













December





 In Lieu of a
 General Meeting


 We'll see you at the


 CTBA Holiday Party


 Monday, December 13


 "Happy Hour" at 6:30^{PM}


 Instructions via Email

Upcoming Events

- December 2 - 6 Festival de los Globos
Leon, Mexico
- December 13 No Monthly Meeting
- December 13 Holiday Party
Mel & Gary's House
- December 18 Blue Santa - Club Flight ?



2004

President's Letter

Looking back over the past year, I think we flew more at out-of-town events than in town! Weather just didn't cooperate much for the monthly club flight, or for many other weekends, for that matter. Here's to hoping that 2005 will be more balloon-friendly so we can fill the skies over Central Texas more often!

This year's Holiday Party promises to be the best yet! Mel & Gary have graciously offered their house, and we know what a fun party we can have there (someone please monitor Phil with the electronics!). Plan to come out for a great Twentieth Year wrap-up, wonderful food, and warm fellowship.

Cynthia

Club News

Help Decorate for the Holiday Fun!

Call for volunteers to assist the Holiday Party committee with decoration and clean-up Monday night. Contact Lynn Sawyer or Ronda Comer.

Spring Safety Seminar

As we discussed at the September meeting, we will be hosting the Safety Seminar early next Spring. Joe has graciously volunteered to spearhead the committee. If you're interested in being on the committee, let him know.

Welcome New Members

Madeline Ducate; Darryl, Paulette and Robin Lindgens; Stan and Donna Krovontka. Congratulations to Stan for receiving a BFA Director Award last month for his contribution to ballooning.

CTBA – General Business Meeting Minutes November 8, 2004

Cynthia called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm.

Discussion of election of officers for 2005. Proposed slate of officers are as follows: President – Cynthia, Vice-President – Lynn, Co-Treasurers – Shari and Charlotte and Secretary – Joe R.

Discussion of an Electronic only newsletter that would be accessible by a secure link on the website to the newsletter. Phillip agreed to research having our own website, e.g. CTBA.org, costs, etc.

Flights/Tethers at Boerne, TX. Leah and Lowell drove to Boerne and checked out the location. Organizers wanted balloons Christmas Eve through New Year's Eve, hoping to have 6 balloons tether on New Year's Eve and a flight on New Year's Day. It was decided that individual interested pilots would make their own arrangements.

No update at this time on the 2005 Safety Seminar.

Christmas Party-Lynn reported that the party will be December 13 at Mel and Gary's house. The club has agreed to provide maid service before the party. Club to furnish meats and champagne. A sign-sheet was passed around for side dishes. This year's charity will be Austin Children's Shelter with two children adopted. Their wish list was provided by Lynn by email.

Jim Rice proposed that full dues be charged for members no matter what time of year one joined to avoid pro-rates and that prorated dues only apply to new members. Discussion, no resolution. There was a request to pay 2005 dues early, before year end.

Brief discussion of an October 2005 flight from Temple for cancer survivors. Also brief discussion of December 12 Trail of Lights, to see if anyone interested in participating this year. Agreed to seek further information from the City. Brief discussion regarding a December 4 parade in Pflugerville if any interest in tethering there.

Motion to adjourn by Charlotte and seconded by several at 7:51. Meeting adjourned, followed by education video.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Pearson
CTBA Secretary

Club Flight News

I'm not aware of any local flights so there's not much to report. Pilots please consider a Blue Santa Delivery Day flyover on Dec. 18th. At the Holiday Party, we will be awarding the annual "competitor" trophy to a deserving club member. This is actually a participation award and the winner will be a surprise so plan to attend.

Recent Balloon Events

Several Club members participated in Festival de los Globos in Leon Mexico during the first week of December. We look forward to stories and pictures in the next edition. If anyone has more information, please forward.

CTBA Electronic Newsletter

This is the first month without a printed newsletter. After the club voted to go paperless in October, I posted the November newsletter on the main.org website. I received only favorable response so hope this will work for everyone. If you or someone you know has had a problem with this method, please let me know. Heartfelt thanks to Leah and Lowell for the many years of excellent printing support. Editor

CTBA Marketplace



Get Your CTBA Decals

Available Now! Proudly display your CTBA decal on your car, truck, trailer, bike, or cooler. Offer them to friends or passengers. Blue, yellow and white, 3 inch diameter and adhesive backed. Only \$2. Available at club meetings

and club flights. See Rusty. Checks or correct change please.

Also available...

- CTBA patches (image at right) - \$2 each - see Lynn
- T-Shirts - Royal Blue with the same logo as Decals at left - small emblem on the chest and large one on back - \$10 - see Rusty.



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

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: one craftman drill press, bench top, great shape. 50 bucks. call phil.

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.

If you're planning or participating in a balloon event, or you'd like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Mike Pryor: 467-9274 or email wmpryor@austin.rr.com. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date.

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.

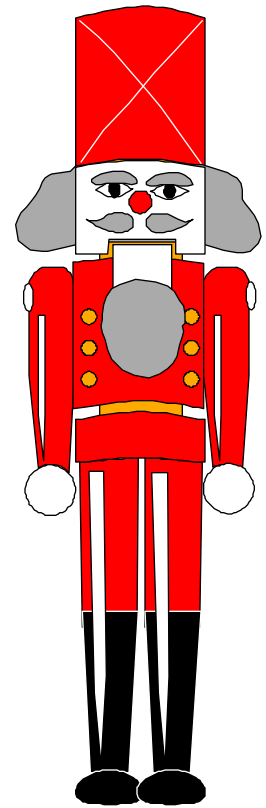
MISC

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






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Season's Greetings



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 7:13 * 5:30 ○
5 Jeff Jones	6	7	8 	9	10	11 7:18 * 5:31 ○
12	13 HOLIDAY PARTY!	14	15	16	17 MC Person	18 7:22 * 5:34 ○
19	20	21	22	23	24 Joe Reynolds	25  7:25 * 5:37 ○
26 NO BOARD MEETING	27	28	29 Cheri White	30	31	 7:28 * 5:42 ○