



**General Meeting**

*April 10, 2006*

*Tres Amigos Restaurant  
[Southwest Corner of the US-183  
and US-290 Intersection]*

*Maps and Crew Navigation  
by Joe Reynolds,  
Mike Prior*

*Bellville*

**President's Letter**

Mike Pryor

**Dear CTBA Members,**

Now that the Ides of March has past, perhaps the weather will cooperate and we can have a good spring flying season. To start with, several pilots are planning to participate in the Bellville flight on April 15th. This is an annual event hosted by Austin and Susan Young, who follow through with a great breakfast at their home. We hope that most CTBA teams will be able to make the flight and party. We will discuss this and other upcoming opportunities at our meeting on Monday. Please try to attend so we can discuss and vote on the purchase of a video projector for the club.

**Upcoming Events**

- April 10 CTBA Monthly Meeting
- April 15 Bellville Flight
- May 6 Temple Air Show
- May 5-7 Inks Ranch Camp Out
- June 12 Zilker CTBA Meeting
- July 7,8 Lampassas Spring-Ho
- July Lake Travis Flight

I would like to recognize Greg Winker for earning the FAI Montgolfier Diploma for his world record-setting solo Rozier flight. He will be honored later this month at the National Aeronautic Association banquet in Washington DC. Congratulations Greg and Happy Floating!

Mike

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## Central Texas Ballooning Association

### Club News

#### Membership

Please renew your membership by paying your dues for 2006. Pilots, if you have crew whop are not CTBA members, please encourage them to attend meetings and to join CTBA.

#### Albuquerque Fiesta Pilot Registration

Fiesta pilot and crew registration is open.  
Visit <http://www.balloonfiesta.com/>

#### Ballunar Pilot Registration

NASA Ballunar pilot and crew registration is open.  
Visit <http://www.ballunarfestival.com/>

#### CTBA Electronic Newsletter and Web Site

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have information about a ballooning event, please contact the editor, Joe Reynolds. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date. Your contributions make this a much better newsletter and help keep everyone interested in this excellent sport. We are still working on creating a more comprehensive web site; Philip has registered a better URL and Joe has volunteered to host it - we'll keep you posted. Please send us your suggestions and let us know about problems so we can improve our communications.

#### Greg Winker Record Flight

Greg Winker has been selected by the FAI to receive this years Montgolfier Diploma award in recognition of his record distance rozier balloon flight last October from Moriarty, NM.

#### Phillip McNutt Gas Flight in Germany

Phil has gone to fly with the German gas pilots. There may be more news by the club meeting.

#### CREW Training

The CTBA has copies of Gordon Schwontkowski's book on crewing balloons; "HotAir Balloon Crewing Essentials" which is an excellent book covering crew attitude, involvement and techniques.

Also Available are copies of the DVD "From the Ground Up" by CTBA members Chris and Martin Theophilus. This video was shot during Dan Sherrill's crew classes. Contact [phantom@austin.rr.com](mailto:phantom@austin.rr.com) to order.

To reorder Gordon's book,  
1-3 copies: \$30 each (add \$5 S&H total)  
4 copies for \$100 (add \$10 S&H)  
10 Copies for \$200 (add \$20 S&H)  
Send name, address, city,state, zip code, phone number, and e-mail address with each order.  
Gordon Schwontkowski  
82 Silver Tree Circle  
Cary, IL 60013

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#### Quotation

"How posterity will laugh at us, one way or the other! If half a dozen break their necks, and ballooning is exploded, we shall be called fools for having imagined it could be brought to use: if it should be turned to account, we shall be ridiculed for having doubted."

*Horace Walpole,  
letter to Horace Mann, June 24, 1785*

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#### CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

The CTBA has an account, Any CTBA member is guaranteed blood and will receive a discount on the cost of blood in the unfortunate event it is needed.

**Please take time to donate.**

Central Texas Regional Blood Center  
4500 North Lamar Blvd.  
206-1266





### March 25 Flight

For those pilots to choose to sleep in on the 25<sup>th</sup>, you missed a beautiful day to fly!! Rusty and Adam took off from Graham Elementary on Beaker Lane and had a nice slow flight to Pflugerville. We could see all the way to Round Rock, were two other balloons were seen flying. Rusty had her 3<sup>rd</sup> landing on I-30. This time she worked the balloon to a gentle landing on the access road.

And the best part...I got to fly!

Here's hoping this is just the beginning of a wonderful flying season.

Ronda



### Deadline Reminder

All ads, articles, tidbits, photos, cartoons and classified ads are due **NO LATER** than end of the month prior.



## GAS BALLOON - GENERAL

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**23 MARCH 2006**

### NEW WORLD RECORD AM-03



FAI has ratified the following Class A (Free balloons) record :

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Claim number : 11990

Size category **AM-03 (Mixed balloons : 400 to 600 m<sup>3</sup>)**

**General Category**

Type of record : **Distance**

Course/location : Moriarty, NM (USA) - White City, KS (USA)

Performance : **920,97 km**

Pilot : **Gregory J. WINKER (USA)**

Balloon : **Homebuilt Cameron R-15**

Date : **02.10.2005**

Previous record : 568.63 km (22.10.1999 - Troy BRADLEY, USA)  
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FAI congratulates the pilot on his splendid achievement.

Posted by Marianne R. at 11:50 PM | [Email this to a friend](#)

**31 DECEMBER 2005**

### BEST WISHES FOR 2006

#### LAST MESSAGES

New world record AM-03  
Best Wishes for 2006  
Gas balloon flight to Sweden  
New World Record  
Start from Stuttgart ...  
New AM-3 record  
D-PIRAT's new life  
Record claim - AA-03 - duration  
AA-3 record attempt - update #4  
AA-3 record attempt - update #3

#### ARCHIVE

March 2006  
January 2006  
December 2005  
November 2005  
October 2005  
September 2005  
August 2005  
July 2005  
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August 2003

#### SEARCH

Search in news:

 

[Gasballoon Map](#)

#### PARTNERS





April 2006

## St. Patricks Day Parade

With the weather wet, the club flight morphed into joining the St. Patricks day Parade. CTBA kept the tradition of being unusual in a town dedicated to being weird.



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## **FAR 91.119 Minimum Safe Altitude Rule Making**

The BFA is sending to you this important information about the lower minimum safe altitudes for balloons (91.119) to all the balloon clubs. We would appreciate you passing this information on to all of your members in the form of your newsletter, web site and club meetings. This step marks a significant progress in the process.

Nancy  
Balloon Federation of America  
Balloon Clubs Chair

### **91.119 Effort Moves to Albuquerque**

The project to lower minimum safe altitudes for balloon flight has been sent to the FAA's Albuquerque Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), which has been tasked with preparing the Notice For Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). Following the Albuquerque FSDO's document preparation, the effort will enter the official NPRM process, will be assigned a docket number, and will move toward a final resolution.

Following the conclusion of the BFA's Minimum Safe Altitude Study in 2004, the FAA notified the BFA that its study had proven without doubt the justification and necessity of lowering the minimum safe altitudes mandated for balloon flight by FAR 91.119. Data received from a similar study conducted by the Albuquerque Aerostat Ascension Association also contributed to the recommendation. New wording suggested by the FAA would add the words, "and balloons," to the current exemption for helicopters to the restrictions of the current rule.

While the FAA's concurrence with the findings of the two studies was most welcome, it was countered by the agency's tabling the project indefinitely in February of last year. Budget cuts and other priorities were given as reasons for lack of further action toward changing the rule.

Upon receiving notification of this setback, the BFA and AAAA formed a joint committee dedicated to moving the effort forward. After preparing a legislative action package that balloonists could use to enlist the assistance of their states' federal representatives, the committee was notified that the project would be sent to the Albuquerque FSDO for the next step in the rulemaking process. After a few more months of document preparation toward that end, the committee received notification on March 16 that the package had been sent.

The effort to lower minimum safe altitudes for balloons is now in the hands of the Albuquerque FSDO. Once personnel there have prepared the NPRM, it will return to Washington to enter the next phase of rulemaking. While the Albuquerque FSDO is doing its work, the 91.119 committee will be preparing extensive documentation that balloonists can use in writing their letters to the FAA to support the change. Instructions for submitting the letters, as well as a lengthy list of points balloonists may cite in their support, will be found on the BFA web site and in the BFA and AAAA publications when the time has come to write letters. This information will also be sent to all balloon clubs currently registered with the BFA.

While the rule has not yet been changed, we feel that this step marks significant progress, and look forward to the day when balloon flight will be legal in the manner that it has always been safest.

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### **Memberships**

The CTBA is non-profit corporation founded in 1984. We welcome new members. Dues are \$20 per year for an individual and \$30 for a family. To receive only the newsletter without voting rights is \$12 annually. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at Tres Amigos Restaurant, Hwys 290 & 183. Anyone interested in the sport of ballooning is invited to attend.





**FAA Web Site Home page** (<http://www.faa.gov>) has a list of links for pilots that lead to **graphic TFRs** (<http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr/list.jsp>), **NOTAMs** (<https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/distribution/atcsc.html>), **Weather** ([http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/weather/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/weather/)), and a downloadable pilot certificate application. We encourage all pilots to use these resources and promote and support the Federal Aviation Administration.

**CTBA Library**

We have volumes of interesting and educational balloon literature. If you would like to read the latest newsletters from Albuquerque or Colorado, learn about weather or flash back to last century's news, we probably have a document to suit you. Send the editor an email or ask us at the next meeting

**ADVERTISING**

All ads are due on or before the board meeting date.

<u>Size</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Image Area</u>	
Full Page	\$ 20.00	71 x 10	
2/3 Page	\$ 16.00	V 5 x 10	H 71 x 6H
Half Page	\$ 11.00	V 3H x 10	H 71 x 5
1/3 Page	\$ 8.00	V 2I x 10	H 71 x 31
1/4 Page	\$ 6.50	V 3H x 5	H 71 x 21
1/6 Page	\$ 5.00	V 2I x 5	H 3H x 31
Submit copy to:	CTBA - Attn.: Editor P O Box 2675 Austin, Texas 78767-2675		

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**CTBA Marketplace**

**Get Your CTBA Spirit**

Display a **CTBA Decal** on your car, truck, trailer, bike, or cooler. Offer them to friends or passengers. Blue, yellow and white, 3 inch diameter with adhesive back. Only \$2.

**T-Shirts** - Royal Blue with the same logo as decals. Small emblem on the chest and large one on back - \$10

**Patches** - Embroidered cloth - \$2

All available at club meetings and club flights.



*Patches*



*Shirts and Decals*

**CREW BOOKS and VIDEOS**

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"From the Ground Up" DVD for crew training. \$20 each [phantom@austin.rr.com](mailto:phantom@austin.rr.com)

***Buy, Sell, Trade***

*Classified ads are FREE to members. Buy, sell, trade or swap balloon or non-balloon related items. Submit copy to the editor no later than the first of the month.*

**For Sale or Trade**

2000 Lindstrand 105A with less than 20 hours. Over Cameron bottom. Double burners, Rotation Vents, 1/3 Hyperlast. Contact Nick Stanko at (512) 251-4024.

**Pilot Seeking Envelope** - Cameron or Lindstrand 90 with less than 200 hours (has Cameron bottom). Contact Dick Goss

**Trade:** anyone want to trade a 24" fan guard for my 30 inch? call phil. if your guard is all beat up, don't call.

**DO IT YOURSELF Magnetic Sign Kit** for Cars, Trucks or Vans. Kit comes complete with 2 12x18 White Magnetic Signs and 10 Full Sheets of: Red & Black Vinyl Letters, Numbers and Borders. Cuts with Scissors to make Custom Shapes. Regular Retail Price \$29.95. CTBA Member Special Price \$20.00. Contact Lowell 459-1339



# Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/25/06	3/26/06	3/27/06	3/28/06	3/29/06	3/30/06	3/31/06	4/1/06 Sun: 0620 1850
4/1/06	4/2/06	4/3/06	4/4/06 Pamela Fletcher	4/5/06 Mike Pryor	4/6/06	4/7/06	4/8/06 Tim Baggett Mary Murphy Sun: 0712 1954
4/8/06	4/9/06	4/10/06 Club Meeting: Maps and Navigation	4/11/06	4/12/06	4/13/06	4/14/06	4/15/06 Bellville Bluebonnet Flight Sun: 0704 1958
4/15/06	4/16/06	4/17/06	4/18/06	4/19/06	4/20/06	4/21/06	4/22/06 Sun: 0656 2003
4/22/06	4/23/06	4/24/06	4/25/06	4/26/06	4/27/06	4/28/06	4/29/06 Sun: 0650 2007
4/29/06	4/30/06	5/1/06	5/2/06	5/3/06	5/4/06	5/5/06 Inks Ranch	5/6/06 Inks Ranch Sun: 0643 2012

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### **Officers / Board Members**

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Secretary:	Lloyd Cates
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Librarian:	Jim Rice
Editor:	joe Reynolds

### **Committee Chairpersons**

Safety Seminar	Joe Reynolds
Lake Flight:	vacant
Web Page:	Mike Pryor

The primary purposes of the **Central Texas Ballooning Association (CTBA)** are to promote, develop and aid the art and science and awareness of ballooning in Central Texas. CTBA provides its members friendship and camaraderie in group ballooning activities. Through this association, members who are student pilots are able to obtain instruction in preparing for the examinations for pilot licenses. Seminars are conducted for all members on ballooning regulations, safety, first aid and landowner relations. Facilities for training and broadening of skills concerning ballooning are provided for members.