



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.

Next General Meeting - Tues 3/16, 6p – Old Chicago – N Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs

Presidents' Letter

First I would like to pass along my gratitude and thanks on behalf of the club to Skip and Debbie Howes for hosting the WinterFest party again. It looked like everyone had a pretty good time, especially during the gift exchange. The gift exchange also helped the club treasury. Thank you for all who participated in that effort.

Weather just hasn't been extremely cooperative for the club flights. Several pilots and crews have had great flights when patient. Hopefully this month's club fly will have better results. The balloonmeister is planning a race for this month's fly. I invite anyone that is in the area to come out and join in the fun.

This month, the board approved Joe Lillard and Dave Yob as co-webmasters for the BSOPP website. Check www.FlyBSOPP.com often. In addition to updates from people involved in club special events efforts, the general meeting program will offer an insight to airport security. Our guests will be CSPD Officer Clint Schumm and his canine assistant, Grisa, the explosives-sniffing dog. Clint and Grisa will demonstrate the art of finding explosives and answer questions.

I am excited about the future of the club because of the programs and events that are currently in the works. Come to the next meeting to get the latest updates and to help shape these activities.

- *Chuck Danley, President*



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1	632	1752	8	621	1759	15	710	1906	22	700	1913	29	649	1920
2	630	1753	9	620	1800	16	709	1907	23	658	1914	30	647	1921
3	629	1754	10	618	1801	17	707	1908	24	656	1915	31	645	1922
4	627	1755	11	617	1802	18	706	1909	25	655	1916	DST Begins Sunday, 3/14		
5	626	1756	12	615	1803	19	704	1910	26	653	1917			
6	624	1757	13	614	1804	20	703	1911	27	652	1918			
7	623	1758	14	712	1905	21	701	1912	28	650	1919			

April 2010														
Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set	Day	Rise	Set
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1	644	1923	8	633	1930	15	623	1936	22	613	1943	29	604	1950
2	642	1924	9	632	1930	16	621	1937	23	612	1944	30	603	1951
3	641	1925	10	630	1931	17	620	1938	24	610	1945			
4	639	1926	11	629	1932	18	618	1939	25	609	1946			
5	638	1927	12	627	1933	19	617	1940	26	608	1947			
6	636	1928	13	626	1934	20	616	1941	27	606	1948			
7	635	1929	14	624	1935	21	614	1942	28	605	1949			

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings

Date	Event	Location/Details
3/16	BSOPP General Meeting	6p, Old Chicago, N Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs
3/20	BSOPP Club Fly	Fountain & Aeroplaza behind Holiday Inn 7:15a
4/5	BSOPP Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30p, Old Chicago, N Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
3/13	LTA Colorado Safety Seminar Univ of Denver, Denver CO	www.LTASafetySeminar.org Mary McGill 720-838-4318
5/1-5/2	Amarillo TX Ground School	www.LibertyBalloonSchool.com, 7a-5p both days
5/7-5/9	Ridgway Balloons & Varooms	RidgwayColorado.com, 970-626-5181
5/14-5/16	Erie Town Fair	Elle@ErieChamber.org, 303-828-3440
6/4-6/6	Telluride Balloon Rally	Marilyn Branch 970-728-4769 balloons@telluridecolorado.net
6/20	BSOPP/CBC Fly-Out	South Park
7/24-7/25	Celebration of Honor Fly	www.CelebrationOfHonorFly.com fly@celebrationofhonorfly.com

FAR out – Stephen Blucher

There is information on safety related subjects that in today's world is good for all pilots to have, and it is **not** located in the FARs but the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM).

Some balloon pilots fly in airspace and have no clue with whom they are sharing that space. All around this great nation of ours there is air space containing military training routes (MTR) often nowhere near a military base. Balloon pilots must read their sectional charts carefully and note thin gray lines running through or near their operational areas. Do not mistake the slightly wider blue federal airways with "V" numbers along them. The gray lines will have designators "IR" or "VR" followed by three (3) or four (4) numbers, each meaning something different but equally important.

IR (instrument route) means no matter the weather, the fighter or bomber pilots will have their heads in the cockpit and not be looking outside the aircraft. VRs (visual routes) are theoretically used only when the visibility is at least five miles, the ceiling more than 3000 feet above ground level (AGL) and the pilots are flying by outside visual reference. Of course, five miles is an eye-blink at 450 knots in a swept wing bullet.

The number of numerical digits is really important. Three (VR 123) indicates the plane should be operating above 1500 feet AGL. Four digits (IR1234) mean...well, can you spell tree topping? This pilot is on the deck, probably relying on terrain avoidance radar and is going really fast. The three digit pilot is higher, we hope, and also going really fast. By personal experience, a three number route does not guarantee the pilot is flying 1500 AGL.

If you are not flying on or across a MTR but one exists in the area, are you safe? Do not bet your life on it. Again by personal experience, I was passed by four military jets miles off the training route. Were they flying legal VFR? Yes.

Can you find out if a MTR is "hot"? Maybe, but probably not. A pilot from any base might be on any given route and local authorities not have a clue about it. According to one FAA Flight Service Station, there is not a central clearing house for the information.

When operating near a MTR, fly carefully. By the time you hear the thunder, the plane has long since passed.



February 27, 2010 – Paul D deBerjeois

Wanted – Newsletter Editor!

BSOPP is looking for a willing volunteer to take the Tetherlines to the next level. You'll need a computer that runs a word processor or desktop publishing application, a graphics editing program and email access. It takes 3-5 hours/month of your time during the first week of each month. Training and transition assistance is available - contact Paul D deBerjeois or any BSOPP Board member if you're interested!

Board of Directors Meeting

March 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Danley at 6:30PM.

Board Members and Club Members attending:

Chuck Danley, Stephen Blucher, Nolan Schuler, Kinda Schuler
Connie Moreland, Peggy Sansom, Greg Littlejohn, Joe Lillard
Dave Yob

1. Dave Yob and Joe Lillard discussed Web Matters.
2. Father's Day will be at Southpark as usual. Individual pilots that choose to participate
In Fort Carson's Iron Horse Celebration. Refueling will be available at Colorado Avenue & 31st until 4:00 pm Saturday.
3. David Yob mentioned his fear of using Facebook because of the information in his computer. He has some top secret information that does not need to be accessible.
4. Mother's Day get-together is in question as to the weekend to have it. Some people want to move the date. We will discuss this at the regular Club Meeting. Also, flowers will be purchased for the event for the mothers.
5. Stephen Blucher was questioning what to do with old club information. It was suggested that it be given to the Historian (Patsy Buchwald).
6. Meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary

New weather tool courtesy of the BFA...

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/zoa/mwmap3.php?map=usa>

Pilots – Don't forget to update your FAA certificate...

<http://www.socalballoons.org/resources/news.htm>



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6p Dinner, 7p Program
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