



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 11/15/2011, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting –
Hatch Cover – 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

??????????NEW MEETING PLACE???????????

The BSOPP Board has been wrestling with the topic of a meeting location again this fall and we have determined there are three main options:

1. Continue meeting at the Hatch Cover in 2012. The service is good, the food is good, the space is a little small and it is a long ways South for many club members.
2. Move back to Old Chicago. There are differing opinions on the food and service, but the room is closed off and the location is pretty central.
3. Move to a non-alcohol venue. There appear to be many meeting rooms available in town at places that do not serve alcohol. For example, the Board has been meeting at IHOP at Stetson Hills and Powers - they have a meeting room for about 50 in a separate room that would suit our needs well, except the limitation we could not buy alcohol.

The Board will be discussing this subject again at our December Board meeting, any and all input would be appreciated.

Congratulations to Greg and Ellen Wellens on the birth of their son on 11/7/2011.

President's Note:

We have made it through probably the busiest period of the year without any injuries to our members. I applaud all for keeping safety first.



"Inside picture of Cluster Balloon House" - Sponsored by National Geographic

We do have some members that have visited the hospital recently. Frank Hunter had surgery, and Connie Moreland may need surgery with the last news I received.

We have a few things to get input from the general membership at this month's meeting. This is our last meeting of the year. We need to decide where to have our meetings starting in January. We also have to finalize the election for the board. I encourage everyone to come out to join in the camaraderie and to have your voice heard.

As we wind down the year I encourage everyone to consider their blessings and what they would like to do in the new year. We will consider another log jump soon after the beginning of the year. If you haven't ever done something like that, consider joining as crew or flying to challenge your skills. Let us come together to make the coming year better than we have seen so far.

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November 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	0726	1759	8	0634	1652	15	0642	1646	22	0649	1641	29	0656	1638
2	0727	1758	9	0635	1651	16	0643	1645	23	0650	1641	30	0657	1638
3	0728	1757	10	0636	1650	17	0644	1644	24	0651	1640			
4	0729	1756	11	0637	1649	18	0645	1644	25	0652	1640			
5	0730	1755	12	0638	1648	19	0646	1643	26	0653	1639			
6	0632	1654	13	0639	1647	20	0647	1642	27	0654	1639			
7	0633	1653	14	0640	1646	21	0648	1642	28	0655	1639			

December 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	0658	1638	8	0705	1637	15	0710	1638	22	0714	1641	29	0717	1646
2	0659	1638	9	0706	1637	16	0711	1639	23	0715	1642	30	0717	1646
3	0700	1637	10	0707	1637	17	0712	1639	24	0715	1642	31	0717	1647
4	0701	1637	11	0707	1637	18	0712	1639	25	0716	1643			
5	0702	1637	12	0708	1638	19	0713	1640	26	0716	1643			
6	0703	1637	13	0709	1638	20	0713	1640	27	0716	1644			
7	0704	1637	14	0710	1638	21	0714	1641	28	0717	1645			

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location/Details
11/15	Club General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Hatch Cover - 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd
11/19	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn"s - Pilot Brief – Approx 645am
12/5	Board Meeting – All Members Invited	630 PM – Ihop – Powers & Stetson Hills 6:30pm

No Club General Meeting in December!!!!!!

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
12/2 - 12/4	Red Rock Balloon Rally	Gallup, NM – info@redrockballoonrally.com

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

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Club Meeting Program Highlights – from Troy Bradley (October 2011)

Troy Bradley from Albuquerque joined us at our October General Club Meeting to give us a presentation and take questions on flying the cluster balloon house that was sponsored by National Geographic earlier this year.

The house was constructed specifically for this project and was 16ft x 16ft square. There was a special internal frame work for the cluster helium balloons that were attached to the house for the flight. There were around 300 hundred balloons that were attached and stood approx. 10 stories tall when attached to the house. The attached clusters were in sets of 7 with a few extra individual balloons attached also. The location of the launch was an area located outside of Los Angeles where the house was assembled on site and the balloons were filled then attached to the house. There was also a regular hot air balloon that flew with the house too.

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FAR out – Stephen Blucher

The more I fly, airplanes and balloons, and the more events I attend, I am amazed at how many pilots fly without regard to the Federal Air Regulations. Some pilots simply do not know the rules. They were learned long enough to pass the tests, then forgotten. All too often, the rules are for the other pilot.

Those who fly events under a waiver are allowed lower altitudes than normal over congested areas, but FAR 91.119(b) and (c) stay in effect. What are those parts? Check them out. Often, perhaps too often, pilots neglect to read an event waiver, even though they have signed an affidavit attesting they have...in fact...read it.

Waiver limits do not go on forever. The horizontal distance can be as short as a mile from the launch site. Beyond that, the rules are in full effect. Some pilots fly events at waiver limits when one is not in effect at all.

FAR 91.119 is not the point here. Pilots know of its existence. Whether they chose to follow it is a different matter. Waivers are the subject. Pilots must read them and understand them. This year's event waiver may be different than those written for the same event in years past.

While not as stomped on as 91.119, FARs 61.53, 61.56 and 61.57 get their share of attention...or lack thereof.

Balloon pilots are not required by the FAA to have medical exams (61.23), but a pilot canceled participation at an event because after the rally he was going to have he was going to have corrective eye surgery. While he could have flown without problem, if something had happened and the impending surgery was discovered, there could have been considerable explaining to do. Discretion being what it is, the decision was a good one. But, how many other pilots knowing they are not feeling well...physically or mentally...fly anyway? Medical needed or not, it is a poor safety attitude to do so and is in violation of 61.53(b).

61.56 is the flight review reg. and is most often violated unintentionally by the pilot who loses



track of when the last biennial was flown.

The same is true of the recent flight experience rule, 61.57. After an extended no fly period, some pilots forget the need of three takeoff and landings prior to carrying passengers. If night tethers (not glows) are on the schedule...well, that is another part of the regulation pilots must be aware of.

Doing the flights is not enough. Pilots must make sure they are properly logged in their personal logbooks. Tethers are considered flights by the FAA. Be current, be safe and have fun.

BSOPP November Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

11/07/11

The meeting was held at IHop and called to order by Chuck at 6:45 PM.

Board Members and Club Members attending:

Chuck Danley
Dave Bair
Kimberly Barnett
Paul D. deBerjeois
Paul deBerjeois
Stephen Blucher
Kim Sweetwood
Peggy Sansom



1. The next Board Meeting will be held at I Hop on the corner of Powers & Stetson Hills on Monday, December 5, 2011.
2. Stephen Blucher reported that the Club has:
 - \$1,601.25 Checking
 - \$1,063.54 Savings
 - \$ 26.59 Petty CashStephen Blucher has done a budget for the board.
3. Kimberly stated that the membership remains the same.
4. Board members discussed the elections. Kimberly Barnett was voted in by the board since no one has volunteered for the board. New positions for the board will be discussed at the next Board Meeting on December 5th. All club members are welcome to attend.
5. Paul D. deBerjeois is working on several projects but still intends to create a web page for the club as discussed.
6. Winterfest will be held at Skip & Debbie Howe's home. They have offered their home to us for this annual event. Winterfest will be held on January 21st. Chili will be provided this year by The Bluchers' and Kimberly Barnett.
7. Chuck mentioned that the James Swagger Academy would like to have someone bring and stand up a balloon on Tuesday, December 13th. It will be mentioned at the Club Meeting to see if anyone is interested.
8. Kimberly Barnett will be resigning as Membership Coordinator on December 5th. The job entails maintaining a list of information on members: i.e. names, addresses, expiration date of membership, etc. If someone is interested please feel free to contact a board member for more information.
9. Meeting adjourned approximately 7:50 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary

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