phoenix,%20Arizona;112.1;33.5;-7;0&month=2&year=2009&time_type=0&use_dst=0

arrest after producing authorisation to land in the country.

Mr Trappe said the journey had fulfilled a childhood dream, adding: 'I think it's something that's shared across cultures and across borders.

'Just this wonderful fantasy of grabbing on to toy balloons and floating into open space.'



Passport? Jonathan Trappe is questioned by French police after landing in a field in Moeres following his successful crossing of the English Channel



Touchdown: Mr Trappe, 36, makes his landing in a farmer's field, narrowly missing this polytunnel

Mr Trappe is the first 'cluster balloonist' to successfully cross the Channel, a 22-mile journey from Dover to Calais.

He set off from the Kent Gliding Club in Challock, near Ashford, shortly after 5am and

Member Updates:

Jamie Osborne, Dywane Osborne's son and a student pilot, has joined the club.



Bonjour: Mr Trappe smiles as he starts to gather and deflate the remaining helium balloons

took about an hour to drift the 10 miles to the coast.

He then spent almost two hours soaring over the Channel and floated over northern France before reaching Dunkirk.

Unfortunately, the wind carried him off his intended route, and he was forced to make a crash-landing to avoid flying into restricted airspace, a no-fly zone between Dunkirk and the border with Belgium.

He descended by cutting away some of the eight-foot helium balloons which were tied to his chair.

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Clear-up: The entire crossing took around four hours at altitudes of up to 7,500ft.



Deflated: Mr Trappe and his support team carry away the helium balloons after the successful attempt.

1785 - French aviator Jean Pierre Blanchard successfully completed the first air crossing of the Channel, in a hydrogen balloon. It took two-and-a-half hours.

1909 - Pilot Louis Bleriot became the first to cross the Channel in a heavier-than-air aircraft, the Bleriot XI monoplane. It took 37 minutes.

1979 - The first human-powered aircraft made it across. American Bryan Allen used pedal-power for his three-hour journey.

2003 - Austrian sky-diver Felix Baumgartner

completed a 20-mile freefall using an aerodynamic 'wingsuit' and a carbon fin. He took 14 minutes.

2008 - Swiss daredevil Yves Rossy reached 220mph using a jet-powered 'wing', and completed the crossing in less than 10 minutes.

2010 - Cluster balloonist Jonathan Trappe used 54 giant helium balloons to drift across, remaining airborne for three hours. Mr Trappe was greeted by his girlfriend Nidia Ramirez, 30, who waved him off in Kent and then caught a Eurostar train to race under the Channel, while her boyfriend floated over it.

Last month he claimed a new world record for the longest free-floating cluster balloon flight, when he travelled 109 miles across his home state of North Carolina in 14 hours.

During another flight, he claims to have ascended to almost 18,000 ft.

Mr Trappe met with civil aviation authorities in Britain and France before making his cross-Channel attempt, and gained clearance from customs and immigration on both sides.

He said: 'There are risks and we work methodically to reduce the risk so we can have a safe and fun flight.

'Because really it's only about dreams and enjoying an adventure and that's only enjoyable when it's safe.'

Cluster ballooning is a relatively new adventure sport, which first hit the headlines in 1982 when Larry Walters attached 42 helium-filled weather balloons to a patio chair and took off.

The American had no prior ballooning experience and only intended to rise a few hundred feet, but rose more than 15,000ft into the air.

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He floated into controlled airspace near Los Angeles International Airport.

Then he used a pellet gun to burst several of his balloons, but accidentally dropped it overboard, and descended slowly until his contraption got caught in a power line, causing a 20-minute blackout in Long Beach.

He was arrested when he landed.



Uplifting: Mr Trappe already holds the world record for the longest free-floating balloon flight of 14 hours



Inspiration? The Pixar film Up, where an adventurer ties helium balloons to his house to travel to a mystical land

Some Cluster Balloon History

On April 20, 2008, Brazilian Roman Catholic priest Adelir Antonio de Carli unsuccessfully

flew using a chair and 1,000 helium balloons.

He did not check the weather forecast and got caught in a storm and was last heard on the radio approaching the water after flying off the coast, but was unable to give his position.

His body was found by the Brazilian navy near an offshore oil platform on July 4, 2008. He was awarded a 2008 Darwin Award for the stunt.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Raven gondola with two 20-gallon stainless steel tanks, double burners HP-2, tank cover with heaters, two-point uprights, and an envelope milker. \$3,500 or best offer.

Also available:

*Four sets of two-point uprights, \$200

*Three HP-2 double burners, \$400 each

*Six 20-gallon lay down tanks (empty), \$250 each



Record voyage: The helium 'airship' travelled 22 miles across the Channel before landing near Moeres

LINKS!

With commercial aviation shut down in the UK due to volcanic ash, it's a great time to fly balloons over those normally busy airports! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JqrAoBUHlk>

Safety Stand Down links:

First, review the handout material found [here](#). (See the file at: https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2010/May/FAA_Safety_Stand_Down_Brochure.pdf) Then watch the videos at the links below:

Opening message: http://videoontheweb.faa.gov/Aviation_safety/SSD_2010.aspx

Owner-Performed Maintenance:

http://videoontheweb.faa.gov/aviation_safety/ssd2010_maintenance.aspx

Approach and Landing:

http://videoontheweb.faa.gov/aviation_safety/ssd2010_takeofflanding.aspx

Surface Deviations:

http://videoontheweb.faa.gov/aviation_safety/ssd2010_surfacesafety.aspx

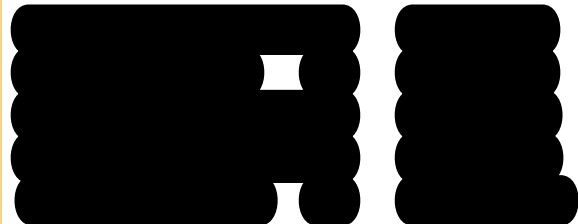
Risk Management:

http://videoontheweb.faa.gov/aviation_safety/ssd2010_RiskMgt.aspx

Closing message:

http://videoontheweb.faa.gov/aviation_safety/ssd2010_close.aspx

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

**Ice Cream Social (and elections results plus videos to watch)
Tuesday, June 15th, 2010**

**Saturday, July 24th, 2010 (rescheduled from the 17th)
Pool Party at the [REDACTED]**

**DiamondBacks Game Day: Saturday, August 7th, 2010 for the 6:40 pm.
Padres game - Ticket prices and more details to come**

FAAST Blast — May 06, 2010
Biweekly FAA Safety Briefing
News update

Notice Number: NOTC2273

Atlantic City International Airport Launches Digital NOTAMs: Effective April 20, Atlantic City International Airport (KACY) is the first in the U.S. national airspace system to deliver digital notices to airmen (NOTAM). This transition to a new digital notification system is “a major technological change,” said Nancy Kalinowski, FAA vice president, System Operations. “Digital information management is key to aviation safety.” The new digital NOTAM system reduces human error and provides more timely and accurate distribution of information about hazards and changes in aeronautical facilities, services, and procedures.

It took three seconds to transmit the first computer-generated digital NOTAM using a web-based software program that converts NOTAMs into a standard format for direct delivery to the U.S. NOTAM system. Before this upgrade, the NOTAM system remained unchanged for about 30 years. FAA plans full system delivery by 2014. The new direct-entry system will be demonstrated over the next 12 months at airports in Memphis, Norfolk, Richmond, Washington DC (Reagan), Chicago (Midway and O'Hare), Denver, Fort Wayne, and Fairbanks.

Wire Strikes - Significant Danger

Notice Number: NOTC2279

Wire strikes continue to be a significant contributor to helicopter and fixed wing general aviation accidents. Although these accidents are not always fatal, about 30% do

result in a fatality. Not only is there the cost of a human life, these strikes can also have enormous economic impacts on the aircraft owners, utilities, and general public.

The FAA would like to thank Southern California Edison and Helicopter Association International (HAI) for partnering on an effort to educate the flying public on "Surviving the Wires Environment" and producing and providing a video for all to view. The FAA encourages all pilots and flight crew to watch this informative video. You can watch the video by clicking [here](http://www.rotor.com/Publications/HAIVideosLibrary/SurvivingtheWiresEnvironment.aspx). <http://www.rotor.com/Publications/HAIVideosLibrary/SurvivingtheWiresEnvironment.aspx>

Saving lives through collision avoidance!!!!

NEW HAZARDS ON THE HORIZONS.....MET TOWERS

Notice Number: NOTC2278

MET towers (Meteorological towers), are used to gather wind data necessary for site evaluation and development of wind energy projects. They can be erected very rapidly and may be on site from a few days to up to a year or longer. Towers generally range in height from 30, 50, 60 and 80 meters tall. Any tower less than 200 feet in height is not required by regulation to be lighted. At this time there is no standardized notification system in place to indicate when and where these towers are erected.

These are not posted in any Airport Facility Directory, NOTAMS, etc. unless they interfere with airport operations. BE ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THESE HAZARDS...!

ELECTIONS

The following people are running for Club Officer or Board Member. Each one offers a different perspective. I provided a very brief description for each one.

Mike England is running for **Commander**.

Mike is long time club member and LTA commercial ride pilot. He is experienced with club leadership, having already served as a club officer and as a board member continuously for many years. He owns a balloon and flies professionally.

Bob Romaneschi is running for **Vice-Commander** for the second year.

Bob runs a balloon repair station and a special shapes balloon business. Bob flies nationally and internationally. He knows many people in ballooning and that has been seen in the speakers he has booked for the club. He owns several balloons and is an LTA pilot.

Allen Baron is running for **Keeper of the Fuel**.

I have lost track of how long Allen has served in this position, but his experience as an accountant is invaluable. He has kept financial records up to date, sees to our non-profit status, and makes sure the books are regularly audited. He is an LTA pilot.

Sally Bartsch is running for **Keeper of the Log**.

Sally supervised Phoenix senior centers when she worked, but has recently retired and is willing to serve the club as Keeper of the Log. She owns a balloon and is an LTA pilot.

Running for the Board:

Gary Bishman is running for the second year. He has also traveled with Bob Romaneschi as his crew chief. for special shape balloons. He owns a balloon and is an LTA pilot.

Gene Clewley has served on the board in past years and is running again after taking a year off. Gene has served as Vice-Commander in the past. He owns a balloon and is an LTA pilot.

Tom Connolly is running for the Board for a second year (after retiring from Universal Propulsion Company- which used to be a red zone!). He owns a balloon and is an LTA pilot.

Linda Jorgensen has served as Keeper of the Log for several years and is running for the board this year. She has coordinated the raffle, too. She is a balloon crew person. She crews regularly for Judy Holt, and for other pilots when Judy is not flying.

Frank Karlovec has served on the board for many years, and volunteered to handle picnics and parties for several years. He has made sure we have something to eat at club meetings and he has coordinated the club's Holiday party many times. He owns a balloon and is an LTA pilot.

Margie Long is running for the board for the first time. Margie owns and operates Hot Air Expeditions, a ride company. She has her student permit for LTA, and owns several balloons of varying sizes.

Jamie Osborne is running for the board for the first time, having grown up around ballooning (Dwayne Osborne's son). He also has his student permit for LTA.

Please remember that at least three of the board members must hold LTA licenses.

You may also write in the name of other club members for any of the positions, but please be sure they are willing to serve if you do! Write-in candidates have won in the past.

Thank you for voting!



CHEF FRANK-O'S RECIPES

Chicken Kiev

Ingredients

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus extra for seasoning chicken
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus extra for seasoning chicken
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 large whole eggs, beaten with 1 teaspoon water
- 2 cups Japanese bread crumbs (panko), plus
1/4 cup for filling
- Vegetable oil, for frying

Directions

Combine butter, parsley, tarragon, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper in the bowl of a stand mixer. Place mixture on

plastic wrap or waxed paper and roll into small log; place in freezer.

Place chicken breasts, 1 at a time, between 2 pieces of plastic wrap. Squirt chicken lightly with water and squirt the top of the plastic wrap as well. Pound to no less than 1/8-inch thickness. Season each piece of chicken with salt and pepper.

Lay 1 chicken breast on a new piece of plastic wrap and place 1/4 of the compound butter and 1 tablespoon bread crumbs in the center of each breast. Using the plastic wrap to assist, fold in ends of breast and roll breast into a log, completely enclosing the butter; roll very tightly. Repeat with each breast. Place chicken in refrigerator for 2 hours, or up to overnight.

Place egg and water mixture in 1 pie pan and 2 cups bread crumbs in a different pie pan. Heat 1/2-inch of vegetable oil in a 12-inch saute pan over medium-high heat until oil reaches 375 degrees F.

Dip each breast in the egg mixture and then roll in the bread crumbs. Gently place each breast in oil, sealed-side down, and cook until golden brown, approximately 4 to 5 minutes on each side, until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees F. Remove to a cooling rack set in sheet pan and allow to drain for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Grilled Watermelon and Prawns

Ingredients

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup granulated sugar

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- 2 red bell peppers, cored, seeded, and chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 3 cilantro sprigs, chopped
- 1 pound (16 to 20 count) prawns, peeled and deveined, with the tail left on
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 limes, halved
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 small seedless watermelon, sliced into 1/4-inch wedges, rind on
- Unsweetened coconut, toasted for garnish
- 1 scallion, sliced for garnish

Directions

Preheat the grill.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, add the water and the sugar. Cook over low heat until the sugar is dissolved. Pour 1 cup of the syrup into a small bowl and set aside.

To the remaining syrup, add the red pepper, jalapenos, garlic, and cilantro and simmer on medium heat for 30 minutes, or until thickened and marmalade-like.

In the meantime, toss the prawns in a bowl with half of the olive oil, juice of 1 lime, cayenne, chili powder, salt, and pepper. Place on the hot grill and grill each side until cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes. Set aside.

Place the watermelon on a plate and brush each side with the reserved sugar syrup and the remaining olive oil. Place on the grill and cook on both sides, about 2 minutes.

Once the red pepper marmalade is thickened, place watermelon on the plate

with prawns on top. Squeeze the remaining lime over it and spoon on the marmalade. Garnish with coconut and scallions.

Painter's Palate Couscous and Peanut Encrusted Tofu

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cremini mushroom cap
- 1 (10-ounce) box couscous
- 1 radish
- 1 tablespoon Chinese mustard
- 1 tablespoon sweet and sour sauce
- 1 tablespoon duck sauce
- 1 tablespoon Szechuan sauce
- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- Salt and pepper
- 4 asparagus, blanched
- 1 (1-inch thick) slice firm tofu
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped roasted and salted peanuts

Directions

In a small saute pan heat the olive oil and sear the mushroom on medium high heat until cooked through, but still firm, about 3 minutes per side. In a small pot follow the directions for the couscous and set aside. Once the couscous is done, form the couscous into a painter's "palate". Cut the radish in 1/2 and use as the eye of pallet. Use the sauces to represent paints and the asparagus as brushes. The mushroom can hold the mustard as a painter's cup. Apply the chopped peanuts to the edges of the tofu, using water to make them stick if necessary. Place the tofu next to the couscous. Enjoy!

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Peanut Butter and Chocolate Biscotti

Ingredients

- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter (1 stick plus 2 tablespoons)
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup smooth natural peanut butter, room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups dry roasted peanuts
- 1 1/4 cups chopped dark chocolate or chocolate chunks (about 6 ounces)

Directions

Position racks evenly in the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Line 3 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Melt the butter over medium heat, swirling the pan occasionally. Continue to cook until the butter browns and gets a nutty aroma, about 5 minutes. Let cool slightly. Whisk the flour, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl.

Beat the eggs in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until light and pale yellow, about 2 minutes. Gradually add the sugar while beating. Then slowly add the butter and vanilla until evenly mixed, about 30 seconds more. Add the peanut butter and mix until combined.

While mixing slowly, add the dry ingredients to the wet, in 2 additions, mixing just until absorbed. Fold in the peanuts and chocolate pieces.

Divide the dough evenly into thirds, and put each portion in the center of a baking sheet. Shape the dough with slightly wet hands into logs about 2-inches wide and 15 inches long. Bake until set and brown around the edges, about 25 to 30 minutes. (For even baking take care to rotate the pans-- top to bottom and front to back--about half way though.) Cool logs on the baking sheets for about 10 minutes.

Lower the oven temperature to 325 degrees F. Carefully transfer the logs to a cutting board. Cut logs crosswise, with a long serrated knife at about a 45 degree angle, into 1/2-inch thick cookies. Place cookies cut side down on the baking sheets. Bake until crisp, about 8 minutes. Flip the cookies over and bake until golden brown, about 8 minutes more. Cool biscotti on the baking sheets. Serve.

Store cookies in a tightly sealed container for up to 3 days.

Sweet Potato Pie

Makes one 9 inch pie
Sweet potato pie rules.

Ingredients

- One 9 inch pie crust
- 1.5 pounds sweet potatoes
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 5 ounces evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon each ground cinnamon, ginger and all spice
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

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Directions

Heat oven to 350 and pre-bake pie crust about 10 minutes, allow to cool. Turn oven to 425. Peel potatoes, cut into equal size pieces and boil until soft enough to poke a skewer through them - 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and then mash. Add remaining ingredients to potatoes and mix well. Pour into pie crust and bake at 425 for 5 minutes then turn down to 325 and finished baking for an additional 40 minutes. Allow to cool and then serve

Toasted Poundcake with Raspberries

It's just good and easy. Adding raspberry liqueur to the whipping cream gives it a faint purplish color and really great flavor.

Ingredients

- 4-1 inch slices poundcake - don't reinvent the wheel, Sara Lee is perfect
- 1 pint raspberries
- 1/2 pint whipping cream, unwhipped
- 2 tablespoons raspberry liqueur like Chambord

Directions

Add raspberry liqueur to whipping cream and whip as you normally would. Toast slices of poundcake. Place a slice of toasted poundcake on plate, add some whipped cream and top with some berries

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*The FAA updated the **Balloon Flying Handbook** in 2008. Small excerpts are included each month.*

Chapter 3, Preflight Planning (continued)

Navigation

Navigation of a balloon is unlike that of any other aircraft because it cannot be steered in the conventional sense. Directional control is achieved through the use of differing wind directions at different altitudes. With effort, study, and some practice, it is possible for a balloon pilot to determine a point on the ground at some distance, and to fly to it with relative ease and accuracy.

The first step in learning balloon navigation is understanding the maps. Two types of maps are used: sectional aeronautical charts and local topographical maps. Both have their uses and each has advantages and disadvantages. Another type of map may be available to the balloon pilot. This is a local area map developed by the local balloon club which shows prohibited zones and sensitive areas.

Sectional aeronautical (or sectionals) are published on a routine basis by the National Aeronautical Charting (NACO), a division of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). These charts are at a scale of 1:500,000 (one inch representing 500,000 inches on the ground, or about 7.9 miles), are similar to an automobile road map, and provide useful information to a balloon pilot flying under visual flight rules (VFR). Charts are generally named for the most prominent city contained within the area of the sectional chart.

There are also sectional charts with a smaller scale, 1:250,000, to represent the area immediately surrounding Class B airspace, which is the airspace surrounding major air traffic facilities in the United States. Airspace is discussed in detail in Chapter 5, The National Airspace System. These charts

(commonly referred to as terminal area charts) show a significantly increased level of detail, and, if available, may be of more value than a standard sectional.

Sectionals depict many different things, including controlled and uncontrolled airspace, airports, major roads and highways, cities and small towns, etc. They also indicate obstacles to flight, such as major transmission lines, radio, TV, and water towers, smokestacks, and other items. The legend of a sectional provides a means to identify these landmarks. A more detailed explanation of sectionals and the information they contain, is found in the FAA Aeronautical Chart User's Guide, a publication of the NACO. This publication may be found at many pilot supply stores where sectionals are sold, or may be purchased online, along with the maps themselves, at www.naco.faa.gov.

Pilots review the sectional chart and familiarize themselves with the airspace they may be using when flying in a new area or refreshing their memory of a frequently flown area. The sectional helps a pilot determine obstacles to flight (towers, powerlines, etc.), as well as locating landmarks for use during the flight. While sectionals offer much valuable information on an area, their lack of resolution on a small scale means they do not provide enough information for a balloon flight. The length of the average balloon flight is 6 to 8 miles. On the sectional, this equates to the distance between the first joint and the tip of one's thumb. This lack of significant detail is a disadvantage for navigation in a balloon, but sectionals are useful as a source of general information about a given area.

GLOSSARY

Repair Station: A facility where specified aircraft and their parts may be inspected, repaired, altered, modified, or maintained. FAA approval is issued to a facility upon qualifications specified by the local FSDO.

**Arizona Balloon Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2010**

Commander Sally Heinrich called the April Board Meeting to order at 5:55 pm, at the Pinnacle Community Church, 1330 E. Union Hills Drive with all Board Members and Officers present except Dorothy Harrison. (Sally Heinrich, Mike England, Gary Bishman, Tom Connolly, Frank Karlovec, Ken Tocker, Allen Baron, Bob Romaneschi and Linda Jorgensen). Guest attendee was Molly Karlovec.

After review of the March Board and General Meeting Minutes, Mike England presented a motion to accept both documents. Frank Karlovec seconded his motion, and the motion passed.

The Keeper of the Fuel, Allen Baron, presented the following March Fuel Report:



Following a review of the report by those present, Gary Bishman made a motion to approve the report with a second from Ken Tocker. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Committees:

Picnics & Parties: 1. Frank reported that the Crew Appreciation Day event brought out 14 balloons, and considered that a great turn-out. A “Bagel Party” with lox, cream cheese, fruit, soda and water rounding out the morning’s festivities. There were non-members that participated in the morning flight, and shared their ‘tailgate fare’ with everyone who was present, so it became a little awkward when the raffle prizes were given only to members. A short discussion ensued regarding including non-Club members in meeting invitations as possible opportunities for new member solicitations.

2. June’s Meeting will again be an Ice Cream Social, announcement of election results, and possibly some videos (still to be determined). Sally volunteered to bake 2 cakes for the evening’s festivities.

3. July pool party – Frank and Molly requested the date be changed to Saturday the 24th. It was suggested the Club provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, with members bringing side dishes and desserts.

May Raffle: Molly will take care of making sure there are ample items!

Nominating Committee: Roe Tocker and Sally have called many members and gave an update on their results so far. Gene Clewley has agreed to run for Board in addition to the current Board and Officers that had already agreed to run for a position last meeting. There are still calls to be made.

Update on State Lands: Philip and Sally H. have been driving around Maricopa County

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(using their personal land use permit) taking GPS readings on ALL flight-worthy roads. They are doing this in preparation of filling out the form for the State for hot air balloon State Land Use permits. Thanks to both of them.

Educational Meetings/WINGS credit for future meetings: Bob R. and Sally H. are working on completing the application for FAA Safety Team approval. It is a HUGE document!

New Business:

Safety Seminar: The optimal time is September, and is now needed since IMC insurance turned down the Albuquerque safety seminar due to its shorter 4 hour length. There was discussion regarding whether it would be necessary if we do WINGS programs during meetings, and whether or not Tucson's Club will/would offer one. Final comments were for us to think about whether we could/should organize one, and to be sure to include crew topics. We haven't offered one in two years.

Membership and Competition Committees: As of June, Judy Holt requested to not continue as Membership Chair. And requests have been made (by members and former members) to again do Club Competitions. They were fun, and they definitely encouraged participation/membership in the Club. Who would be good/willing to take this position in the coming year?

Newsletter: A short discussion began about including the Newsletter on the web site. It was agreed that placing a "tease" link on the home page to a members-only page would be a good option. It could possibly be a good incentive for new members to join so they can see all the information available.

Other new business surrounded a discussion initiated by Bob R. who would like to put some of his collectible pins into a Club-specific eBay account to help raise funds for the Club. The discussion encompassed the possible use of PayPal to help with accounting ease. Allen B. then brought up the possibility of tax issues surrounding liability for the Club with its non-profit status. There might be a maximum income allowed. Allen will check to see if there might be possible tax issues. Using an individual's account might be a possible alternative. It was suggested that some of the funds could be used for scholarships to attend a Safety Seminar.

At approximately 6:30 pm, Gary B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Frank K. presenting a second. A unanimous vote adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jorgensen,
Keeper of the Log

**Arizona Balloon Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2010**

The April General Meeting was called to order by Commander Sally Heinrich at 7:10 pm, at

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Pinnacle Community Church, 1330 E. Union Hills Drive. There were 29 members and guests present.

Two of our guests were new balloon owners (and student pilots!) Chuck and Shari Morehead. They purchased Steve Shluker's balloon and have renamed it "Sonoran Star". They have completed 3 training flights so far. Congratulations! Other guests included Kim Rosenlof, Roland Little's family, and John Trave (crew for ride company balloons).

Allen Baron then presented the March Fuel Report as follows:



Commander Sally reported that she and Philip have been doing detailed GPS tracking in order to be able to apply for a "group" permit for special land use. They will be submitting the application once they've completed the tracking. It is a long, arduous process.

As an interesting note to all present – and those they will share it with! – everyone was given a reminder to not forget to put sunblock on your FEET. A cancer physician reported he sees a lot of patients that have neglected that safety precaution.

For the evening's program, Vice Commander Bob R. introduced the evening's speaker, Eric Mueller. Eric is a fellow pilot who had prepared a presentation given in numerous venues on the subject of "Crew-Oops". This was a great choice to continue a theme of "Crew Appreciation Month".

A few highlights from Eric's presentation were:

Know your equipment (limitations and capabilities); has it all been properly serviced

On the field give enough room around you for others to setup safely

Remember that accidents are waiting to happen.

When you chase: think like a pilot while acting like crew – make it a game to "beat the pilot" to the landing spot

During flight – watch the time and communicate; and remember the "Stupid Motorist Law".

When the flight is over ask yourself what you learned.

Eric reminded everyone that "ballooning is as safe as you'd like to make it"!

Eric also mentioned two books recommended for reading that have been referenced by the FAA: "The Gentle Giant" and "Crewing Essentials".

After a short recess to allow everyone to get more snacks – and purchase raffle tickets! The raffle closed out the evening generating \$101 for the club 'coffers'. Thanks to Bob R. and others who contributed items so generously!

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jorgensen,
Keeper of the Log

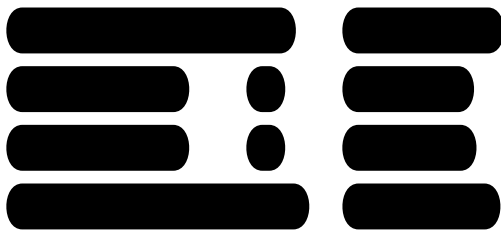
COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Summer is here- One forecast calls for 110 degrees by next Sunday. We'll be doing most of our flying out of town. For the pilots who fly locally in the summer, their hours get earlier and earlier.

Thank you for electing me to the position of Commander for the last three years. Time flies by and another election is here. There are things I wish I had accomplished (the "I should haves"). I truly believe it is better for the club to have a change of leadership because different persons have different strengths. My turn as Commander has been enjoyable, largely due to the Officers and Board that were elected along with me. They have been a great group, with both experienced members and new members with fresh ideas. From being respectful to each other to working on assigned projects, they have each made it a pleasant tenure for me!

FUEL REPORT

April 2010



These are summaries of the treasury report. A detailed itemization of this or any past approved "Fuel Report" is available by request.

After several years, we are starting to see results: the meetings have become more educational; WINGS has changed and we are working toward incorporating some WINGS sessions into our meetings; a presentation on crewing safety was tied into the Crew Appreciation flight; Bill Heck has the website up and running. Small steps are starting to add up.

With that in mind, remember all are volunteers. There are times in each of our lives when you can't spend the extra time, but there are times when you CAN. Judy Holt ran membership for several years, and Chris Perry has offered to step up and take it now, even though she has to work on Tuesday evenings (pharmacists have odd hours). Sally Bartsch is running for Keeper of the Log. Jamie Osborne is learning to fly and running for the Board. Wally Perry donated his balloon pins to the club, which will help the club raise some money. Talk to Bob Romaneschi about programs you would like. Frank is continuing to do picnics & parties, but since his new job requires a great deal of travel, he might like to have a backup (and that should not automatically be Molly's job). What about you?

If you want more from the club, is it something you could help get going? No one has taken on competition for a couple of years, and there are definitely pilots who like the challenge and tasks of competing.

Enough of my editorial comments now! Although, I still plan to do the newsletter, so you may still get some comments from me from time to time. ***Come to the June meeting, relax and have ice cream, watch ballooning videos. Summer is our more social season.***

Sally Heinrich, outgoing Commander

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