



General Meeting

Monday July 9

Lake Flight

*Meeting: 6:30pm
Tres Amigos Resturaunt
U.S. 290 at 183*

Upcoming Events

June 11	Zilker Crew Training
June 23	Glow
July 9	Meeting
July 13-14	Lampasas
July 13-15	Longview
July 17-22	Nationals, Waco
August 11	Lake Travis

President's Letter

Gary Sertich

Our teeth chattered and the coffee steamed early in the morning as we prepared to unload the rig. OK, not any recent morning, but at the Summer Solstice, when the sun rises over the Hill Country on the longest day of the year, we can only recall those cool mornings when the weather actually cooperated with our sport. Let's hope that the BFA Nationals in Waco next month are blessed with gentle winds and little of the rain we have experienced these past two months. We plan on attending, if even for a day, so that we can cheer on our CTBA representatives: Sam, Dick and Fred. Good luck, guys!

Gary

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**Central Texas Ballooning Association
Club News**

Glow at Opening of Children’s Hospital

The CTBA is organizing a balloon glow as part of the opening and dedication ceremony for the Dell Children’s Hospital, which is re-locating from Brackenridge to the Mueller Site. See P. 3.

Lampasas Spring-Ho Glow and Flight

CTBA will again participate in the Lampasas Spring-Ho festivities. This year the event is July 13/14. Contact CTBA member Rhonda Fellows rhondafellows@hotmail.com to coordinate hotel rooms. See P. 4.

Roy Inks Recovering

Brett Miller has been keeping the club abreast of Roy’s progress following a fall that broke his neck. See P.4.

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.

Quotation

Earthbound souls know only the underside of the atmosphere in which they live . . . but go higher – above the dust and water vapor – and the sky turns dark until one can see the stars at noon.

Jacqueline Cochran, The Stars at Noon

[Jackie Cochran founded the WASPs, who’s museum we pass each year in Sweetwater on our trips to Albuquerque]

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.

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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**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



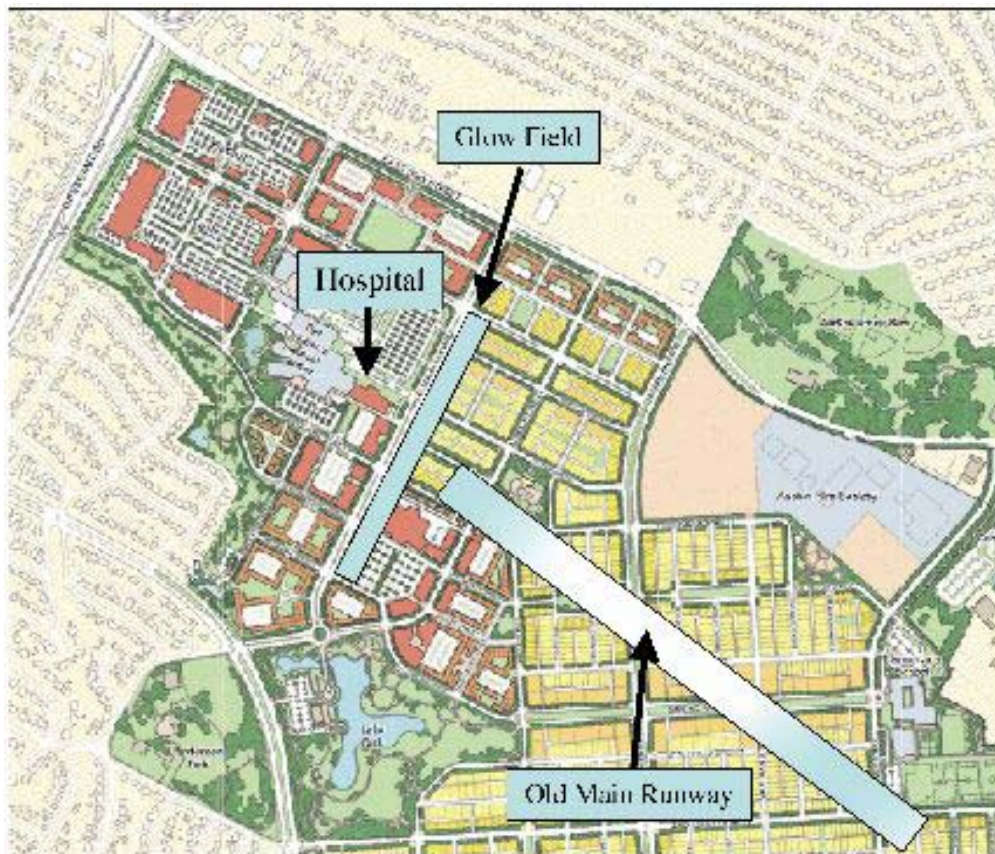
Dell Children's Hospital Glow

Plans are firming up for the June 23rd glow to mark the relocation of the Dell Children's Hospital to the Mueller Site. The CTBA is responsible for the details of the glow. A committee headed by Dick Goss is coordinating with the main event organizers. Besides being a fun event, it will make some money for the club treasury. It has signs of becoming a continuing event. Area and other pilots are being invited.

Here's an overview of the arrangements –

Barbecue for pilots and crew :	6:30 p.m.
Briefing and weather:	7:15 p.m.
Begin cold inflate 19 balloons:	8:10 p.m.
Stand all 19 balloons at sunset:	8:30 p.m.
Glow Ends:	9:15 p.m.
Fireworks Begin:	9:15 p.m.

The glow site is grass and mowed weeds. It's just off the west end of the old main runway and taxiway strip. At 100ft per square, the strip is almost half a mile long. Pilots and Crew enter from Airport Blvd. Vehicle passes will be distributed before the event. Fireworks are to be out over the main airport area. Get prepared for a fun event.





Lampasas Spring Ho 2007

Mardi Gras on the Springs

<http://www.springho.com/calendar.html>

Just a reminder, Spring Ho is just around the corner. Mardi Gras on the Springs is this years theme. Many people are asking about the balloons!! Thanks to everyone that came last year and hope to see you again.

Please let me know if you need crew. Spring Ho Committee has asked me how many balloons will be here so that they can make sure and have enough rooms. (We only have 2 hotels) I will find out about meals. Please let me know asap. We have a sofa and floor..... If anyone needs directions, let me know.

There is a dance Friday night if anyone is interested. Singer is Wade Bowen.

July 13th - (Friday) Glow behind Pizza Hut/Country Inn - same as last year

July 14th - (Saturday) Morning Flight

I would love to get more balloons here each year. I know July is a busy month so nothing is planned after the flight. You will still have time to go work in the yard or walk around the park.

“Rhonda Fellows” rhondafellows@hotmail.com



Lampasas, Spring-Ho Map

Roy Inks

The Inks Ranch has been a CTBA camp site and launch point for almost 20 years. It’s primitive camping on the ‘shore’ [yes, some years there is water!] of Sandy Creek, just north of Enchanted Rock. Very shortly after this Spring’s event we all got bad news; on Wed May 16 Roy Inks had fallen of the barn and broken his neck.

Brett was the conduit for news from Petey.

. . . he was working on the barn & fell off the roof. He has broken his neck (C2,3, & 4) w/ 5 & 6 fractured. Luckily there is no paralysis, & he took a few steps today. There are probably a few other broken/fractures they don’t know about, but their main concern is his neck.

Treatment started at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

By May 21 this news:

They operated on him today, and put a rod in the neck to stabilize C5-C7. Did O.K., & they were talking about releasing him in 5 days.

By the 23rd this news:

. . . he is being released today to go to S.A. Warm Springs Rehab Hospital

By June 13 Roys is home:

. . . very tired but glad to be in his own bed. He will only have to wear the C-collar for 6 weeks. He is progressing that fast and well. In 4-5 weeks they will take pictures of his neck to make sure, but because of his progress they think that is all he will have to wear it.



Lake Flight

This year the Lake Flight is August 11. We've done this before, so we don't have to invent an event. But, we can do better than we have recently to make it more like a party than a flight with extended tail-gate. In the past we rented the Zilker Clubhouse and held a real party that night. We ought to do something to make up for so many rainy weekends. I've had contact from Dallas and Houston pilots about attending this year. Come with some ideas and we'll plan a whing-ding at the July meeting.

Joe Reynolds

Larry Walters First Cluster Flight

On July 2 it will be 25 years since Larry Walters hooked weather balloons to a lawn chair and took his epic flight over Southern California. Walters, then 33, got to 16,000 feet, alarming airliner crews and air traffic controllers, before popping a few balloons to descend. He was rescued dangling from electric wires in Long Beach.

Tim Baggett

Amarillo Balloon Association **AIBR 2007 Registration is now Open**

We are excited to announce that we are now taking Registration and Reservations for the 2007 Amarillo Invitational Balloon Rally coming October 2007.

Please visit our website at:

<http://www.piratesofthecanyon.com>

for specific dates and event information. On the home page is a link to the Reservation and Registration page. If you have any question, please feel free to email us at **aba@balloonamarillo.org** or call our main office at 806-367-8311.



Fun Flight

May 19

May 19 was a good day for balloons in central Texas. Four flew; Sam, Brett, Joe, and Leah [as a biannual check ride]. PIBALs were launched from Old

Settler's and a launch at Pflugerville High School was chosen. It was a nice flight with lots of steerage within 100ft of the surface. New club attendee Madeline Irvine went for her first ride. There were lots of landings and crew changes. A very good time.







June/July 2007





CTBA May 2007 Meeting

14 May 2007

In attendance were: Charlotte Thompson, Rusty Kaim, Sam Edwards, Shari Pearson, Dick Goss, David Smuck, Joe Reynolds, Lloyd Cates, Melissa Kaplan-Sertich, Cynthia Pryor, Mike Pryor, Gary Sertich, Phil McNutt, Tim Baggett, Paul Nevitt, and Lisa Giguere.

The following notes are recorded in order of discussion.

- < We have Madeline Irvin visiting during the meeting. Madeline is a free-lance writer and she will be doing an article about the lake flight, and perhaps a magazine article on ballooning.
- < Who's been flying: the recent 'hop' from Casey Elementary? It seemed to be a good place to go and launch from.... 4 balloons in the air, volunteers and lots of visibility.
- < Upcoming events
 - o This weekend flying, maybe Joe – trying to get new folks to come out...
 - o Has anyone checked on Palestine? Rusty said that we had the correct date....
 - o The June meeting is outdoors at Zilker park, Joe is reserving tables at Zilker
 - o Dell Children's Hospital June 26th, bbq dinner arrive unload, put up the balloons at 8:30, have them up until 9:15. We have 17 committed balloons, and we need 19.
 - o Joe will have someone come down to do training for Nationals. Joe will call and let them know to send someone to train us.
 - o Lampasas- Joe has received the packet, July 14th, they wanted to know if we wanted to be in the parade.
 - o Longview – same weekend as Lampasas
 - o We'll talk more about the Lake flight later
- < New business – the Saturn dealership June 9th 10:30, interested in a Hot Air balloon tether, if interested, talk to Steve Katz.
- < Houston balloon club is putting together an event for Sugarland, dedicating a park Friday night glow and sat morning flight, hotels and propane provided. Nov 10th Veterans Day weekend. Talk to Cynthia or Mike for more details.
- < Uvalde lady called to help get the aviation museum back in shape. We will be surveying the place to see what we could do... Uvalde would be a nice place. Will hear more from Joe later...
- < Fabric testing – Phil McNutt
 - o Condition inspection, similar to an annual
 - o Pull test on the fabric
 - o Porosity can effect the maneuverability/ stability/economy of the balloon
 - o You can see the difference in old and new fabric
- o UV attacks the color, neon doesn't last as long
- o Strength of the fabric is just as or more important than porosity testing
- o Different balloon manufacturers require different testing
- o Pull test (very destructive) but a good indication of fabric strength
- o Read Phil's article in the newsletter about this
 - o 9 foot tear in a balloon, hotshot pilot, he lived for a little while after hitting the ground
- o Pull testing demonstration
 - o 25 – 35 is recommended by different manufacturers
 - o Around the top near the valve
 - o Test several positions around the valve area
 - < 6
 - < Then do a rip test
- o 1 inch space between the 1 inch square clamps
- o Rip test, add a 1 inch slip in between the clamps
 - o Pull until it propagates
- o Phil tests all of his balloons every year, except the gas balloon.
 - o The gas balloon also needs regular inspection
 - o Gas balloon fabric is made out of stuff like lifejackets, in those, the problem is usually the valve at the top
- o Phil is going to begin building a balloon soon, if anyone is interested in helping out to learn how, contact Phil
- < Rusty has been working with the city; still, about flying from park property... pilots would need to add the city as an additional insured on their policies. Even the soccer folks have to add the city to their policies. This would be non-negotiable. The lady that Rusty is working with has been around for a while; she remembers balloons flying from Aquafest. Rusty will share more as she learns it...
- < Is anyone flying this coming weekend? It is the traditional club flight weekend...
- < Charlotte motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cynthia, all were in favor
- < Zilker Park, Joe will reserve the tables starting at 5:30. Everyone should plan to bring food; we will circulate a sign-up list of food to be brought.



Patches

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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

For Sale: 4 tanks, one 11 HP Honda fan, T&C Fiesta basket, flytec 3040 and flytec 4005 for sale.

Photos showing condition of all items are on the CTBA web site.

Call or email for further details at wlohmeyer@yahoo.com or 469-879-1615

Thanks - Wayne Lohmeyer



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/), 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

Balloon & Trailer For Sale

The Balloon Works, Inc

1993 FireFly 7-15 AX-7 (77K cu ft) Manuf date 3-8-93 Total hours — 232 (yes that's correct)

Out of Annual - last annual 08-24-2002, last flown 09-01-2002

Envelope, °FF7-15

Basket (4 Worthington tanks), 3.9A1°

Mirage Burner F-1 (# 072)

Altimeter / Variometer / Envelope Temperature °Propane Pressure Gauge

\$3500 as - is

Misc gear: BW maintenance manual, balloon bags (3, includes custom rain/travel bag), safety tie-off & release, ropes, EZ squeezer (the crew loved this thing!), strikers, Tether girdle

Covered Wells Cargo/Road Force Trailer available (2004) - \$2500 - firm

Contact Dee Crabtree via e-mail^{oo} <<mailto:deecrabtree@hughes.net>>*deecrabtree@hughes.net*

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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
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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.



Calendar - June

5/27/07	5/28/07	5/29/07	5/30/07	5/31/07	6/1/07	6/2/07 Sun: 6:29am 8:29pm
6/3/07	6/4/07	6/5/07	6/6/07	6/7/07	6/8/07	6/9/07 Sun: 6:29am 8:32pm
6/10/07	6/11/07 Club Meeting Zilker Park	6/12/07 Richard Law	6/13/07	6/14/07	6/15/07 Fred Edmiston	6/16/07 Club Flight Sun: 6:29am 8:34pm
6/17/07	6/18/07	6/19/07 Nick Stanko	6/20/07 Charlotte Thompson	6/21/07	6/22/07	6/23/07 Sun: 6:30am 8:36pm
6/24/07	6/25/07	6/26/07 CTBA Glow at Dell Children's Hospital	6/27/07	6/28/07	6/29/07	6/30/07 Sun: 6:32am 8:37pm

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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.



Calendar - July

7/1/07	7/2/07	7/3/07	7/4/07	7/5/07	7/6/07	7/7/07 Sun: 6:35am 8:36pm
7/8/07	7/9/07	7/10/07	7/11/07	7/12/07	7/13/07 Longview Lampasas	7/14/07 Longview Lampasas Sun: 6:39am 8:35pm
7/15/07 Longview	7/16/07	7/17/07 Nationals, Waco	7/18/07 Nationals, Waco	7/19/07 Nationals, Waco	7/20/07 Nationals, Waco	7/21/07 Nationals, Waco Sun: 6:43am 8:32pm
7/22/07 Nationals, Waco	7/23/07	7/24/07	7/25/07	7/26/07	7/27/07	7/28/07 Linda Christopherso n Sun: 6:47am 8:28pm
7/29/07	7/30/07	7/31/07	8/1/07	8/2/07	8/3/07	8/4/07 Julie Miller Sun: 6:51am 8:23pm