



General Meeting
Monday, September 12

2006 Planning

Tres Amigos

Social Hour - 6:30^{PM}

General Meeting - 7:30^{PM}

September



2005

Upcoming Events

September 12	Club Meeting
September 17	Club Flight
September 26	Board Meeting
Sept 30 - Oct 9	Albuquerque Fiesta
October 17	Club Meeting

President's Letter

Another wonderful weekend at Ballunar! Other than the weather causing Sunday morning to be canceled, I think it's safe to say that everyone had a great time. We had flights and glows both Friday and Saturday evenings, and a competitive flight on Saturday morning. Club pilots placed very well - way to go, y'all!! Local folks also represented us at Alpine and Lubbock.

Looking forward, Abilene, Albuquerque and Leon are on the horizon. If you're attending any of these, take a moment to jot down your experiences and send them along to the editor (along with any pics you might have). Flying has been so sparse around here this year it's good to hear about it when someone gets the opportunity to get into the air.

We're still in need of a couple more interested folks to complete the officer slate for '06. It really isn't as time-consuming or complicated as you might think. In this newsletter is a brief description of the duties for each position - find one that suits you and talk to any current officer or board member about volunteering. (Sorry if this sounds like a broken record.)

Cynthia

Club News

Welcome 2005 Members

We have added several new members this year and this publication has been remiss in singing their praise. Doug Creeley, Heath Dieckert, Virginia Panaway, Leo Schulz, and Brian Swink joined in May. Lisa Giguere joined in August. Our newest pilot Adam Reinstein joined in September. Thank you for being a part of this group of Central Texans who get up at 5 on Saturday morning to chase a bunch of wicker and nylon. We hope to see you all at our next event and remember that our post-flight breakfast tailgate parties are a fun way to network with balloon pilots and crew.

August Meeting

We met Brad and Lisa who crewed for Dick at Longview. We are planning to re-attempt the Lake Flight in September on the club flight weekend. Upcoming events at NASA, Abilene, and Albuquerque were discussed. Cynthia made a formal request for officer nominations. We discussed the Christmas party venue - possibly Gary and Mel's. Watch the Space Shuttle landing! Lisa joined the club. Joe presented an interactive discussion about land-owner relations.

September Meeting

A more complete summary will follow in next month's edition. The major topic was a call for new Club Officers. Volunteer! Also discussed: we are planning to fly from San Marcos in October... and we need to evaluate the best night for our Holiday Party.

Club Officers for 2006

The 2006 slate of officers has not been set. If you would like to volunteer - please let us know. It only takes a few hours of your time per month to help make this club dynamic, fun and fulfilling. Cynthia has been the (please insert your favorite superlative) President for two years and must retire according to the bylaws.

Thank You

To the Terrific 2005 Officers: President – Cynthia Pryor, Vice-President – Lynn Sawyer, Co-Treasurers – Shari Pearson and Charlotte, Secretary – Joe R. Thanks for the dedication - we couldn't have done it without you!

Excellent Fiesta Article! - FAA Aviation News

Check out this link for a great FAA review of Fiesta. Select 'Current Issue' or 'Sept/Oct' links for the pdf http://www.faa.gov/library/aviation_news/2005/. It is a great link to forward to our friends that need more information about the world's greatest ballooning event.

Annual Party

It has been suggested that we review the date for the annual holiday party. In the past few years, we have had the party on the standard club meeting Monday night. Mel and Gary have offered to host this year's event but would like to consider a Friday or Saturday.

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.

Ballunar 2005

NASA hosted another great event. Flying and glowing Friday and Saturday, we put on a good show for a large crowd. Sunday morning was a big surprise as event sponsors scrambled to clean up a huge mess left by overnight storms. See Joe's report ([adjacent link on the website](#)) for more info and photos.



September 10th Flight

Hello - We do fly around here. From now on, you must show up even if the weather is forecast as marginal. On this fine morning, Dick, Gary, Sam and Joe launched from Graham Elementary. The winds were interesting but all worked out well. It is great to see Wild Goose get some hours and Gary close on that ticket. Remember that Mel is the toughest solo crew dog around town and our next pilot candidate. Umphh! Oh yeah, there were some gas balloon crew preparing for Albuquerque.

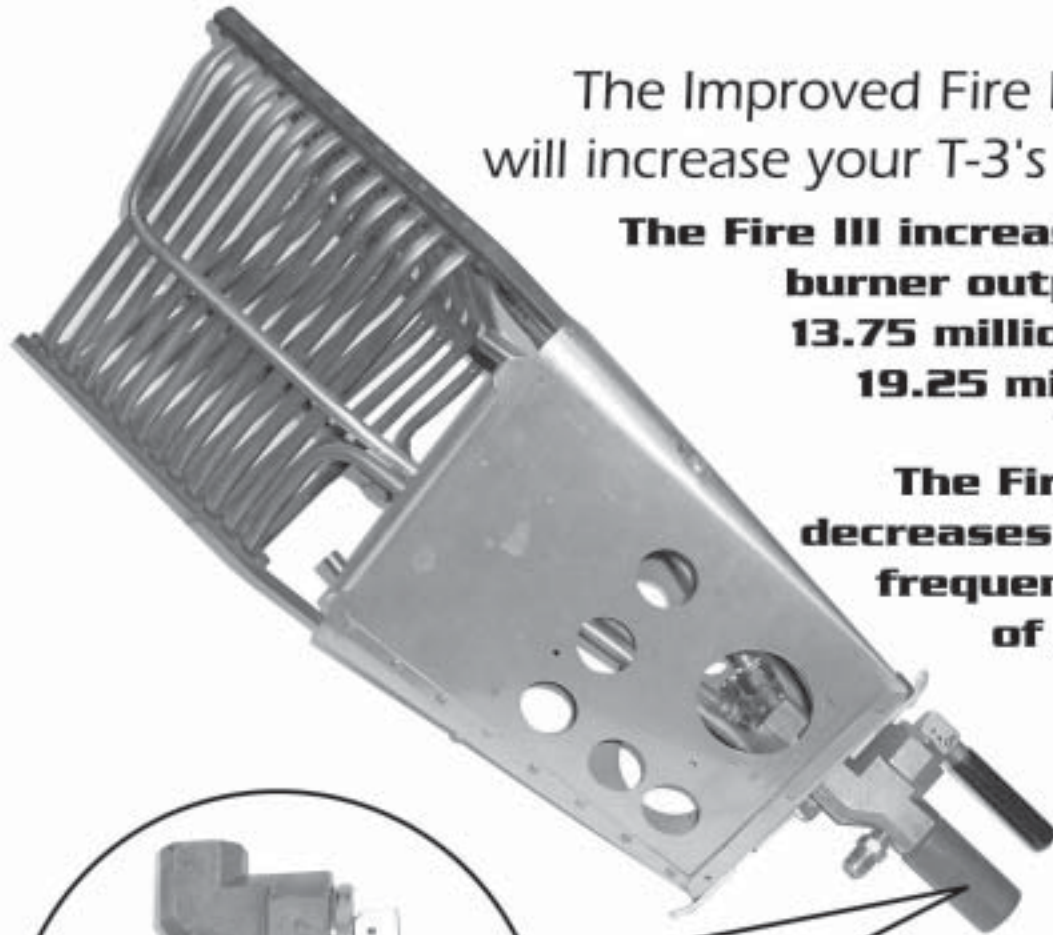


**While some flew...
...Others inflated a
big ole Fat Ba...lloon**

Dick, Gary, Sam and Joe flew awhile as this other group prepared Phil's rig for the America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race. This year's event at Fiesta also includes international crews competing in the Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. For more info see: www.coupegordonbennett.org



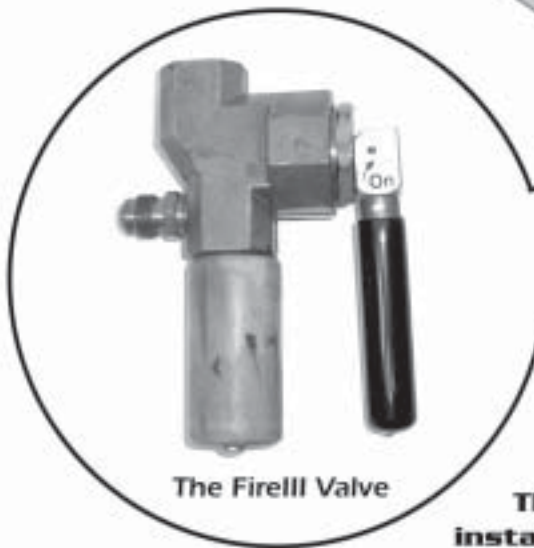
Get the Blast Back!



The Improved Fire III Valve
will increase your T-3's Output!

**The Fire III increases your
burner output from
13.75 million btu to
19.25 million btu!**
(fuel pressure 145 psig)

**The Fire III also
decreases the high
frequency noise
of your T-3!**



The FireIII Valve

Want the Fire III valve?

**The Fire III valve can be
installed on your burner at
the factory for \$595, or we
can send the valve to you for \$435.**
prices exclude shipping and handling



Club Flight News

Even though we didn't have a routine club flight in August, Ballunar turned out to be our great monthly club event. Out of a field of 84 balloons, CTBA pilots did an excellent job both in scoring and overall representation. There were some latent CenTex members that were quite successful as well. Congratulations to All!

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| First - Phil Bryant | 11th - Lloyd Cates |
| 7th - Sam Edwards | 11th - Jeff Jones |
| 9th - Fred Edmiston | 18 - Brian Critelli |
| 10th - Phil McNutt | 31st - Tim Durham, Dick Goss, Rusty Kaim, Brett Miller, Joe Reynolds |

Upcoming Balloon Events

- Big Country Balloonfest, Abilene ~ September 23 - 25
- International Balloon Fiesta Albuquerque ~ Sept 30 - October 9
- BVBA Lake Somerville Campout ~ November 11-13.

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



Patches

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 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.

September 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 7:09 * 7:51 ○
				David Smuck		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 7:13 * 7:42 ○
					John Craparo	
11	12 CLUB MEETING	13	14	15	16	17 CLUB FLIGHT 7:17 * 7:33 ○
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 7:20 * 7:25 ○
		Gary Sertich				
25	26 BOARD MEETING	27	28	29	30	7:24 * 7:16 ○
		David Murphy				

October 2005

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 CLUB MEETING	11	12	13	14	15 CLUB FLIGHT 7:33 * 7:00 ○
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 7:38 * 6:52 ○
					Melissa Kaplan	
23/30	24/31 BOARD MEETING	25	26	27	28	29 7:43 * 6:46 ○