



General Meeting
Monday, November 14

Focus
on
Photography!

Tres Amigos
Social Hour - 6:30^{PM}
General Meeting - 7:30^{PM}

November



2005

Upcoming Events

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| November 14 | Club Meeting |
| November 19 | Club Flight |
| December 1-4 | Leon Festival Los Globos |
| December 16 | Holiday Gathering |

President's Letter

October was a fabulous flying month for the CTBA - club balloons flew all 5 weekends!! We don't get that kind of run very often, and it was wonderful!! Thanks to all you who came out for the local events. (And let this serve as a reminder that you should come out even if you're not already planning to crew for a particular pilot - there was at least one morning when there would have been more balloons in the sky if we had more crew!)

Note that we've made a major change to the December schedule - instead of the usual Monday night, we've moved the Holiday Party to a Friday. So take a look at the information inside this newsletter and join us for a fun evening!

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Cynthia

Club News

Club Officers for 2006

The 2006 slate of officers has been set. Since this newsletter is “delayed,” we have the results from the club meeting - see minutes below to discover the mystery of who volunteered to fill these roles.

Minutes for Monday, November 14

- Slideshows with photos by Phil and Mike before the business meeting started.
- Number of members in attendance: 14 (27 members in attendance at Jan '05 meeting)
- 2006 Officers and Board were elected by acclimation by the quorum in attendance:

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| President | Mike Pryor | Board: |
| Vice President | Phil MacNutt | Tim Baggett |
| Secretary | Lloyd Cates | Phil MacNutt |
| Treasurer | Cynthia Pryor | Lloyd Cates |
| Web and Newsletter: | Joe | Joe Reynolds |

- Recent Flights:

Past – Club Flight in San Marcos, Taylor Fly-In, Lake Somerville Campout

Upcoming – Club Flight discussed Nov 19th, but not many balloons available; repairs and Mexico

- Holiday Party update from Lynn – the party will be on Friday, Dec. 16th at Mel and Gary's. The club's charity this year will be the Angel Heart Shelter. The attendees discussed a few contest options, and it was decided to have a stocking decorating contest with the option to donate the stockings to the charity.
- Safety Seminar update from Joe – the Safety Seminar will be on February 18 at the Central Christian Church (11th and Guadalupe) The topic will cover crew training and safety.
- David Pinckney presented a very nice program on photography.

Membership

This continues to be a hot topic. There are some new (and old) members that we haven't seen in awhile and it's a shame to let good crew and pilots go fallow. If you would like to learn about upcoming events and haven't hooked up with the pilot, group or mob of your choice, please send the editor a note and I'll get the word out. We have had some great flights recently and would have liked to see you there.

Excellent Fiesta Site

Go stroll through the photo gallery at www.aibf.org for reminders of why Albuquerque keeps calling.

Annual Party

Gary and Mel will host this year's event on Friday, December 16th at 7:00. If you plan to attend and haven't contacted Lynn about what to bring, please do so. We hope that all members can attend and have a fun-filled evening.

Safety Seminar Planning

We will be hosting the Central Texas Spring Safety Seminar this coming year. Our topic this time will be “Crewmanship.” Members are in the process of organizing topics, guest speakers, food, etc. and would really appreciate your input. And most especially appreciate volunteers to help set up the event. Please contact Joe or any officer if you want to sign up.

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 wmpryor@austin.rr.com or 467-9274. 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.

Albuquerque Fiesta 2005



It started differently for some of us that went out early Saturday to Moriarty Airport to launch Greg Winker for his record setting Rozier flight. Others gathered for a nice mass ascension followed by a tour of the new balloon museum. And then there were those gas crews who started preparing for the Gordon Bennett and America's Challenge races that night. Even though we were spread out, CTBA was well represented in both gas and hot air events throughout the week.



Greg took off at dawn and flew solo to Kansas while Phil launched that night with Anja, flying all the way to UP Michigan.





Thanks for the Memories

Many great shots were taken this year by David Pinckney, Phil MacNutt, and the Eggplants Renee, Bonnie and Cynthia. These pages don't do the subject justice but it's great to stitch together this collection of fun events to remind us why we drive all the way to NM each year.





Michelle gets ready to beat the vultures but the clouds are too low...so we just kick some dirt for awhile. Eventually, the Eggplant crew is put into action and we earned our tailgate.



Until Next Year...

We really hope to see you all again so start planning now, especially those that couldn't make it this year.





The weekend after ABQ at Old Settlers' with Joe, Phil, David. And, what fun, we got to help Phil clean the Michigan dirt off of the Yellow Beast.



Thanks to Fred for a great **San Marcos** flight Fred, Dick, Rusty, and new member Adam started off slow but the winds sure did pick up.





Taylor Fly-In
 (or -Out in our case)
 Rusty, Joe, Lloyd,
 David, and Phil flew
 during this annual
 event at the Taylor
 Airport.



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Club Flight News

October was the most productive balloon flying month in my (novice) ballooning experience. We were fortunate to chase balloons all five weekends of the month. The first 9 days during Fiesta were very diverse for CTBA pilots and crew as we were involved with both gas and hot air events and even a Rozier record flight. The weather ran good and bad as frontal passage gave us a big shift through the week. The winds propelled the gas teams to the Northeast edge of the US into Canada, and grounded most of us in Albuquerque early in the week. Things improved and we had a rather nice few days of flying, the storms rolling in as we departed for the trip home.

Congratulations to Sam Edwards who placed First at the Great Mississippi River Balloon Race (www.eballoon.com)

In case you decided to sleep in October, you missed it as we flew from Old Settlers', San Marcos and then participated in the Taylor Fly In. Lots of fun and camaraderie. We broke in Adam Reinstein, our newest pilot from Wisconsin, with his first barbed wire experience. The weekend of November 11 - 13, only a couple (Phil and Brett?) made it out to the Lake Somerville Campout sponsored by the Brazos Valley Ballooning Association. And I hear that Gary was able to get some airtime with Sam. So, all in all, a very productive Fall flying season.

Upcoming Balloon Events

Festival del Globos - Leon Mexico ~ December 1-4

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. 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



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

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.

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 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.

Pilot Seeking Envelope - Cameron or Lindstrand 90 with less than 200 hours (has Cameron bottom). Contact Dick Goss

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.

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| (End Daylight Savings Time) | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 6:49 * 5:40 ○ |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Rhonda Fellows 6:54 * 5:36 ○ |
| 13 | 14 CLUB MEETING | 15 Diana Marquez | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 CLUB FLIGHT 7:00 * 5:32 ○ |
| 20 | 21 | 22 David Pinckney | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 7:06 * 5:31 ○ |
| 27 | 28 BOARD MEETING | 29 | 30 | | | 7:12 * 5:30 ○ |

December 2005

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| 4 | 5 Jeff Jones | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 7:17 * 5:31 ○ |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 CLUB PARTY | 17 7:21 * 5:33 ○ |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Joe Reynolds 7:25 * 5:37 ○ |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 7:27 * 5:41 ○ |