

Central Texas Ballooning Association
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May



General Meeting
Digital Night
Ballooning Photos and Videos
 Monday, May 9
 "Social Hour" at 6:30^{PM}
 General Meeting at 7:30^{PM}



Upcoming Events

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| May 9 | Monthly Meeting |
| May 14 | Monthly Club Flight |
| June 3 - 5 | Palestine Heritage Flight |
| June 13 | Monthly Meeting |



2005

President's Notes

Once again, mostly a 'no-fly' month. But take heart - there are a couple of good opportunities on the horizon - the Temple airshow this weekend, and the Heritage Flight Festival in Palestine (June 3-5).

The Temple airshow is a 3-day-weekend event. Jeff Jones, along with the Curves balloons from Waco and any interested CTBA pilots, will be glowing on Friday evening and flying Saturday morning for the crowd.

For those of you who didn't go to Palestine last year, it was a great festival. The town of Palestine was very welcoming and the attendance was impressive. John Nimomiya from California is going to try a cluster-balloon flight again this year - it was quite disappointing that the high winds busted last year's attempt. I know several pilots are planning to attend, so jump on a crew!

This month's meeting will be a compilation of a few a/v presentations. The Boatman's put together a piece on a recent flight of Dave Smuck's balloon, Ethyl. Mike and Gary took some great video of the FujiFilm airship during it's stopover in Austin. If you have anything to share, bring it, and bring a friend!

Cynthia

Club News

Central Texas Airshow, Temple

Get up early Saturday morning and travel to the airshow at the Temple Airport to see exciting aerial demonstrations. We hope to glow Friday evening (if the winds cooperate) and fly Saturday morning. The airshow runs May 6 - 8 and you can check www.centraltexasairshow.com for more info. Contact Jeff Jones or Cynthia if you would like to participate or have questions.

Inks Ranch Campout

The Inks campout and balloon flight last weekend was lean but fruitful. We hear that Brett, David and Fred were able to fly Sunday morning. The turnout was light this year due to a variety of factors so we need to make sure we try harder next year. Enchanted Rock awaits.

Lake Flight Preparation

We have started to plan for the Lake Flight in July and will be asking for suggestions and volunteers at the next meeting. Let's get the word out and make this year's event as successful as last year!

CTBA Memorabilia

Remember we have T-shirts, patches and stickers for sale at minimal price. thanks for the memorables...

CTBA Archives

We have volumes of interesting balloon literature. Whether you want to read the latest news from Albuquerque or Colorado, learn about weather or flash back to last century's newsletter, we might have a document to suit you. Send the editor an email or ask at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2005

(not verbatim)

Cynthia Pryor called the meeting to order.

Safety Seminar redux - We did a darn good job for our first hosting in recent years. The feedback was mostly pro and we'll work on the con. Looking forward to next year, start thinking about topics.

Inks' Ranch campout head count.

Ronda - Balloonmeister for this coming weekend. Check phonline for details.

June meeting will feature tailgate food tasting party in the park. Time and place TBD.

Next month we will have a photo and video show of recent events including the Boatman's slideshow of Ethyl

There is still a need for future program ideas.

Treasurer's report revealed that we have funds that put us in the black. (email me if you need details)

Upcoming events:

April 30 – Inks Campout

June 3 – Palestine Heritage Flight Festival

July 16 – Flight over Lake Travis

No Board meeting on the 23rd. Next one in May, at a location to be determined. We will be discussing Lake Flight preparations.

All CTBA club pins, shirts and patches are being consolidated and will be available at functions and meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 followed by Land Owner Relations video from BFA.

Ballooning News

I have blatantly 'borrowed' from several wonderful balloon publications and authors. Hopefully this will lead to a great open electronic flow of lighter-than-air information - rather than legal action. A big Thank You to Barbara, Peter, Ray, and Troy in foresight.

Troy Bradley

In last month's Gas Division Newsletter, we read the story of "Troy Bradley Grabs the AA-3 Duration Record, February 9-11, 2005" by Peter Cuneo. This was an inspiring solo flight of 48 hours and 51 minutes. Cynthia and I really enjoyed following Troy via internet throughout his flight in February - Many thanks to Tim for the prompt. Go to <http://www.skyspanadventures.com/record-attempt.htm> for details and photos from the flight. And follow the links back through the rest of the site to check out his other awards.

BFA and 'Quad A' Boards Meet... and NABA Relations

Yes, two separate topics yet between the three groups, many of our common interests are on the line. We all want American and International Ballooning to thrive. Discussion and action regarding flight restrictions, competitions, legislation and such will benefit us all. Go to <http://www.bfa.org/> to get into the Balloon Federation of America.

Coupe de Gordon Bennett

Did you know that le Federation Aeronautique Internationale (<http://www.fai.org/>) has approved the US sanction application for the 49th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett (<http://www.coupegordonbennett.org/>) to be held in Albuquerque during Fiesta this year? Thirty gas balloons are expected and I highly recommend the experience if you haven't bagged sand. We're following and supporting the adventures of Richard Abruzzo as he seeks to repeat his International success. And our local heroes, of course. Be there!

I've run out of copy

...so I must add photos.
Next month, it's your job to help me/us out and send your favorite picture or story.
Thank You.



Couple take memorable balloon ride
By Aman Batheja
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

FORT WORTH - Jeff Bacon thought a hot-air balloon ride Sunday would be a romantic way to surprise his girlfriend on their one-year anniversary.

He didn't expect the excursion to end with police intervention. But it did, after residents in southwest Fort Worth called 911, worried that the balloon would crash into their homes.

Variable winds led to the balloon's low altitude as it struggled to land.

Operator David Wershay said later that he was in control as it skimmed trees and skirted roofs. Officers assisted Wershay in landing the balloon in the intersection of Dilworth Court and Wycliff Street, officer Sherry Alldredge said.

With a crowd on hand for the descent, Bacon got what he'd hoped for: a memorable anniversary. "It was pretty funny for everybody," he said.



Fuji Airship Visit

At over 200 feet in length and 240,000 cubic feet in volume, this is one blimp of an aircraft. Launched in 1984, it is kept in excellent condition by a large professional crew who chase from coast to coast. Thanks to our guide and airship pilot, Australian John for an interesting tour and launch.



Club Flight News

Hmmm... Sounds like we missed a good opportunity to fly at Inks so we have to make it up this month. David, Brett and Fred have the story. I'm still optimistic that we can get together and fly soon!

Upcoming TX Balloon Events

Celebration of Flight Balloonfest	Carthage	May 20 - 22
Heritage Flight	Palestine	June 3 - 5
Great Texas Balloon Race	Longview	July 8 - 10
Ballunar Lifftoff 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 Mike Pryor at wmpyor@austin.rr.com or 467-9274. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date.

Editor

CTBA Marketplace



Get Your CTBA Decals and T-Shirts

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



CTBA patches

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

\$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

May 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Jim Rice	2 Brett Miller	3	4	5 Kaye Campbell	6	7 6:42 * 8:13 ○
8	9 CLUB MEETING	10	11	12	13 Lowell Linney	14 CLUB FLIGHT 6:37 * 8:17 ○
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 6:34 * 8:22 ○
22	23 BOARD MEETING	24	25	26	27 Phil MacNutt	28 6:31 * 8:26 ○
29	30	31				

June 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 6:29 * 8:30 ○
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 CLUB FLIGHT 6:29 * 8:33 ○
12 Paul Fellows	13 CLUB MEETING Dick Law	14	15	16 Fred Edmiston	17	18 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		