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Lou Billones Receives BFA's Shields-Trauger Award

Meteorologist, balloonist, former president and long-time NBC member Lou Billones, was presented the Shields-Trauger Memorial Award "in recognition of his worthwhile contributions to the science of aviation and the Balloon Federation of America. In his presentation remarks at the BFA National Convention on April 9, 2011 in Des Moines, IA, BFA President Troy Bradley (pictured at right with Lou) noted that "Lou is the only meteorologist to have been so honored in the history of the Shield-Trauger Award." (Photo by Kevin Knapp)



NBC Cleans Up at Lake Zorinsky

by Rich Jaworski

Saturday morning of May 2nd was too windy to fly but just right for policing the grounds, shoreline, and lake bed of Lake Zorinsky. Nearly twenty NBC members participated in the event which featured a free breakfast, expos about the Lake, Zebra mussels, and lots of 30 gallon plastic bags for collecting the litter and heavy trash left by a year or more of park users. Yep, we found just about everything except Jeff Reid's mystery balloon. Some of the items found included a dump of industrial air conditioning scrap metal, a hockey puck, scores of empty plastic water bottles, and a 10 inch diameter snapping turtle. (Natalie Jaworski, daughter of new member Adam Jaworski, and, Rich's great-niece, wins the NBC finders' prize for the turtle.) Participation in this event was prompted by Rick Wollen who correctly noted that the NBC should return some thanks to the Lake for our use of the park. Thanks Rick!

Welcoming Team to Greet New Crewpersons

We all know how important a "crew" is to every balloon flight, i.e. "Without 'crew' a pilot is a pedestrian." Also without "crew" and members, the NBC would be a dysfunctional roster of non-flying pilots going nowhere. No doubt everyone encourages the first-time crew persons to "come again to enjoy our fun and flying." Likewise the NBC would like to welcome and encourage the return of your new crew person(s) by: 1) sending a welcoming email, and 2) prompting a Board member to personally greet your potential future balloonist by thanking them for expressing enough interest in

ballooning. This additional layer of welcoming would be a friendly gesture - not a recruitment campaign for membership. Please help the Welcoming Team by submitting the name, phone number, and email address of your new crew member(s) to Elane Lacroix, hotairbeargal@aol.com. The Team is also working on a NBC website crew page and will soon be looking for information and photos of your crew in action or recreation.

Upcoming 2011 NBC-Organized Flight Events

In addition to the twice monthly NBC competition and fun flights, the NBC 2011 summer calendar has several local flight events being organized by the NBC members. Emails have been sent to the Club Members and Pilots encouraging them to apply and participate. All balloonists, crews and pilots, should put these dates on their personal calendars and enjoy a summer of NBC ballooning.

Event	Date	Location/ Event Info Link
Elk Ridge Village Open House	Sunday PM – June 12	Elkhorn, NE- Elk Ridge Village on Youngman Lake(1/4 mile south of 191st and Old Lincoln Highway) http://www.elkridgeseniorliving.com/
Dodge, Nebraska 125 th Anniversary Celebration	Saturday PM – July 2 nd or Sunday PM – July 3 rd (Rain date)	Dodge NE / http://www.dodge125.com/id25.html .
J.C. Fremont Days	Glow: Friday PM – July 8 th Flight: Saturday AM or PM July 9 th	First Lutheran Church at 3200 East Military – Fremont, NE /http://www.johncfremontdays.com/
Nebraska Balloon and Wine Fest	Friday PM, August 12 and Saturday PM, August 13th	Coventry Campus South of 204th and Q Street, Elkhorn http://www.eventsinamerica.com/events/2011-nebraska-balloon-wine-festival/ev4c90e25332ce4/
Council Bluffs Field of Flight	Friday PM – Sunday AM, September 9th – 11th.	Ditmar's Apple Orchard, Council Bluffs, Iowa

2011 NBC PROGRAM

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR – GIVE COPIES TO YOUR CREW!

Month	Social Event (organizer)	General Interest Event	Executive Meeting	Member Meeting	News letter	Competition Flight Locations TBA {Balloonmeister}	Fun Flight at Zorinsky unless otherwise noted (Balloonmeister)
June	6/18 Social/Dinner following/in-lieu of Fun Flight (Dobesh)				X	6/4 - 5:30 AM (Dobesh)	6/18 - 6:30 PM (Dobesh)
July	(Tentative Date) July 16 NBC Picnic Picnic & Meeting following AM Fun Flight	July 2 Dodge, NE NBC Flight July 8-10 JC Fremont Days	After Picnic (if needed)	Saturday July 16 After Picnic		July 10 JC Fremont Days (Jaworski)	7/16 - 6:15 AM (Jaworski)
August	8/20 Social/Potluck preceding Fun Flight (in Norfolk)	August 12-13 Elkhorn, NE Balloon & Wine Fest				No Omaha Flight – Indianola	8/20 - 5:30 PM (Mohring/Emry (in Norfolk))
Sept		Sept. 9-11 McCook NE Council Bluffs, IA Topeka, KS			X	9/3 - 6:30 AM (Peterson)	None (Creston Conflicts)
October		Oct. 14-16 Wakefield, NE Oct. 15 Jill Rubin Memorial Flight, Location TBA by IBA	7:30 Oct. 20 Dinkleman's			10/1 - 7:00 AM (Reid)	10/14 at Wakefield Event (Mohring)
Nov	11/19 Social/Dinner following/in-lieu of Fun Flight (Grote)					11/5 - 7:30 AM (Jaworski)	11/19 - 3:30 PM (Grote)
Dec	None				X	None	None

NBC Competition Event Calendar Approved for 2011

This year the NBC Executive Committee considered deleting the tasks flown in Indianola, IA from the competition calendar because in recent years the winner of Indianola tasks had an advantage in winning the NBC championship. The concern to be addressed was that pilots not participating in the Indianola event, but participating in the nine months of other competitions, were at a disadvantage. After reviewing input from several pilots and considering several good alternatives on whether to include or delete the three planned flight events in Indianola, the NBC Executive Committee voted to retain the three questioned flights in the 2011 schedule and not make a schedule change, particularly because some pilots may have joined the NBC in 2011 because of the Indianola scoring factor. The Executive Committee further suggested that the 2012 schedule be at least drafted before the end of 2011 so that all prospective members would know any schedule changes for 2012. Competitive pilots should provide their input to Rich Jaworski before October, 2011 for consideration in the 2012 schedule.

Information Every Omaha Chase Vehicle Should Have

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411 E 11th St., Schuyler, NE 68661

Cuming County Sheriff – 402.372.6010
200 S Lincoln St. # 203, West Point, NE 68788

Dodge County Sheriff – 402.727.2750
435 N Park Ave., Fremont, NE 68025

Washington County Sheriff – 402.426.6866
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Fort Calhoun Sheriff's Dept – 402.468.4063
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Sarpy County Sheriff's Dept – 402.593.2288
8335 Platteview Road, Papillion NE 68046

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387 N. Chestnut St., Suite 3, Wahoo, NE 68066

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336 Main St., Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Burt County Sheriff – 402-374-2900
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Lancaster County Sheriff – 402-441-6500
575 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508

(Lists compiled by Rich Ferryman and Elane Lacroix)

July - Sept. Birthdays

Matthew Grote 7/8

Susie Parker 7/9

Benji Clemons 7/10

Tom Peterson 7/10

Mike Peterson 7/11

Steve Lacroix 7/11

Deb Jensen 7/15

Julie Wollen 7/17

Emmy Konvalin 7/21

John Merselis 7/25

Gene Elsasser 7/27

Misty Dobesh 7/31

Morgan Fenster 8/3

Kristine Clemons 8/4

Matt Fenster 8/4

Kellie Dinkelman 8/5

Trisha Klotz 8/9

Herman Walker 8/16

Jenni Gunhus 9/2

Cori Clemons 9/4

Jerry Mahoney 9/5

Mike Gallagher 9/9

Carey Yungbluth 9/10

Don Fenster 9/29

Jennifer Delaney 9/30

July - Sept. Anniversaries

Ron & Misty Dobesh 7/1

Gloria & Luckie Lawrence 7/2

Benji & Kristine Clemons 7/15

Matt & Emily Fenster 7/24

Jill & T.J. Johnson 8/18

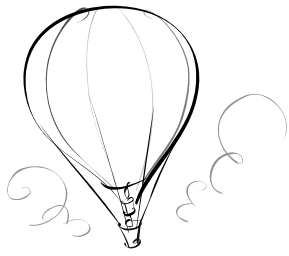
Jerry & Mary Mahoney 8/21

Tom & Stephanie Peterson 8/24

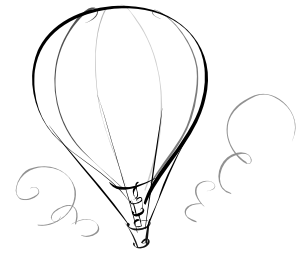
Rick & Julie Wollen 9/20

Kent & Kellie Dinkelman 9/22

If we have omitted your name, please let Elane know so she can update the records.



MINUTES
NBC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2011



Members present: Rich Jaworski, Kellie Dinkelman, Janet McDonald, Elane Lacroix, Ruthe Grote, and Michael Jones.

The meeting was called to order by Rich Jaworski at 7:35 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Janet - Minutes of the March 6, 2011 meeting were approved as posted on the NBC website.

Treasurer's Report and Merchandise Sales – Elane - It was reported that as of May 19, 2011 there was a balance of \$1,476.26 in the Club account. There is a lot of club merchandise available for purchase including koozies, a fair amount of lapel pins, 1 or 2 hats which all reflect the club logo. Cups are reordered as needed. Elane will talk to Stitchers concerning club members wishing to take their own product in or purchase items from them to have the club logo embroidered on. The stitch file is open for members. The board does not want to increase our level of inventory at this time on any product.

Standing Committee Reports

Club Program – Kellie noted that the April 30th General Interest Event was canceled and will be rescheduled in the early part of 2012.

The October Executive Committee Meeting will plan to meet at 6:30 p.m. at Kellie's house.

Race – Rich reported that there have not been any competitive flights so far this year, due to weather. The 2011 schedule of monthly events needed to be approved because the NBC Safety meeting was cancelled so the 2011 schedule needs to be approved under Unfinished Business

Rural Relations – No updates.

Picnic - Kellie is working with the Fensters regarding selecting a date for the July picnic.

Banquet – Kellie reported that the banquet has been tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2012. The location and menu is still being determined.

Publications and Web page – The next publication of the Newsletter is scheduled for June. Articles need to be to Tom Peterson by the end of May.

Welcoming Committee – Elane – An email has been sent out to club members, welcoming our newest club member, Adam Jaworski. One of the future club flight events will include a "grab bag crew exchange". This will give crew an opportunity to work with other crew teams. Pilots will draw names from a basket for their required crew. Crew chiefs will stay with their respective Pilot.

Unfinished Business

- a. **NBC BFA Jr. Balloonist Scholarship 2011** – Jaworski reported that the May 15th deadline for application submittal for the Nebraska Balloon Club Jr. Balloonist Camp Scholarship has passed. No applications were received so Nebraska will not have a representative at the camp this summer. The promoting process for the 2012 scholarship will begin at the end of 2011 to generate more interest and hopefully receive more applications for a 2012 scholarship.
- b. **Naming of NBC BFA Jr. Balloonist Scholarship** – No additional changes will be made.
- c. **NBC competition Events Schedule Approval** - Jaworski reported that he had discussed the 2011 NBC Competition Schedule with several pilots and considered several good alternatives on whether to include or delete the three planned flight events in Indianola. Because the planned April NBC Safety meeting was not held, Jaworski recommended leaving the three questioned flights in the 2011 schedule and suggested that the 2012 schedule be at least drafted before the end of 2011 so that all prospective members would know any schedule changes for 2012. A motion to approve these recommendations was made by Kellie Dinkelman. Ruth Grote seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The date change for the McCook Rally was noted as needing correction. It is scheduled for September 23 – 25, 2011.

- d. **NBC Brochure Revision** – A draft copy of the NBC Brochure was discussed and reviewed. Mike Jones will continue working with making updates for a club brochure.
- e. **Land Owner Drawing Program Changes** – No updates
- f. **Crew Page for Web Site** - Kellie said she will work with Lucky Lawrence on getting the Crew Information pages so we can update the crew page web site.

New Business

a. Community Events Pending

Soaring Wings – June 4, 2011
Elk Ridge – June 12, 2011, *Open to any Pilots*
Dodge City, NE – Four Balloons – July 2, 2011
Fremont Days – July 8 – 10, 2011
Council Bluffs, IA – September 9 – 11, 2011
McCook, NE – September 23 – 25, 2011

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled to follow the July Picnic.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by Rich Jaworski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet McDonald
NBC Secretary



Short Blasts

So far this year “good flying weather” has become a myth.

The NBC scholarship to the BFA Jr. Balloonist Camp had no applicants. Suggestions on promoting our 2012 scholarship are invited.

The Pilot and Crew Safety Workshop was postponed due to the small number of expected participants. The Executive Committee recommended that the workshop not be rescheduled until 2012.

Gene Elsasser continues to recover from injuries suffered in a fall this past January. You can follow Gene’s progress in the online journal at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/geneelsasser>.

Jim and Jenni Gunhus have added another balloon to their stable. “Speed Racer” is pictured at right during a recent flight at Lake Zorinsky. (Photo by Steve Lacroix.)



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Shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc. can be embroidered with the new NBC logo:



Embroidery can be added to your own clothing items by taking them to Stitches Digital Embroidery, 14516 Grover St, (402) 697-7589.

New koozies are still available for purchase. Hats in red, black and khaki are available for \$15. Balloon cups are available for purchase at \$5 per sleeve of 25, and NBC lapel pins for \$1 each.

Please contact Elane Lacroix at (402) 630-3208 or hotairbeargal@aol.com if you are interested in these items.



c/o Tom Peterson
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