



Central Texas Ballooning Association
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March



General Meeting
Safety Seminar Highlights

Monday, March 14

“Social Hour” at 6:30^{PM}

General Meeting at 7:30^{PM}



Upcoming Events

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| March 14 | Monthly Meeting |
| March 19 | Monthly Club Flight |
| March 26 | Bellville Flight |
| April 11 | Monthly Meeting |



2005

President's Notes

The safety seminar was a great success thanks to our outstanding panel of speakers and the hard work of the committee – made up of Joe, Leah, Lloyd, Ronda, Rusty and me. The event was very informative and interesting. This month's general meeting will feature some video highlights from the safety seminar. The Board still needs program topics. Dig deep into your memories and send along those fascinating ideas – this is your club!

It's looking like we might have some better weather soon – of course, ANYTHING is better than the last 6 week-ends have been, so that's not a big statement! I'm hopeful we can have a high-flying Spring, starting with the club flight on the 19th and the Young's Bellville flight on the 26th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Cynthia

Club News

Spring Safety Seminar

The CTBA/LSHBA Safety Seminar at Footworks Dance Studio went off rather well. Hope you enjoyed the event. For those that didn't attend: we had a fine lineup of speakers including Mike Emich from the Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilot's Association (NOBPA), Micki Killingsworth, David Smuck, Joe Reynolds, and FAA Administration, Flight Service and Weather. A great big Thank You goes out to Joe for organizing the agenda and for his crew safety presentation. Many thanks to the Seminar Committee (Joe, Leah, Lloyd, Rusty, Cynthia, Ronda) and event volunteers (Lynn and Jim) for all their hard work. Check out the informative safety seminar and first responder information found at the NOBPA website <http://www.nobpa.com/>

Bellville Bluebonnet Spring Flight

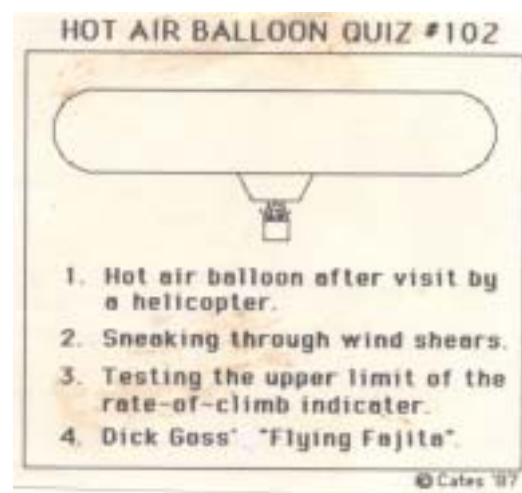
The Youngs are organizing this annual event and ask us to join them Saturday, March 26 at sunrise in The Park at S. Matthews & O'Bryant St., Bellville, Texas. And afterwards, for the 10th Annual Cat Spring Farm Breakfast. The Indian Paint Brush is starting to come out, and surely the bluebonnets can't be far behind. Contact a club member if you need a map or more details.

Club Officers for 2005

2005 officers: President – Cynthia Pryor, Vice-President – Lynn Sawyer, Co-Treasurers – Shari Pearson and Charlotte Thompson and Secretary – Joe Reynolds. The Board consists of the officers plus Rusty Kaim, Phil McNutt, and Mike Pryor.

February Meeting Minutes

Club Meeting, 2/14/05 at Tres Amigos
Cynthia called meeting to order - 7:30pm to 7:40pm
Call for program ideas from members
Safety Seminar Update
Sign-up for safety seminar volunteers
Announce Spring-Ho event in Lampasas, July 8-10
Video of January club flying from Hutto
Slide show of December Leon Flight, presented by Lloyd



Ballooning News

“New Mexico has declared the hot air balloon as its official state aircraft. Gov. Bill Richardson signed the initiative into law a week ago, saying ballooning is one of the state's great legacies. Albuquerque's annual International Balloon Fiesta is the world's largest and attracts more than 700 balloons each year...”

<http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/363-full.html#189300>

Sent by Tim while traveling through Karlsruhe, Germany. Thanks for contributing!

FAA Web Site Upgraded

For years, the FAA has been building up stacks of useful information on its Web site, but trying to find that information (if you even knew it was there to be found) could be cumbersome. A fresh new redesign that went online last week aims to make it easier for pilots to find the info they need. The **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.

International Aeronautics League

Go to www.interaeroleague.com for more info about this Austin aviation site hosted by new member John Craparo.



CTBA GAS DIVISION

Annual Banquet

Buca di Beppo
February 12th

Another Excellent Event hosted by our own high flying, long distance gas balloonists, joined by their crew, tracker and supporters.

Thanks to Gary and Mel for the photo memories.





Congratulations to Cheri for winning by a noodle, to Greg and Phil for their exemplary leadership of the Gas Division, to Tim for diligent, sleepless command center support and to Drew for always going the extra mile. We will miss Greg and Family and wish them well as they head off to the Pacific Northwest. We all are looking forward to meeting again at this year's US sponsored Gordon Bennett!



Club Flight News

Come out to the March meeting and volunteer to be Balloon Meister for the club flight on March 19. Whether it's a fun flight or competitive event, we hope to see as many balloons in the sky as possible. After the long, wet winter we're all looking forward to some fine flying this Spring!

BFA National Ranking

Congratulations to the following club members for placing in the 2004 BFA Sanctioned National Point Ranking: Sam Edwards (21st), Fred Edmiston (41st), Dick Goss (63rd)

Upcoming Balloon Events

Bluebonnet Spring Flight	Bellville	March 26
Heritage Flight	Palestine	June 4
Great Texas Balloon Race	Longview	July 8 - 10

CTBA Electronic Newsletter

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have information about a ballooning event, please contact Mike Pryor at wmpryor@austin.rr.com or 467-9274. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date.

Editor

CTBA Marketplace



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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.

T-Shirts - Royal Blue with the same logo as Decals - small emblem on the chest and large one on back - \$10

Available at club meetings and club flights. See Rusty. Checks or correct change please.



CTBA patches

\$2 each - see Lynn

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

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:

- * 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

March 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 6:52 * 6:33 ○
6	7	8	9	10 Shari Pearson	11	12 SAFETY SEMINAR 6:44 * 6:37 ○
13	14 CLUB MEETING	15	16	17	18	19 CLUB FLIGHT 6:36 * 6:42 ○
20	21	22	23	24 Bonnie McBride	25	26 BELLVILLE FLIGHT 6:27 * 6:46 ○
27 Kim Cathcart Ringer	28 BOARD MEETING Dee Crabtree	29	30	31		

April 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 6:19 * 6:51 ○
3	4 Pamela Fletcher	5 Mike Pryor	6	7	8 Tim Baggett Mary Murphy Martin Theophilus	9 7:10 * 7:55 ○
10	11 CLUB MEETING	12	13	14	15	16 CLUB FLIGHT 7:02 * 7:59 ○
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 6:55 * 8:04 ○
24 Michelle Betts	25 BOARD MEETING	26	27	28	29	30 6:48 * 8:08 ○