



### General Meeting

*Monday February 12*

### Competition

*Operations and Judging*

*Mike Pryor*

*Meeting: 6:30pm*

*Tres Amigos Resturaunt*

*US 183 & US 290*

### Upcoming Events

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|-------------|-----------------------|
| February 12 | Meeting               |
| February 24 | Club Flight           |
| February 17 | LSHABA Safety Seminar |
| February 24 | Metro Safety Seminar  |

### President's Letter

Gary Sertich

I hope as many members as possible have signed up for one of the two safety seminars available to us this spring in Texas. The single most important objective of our sport is the safe and responsible enjoyment of ballooning by our flying and recovery teams. These annual seminars provide the best opportunity to learn the latest in safety techniques from our fellow balloonists and crews, and to reinforce proper execution of critical procedures that may have become dormant through many missed flying opportunities. I look forward to seeing you at one of these opportunities, and at the club meeting on Monday, where we will learn some important radio use practices.

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## Central Texas Ballooning Association

### Club News

#### Potential Austin Balloon Event

The relocation of the Children's Hospital to the Mueller site presents a chance for the CTBA to have a balloon event. See P-3.

#### Joe Kittenger Honored by CAP

Aviation legend and ballooning great Joe Kittenger was honored Jan 23. See P-3.

#### Membership

Please renew your membership. Pay at the Party, but at least by the January meeting. The number of paid members attending the January meeting sets the voting quorum for the year. Pilots, if you have crew who are not CTBA members, please encourage them to attend meetings and to join CTBA.

#### 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. Please send us your suggestions and let us know about problems so we can improve our communications.

#### CTBA PHONE LINE

(512) 479-9421

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## Quotation

The past is but the beginning of a beginning, and all that is and has been is but the twilight of the dawn.

*H.G. Wells, The Discovery of the Future, 1901*

#### LSHABA Safety Seminar

This year the Safety seminar is in Houston on February 17. LSHABA has the lead with CTBA support. See Report and Forms Page 4-5.

#### FAA Proposes Changes to Pilot Certificates and Ownership Certificates.

Lowell has alerted us to a NPRM from the FAA that will require us to exchange paper pilot certificates for tamper-proof plastic ones. Go to the FAA web site for full info and to comment if you desire.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/06-9989.htm>

### 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



## Dell Children's Hospital

Austin Children's Hospital is moving to the Mueller Airport re-development site. It is to open June 27<sup>th</sup> as Dell Children's Hospital. A gala opening is planned, and that's the subject of this article.

Dick Goss has coordinated with the event production company to include balloons. Lloyd and Joe met with Janet Holliday and Christa Scannell at the new hospital site to discuss balloon issues. Very preliminary plans call for 19 balloons – one for each year since the hospital founding – to glow the evening of the opening. Preceding the public celebration, a dedication ceremony at about 5pm will 'open' the hospital. Then about 6pm celebrations start, the glow at sunset, and fireworks afterward. One of the organizers has seen an Albuquerque glow and likes the idea of the public mingling with the balloons.

The production company wants to coordinate the balloons through CTBA. Issues of out of town pilots, rooms, pilot bags and other stuff would be for CTBA to run, with funding from the production company. There are issues: This is a Wednesday night. Nineteen balloons is more than the usual club event draws. There's propane. Safety crew if refueling is on-site.

We need a committee to work on this. They're open to having a full-benefit balloon event next year, but this year has specific goals.

## Nationals in Waco

The 2007 BFA Hot Air National Competition will be in Waco July 17 – 22. A request for observers has already been posted on the BFA web site. This is close enough for CTBA involvement. A CTBA committee is needed to work with the competition committee to find our place.

## Inks Lake Planning

Brett Miller has a request from Petey that CTBA choose a date for the balloon camp-out. So far, the camping area is only booked April 19-22. Sounds like we need another committee.

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### Deadline Reminder

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

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**February 2007**

**The Lone Star Hot Air Balloon Association &  
The Central Texas Balloon Association**

**Present**

**The 2007 LTA Safety Seminar**

**February 17, 2007**

**7:30 am-5:30 pm**

**Aramco Services Company**

9009 West Loop South

Houston, TX 77096

This is a core safety seminar focusing on enhanced pilot & crew safety.

Crew members learn how to improve their effectiveness.

Pilots will learn how to improve their own and their team effectiveness.

Breakfast & Sign-In, Introduction
Pilot Decision Making
Weather - Don Day
FAR's
Near Misses / Balloon Accidents
Maintenance and Safety
Propane Safety
Powerline Safety
Disabled Pilot – Landing the Balloon
Fabric Handling
Gordon Bennett 2006 Video by Phil MacNutt
Proper Clothing for Ballooning

Pilots \$50.00      Crew \$25.00

Fee Includes: Continental Breakfast, On-Site Lunch, Seminar Materials

**Registration must be postmarked by Feb. 05, 2007 – no late registrations**

**Pilot and Crew fees are non-refundable.**

Fill out legibly and mail with your check to:



**LSHABA/CTBA Safety Seminar  
P.O. Box 57568  
Webster, TX 77598**

Include check for fee [Pilot \$50 / Crew \$25] payable to Lone Star Hot Air Balloon Association.

All fields are required. Please fill in all blanks.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION TYPE: \_\_\_ COMMERCIAL \_\_\_ PRIVATE \_\_\_ CREW \_\_\_ STUDENT \_\_\_

CERTIFICATE # \_\_\_\_\_ BFA# \_\_\_\_\_

N # \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY BALLOON MAKE/SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

Please use one form per person. Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Email [BrianCritelli@houston.rr.com](mailto:BrianCritelli@houston.rr.com)  
Phone 281-482-8490



### **CIVIL AIR PATROL HONORS AVIATION AND SPACE LEGEND JOE KITTINGER JANUARY 23, 2007**

Austin, TX — Col. Joseph W. Kittinger, USAF retired, the man who holds the record for the highest parachute jump in history, will be honored by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on 23 January 2007 at 7 pm. The event will take place at TxDOT Flight Services, 10335 Golf Course Rd. Austin, TX. The public is invited to attend this free event.

On August 16, 1960, as a Captain in the US Air Force and the test director of a government research project named Project Excelsior, Joe piloted a gas balloon to an altitude of 102,800 feet into a hostile environment where the temperature hovered at 94 degrees below zero. Upon reaching altitude, he leaned forward and hurled himself from his open capsule toward the clouds churning above the New Mexico desert. The test was designed to develop equipment and escape procedures for high altitude flight. This was part of the daily work of a handful of America's pre-astronauts who fathered manned space exploration.

Joe was dependent on a life support system and pressurized space suit. His body was connected to telemetry equipment which recorded his vital functions for later analysis. Col. Kittinger fell through the Stratosphere at the speed-of-sound. After a four minute thirty-seven second free-fall, he opened his parachute at 17,500 feet and continued safely to earth. His 15 minute journey, which became known as the Long Lonely Leap, began the 1960,s manned space-race and was the precursor to NASA,s Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs.

The Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, will honor the Colonel by

renaming the Austin, TX based TX-352 squadron after this living legend. The ceremony will include film footage and several speeches by members of CAP highlighted by a patriotic lecture by Colonel Kittinger. The public is enthusiastically welcome to attend this event where refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Joe Kittinger is the subject of many articles, documentaries and two books, *The Long Lonely Leap* and *The Pre-Astronauts*. In addition to his work on high altitude and space research, Joe served multiple tours in Vietnam as a jet fighter pilot where he flew the F-4D Phantom II. He was one of the few Air Commandos to score a victory over a MiG-21. Toward the war's end he was shot down and spent 11 months in the infamous prison camp dubbed the Hanoi Hilton. He holds many aviation and aeronautical records including the first solo crossing of the Atlantic in a balloon in 1984.

Test pilot, combat aviator, POW, and record holding sport-pilot, Joseph W. Kittinger is a genuine aerospace pioneer and American hero.





## **The Metroplex Ballooning Association Safety Seminar**

Saturday February 24, 2007.

at the Southfork Hotel, 1600 N. Central Expressway,  
Plano, TX 75074

This one day safety seminar will start at 7:30 AM and conclude at 6:00 PM and include the following topics:

FARs, TFRs and NOTAMs - Harry Steinfeldt - FAA FSDO  
Dallas, TX  
High Wind Operation - Pat Cannon  
Maintenance/Repairs/Inspection - Pete Carter  
Weather – Internet sources and use of the RUC (Rapid Update Cycle) Forecast -  
Keith Berry  
Basic Weather for Crew – Keith Berry  
Tethering Safety and Tips for Pilots and Crew – Bill Broker  
Extreme Cold / Hot Weather Operations and Safety – Lance Terry / Keith Berry

The seminar has BFA Continuing Education Core Subject sanction approval. Participants will be submitted to qualify for a discount off of their annual balloon insurance premium.

Seminar fees include a continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. All day soft drink service (coffee, soda and water) will be provided.

MBA Member: \$45.00  
Non-Member: \$55.00

Registration forms are available at  
[www.mballooning.org/ssreg.doc](http://www.mballooning.org/ssreg.doc)

Registration must be postmarked by February 10, 2007. An additional \$20.00 late registration fee will be required after that date. No cancellations will be accepted after February 15, 2007.

A special rate of \$59.00 per night has been secured from the Southfork Hotel. Reservation information is on the seminar registration form. There is also a map to the Southfork Hotel available on the website.

Weather permitting, there will be an informal flight on Sunday morning following the seminar. Questions may be directed to:

Keith Berry – MBA President and Safety Seminar Chairman at [safetyseminar@mballoon.org](mailto:safetyseminar@mballoon.org) or (972) 396-5441 in the evenings.



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.



Shirts and Decals

### CREW BOOKS and VIDEOS

The CTBA has copies of Gordon Schwontkowski's book on crewing balloons; "HotAir Balloon Crewing Essentials" Regular price is \$30 plus shipping.

"From the Ground Up" DVD for crew training. \$20 each 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.

**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

### **BALLOONING STUFF!!!**

Collectibles, Decos, Ornaments, Gifts, Puzzles, Toys, Books, Art, Tins, Stamps, Mugs, You-Name-It! Lifetime collection of balloon stuff!

Will sell entire collection to right offer or 1x1.

Jim Main Houston, TX

832-321-4683 or jballoon@houston.rr.com



**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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## Equipment For Sale

Contact Rusty

1. Delcom aircraft radio (needs new battery)
2. refueling adapter, for two tanks at one time
3. rope tie off with quick release

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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.



# February 2007

## Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1/27/07	1/28/07	1/29/07	1/30/07	1/31/07	2/1/07	2/2/07	2/3/07
							7:20AM 6:10PM
2/3/07	2/4/07	2/5/07	2/6/07	2/7/07	2/8/07	2/9/07	2/10/07
				Jean Edwards			7:15AM 6:16PM
2/10/07	2/11/07	2/12/07	2/13/07	2/14/07	2/15/07	2/16/07	2/17/07
		Club Meeting			Ronda Comer	Dick Goss Sandra Ferguson	Houston Safety Seminar 7:08AM 6:22PM
2/17/07	2/18/07	2/19/07	2/20/07	2/21/07	2/22/07	2/23/07	2/24/07
							Dallas Safety Seminar Club Flight 7:01AM 6:27PM
2/24/07	2/25/07	2/26/07	2/27/07	2/28/07	3/1/07	3/2/07	3/3/07
	Leo Schulz						6:54AM 6:32PM

### CTBA PHONE LINE

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### **Officers / Board Members**

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Vice Pres:	Phil MacNutt
Treasurer:	Cynthia Pryor
Secretary:	Lloyd Cates
Board:	Joe Reynolds
	Tim Baggett
	Gary Sertich

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.