



Central Texas Ballooning Association
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April



General Meeting
Land Owner Relations
Monday, April 11
“Social Hour” at 6:30^{PM}
General Meeting at 7:30^{PM}



Upcoming Events

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| April 11 | Monthly Meeting |
| April 16 | Monthly Club Flight |
| April 30 | Inks Ranch Campout |
| May 9 | Monthly Meeting |



2005

President's Notes

I think it's safe to say that the safety seminar was a great success! The turnout was greater than anticipated and the reviews were quite favorable. We'll have details at the meeting.

While the last few meetings have had superb pictures/video and memories, we haven't had much training. So this month we'll start back with a discussion program. We'll show a short BFA video on landowner relations, followed by a group dialogue.

We've gained a few new members! Welcome back to Madeline Ducate, Jim & Carol Boatman, and Stan & LaDonna Krovontka. We also welcome Tim & Winnie Durham from Weatherford, and John Craparo and the Lindgens family from here in the Austin area. Membership rosters will be sent out on April 9 via email. If you haven't paid your dues for 2005, please do so soon.

The weather this past weekend was wonderful, and I hear that a few folks might have actually gotten to fly! Bring your stories to the meeting on Monday – we're eager to hear all about it!

Cynthia

Club News

Spring Safety Seminar

Here's a summary of the many good comments we received about the seminar. Of course, there are few things we need to fix for next year (like the seating arrangements) but all in all, it was a success.

- * Enjoyable, interactive presentations, not boring
- * Thank you for having me - looking forward to next year's seminar!
- * Overall a very good SS.
- * Very well done.
- * Most worthwhile - especially from a student pilots perspective
- * You guys did a phenomenal job planning this and pulling it off. Thank you x1,000 for a well-run and very informative seminar
- * FAA speaker was excellent
- * Thank you for hosting this excellent seminar
- * Mike Emich- awesome, thought provoking Aeronautical Decision Making
- * Excellent Job! Enthusiasm and organization of CTBA personnel
- * Food snacks, etc. were excellent!
- * From a crew perspective attending my first safety seminar I found this very informative and gave me additional knoweldge to take forth with me on future flights.

Inks Ranch Campout

The Inks have confirmed that there will be a campout and balloon flight the weekend of April 30th. We expect to have much fun so plan to attend. Contact Brett for more information.

Central Texas Airshow, Temple

This airshow will be May 6 - 8 at Temple Airport and will include many types of aircraft and exciting aerial demonstrations. Check www.centraltexasairshow.com for more info. We have been invited to glow Friday evening before the night show and Saturday morning. We hope to get a group together to support our Temple club member Jeff Jones. Contact Cynthia if you would like to participate or have questions.

BFA National Ranking

Congratulations to the following club members for placing in the 2004 BFA Sanctioned National Point Ranking: Sam Edwards (21st), Fred Edmiston (41st), Dick Goss (63rd). [And of course Jeff's Dad, Steve at 11th]

Here's Jeff over Lake Belton flying something a little different. We hope to organize a flight up their way in the near future. By the way, I think this one's for sale.



Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2005

Cynthia Pryor called the meeting to order.

Mel reported that Sam flew last Tuesday.

Saturday's weather forecast looks good for flying. Brett is balloon meister and will update the phone lines on Friday

It was announced that Gary and Mel are the proud owners of a balloon. They purchased Debbie Rice's old balloon, Tango. Tango's name will become Wild Goose and Gary is taking lessons from Sam.

Recap of the safety seminar – Ronda reported that the surveys are positive of the seminar and speakers. Complaints were mainly with the chairs and room temperature. A complete recap of the surveys will be presented to the committee.

Upcoming events:

March 26 – Bellville Flight

April 30 – Inks Campout

June 3 – Palestine Heritage Flight Festival

July 16 – Flight over Lake Travis

Call for a committee to work on launch safety concerns for the upcoming Lake Flight. Last year 22 balloons showed up, the LCRA is a small park and there was an incredible amount of spectators. The committee needs to look at crowd control and how to launch all balloons in the safest manner possible.

There is a need for program ideas. One suggestion that came from the safety seminar is a program on fire extinguishers. Leah suggested contacting a service company to do a demo. Brett suggested an annual pilot/crew training where pilot's review their systems with crew. Also suggested the discussion and practice of jumping from balloon baskets in the event on an emergency. Submit thoughts and ideas on programs to the Board.

Board wants to consider doing more training classes for local emergency service personnel. Safety seminar speaker, Mike Emich commented on the power line incident in Austin last October. The balloon club in Ohio has good information on 1st Responder training on their web site.

The phone lines had a message from Diane Sager at Summit Elementary for a balloon demo on May 24.

Mike requested that if we see any errors in the newsletter to let him know so they could be fixed and reposted on-line. Also if you would like a copy of any of the photos, send an e-mail to Mike and he'll e-mail you a high-resolution copy. If anyone wants a black and white hard copy of the newsletter Mike'll get one printed for you.

Next Board meeting will be on the 28th at Mike and Cynthia's. Meeting time is 6:30.

Guest: John Craparo gave complements on the safety seminar and is interest in joining the club. Wants to let us know of his International aeronauts League that is housing message board information. There is a no-dues club, which has about 500 members. They have their own server and hardware. Address is, www.interaeroleague.com.

Lynn suggested that the club have one person who is in charge of all items that are for sale at club functions and meetings. Cynthia said they would bring up at the Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Program by Phillip, excellent slide show on Leon.



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Club Flight News

Aw shucks, another weather month. I know that Jeff Jones has flown up around Belton and I'll bet that David and Sam have been airborne a few times, but I have nothing else to report. Keep your fingers crossed for next weekend.

Upcoming TX Balloon Events

Celebration of Flight Balloonfest	Carthage	May 20 - 22
Heritage Flight	Palestine	June 3 - 5
Great Texas Balloon Race	Longview	July 8 - 10
Ballunar Liftoff Festival	Houston/NASA	August 26 - 28
Big Bend Balloon Bash	Alpine	September 3 - 5
Big Country Balloonfest	Abilene	September 23 - 25

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/atccsc.html>), **weather** (http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/weather/), and a downloadable pilot certificate application.

CTBA Electronic Newsletter

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have information about a ballooning event, please contact Mike Pryor at wmpyor@austin.rr.com or 467-9274. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date.

Editor

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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.

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 Board meeting date (4th Monday of the month).

FOR SALE, ENVELOPES:

- * Lindstrand 60A "AIRHORN 1" Texas Longhorn Design. (1998), 170 hours total time. Top 1/3 + Hyperlife Full nomex base panel and scoop. Excellent Condition (enough spare custom burn-orange cloth for a complete re-build)
- * Thunder and Colt 69A "Lisa's Diamonds" . (1991), 225 hours total time. Top 1/3 Hyperlife. Fair condition.

BOTTOM:

- * Lindstrand 1998 42 X 48 Ascot Basket with smooth Brown leather. Jetstream Double Burners (Series II) Excellent Condition
- * Thunder and Colt 1991 42" x 48" Basket with smooth Black leather. Double Burners in great shape. Set up for "flexible system only" but can be converted.

MISC

- 3- Stainless 15 Gallon tanks with quick shut off valves. (must go with one of the systems or not at all)
- Contact Jeff Jones for more details, pictures or pricing jeff@texasmagicballoons.com

April 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 6:19 * 6:51 ○
3	4 Pamela Fletcher	5 Mike Pryor	6	7	8 Tim Baggett Mary Murphy Martin Theophilus	9 7:10 * 7:55 ○
10	11 CLUB MEETING	12	13	14	15	16 CLUB FLIGHT 7:02 * 7:59 ○
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 6:55 * 8:04 ○
24 Michelle Betts	25 BOARD MEETING	26	27	28	29	30 INKS RANCH CAMPOUT 6:48 * 8:08 ○

May 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Jim Rice	2 Brett Miller	3	4	5 Kaye Campbell	6	7 6:42 * 8:13 ○
8	9 CLUB MEETING	10	11	12	13 Lowell Linney	14 CLUB FLIGHT 6:37 * 8:17 ○
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 6:34 * 8:22 ○
22	23 BOARD MEETING	24	25	26	27 Phil MacNutt	28 6:31 * 8:26 ○
29	30	31				