

# Nebraska Balloon Club Newsletter



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## Annual Banquet was Huge Success Photos by Angelina Peace and Elane Lacroix

Lots of people in attendance, good food, conversation and of course the awarding of the prestigious as well as the dubious awards were handed out. Ballot results were announced as the 2016 officers will again return in 2017. I will let the pictures and captions tell the rest of the story.



*"NBC Pilot of the Year" Mike Shrum, for his tireless work with the BFA youth program as well as training pilots.*



*The "Competition Pilot of the Year" to Bret Christian for the highest score of NBC pilots at the Fields of Flight Event.*



*The "Uncle Bud Memorial Crew of Year Award" to Angie Maji-Coyle for her enthusiastic help to which ever pilot she can, whether it is crewing or photographing.*



*"Aquanaut" to Rich Jaworski for his splashing incident into Bennington Lake.*



*The "Bar-stool" award goes to Steve Lacroix for his crew recruitment in his favorite bar.*



*"Buried Basket" to Michael Jones for keeping his balloon buried inside all year.*



*"The "Crash Crew" to Steve Lacroix for his incident in Lake Havasu involving his trailer and another vehicle in a parking lot.*



*"Pyronaut" goes again to Rich Jaworski for burning which number of panels for what number of years?*



*"Turkey Award" to Matt Fenster for his lack of knowledge when first ask about the leader of his Fields of Flight Event.*



*"Turtle Award" for following too closely of another balloon vehicle or at least that's the Officer in AZ thought when he stopped John Weyant.*

## **"Uncle Bud" the Real Story** by Mark Enholm

This is a story I should have written many years ago, but for whatever reason, just never got around to, I now feel compelled to tell the story of Uncle Bud as there are many in the Nebraska Balloon Club who have no idea who he was, or never met him and it has now been almost 22 years since we lost him and since there is the Crew of the Year Trophy that is given out each year in his name. The time has come for the NBC to know a little about him and maybe appreciate receiving the trophy a little bit more.

In order to know how a trophy came to be named in his honor, we must go back in history to September 1983. It was a late afternoon and I had the Union Pacific balloon tethered at Union Station, waiting for the arrival of the River City Roundup Steam train. Well, as with most tethers on a late afternoon, we had some wind conditions to deal with. I had several crew members sitting on the basket, trying to keep the balloon from moving all over the place, but we could have used more weight. Then I spotted him, walking around, taking pictures of all of the activities. He was a big man, a very big man and I instructed one of the crew members to ask him if he would like to help us out and this started a 12 year long friendship between him and me. As I was to find out, "Uncle Bud" (he got that name from my oldest son, Andy, who could not pronounce his real name, which is Russell Kiehl, Jr), had a fixed wing pilot's license, but he had failed his last medical and could no longer fly and I know he loved the freedom that comes with being airborne. He was also a Union Pacific employee, who had transferred to Omaha after the merger with the Missouri Pacific RR earlier in the year and worked in Council Bluffs.

Starting that day, Uncle Bud fell in love with ballooning and became not only a great crew of mine, but he would also help any pilot that was short of crew or just needed extra help. He joined the NBC as soon as he found out about it and stayed a member to the end. Through the years, he would drop anything he was doing in order to be around balloons, pilots and crews. He took to ballooning like a duck takes to water and traveled to many different balloon rallies in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma with me over the years.

I guess I figured Uncle Bud would be with me until the day came that I retired from ballooning, which I thought would never arrive. Then came that fateful day in October 1995, when 5 pilots gathered at the launch site in Greenwood, NE for a morning flight. As sometimes happens in Nebraska, the wind that morning was a little testy, but we were able to launch without too much of a problem.

The flight was just like most other morning flights as we covered about 12 miles in a little over an hour and had a stand-up landing in the middle of a plowed field without any problems. It took the crew a few minutes to get land owner permission to enter the field and we then deflated the balloon and had just started to pack it up when Uncle Bud grabbed at his chest and just collapsed in front of us. One of my crew, Rick, jumped into the chase vehicle and proceeded to drive to the land owner's house to call for help (this was in the days before everyone had a cell phone). I and my other crew member, Mike, started to perform CPR on him. It seemed like it was hours before I heard the sirens of the Rescue Squad arrive from Wahoo. That is when the professionals took over for Mike and me. After a few minutes, he had been loaded into the back of the ambulance and we were headed for the hospital in Wahoo. Again, it seemed like hours, but the Doctor finally came out and let us know that Uncle Bud had suffered a massive heart attack and there was nothing they could do for him. He had passed away. This is a day that will be etched in my memory for as long as I live, as I lost a very good friend that day.

It was Dave and LaVerna Edmister who came up with the idea of the Uncle Bud crew member of the year and I know that if he were still with us, he would be very proud of this trophy. So Congratulations, if your name has been placed on the side of the trophy. Good Luck in the future if you have not yet been nominated for it. I hope that this story has shed a little light on the real meaning of the "Uncle Bud Memorial Crew Member of the Year" award. I can say that it was a real privilege for me to have known Uncle Bu and to call him my friend all those years. I only wish he was still with us, but at least when his time came; he was with his Omaha family, doing something he loved very much.

## Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee

by a variety of contributors

At the 25th Aviation Symposium on January 26, 2017 our own Dr. Rich Jaworski joined NBC balloonists John Kugler and Shorty Janousek into the ranks of the honored few when he was inducted into the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame, with three other inductees. The selection committee was impressed with Rich's ballooning accomplishments and his activities promoting ballooning in Nebraska. Rich thanks past and present NBC members for their years of support and participation which made this recognition possible.

Qualifications for Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame - 2017

Dr. Richard L. Jaworski pioneered hot air ballooning in Nebraska as the first native Nebraskan licensed to fly a hot air balloon. Between 1972 and 2017 he accrued over 2,800 hours of flight, carried over 7,000 passengers, and generated more than \$360,000 for the benefit of charitable organizations.



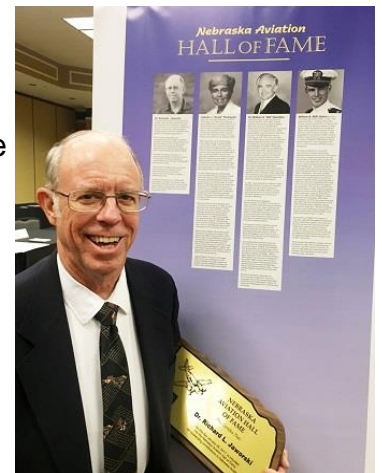
*Congratulations Rich!*

He is known worldwide for his enhancements to the double-walled hot air balloon in which he holds duration and distance world records. He developed techniques for high altitude balloon deployment of a manned hang glider; as well as high altitude long distance flights.

In addition to flying, winning, and organizing Nebraska competitive events, he is a frequent speaker at national ballooning seminars and Nebraska elementary schools.

As long-term President, charter member, and community coordinator for the Nebraska Balloon Club, he assists communities and charities in staging ballooning events.

He enjoys sharing the joy of flying with passengers of all ages. He actively seeks individuals with special needs and provides balloon flights to



*Rich with the other inductee's "bios".*

paraplegics, terminally ill, blind, and aged, who seek a new experience in life.

As reported by the *Washington County: Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise*  
Feb. 3, 2017 edition by Leeanna Ellis

Rich Jaworski is at home floating through the air in his hot air balloon. "It's a different way to see the world," Jaworski said. "It's more than just a piece of equipment; it's a way of life. It's a way of helping people. It's a thing that brings joy and excitement to whoever participates."

Jaworski, a Blair resident, was inducted into the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame on Jan. 23 in front of more than 200 people during the Nebraska Aviation Symposium in Kearney. Three others were inducted. "The people I was inducted with just blew me away," Jaworski said. "I felt honored to be with people of this caliber and have donated so much or jeopardized so much. It was a great experience to me and to be inducted with the people that were there." After the ceremony, a judge for the hall of fame told Jaworski he has accomplished a lot for aviation in Nebraska. "You have a very unique story," she told him. "You should be very proud of everything you've done, and you've certainly done all that we could expect anybody to do to make it into this hall of fame."

Jaworski is a pioneer in hot air ballooning in Nebraska. He bought his first balloon in 1972 and was the first native Nebraskan to be licensed to fly a balloon. "I bought a balloon before I had even seen one or been in one," Jaworski said. "We just knew that we wanted to do this. Nobody around here had anything." Jaworski trained in Muscatine, Iowa, several times over the summer that year. With only 10 hours of flying time, he began training a co-worker who helped him purchase that first balloon. "I think about that and how green I was," he said. "It was quite a leap forward."

Jaworski, who is a charter member and president of the Nebraska Balloon Club, taught others, including nine hot air balloon pilots living in eastern Nebraska. Four still actively fly. Since 1972, Jaworski has gained more than 2,800 hours of flight and carried more than 7,000 passengers. "I enjoy taking people that really need a flight," he said. Jaworski's most memorable passengers were former World War I balloon pilots, who invited him to their reunion in 1973. Most were in their 90s. "Those guys, as soon as they saw the balloon, they were 20 years old again," he said. Jaworski has also set world records and won national championships with his balloons.

In 2007, Jaworski set a duration record for 23 hours, 11 minutes. The previous record was 8 hours, 25 minutes. He also set a record for distance with 280 miles. Jaworski also captained and coached a first-place; three-balloon team at the 2007 National Hot Air Balloon Team Championships in Battle Creek, Mich.

At 74 years old, Jaworski hopes to fly until he's 80. However, he plans to cut back on how often he flies. Jaworski wants to spend more time with his four grandchildren. Jaworski's oldest grandchild, Erich Maus, is 5. He flew with his grandpa last fall during the Washington County Heritage Days. "He wanted to go three or four times. Every time I turned around, he was back in the basket



*tethered flight for a charity*



*Preparing with crew for record setting duration flight*



*Launching the double-walled balloon for record setting duration flight.*

again," Jaworski said. "That's the big thrill about flying is sharing the joy."

*PIREPS Nebraska Feb-Mar 2017 issue reports in their article:  
Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame Inductees Dr. Richard L. Jaworski*

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## **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Tips and Tricks for Crew and Spectators**

by Tamie Folley

Registration for pilots for the 2017 AIBF begins on Monday, March 6. An exciting time for pilots, many who make this an annual event.

Fiesta is nine days, the first full week of October and the most beautiful time in New Mexico. If you are interested in traveling to Albuquerque for Fiesta as crew or a spectator there are a few things that can make the experience even better. It is a rare time to enjoy 500 balloons in flight at the same time, in the beautiful blue sky of New Mexico.

If you are planning on going as crew, for your first time, hopefully you have a pilot you will be crewing for. Pilots have the ability to reserve crew rooms through Fiesta that are significantly less expensive as privately booked hotel rooms, be sure to let the pilot know you need a room, what kind of room and for what dates. When packing for the event, plan on experiencing all four seasons in the same day, dress in layers and consider taking clothes for after flight with you (my crew is in shorts and flip flops by tailgate most days), if you will be there for the entire event plan on doing laundry at the hotel while there, makes packing lighter. Crew rides into the field with the pilots, there is crew parking and crew parking passes however limited, once at the field everyone gets into pilot vehicle and rides into your designated space. Pilot briefing is at 6:00AM and usually traffic to get into the field is a challenge, so most pilots go in very early and go to the Pilot Pavilion for breakfast, there are buttons for crew to get in with as well. Fiesta field is bigger than seven football fields so be prepared to walk a lot! When I have first time Fiesta crew, I give them a free day, a day to not have a responsibility on the balloon or as crew and just go enjoy the event sights and sounds, they usually choose to stay on the field while the rest of the crew chases that day, we also take a day after flight or when we don't fly and walk vendor row so everyone has a chance to shop and get souvenirs, pin buying and trading etc. There is always tailgating and fun to be had, but with that it is a good thing to remember that Albuquerque's is high altitude of 5000' MSL, if you are not from high altitude, staying hydrated is very important to avoid altitude sickness (it is a real thing!)

Crewing at Fiesta is also very different than any other event you will ever attend. Launch directors, called "Zebras" and they dress as such, direct each balloon when to cold inflate, hot inflate, and launch none of which is timely. The crowd is huge and depending on what balloon you are crewing for it can be bigger based on that and which day of the week, there are Safety directors that

can come up and inspect the operation and situation at any time, as well as the FAA is on site and will come to the basket and or pilot to inspect for proper documents in the proper location, you share a spot with two other balloons and launch in either wave one or wave two, working together and being polite and helpful are required. It is not an easy place to be a pilot and requires complete concentration on the pilot and crews part, the crowd can make this difficult. Based on these factors I prefer to have a larger crew to cover more area that isn't required or even necessary in a lot of flight environments, safety is the utmost focus. As I say that, I also think it is one of the most spectacular flights one can ever experience with all the balloons in flight.

As we all have fun and work hard, spend a lot of time at the field and have morning launches and evening glows, depends on what your pilot opts to do. The evenings with glows also have fireworks, and the last Saturday of the event there is an afternoon concert, usually a well-known band. A great day for fun...did I mention drink lots of water! The event is like a huge family reunion with your friends from all over the world in one place, a time all balloonists can get together and have time to chat and hang out.

Plan your travel EARLY, if you need to make hotel reservations (not through a pilot) do so EARLY, a year or nine months, early. Once pilots register locations will start filling up, I don't believe it will save you money, but lower your frustration. If you are flying get those airline tickets and rental cars booked, again saves frustration and possible even money. Regardless, if you have a pilot or not be sure you research where the hotel is, the field is and what the traffic pattern is, as it changes for Fiesta traffic. If you are going in as a spectator, be sure you know where to go to ride the bus in or where to park if you drive to field, go EARLIER than you think you should, traffic and lines to get in are lengthy. Be sure you have your cameras, money to park, money to get in the gate, dress in layers and be sure to have food and water. [www.balloonfiesta.com](http://www.balloonfiesta.com) will help you with all these details. When you are walking around and enjoying the sites, regardless if you have balloon experience watch where you are walking, ropes are all over the ground and can't always be seen, there are moving vehicles, small children, fans etc. keep yourself and others safe. Listen and watch for zebras and balloons moving and launching.

While you are in Albuquerque there is wonderful Mexican food that we all love, but keep in mind it can be very spicy, take it slow if you aren't accustom to it. I spent my teenage and 20's living in New Mexico it can be a great place to visit. Santa Fe is only about an hour north and a nice afternoon trip to see the square and the sites. Old Town in Albuquerque is nice local culture shopping, the Tram that goes to the top of the Sandia mountain is a great trip, but again buy tickets in advance as they also sell out.

Albuquerque is a big city, and being mindful that criminals love this time of year, do not leave anything in your vehicles, lock your vehicle and be mindful of your safety, as you would anywhere but just a bit more mindful. One tends to get tired with early mornings and late evenings, take time for a nap or if you are crewing ask your pilot for a day off if you need some extra sleep.

It is a great time and something every one that loves balloons should experience at least once.

Most of all have a great time!!!

## **NBC General Membership Meeting Minutes – Nov. 18, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President, Rich Jaworski at the home of Steve and Elane Lacroix, Members in attendance were Rich Jaworski, Denise Falcon, Angie Maji-Coyle, Janet McDonald, Steve and Elane Lacroix, Pat Ragle, Jill Johnson, Tamie Folley, and Mike Shrum.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the August 20, 2016 General Membership meeting were not available. Once they are reviewed and approved, they will be sent out to the membership.

**Treasurer's Report** - Elane reported that as of August 20, 2016 the club balance is \$1,319.64.

**General Interest** – Rich announced he was nominated and just learned that he will be inducted into the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame honoring him for his lifelong achievements and

contribution to ballooning. He will receive this honor on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the 2017 Nebraska Aviation Symposium in Kearney, NE.

FAA update – The FAA will no longer remove a pilot's license for incorrect or improper procedures as disciplinary actions. The new process for corrective actions will be counseling and retraining to help improve the person's skills.

The Clubs newest pilot is Robb Johnson who currently has his student license in Council Bluffs, IA. For those wishing to become a student pilot you can now get student permit on line by going to [iacra.faa.gov](http://iacra.faa.gov).

Mike Shrum announced that there will be three balloon camps in 2017. Registration starts the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. They will be held in Oshkosh, WI – June 10 – 15, 2017, Reno NV – June 17 – 27, 2017 and Albuquerque, NM – July 8 – 13, 2017. Scholarships are \$435,

Steve Lacroix is a rep for the FAA Fast Team

**Banquet- Mailing prep schedule** – Annual Banquet will be held January 28, 2017. Mike Shrum plans to help Michael Jones in finalizing the location and other plans. Banquet invitation will go out with the December newsletter. The newsletter will include 2017 Officer Ballot with a return envelope, the membership renewal form, and banquet information. All information needs to be to Elane by November 23<sup>rd</sup> so the newsletter can be mailed out in December.

**Crew of the Year and Pilot of the Year Awards Submission Schedule** – – *The NBC is looking for nominations for the Crew of the Year and Pilot of the Year awards. Nominations should be submitted to Rich Jaworski.*

**Newsletter Publication and Website** – With the lack of information being received for the newsletter, the Club newsletter will not be published 4 times a year. Most information can be reviewed through social media either on the website or through Facebook. A newsletter publication will be submitted in either February or March following the Club banquet and another newsletter at the end of the summer. The Club will continue using the Website and Facebook page as a means of getting information to the members and the public regarding upcoming flights and activities. Pilots or members can send information about possible flights and posting on the website or Facebook. Updated information can be posted on the website/ Facebook by Elane, Angie or Rich.

**NBC PA system** – The Club is still working to find a suitable sound system for our club's area events. A system was purchased but seems inadequate for what is required of it. Elane, Jill and Angie will work together and continue to research what size, type of system that is required with the budget we have to work with. Follow up discussion will continue at the banquet meeting

**NBC to Albuquerque NM** – Discussion continued on any members who were interested in planning a group trip to the 2017 Fiesta event in Albuquerque NM. Most of the pilots present did not show in interest in flying at the event this year. Information will be shared on the event, but it is recommended for anyone wanting to attend the event to get hotel reservations in right away.

#### **Possible 2017 Events –**

Cattleman's Ball (near Broken Bow event)  
JC Fremont Days – request we come back  
Soaring Wings  
Fields of Flight - Ditmars Orchard, Council Bluffs, IA  
IMC (Immanuel Medical Center) Glow  
Wakefield, NE

Meeting adjourned by Rich at 8:37 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Janet McDonald, NBC Secretary

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Jaworski at the home of Steve and Elane Lacroix. Members in attendance were Rich Jaworski, Michael Jones, Angie Maji-Coyle, Denise Falcon, Elane and Steve Lacroix, Mark Enholm, Tamie Folley, Mike Shrum, and Lyle Ditmars.

**Information of Interest:** Mike Shrum and Tamie Folley recently went to the Philippines. They reported it was too windy to fly the *Chili Ristra* but they did get to inflate for static display.

Rich Jaworski, Denise Falcon, Brad Christian, Steve and Elane Lacroix were present at the IBA Safety Seminar in Indianola on February 25, 2017. Troy Bradley was one of the presenters. Rob Bartholomew was presented the Wright Brother's Award for 50 years of flying as a LTA Balloon Pilot. Lyle Ditmars, Austin Stange, and Robb Johnson completed the BOI Ground School held in Carlisle.

Rich was inducted in the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame on 1-25-2017 and shared this experience with the club.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 18, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Treasures Report:** Elane reported the club balance as of February 27, 2017 is \$1615.83. Elane stated that she and Rich needed to go to the US Bank to re-establish ownership of the Nebraska Balloon Club online account due to the bank not completing their paperwork right last time they were there. Mike added to verify the club's tax ID.

**Strategic Planning Discussion:** No objection was offered as to current "Minimal Program" objective.

**2017 Planning Matrix:** Planning matrix was reviewed as follows.

Mike Jones will host the Summer Picnic. Lyle Ditmars offered the orchard as a site for the picnic as well as other pilots launching from the orchard. He would appreciate a 30 minute notice from the pilots, in case he's needs to move some equipment.

Soaring Wings is looking for pilots at their event in June.

The Executive meeting column will be removed as there is no separate meeting being held.

NBC Website: Rich asked if members would like Facebook training on the website.

NBC Newsletter: Elane asked for articles for newsletter by 3-15-17.

**Old/New Business:** Angie presented comments on the current PA system and it is not powerful enough for outdoor events. There was discussion on the current PA system as well as options. Lyle offered his system to be added to boost power for events. Mike Shrum commented that it should not be the club's dollars that provide sound and a MC for events but rather the event should be footing the bill. Someone could be hired as MC for the Ditmars', IMC and Nebraska Balloon and Wine Events. Michael Jones, will research this option.

Reduction of dues was dismissed and NBC membership dues will remain the same as they are not really out of line as we are not bringing in lots of money and staying within Non-profit status.

Rich discussed and others approved what he is asking event coordinators for fees and expenses for balloons to appear at their events in reference to their expected flights and glows.

Steve is the NBC Representative for FAA FAST.

Facebook training was discussed in reference to the NBC website. Rich really wants some education on how to keep the clubs page up to date from his aspect.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectively submitted, by Denise Falcon and Elane Lacroix (for Janet McDonald).

## **Attention All Pilots**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced that ALL Aircraft propane tanks will have to have a new label on them for the pilot or trained crew to be able to refill them. The label must read: "Hot Air Balloon container maintained in accordance with FAA14 CFR Parts 31 and 43 and approved for refueling under NFPA 58 code 5.2.1.1 and 5.2.9.1 "

In addition under FAR rules if you have someone other than the pilot/owner refueling they must be trained to do and there is a card available from the BFA that you must certify and present to them. They should have this card in their possession when refueling for you.

The label requirement went into effect Jan. 1, 2017 don't know how many refueling stations or rally refueling trucks will be checking for these so better be safe and get yours. Labels are available for purchase at the BFA office. Louise Clemons has some that can be gotten at your annual if you use Midwest Balloon Services or see Elane she has printed some on labels and has a few extra.



## 2017 NBC Program as of 4/5/2017

Month	Social Event <sup>3</sup>	General Interest Event	Member/ E. Board Meeting <sup>1,2</sup>	Newsletter Submit Publish Dates	Fun Flight Notifications Posted by pilots on NBC Facebook Page <sup>3</sup>
April		<u>4/1</u> BFA On-Line Safety Seminar (Sign up at BFA.net)			Open
May			TBD (If Needed)		Open
June	Socialize in conjunction with Soaring Wings Event	<u>6/3</u> Soaring Wings (S. Lacroix) <u>6/3</u> Cattleman's Ball? (R. Jaworski) <u>6/24</u> Child Advocacy Center Rally @ Junto Winery (R. Jaworski)		<u>June 1st/ summer</u>	Open
July	None	<u>7/28-8/5</u> Indianola, IA Classic			Open
August	NBC Picnic- & Meeting (M. Jones)	<u>8/11-12</u> Elkhorn, NE Balloon & Wine Fest (Mark Enholm) <u>8/21</u> Solar Eclipse	<u>8/19(?)</u> Following Picnic		<u>8/19(?)</u> Picnic Flight
Sept.	Socialize in conjunction with Council Bluffs Event	<u>9/8-10</u> Council Bluffs, IA <u>(M. Fenster)</u> <u>9/??</u> Immanuel Med Glow (Jaworski)		<u>8/15</u> / Fall	Open
October		<u>10/13-15</u> Wakefield, NE (?)			Open
Nov.			TBD (If Needed)		Open
Dec.				<u>11/15</u> / Dec	None
January	Banquet (M. Jones)				None

1. "NBC Constitution Article 8.1 - The general membership meetings will be held at least once a year or more often as the Executive Committee may decide."
2. Executive Committee Meetings are held in conjunction with periodic membership meetings.
3. Pilots or their designated staff to post time/place/update of any planned flight.
4. Members wishing to organize or host a social event should organize and promote their event via email and have Angie or Elane post pertinent info on Facebook

## Short Blasts

Local Fremont Pilot Flies Less But is Happy: NBC Commercial Pilot and previous frequent MC, Matthew Grote is happily employed as a repairman at AERCO /Albuquerque Balloon Center, Inc. where he repairs BIG baskets and envelopes. Other than flights is a few local rallies, due to temps and higher altitudes, his commercial flights have been limited to one passenger, usually students. He still plans on returning to the 2017 National Balloon Classic in Indianola, IA.

Check out the 2017 NBC Program Matrix (In this Newsletter) - Many new and local activities to put on your calendar. Also check out the Update NBC Web page! [www.NebraskaBalloonClub.org](http://www.NebraskaBalloonClub.org)  
Thanks to Angie and RJ for updating it.

Shutterbug contest for 2017: Theme will be "Water Balloons". The rules are:

1. Must have water and at least one balloon in the picture.
2. Must be OF or taken BY a 2017 club member.
3. Will be voted on by those attending the 2017 Banquet (to be held early 2018).
4. An email address to submit will be announced later this year.



*Ditmars 1*

Please welcome our newest club members: Lyle Ditmars and his Step-son Austin Stange are both student pilots and are learning to fly in *Ditmars 1*. Some of you may already know Lyle as he owns Ditmars' Orchard and is happy to let us use his property to launch or land if desired.

Tim and Elise Cloyd, although from Runnels, Iowa, they have joined us for several local events including the Nebraska Balloon and Wine Festival. Tim is also very active with working for our good at the BFA. Tim is a Commercial Pilot, and flies *Glorious Drifter*.



*Glorious Drifter*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Belated Birthday to the following - January – April Birthdays

Abby King 1/1	Luckie Lawrence & Red McDonald 1/8	
Levi Arends 1/9	Lyle Ditmars & Penni Weyant 1/15	
Charlie Cook 1/20	Bill Clemons & Jolie Falcon 1/21	
T.J. Johnson 1/22	Elijah Fenster 1/23	Sharon Bradley 1/25
Lisa Arends 1/30	Zane McGlade 2/5	Elane Lacroix 2/14
Mary Mahoney 2/25	Cooper King 2/26	Wendy Fenster & Mike Shrum 3/ 4
Louise Clemons 3/7	Sara King 3/8	Sydney King 3/9
Samantha Meyer 3/17	Jill Johnson 3/23	Jeremy King 4/1
Tyler Johnson 4/9		

Happy Birthday to the following May - December Birthdays

Pat Ragle 5/1	Jim Gunhus 5/5	Gary Emenitove 5/11
Elsie Cloyd 5/22	Tamie Folley 5/23	Sue Gallagher 5/26
Shane Arends 5/31	Denise Falcon 6/3	Joanne Ragle 6/21
Sierra Arends 6/28	Steve Lacroix 7/11	Angie Maji-Coyle 7/26
Gene Elsasser 7/27	Morgan Fenster & Brandon Jaworski 8/3	

Matt Fenster 8/4  
 Jenni Gunhus 9/2  
 Mike Gallagher 9/9  
 Rich Ferryman & Jerry Mahoney 10/5  
 Emily Fenster 10/14  
 Steve Palash 11/18  
 Ruth Lebowich 12/5  
 Gloria Lawrence & Janet McDonald 12/13  
 Laura Cook 12/26

Christy Jaworski 8/13  
 Jerry Mahoney 9/5  
 Tim Cloyd 9/13  
 John Weyant 10/19  
 Natalie Jaworski 11/26  
 RJ Coyle 12/6

Steven Mark 8/22  
 Adler Arends 9/9  
 Don Fenster 9/29  
 Rich Jaworski 10/11  
 Adam Jaworski 10/29  
 John Kugler 12/5  
 Noah Arends 12/12  
 Michael Jones 12/25


Happy Belated Anniversary to the following January to April Anniversaries

Bill & Louise Clemons 1/27      Adam & Christy Jaworski 2/18      Pat & Joanne Ragle 3/3  
 Jeremy & Sara King 4/9

Happy Anniversary to the following April to December Anniversaries

Angie Maji & RJ Coyle 4/22      Steve & Elane Lacroix 4/26      Charles & Laura Cook 5/10  
 Mike & Sue Gallagher 5/25      John & Penni Weyant 6/10      Red & Janet McDonald 6/11  
 Don & Wendy Fenster 6/14      Gloria & Luckie Lawrence 7/2      Matt & Emily Fenster 7/24  
 Jill & T.J. Johnson 8/18      Shane & Lisa Arends 8/16      Jerry & Mary Mahoney 8/21  
 Tim & Elsie Cloyd 10/23      Mike Jones & Gary Emenitove 11/17  
 Steve & Ruth Palash 11/20      Jim & Jenni Gunhus 11/27      Rich & Paula Jaworski 11/30

If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies and please let me know, Thanks Elane



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