



Central Texas Ballooning Association
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June



General Meeting

Tailgate Smorgasbord

*Bring your favorite post-flight food
and recipes to Zilker Park*

Monday, June 13

Gather at 6:30^{PM}

Upcoming Events

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| June 13 | Monthly Meeting |
| June 18 | Monthly Club Flight |
| July 8 - 9 | Lampasas Spring Ho |
| July 11 | Monthly Meeting |
| July 16 | Annual Lake Flight |



2005

President's Notes

Welcome to our new members, and thank you to John Craparo for bringing them in! The club offers many opportunities for ballooning and fun, so don't be shy - join in when you can.

Ballooning season is here - I just keep waiting for the weather to give us more opportunities. I am heartened, though, by a few recent flights. I'm optimistic for a successful club flight this month, on the heels of a tasty Tailgate Smorgasbord meeting on Monday night. Consider this a warm-up for next month's Lake Travis Flight.

It's also time to start considering next year's slate of officers. If you haven't played a role in recent years, consider an office or board position. Since this is my second term there will be a new president next year. The Murphys did a wonderful job of proving that you don't have to be a pilot to be the president - otherwise I would have been too chicken to step forward! So don't let the lack of a certificate keep you from volunteering.

Cynthia

Club News

June Club Meeting

We will be meeting at Zilker Park's Pecan Grove, located East of the playscape on the left as you enter the park on the South side of Barton Springs Road. We'll meet at 6:30, conduct just a little business and then get to the program: Tailgate Smorgasbord! Bring your favorite tailgate foods (and the recipe) to share. For you grill-masters, there is a grill in the area we've reserved. Corks are approved.

Lake Flight Preparation

We are actively preparing for the Lake Flight in July and hope you will volunteer at the next meeting. Let's get the word out and make this year's event as successful as last year!

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.

Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2005

(not verbatim)

- Cynthia Pryor called the meeting to order.
- Safety Seminar planning is underway for next year. Send us your ideas for topics.
- Inks' Ranch campout was a success with Brett, David and Fred flying Sunday morning.
- Pryors will be weathermeisters for this coming weekend. Check phonenumber for updates.
- June meeting will feature tailgate food tasting party at the park. 6:30 PM in Zilker Park.
- There is still a need for future program ideas.
- We are planning to purchase a video display unit since funds are available. It will be economical and the board will present options to the club for a vote.
- Upcoming events:
 - June 3 – Palestine Heritage Flight Festival
 - July 8-9 - Spring Ho in Lampasas
 - July 16 – Lake Travis Flight
 - Aug 26-28 - Ballunar
- Board meeting will be on the 23rd at a location to be determined. We will be discussing Lake Flight preparations.
- John Craparo brought along a group of crew, 5 of whom became members on the spot.
- CTBA club pins, shirts and patches were consolidated into Mike's hands.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 followed by digital shows of Ethyl and the Fuji Blimp.



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Here's Jeff Jones sailing across Lake Belton and at about 9999' taking his new UltraMagic through the paces. Jeff, Carrie and Owen are one great team!

Rusty and I flew from Graham elementary school on Saturday.

There, that is how all articles should start, with a clear statement about what the article is about. Don't you hate those stories that start with some long-winded intro that takes a half a page to get going? Like: "It was a warm morning, with a sticky feeling that reminds me of younger days back home in the swamps deep in the heart of south Louisiana. I knew when the alarm went off that a busy morning was in store. The smell of coffee brewing, the pre-flight preparation... blah blah blah. " who cares?"

Ok, so Rusty had team-Fellows come in from Lampasas, and I had cher, sonny, and skinny. Sonny and Cher pack a waaaayyyy better ice chest than I do, just ask Skinny. There were also some guests, but their names escape me at the moment. (Helen, Jean & Rob)

Winds were pushing 20 knots at 500 feet, but light on the ground. Flight was maybe 45 minutes with a landing for both of us at Bird's nest Airport, which looks nothing like an airport. It is just a long stretch of dirt and some old beat up buildings. I flew solo to get current, and did about 10 landings. Rusty had an uneventful standup landing, and I on the other hand decided to valve it pretty hard and come in vertically, with an envelope shape that resembles certain vegetables. Not too proud of that one...

Had a great tailgate back at the school.

Typical, uneventful morning, but nowadays, just getting a balloon out at all is a big event.

More importantly though, was the final "Air Guitar Championships" that night at Emo's downtown. Insane behavior, but entertaining and reasonably festive. The winner gets to go to Los Angeles for the National Championships. The "Flametricks Subs" and "Satan's Cheerleaders" finished off the night with a great show in front of a packed house. The cheerleaders were in rare form.

Balloon basket go-cart is progressing well, look for an upcoming article.



Phil, Rusty, Paul, Rhonda, Helen, Jean, Rob, Tim, Cynthia & Mike Prove Balloons Can Fly in Austin



Heritage Balloon Flight Festival

Palentine Tx, June 3rd - 5th

We really enjoyed East Texas this year despite the wind and clouds. Many thanks to Bob Redinger and the Museum volunteers who were great hosts. Sorry these photos are so dark but the sun didn't shine that much.



OK, so we were all infatuated with Phil's handcrafted baske-cart. Some burned propane while others burned rubber during Saturday night's "glow." At least Phil had some competition from a classic Ford Roadster. Kaye, Bonnie and Michelle really enjoyed the ride.



Club Flight News

The trend continues - the weekend before the scheduled club flight is becoming the most reliable time for a group flight. Rusty and Phil flew on Saturday and then the Linneys flew on Sunday. See Phil's story and pics in this edition. We had a great time in Palestine except for the fact that no one flew. The Friday night glow was very nice but the winds persistently kept us grounded through the rest of the weekend. We did get up before 4 on Sat and Sun to try to launch John Ninomiya's cluster balloon(s) but alas the winds pushed that plan back another year. Go to <http://www.clusterballoon.org/> to see more about this exciting twist on ballooning.

Upcoming TX Balloon Events

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 editor Mike Pryor at wmpyor@austin.rr.com or 467-9274. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date.



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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).

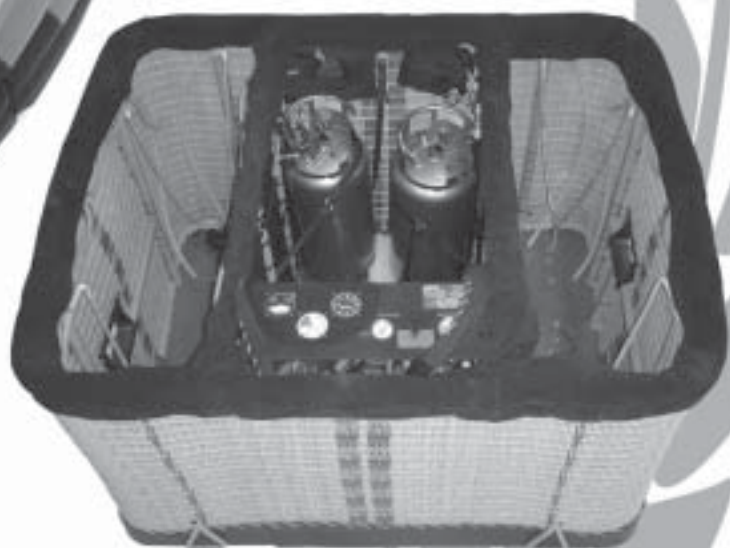
FOR SALE: Envelopes, Baskets and Tanks

- * 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.
- * 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.
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 PALESTINE 6:29 * 8:30 ○
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 6:29 * 8:33 ○
12 Paul Fellows	13 CLUB MEETING Dick Law	14	15	16	17	18 CLUB FLIGHT 6:29 * 8:35 ○
19	20 Nick Stanko	21 Charlotte Thompson	22	23	24	25 6:31 * 8:36 ○
26	27 BOARD MEETING	28	29	30		

July 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 6:33 * 8:37 ○
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 6:36 * 8:36 ○
10	11 CLUB MEETING	12	13 Cynthia Pryor	14 Donna Crabtree	15	16 CLUB FLIGHT 6:40 * 8:34 ○
17	18	19	20	21	22 Linda Christopherson	23 6:44 * 8:30 ○
24	25 BOARD MEETING	26	27	28	29 Julie Miller	30 6:48 * 8:26 ○