



Central Texas Ballooning Association  
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# August



## General Meeting *Land Owner Relations*

*Discussion and Role Play*

Monday, August 8

Social Hour 6:30<sup>PM</sup>

General Meeting 7:30<sup>PM</sup>



## Upcoming Events

August 8	Monthly Meeting
August 13	Club Flight
August 26-28	NASA Ballunar Liftoff
September 12	Monthly Meeting



# 2005

### **President's Notes**

Well, for only the second time in history we were unable to have a Lake Travis Flight. The storms were just too close and unpredictable. A few of us went out there to let any spectators know the decision. There were quite a few people out there, but hopefully we got some good PR in by talking to them and explaining the safety aspects and answering questions about ballooning and the club.

The August meeting is somewhat of a follow-up from the BFA Landowner Relations video we saw in April. I've had requests from crew members for more information, so we'll have some scenarios and role-playing. Should be fun and informative, so bring along your ideas and join us!

We'll need to complete the officer and board for '06 in the next couple of months. We've already filled a couple of board positions, and have a volunteer for the newsletter and website. Please consider stepping up and being a part of the leadership of CTBA. It's not as time-consuming or complicated as you might think! In this newsletter there is a brief description of the duties for each position – find one that suits you and talk to any current officer or board member about volunteering.

Cynthia

# Club News

## August Club Meeting

We will be meeting at Tres Amigos and our program will cover Land Owner Relations. This topic continues to raise questions from our membership so we will discuss our personal experiences and do some role playing. Please attend and help us plan for programs over the next few months.

## CTBA Communications

The CTBA website [www.main.org/ctba](http://www.main.org/ctba) announces upcoming events and contains links to the monthly newsletter, posted in Adobe pdf format. We will be moving to the new domain [www.centraltexasballooning.com](http://www.centraltexasballooning.com) in the months ahead so please give us your feedback about ways to improve the site.

The club message line is 479-9421. Check this line a day or two before a club flight for information on when and where to meet up. Final go/no go decisions are posted here, usually within 12 hours of flight.

We have an email reflector list, generally used to share information such as who's interested in flying, who needs crew, and other club-related announcements. The address to subscribe or manage your subscription is <http://www.sangabriel.com/mailman/listinfo/ctbapilots>. If you're already subscribed and don't get 'ctbapilots' messages, it's possible that these messages are being blocked as spam and you should check with your email service provider.

## July 11, 2005 Meeting Recap

We met at Tres Amigos and watched a slideshow from the Lampasas flight. Cynthia convened the meeting and we discussed Lake Flight preparations including the launch briefing, location, and logistics. Congratulations to Fred who did really well at Longview. And we suggested having our August club flight down his way in the San Marcos area. Joe presented a program on event launch safety. The meeting was adjourned.

## Daylight-Saving Time to be Extended?

As part of sweeping energy legislation, House and Senate negotiators agreed to extend daylight-saving time by four weeks. Clocks would be turned forward an hour on the second Sunday of March (instead of first Sunday in April) and turned back the first Sunday of November (instead of the last Sunday in October).

## CTBA Electronic Newsletter

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have information about a ballooning event, please contact editor Mike Pryor at [wmpryor@austin.rr.com](mailto:wmpryor@austin.rr.com) or 467-9274. 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.

**Paul Petrehn Wins Again!** During the week of July 23rd to 29th, 2005, it was hot and until the end of the week, dry. The event was able to provide 24 challenging and successful tasks to determine the new 2005 National Champion, Paul Petrehn. The scores are final as posted on this website. The first three places were won by Paul, his brother, Johnny Petrehn and Joe Heartsill. Following in fourth through tenth place respectively were Bill Baker, Chase Donner, Steve Jones, Nick Donner, Steve Lombardi, Andy Baird and Owen Keown. Please take time to offer your congratulations for a job well done to these contestants. The scores were tight, the competition keen and the overall theme of the event was it was the most enjoyable US National Championship that was ever held. There were no protest, and no serious injuries. Fire ants, stickers and sunburn are a part of the fun and fun was had by most all that came. David Levin, the balloonmeister along with Paul Clinton called the tasks which were all achievable and challenging. The crew, Observers and Officials are proud of the pilots, the best of the best. Congratulations to all.

Aug 01, 2005



as posted at [www.BFA.org](http://www.BFA.org)

**Press Release - BFA - NABA Agreement** The Balloon Federation of America and the North American Balloon Association has reached a working agreement to improve competitive ballooning in the United States. Go to <http://www.bfa.net/documents/BFA-NABAScoring.5-24-05.pdf> to read the full text (.pdf)

# How Can You Make a Difference? – Be an Officer!

## CTBA OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

### President

The President shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. The President may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper Officer of the Association authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated to some other Office or agent of the Association or where prohibited by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws or by stature; and in general shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

### Vice President

In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability to act, the Vice chairman and Vice president shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Any Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and promptly deposit all such moneys in the name of the association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories and maintain correct and complete books and records of account of all such transactions; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

### Secretary

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; give all notices in accordance with the provision of these Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records; keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each member; and , in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

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## BFA Minimum Safe Altitude Study

As the BFA's Minimum Safe Altitude Study enters the second half of its year, data submitted supports the BFA's position that lowering the minimum safe altitude restrictions of FAR 91.119(a) and (b) would improve safety standards for ballooning. Al Peyus, FAA Aviation Safety Inspector Operations and liaison to the BFA for the study, told members at the BFA's Annual General Membership Meeting that the FAA is impressed and pleased with the results submitted to date, and that even more pilot reporting would do much to support the BFA's request for a permanent rule change.

"Of particular value," said Peyus, "are the accounts of missed approaches due to wind speed and direction changes at lower altitudes. Pilots participating in the study should be sure to note these on their Flight Profile Forms." Peyus said the FAA is maintaining a spread sheet of information submitted on the forms, and the missed approach data stands out as compelling evidence for change. Work on the BFA Minimum Safe Altitude Study began in 1998, when then-BFA President Charlie Sundquist started lobbying the FAA for a permanent rule change. In 2000, Sundquist met with Peyus and former FAA Administrator Jane Garvey in Washington. The BFA's next President, Rick Jones, along with Sundquist and the Government Relations Committee, maintained the effort, and the one-year study was approved in December, 2003 to begin in March of this year. The goal of the study is to gather data to support the BFA's request for lowering the minimum safe altitude requirements of FAR 91.119(b) and (c). Pilots participating in the study carry a gps onboard study flights, and an observer to record wind speed and direction data at various altitudes. This data is then recorded on a Flight Profile form, and submitted to the BFA Office. The BFA removes identifying information from the form (name, certificate number, N-number, etc.) and submits the forms to the FAA. BFA pilots participating in the study receive a partial exemption from the current rule, only when they are participating in study flights.

The BFA study is not a blanket waiver to fly low. Nor does it release participating pilots from the requirements of 91.119(a), pertaining to reckless and careless operations and endangering persons or property on the surface. Study pilots are not permitted to carry paying passengers or give instruction, and must invite their local FSDO to fly with them on study flights. The observers required by the study are not required to be pilots, but they must be able to use a gps and record data. Pilots may not use balloons registered as experimental to perform study flights.

BFA President Phil Bryant notes that the study gives the BFA a golden opportunity to effect a change that would benefit the entire ballooning community, BFA members and non-members alike. But the study is now in its final months. "We strongly encourage BFA pilots to sign up and make study flights," said Bryant. "Even one or two flights will help the cause."

To join the BFA Minimum Safe Altitude Study, contact the BFA office at [office@bfa.net](mailto:office@bfa.net), or call 515-961-8809. You will receive a simple Pilot Application form and Flight Profile forms, which you may copy as many times as you need. You may also find the Pilot Application and Flight Profile forms on the BFA web site, [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net). For more information on the BFA Minimum Safe Altitude Study, contact BFA Northeast Region Director Ruth Lind at 814-489-4373, or [kc2gxq@arrl.net](mailto:kc2gxq@arrl.net).

Nov 04, 2004 [www.BFA.org](http://www.BFA.org)

## Lampasas Spring-Ho Weekend

It was a hot, sunny weekend. The heat was like double burners. The wind was fickle as Lloyd's inflator fan. Nine months after a brief, tentative, meeting with the organizing committee, balloons at Lampasas were reborn. After a break of 13 years the CTBA was returning to Spring-Ho.

Well, it wasn't a literary as all that. Paul & Rhonda Fellows got things started last October and I stopped by to meet the Spring-Ho committee on my return from Albuquerque. They were interested in balloons and the space looked good. We'd glow Friday night and fly the next day(s). Some off-on coordination got rooms for 4 pilots in a motel adjacent to the glow field. Likely launch spots were identified. The airport was the desired landing location. They volunteered propane. That's pretty much what happened.

Rusty, Phillip, Joe, and Dave Matis [ReMax] tethered Friday night July 9 in a field across US281 from the carnival. Needless to say 70' tall balloons are the biggest things in Lampasas. The glow was a hit. It ended when wind gusts got too much.

Saturday morning was a delight. We launched from a Lutheran Church on 183 south of town. There was excitement on the way to the launch – a motorcycle hit a deer just as we were convoying. Rusty flew local crew, Joe flew folks from the BBQ Cook-Off [lunch!], and Phil flew Propane and Dave Bair for his bi-annual. The balloons kept leapfrogging each other. Steerage was variable, calm below 200'. We managed to give the BBQ contest a show, flew down Main St. past the courthouse. North of town steerage was more pronounced and the balloons spread out. We all ended up at the airport. Plans from the Fall accomplished.

The next item was propane and then the Parade. We were number 138. Joe and Rusty decorated baskets in chase trucks and blasted burners during the parade. Phillip drove his 'Basket Buggy' and gave out candy. The parade was exhausting; sun and heat were murderous. Phil had a close call choking but got quick help from Lampasas' Finest. Then the Fellows had arranged lunch at Pillar Bluff Vineyards – BBQ from the contest, and lots of tasting. We all left exhausted. I got home and slept for 5 hours, got up for the late news and went back for the night.

Good road trip.

JoeR



Joe and Caroline glow for the crowd.

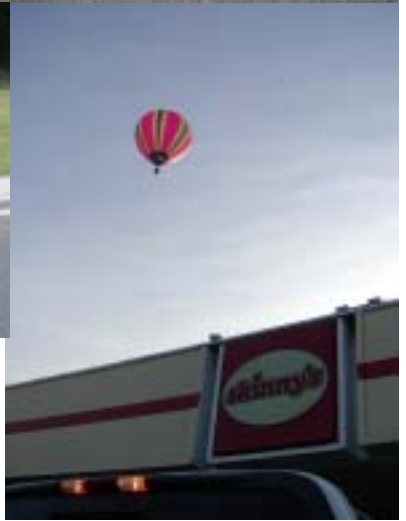
Mr Propane fuels Rusty as Rhonda looks on.

Paul, Rhonda, Paul Jr. and local volunteers prepare to lay out Confetti on Saturday morning.



## Lampasas Spring Ho Festival

Thanks to Paul and Rhonda Fellows for inviting us up for the weekend of July 8-9. We had a fun time and the town really seemed to enjoy seeing balloons at the glow, in flight and on parade. And even welcomed some of us into their front yard.



No aerial competition at the airport but some serious horsepower to chase down Phil's Basket Mobile.





They might not carry the Grand Marshal, the Spring Ho Queen or the Great PooBah but (most) of the crowd got a kick out of our caravan of balloons and burners. We'll look forward to visiting Lampasas again next year.

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### Washington Journal

The Winkers are settling into the Great Northwest and have even found the Seattle Lake Flight alternative. Here Greg and Alex fly over Lake Tapps with Mount Rainier in the background.

It's a beautiful location but still, I bet they miss Central Texas, long driveways, Buca and Chuy's. We're all looking forward to seeing them at Fiesta!



# Club Flight News

July started off with a great flight in Lampasas during their Spring Ho Festival. On a beautiful Saturday morning, Rusty, Joe and Phil sailed across town and landed at the airport. The glow the night before and the parade afterwards made for an interesting weekend. Too bad that the following week's weather did not allow us to fly the annual club flight at Lake Travis. There was a lot of interest from the public but storms prevented a safe launch window.

We are still planning to fly in Hays and Belton counties for upcoming club flights. Let us know if you would like to balloonmeister an event or have new ideas for fun flight venues.

## Upcoming TX Balloon Events

Ballunar Liftoff Festival	Houston/NASA	August 26 - 28
Big Bend Balloon Bash	Alpine	September 3 - 5
Big Country Balloonfest	Abilene	September 23 - 25
International Balloon Fiesta	Albuquerque	Sept 30 - October 9

**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.

**CTBA Library** - Remember that 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.



**CTBA Patches**

## 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.



**Decals & T-Shirts**

## *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 Board meeting date (4th Monday 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.

**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

# August 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  6:53 * 8:20 ○
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  CLUB MEETING	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  CLUB FLIGHT  6:57 * 8:14 ○
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  David Bair	<b>18</b>  Carol Boatman Lynn Sawyer	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7:01 * 8:07 ○
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  BOARD MEETING	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Sam Edwards	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  7:05 * 7:59 ○
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Rusty Kaim			  7:09 * 7:51 ○

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  David Smuck	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  7:13 * 7:42 ○
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  CLUB MEETING	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  John Craparo	<b>17</b>  CLUB FLIGHT  7:17 * 7:33 ○
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Gary Sertich	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  7:20 * 7:25 ○
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  BOARD MEETING	<b>27</b>  David Murphy	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	  7:24 * 7:16 ○