



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 6/21/2011, 6p Social Hour, 7pm Meeting –
Hatch Cover – 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

President's Note – Chuck Danley

I need to start off by apologizing to all the mothers in the club. I need to wish all of you a belated Happy Mother's Day. I forgot to say that in the last edition of the Tetherlines. It is almost Father's Day, thus Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in the club, and our next flying event. CBC is hosting this year's event in South Park. The plan is to have a tape race and throw beanies on a target. We will also try to intermix the clubs and have additional games during the tailgate. We all know someone else in the CBC, but we should also try to learn more about each other. Some people are planning to go up Friday evening to make it a full weekend event. Come out to join the fun and camaraderie for as little or much of the events that you can make. I have a request for a pilot and crew to support a Diabetes Foundation BMX bike rally on 9 Jul near Rampart High School. Please get in touch with me if this interests you. The program for this month will focus on safety and decision making, specifically when at an event. Chris Liberti will give the presentation and is a pilot that many of you may already know. Those of you that don't know him yet, come out to the meeting to say hello and hear what he has to offer.

Membership Info:

The new membership form is included. Please fill it out even if you are paid through the next year. I am trying to make sure that everyone's information is up to date and correct. Question please call or email me. Thanks, Kimberly



Ridgeway & Telluride Balloon Rallies – Paul D. DeBerjeois

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Wild West Balloon Rally – Kimberly Barnett



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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
1	0536	2018	8	0534	2023	15	0533	2026	22	0534	2028
2	0536	2019	9	0534	2023	16	0534	2026	23	0535	2028
3	0535	2020	10	0534	2024	17	0534	2027	24	0535	2028
4	0535	2020	11	0534	2024	18	0534	2027	25	0535	2028
5	0535	2021	12	0534	2025	19	0534	2027	26	0536	2028
6	0534	2022	13	0533	2025	20	0534	2028	27	0536	2028
7	0534	2022	14	0533	2026	21	0534	2028	28	0536	2028

July 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
1	538	2028	8	542	2027	15	546	2024	22	552	2019
2	538	2028	9	542	2026	16	547	2023	23	552	2018
3	539	2028	10	543	2026	17	548	2023	24	553	2018
4	539	2028	11	543	2026	18	548	2022	25	554	2017
5	540	2028	12	544	2025	19	549	2021	26	555	2016
6	540	2027	13	545	2025	20	550	2021	27	556	2015
7	541	2027	14	546	2024	21	551	2020	28	557	2014

Upcoming Events Calendar

BSOPP Membership Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location/Details
6/19	CBC & BSOPP Fly & Breakfast	South Park – Father's Day Flight 5:45 Pilot Brief
6/21	General Meeting	6pm - Social hour, 7pm - Meeting/program Hatch Cover - 252 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd Program: Chris Liberti with topic of ballooning safety
7/11	Board Meeting – All members are invited	6:30pm – Location: Panera Bread (Powers & Carefree)
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7/23	Club Fly	Field by Holiday Inn's - Pilot Brief – approx 6am

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

Date	Event	Location / Details
6/19	CBC / BSOPP Fly & Breakfast	South Park – Father's Day Flight 5:45 Pilot Brief
6/24 - 6/26	Fredrick In Flight Rally	Fredrick, CO - Michael Gianetti 303-216-1900
7/1 - 7/3	Desert Balloon Extravaganza	RockSpring, WY - Bruce Pivic bpivic@wyoming.com
7/2 - 7/4	Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally	Raton, NM - Laura Brewer 575-707-0395
7/8 - 7/10	Steamboat Rainbow Weekend	Steamboat Springs, CO - Kara 970-875-7002
7/30 - 7/31	Celebration of Honor Fly	South Park, CO - Jackie Peterson conorseman@comcast.net
8/12 - 8/14	North Park The Sky's The Limit	Walden, CO - Mark Purdy 970-454-2014

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Labor Day Weekend

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FAR out – Stephen Blucher - Drugs & Alcohol

Put a lawyer and a pilot together, toss in a bureaucrat or two and what do you have? The Federal Aviation Regulations. Some time ago the FAA made changes to make reading and understanding them easier, but some pilots feel there is work yet to be done. Perhaps those pilots do not want to understand the regs., or are looking for a way to “deny knowledge of them”.

Case in point...FAR 61 dealing with alcohol and drugs. One pilot stated he did not have to submit to a blood alcohol test per FAR 61.14 because he was not flying under FAR Parts 121 (air carrier) or 135 (air charter). Unfortunately he read what he wanted to, but apparently neglected to continue through Parts 61.15 & .16.

61.15 seems all too clear about drug and alcohol offenses committed during the use of a motor vehicle. Basically it states if a pilot is convicted of a drug or alcohol use violation, their application for or held certificate may be denied or suspended. The problem one civil liberties lawyer brought forth is Part 61.15(e). It states, “each person holding a certificate...shall provide a written report...to the FAA”. The problem? This appears to be in direct conflict with one’s Constitutional right against self-incrimination (the 5th Amendment).

As with any FAR, a pilot can choose to not abide by them, however there are consequences. One can refuse to submit to an alcohol or drug blood test or not release the results sighting the above but must be prepared for the ramifications.

61.15 refers to FARs 91.17 (8 hours bottle to throttle) and 91.19 (do not be dumb and carry “narcotic drugs, marijuana, depressant or stimulant drugs” in your aircraft).

91.17(c) bothers some pilots due to the reference about a local law enforcement officer being able to ask for and give an alcohol test to a pilot. It is legal, per paragraph (ii), if there is a local or state law governing “the same or substantially similar conduct prohibited by paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(4) of this section”.

While few municipalities have the 8-hour law, you know they have something on the books about driving (substantially similar) under the influence. Now and then a pilot might “get away” with it...might. There is on record the report of a pilot and his buddies out for a nighttime flight. On approach he noticed a short period of strong turbulence but continued the landing and left the plane parked in front of the hangar. The following day he called the airport to make sure his pride and joy had been fueled and hangared and was informed he should come to the field to talk with the service people. Upon arrival, he saw the plane sitting in a pool of oil, part of a wing tip missing, the engine a bit off center and tree branches stuck in various parts of the landing gear and fuselage. The airport personnel pointed out an oak tree, or what was left of it, a quarter of a mile from and well off centerline of the runway.

Had the pilot been drinking the night before? At this point there was no proof of it. Did he get away with something...other than the lives of all onboard? Perhaps, but hopefully it was wakeup call.

Balloonists are not so lucky to have night hide their indiscretions. Usually there are witnesses (the pilot who was seen taking off at the Albuquerque Fiesta clutching and drinking a beer). The cause and effect of such actions may make the final outcome of the flight, the **final** outcome.

Pilots, do not spend your time and brainpower trying to find the FAR loopholes. Are they there? Are they worth it? Fly legally, fly safely! Even though the FARs may be in your favor during a particular situation...do not be **DEAD RIGHT!**

BSOPP June Board Meeting

Balloon Society of Pikes Peak - Board of Directors Meeting - 06/06/11

The meeting was held at Pueblo Viejo and called to order by Chuck Danley at 7:00PM.

Board Members and Club Members attending:

Chuck Danley, David Bair, Peggy Sansom, Paul Deberjois, Kimberly Barnett

1. The Club fly will be on Sunday June 19th (Father’s Day) at Southpark. Barbi Hahn is organizing a Tape Race. Fun should be had by everyone.
2. The next Board Meeting will be held at Panera Bread on Powers & Carefree on July 11th. We usually meet the first Monday of each month except when it is a holiday, and then we move it to the second Monday of the month (July 11th).
3. The West Cliffe Fly which will be August 14th unless it conflicts with another festival.
4. Chris Liberti will be the speaker at the next Club Meeting on June 21st. The subject will be “Pilot Decision Making.” David Bair is working on having a two-part program pertaining to “AAAA Power Lines”. Another idea is having Troy Bradley from Albuquerque with either “Flying the House”, or “Bobby’s Ultralight Balloon”. It was not decided on which two months to have this program.
5. Members voted unanimously on getting the magnetic sign hopefully in time for the Father’s Day Fly.
6. The club fly for July will be on 23rd. The Honor Fly will be on the 30-31st.
7. The Diabetes Foundation is having a BMX (bike motor cross race) on July 9th. They are requesting to have someone stand up or a static display. If a pilot is interested in raffling a ride, it would be appreciated.
8. David Bair proposed creating a budget for the club. We would then be able to decide what we need to do to enhance monthly cash flow. This will be discussed at the club meeting.
9. Meeting adjourned approximately 7:30 pm.

Peggy Sansom
BSOPP Secretary

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