



General Meeting
Monday, October 17
Albuquerque

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

October



2005

Upcoming Events

October 17	Club Meeting
October 22	Club Flight
October 24	Board Meeting
October 29	Taylor Fly In
November 14	Club Meeting

President's Letter

It's hard to believe it's already October! While this hasn't been the busiest of flying seasons, we have had a good number of wonderful flights. And if this winter is as mild as last winter was, we can still hope (and plan!) for some more before the year is done.

What an experience we had in Albuquerque this year! Of course, the absence of the Wanderlust crew was felt - we kept looking for Kaye in 'Kaye2'!! The CTBA had a good showing, though. Phil placed fourth in the 10th America's Challenge, flying 1230 miles to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In the overall hot-air competitions, Fred placed 6th, followed by Sam (11), Steve (53), Cheri (61), Dick (71), Tim - Durham, not Baggett! - (237), Way to go!!

We're still in need of at least one more volunteer for next year's leadership. We have enough pilots on the board, and enough officers to do most things except head general meetings. If your schedule will allow you to attend most general meetings, and you have 3 or 4 other nights through the year you can spare for board meetings, consider the role. Please talk to any current officer or board member if you're interested, or would like more info.

Cynthia

Club News

2005 Membership

We were very happy to add several new members this year and we thank them for being a part of the Central Texas Ballooning community. However, I'm not sure we have done a good job of keeping everyone informed about our events. We hope to include as many people as possible and you are all invited to come out and participate, even if you are not crewing for a specific pilot. Some pilots wind up not flying due to lack of crew. Please check the phone line and website to get updates to rendezvous times and places. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Club Officers for 2006

The 2006 slate of officers has not yet been set. If you would like to volunteer - please let us know as soon as possible. It only takes a few hours of your time per month to help make this club dynamic, fun and fulfilling. Cynthia has been our wonderful, stupendous, marvelous (yet shy) President for two years and must retire according to the bylaws. No matter which position you choose, there will be a group of people to support you!

Thank You Again

To the Terrific 2005 Officers: President – Cynthia Pryor, Vice-President – Lynn Sawyer, Co-Treasurers – Shari Pearson and Charlotte Thompson, Secretary – Joe Reynolds; and to Board members Rusty Kaim, Phil McNutt. Also, everyone that worked on the very successful Safety Seminar. Thanks for the dedication - we couldn't have done it without you!

Excellent Fiesta Articles to Follow

Check out www.aibf.org for all the details and photos from this year's event at Albuquerque. There were many challenges and many great events to make this another unique year. Next month this newsletter will attempt to capture the essence of our collective experiences. Stayed tuned for more...

Annual Party

It has been decided that we will change the date for the annual holiday party. In the past few years, we have had the party on the standard club meeting Monday night but this has had mixed results. Gary and Mel have offered to host this year's event but would like to do this on Friday, December 16th for a variety of reasons. We hope that this decision works for the maximum number of members since it is our objective to honor the membership and have a fun-filled evening.

Safety Seminar Planning

We are planning to host the Spring Safety Seminar again this coming year. We are in the process of evaluating topics, venue, guest speakers, etc. and would really appreciate your feedback. And would most especially appreciate volunteers to help organize and set up the event. Please contact any officer if you want to sign up.

Lake Somerville Campout

This fun camping weekend and flying opportunity is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Ballooning Association and is scheduled for the weekend of November 11 - 13. Contact us if you would like an 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 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.

How Can You Make a Difference? – Be an Officer!

CTBA OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

President

The President shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. The President may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper Officer of the Association authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated to some other Office or agent of the Association or where prohibited by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws or by stature; and in general shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Vice President

In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability to act, the Vice chairman and Vice president shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Any Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and promptly deposit all such moneys in the name of the association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories and maintain correct and complete books and records of account of all such transactions; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Secretary

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; give all notices in accordance with the provision of these Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records; keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each member; and , in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.



Don't Forget the Leon Balloon Festival in December.
Several CTBA balloons will be participating and it's a great experience.
Contact the editor if you need information.

Lake Flight Redone

We were fortunate to have nice weather for the September club flight at Lake Travis. Five balloons flew north and some were able to splash and dash - some getting wetter than others.



Ascendin', Confetti, Eggplant, Spirit and Wanderlust had good flights with Phil winning the prize for the youngest chase crew.



It was a beautiful day and the usual suspects had a little fun after we all returned to the launch site. We are looking forward to next year's event in July!

Albuquerque Preview

Next Month we will compile memories and photos of the 2005 Fiesta. Here's a sample to prime the pump.



Some days were windy, some were rainy, and some days were just a walk in the park. It was quite an interesting mix of weather conditions but excellent as always.



The big yellow beast was able to haul Phil through a great flight to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the America's Challenge.



Club Flight News

Our monthly club event for September turned out to be a Lake Flight. That's right, 5 balloons launched from the dam on the seventeenth to sail north across the water. Some got wetter than others but a fine flight, chase and tailgate was had by all. We should do this more often and next year should plan for an alternate date to allow out-of-town teams to stay involved despite weather.

Congratulations to Albuquerque Fiesta competitors: Fred placed 6th, followed by Sam (11), Steve Jones (53), Cheri White (61), Dick Goss (71), Tim Durham (237). Phil was something like 999 but did manage to fly 1230 in a gas balloon so that must count for something. Dick was first for awhile (0.5 in) but, as usual, the winds were fickle.

In October, we're planning to fly from San Marcos and then participate in the Taylor Fly In. Contact a club pilot or the editor if you would like more information on these event.

Upcoming Balloon Events

BVBA Lake Somerville Campout ~ November 11-13

Festival del Globo - 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

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.



Patches



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 Board meeting date (4th Monday 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.

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7:24 * 7:16 ○
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 7:29 * 7:08 ○
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 7:33 * 7:00 ○
16	17 CLUB MEETING	18	19	20	21 Melissa Kaplan	22 CLUB FLIGHT 7:38 * 6:52 ○
23/30	24/31 BOARD MEETING	25	26	27	28	29 TAYLOR FLY-IN 7:43 * 6:46 ○

November 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(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 ○