

# AeroStats



**July 2010**

**The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Willamette Aeostat Society**  
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# WAS President's Letter



I'm happy to report that summer has finally arrived in Oregon, just in time for the Tigard Festival of Balloons. What a great weekend of

flying we had. This pilot flew all three days and participated in the nightglows both Friday and Saturday evening. I'm told that record crowds were on hand. Winds were light and variable on Friday, and we almost boxed back to the field. Saturday and Sunday winds were out of the north with some steerage down low. We managed to land at Tualatin High School on Saturday and Sunday, and were able to tether on Sunday to the delight of many local residents that came out to watch. We ended up giving rides to over 25 people - kids of all ages. Some folks had watched the balloons fly over their homes on Saturday and thought they would never have the chance to get up close and personal. I would encourage you to tether after your flight whenever possible, not only for the personal satisfaction that comes with brightening one's day, but the positive PR this brings to ballooning.

During the pilot briefing on Thursday evening, I provided landowner cards so that we can continue to update red/green zones. Having landed in a park and the high school this weekend, the cards were not needed for my flights, but I know that others did land in private property. I'm hopeful that I'll be getting back these cards in the mail from the landowners as it's important for us to know where we're not welcome

or where we are. For those of you that did not pick up a supply this past weekend, the landowner card can be downloaded from the WAS website. If it's easier, email me and I'll stick a bunch in the mail for you.

As you'll read about later in the newsletter, we have had an accident close to home. Now that our flying season is here, remember to pay extra attention to working with new crew, doubling checking items on your checklist, and reinforcing safety. My crew chief asked that we do a debrief after each flight, and this proved to be very useful for our crew as well as for me. Folks were willing to share what worked for them, what the needed more of and has provided our team with a venue to provide real time feedback to one another.

I want to thank Beth Miller for presenting at our meeting in June, and for Cory for this technical assis-

tance for making it possible. Personally, I learned a few things about insurance and appreciated the questions asked of Beth as I had many of the same questions. It is great to see various elements of ballooning come together to keep our sport healthy. As Beth mentioned in her closing, the sport of ballooning is in our hands.

In July, your Executive Board will be meeting to discuss club business, including the results of the WAS mid-year survey. Thank you for responding to our survey. Look for the results next month, as well as perhaps some changes in response to your feedback. If you would like to add an agenda item, please let me know.

Regards,

*Mark*

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# What's Coming Up?



## Ballooning Events in the Pacific Northwest & Beyond

### July 2010

July 3-4  
Madras Balloon Rally  
Madras, OR  
Contact: Greg Miller  
503-510-7835 or wasprez@msn.com

July 9-11  
Rogue Valley Hot Air Balloon Rally  
Medford, OR  
Contact: Larry & Teresa Sprague,  
541-664-1862  
<http://www.rvballoons.com/>

July 24  
Jefferson Mint Festival Fly-Out  
Jefferson, OR  
Contact: The LeDoux's  
541-327-2907

### August 2010

Saturday, August 14, 2010  
Valley View Air Show  
Rock of Ages, McMinnville, OR  
Contact: Sheila, 503-472-6212  
Email: sheilas@onlinemac.com

August 21-22  
Loose Goose III  
McMinnville, OR  
Contact: Laura Hancock, dayshancock@aol.com

August 27-29  
Northwest Art & Air Festival  
Albany, OR  
Contact: Rebecca or Cathy,  
541-928-4911  
<http://www.cityofalbany.net/parks/nwaaf/>

### September 2010

September 6 (Labor Day)  
Jefferson Fly-Out  
Jefferson, OR  
Contact: Marianne LeDoux,  
541-327-2907

September 10-12  
3rd Annual Quincy Valley Balloon & Wine Festival  
Quincy, Washington  
[Invitation Only Event]  
Contact: Kent/Kim Bacon,  
509-787-3795

September 10-12  
The Great Reno Balloon Race  
Reno, NV  
Contact: Dixie Craig, 775-826-1181  
<http://www.renoballoon.com>

September 24-26  
Independence Hop & Heritage Festival  
Balloon Fly-Out  
Independence, OR

September 24-26  
Montague  
Montague, CA  
Contact: Terri Ratkoviak  
tmratkoviak@msn.com;  
530-467-3547

September 24-26  
Great Prosser Balloon Rally  
Contact: Kelly Carlson  
509-786-4134  
kellyde57@hotmail.com

September 24-26  
Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival  
Elko, NV  
Contact: Donna Engdahl,  
775-478-1363  
Email: dendahl@frontiernet.net

### October 2010

October 22-24  
Grant County Balloon Festival  
John Day, OR  
Contact: Sharon Mogg,  
Grant County Chamber of Commerce,  
541-575-0547;  
gadmin@gcoregonlive.com

### February 2011

Saturday, February 26, 2011  
Balloon Safety Seminar  
Contact: Cory Miller  
503-510-1215

## Happy Birthday

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Steve Hays</b>      | <b>7/10</b> |
| <b>Maureen Hancock</b> | <b>7/16</b> |
| <b>Jill Rafn</b>       | <b>7/18</b> |
| <b>Terri Miller</b>    | <b>7/23</b> |
| <b>Mark Trujillo</b>   | <b>7/26</b> |

# WAS Meeting Schedule for 2010

| MEETING TYPE   | LOCATION                   | TOPIC  |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| July 13, 2010<br>Executive Board Meeting<br>Teleconference                                   | Phone                      | WAS Business Meeting                         |
| Tuesday, August 10, 2010<br>(normal)<br>-or- Saturday, August 21<br>(during Loose Goose III) | Wilsonville or McMinnville | ATC Radio<br>Communications<br>Guest Speaker |
| September 14, 2010<br>Executive Board Meeting<br>Teleconference                              | Phone                      | WAS Business Meeting                         |
| Tuesday, October 12, 2010<br>General Meeting   | Salem???                   | Crew Topic<br>Cory Miller                    |
| November 9, 2010<br>Executive Board Meeting<br>Teleconference                                | Phone                      | WAS Business Meeting                         |
| Christmas Party Dinner   | TBD                        | Christmas Party!!!                           |

**Do you want to know how to get your balloon on the cover of this newsletter?**

Here's a hint. ➡



*Photo by Jim Churchill*

**Stephanie Hughes** (right) won the Brick Morgan Sportsmanship Award at the recent Tigard Festival of Balloons. She said it was the first time she's ever won anything. (With Stephanie is her youngest child, Cicelia)



*Photo by Alan Sanderson*

# Bad Things Can Happen to Good People

Ballooning is an amazing sport. We get up early, tromp around in the dark, tote and lift all that fabric and meet some of the most wonderful and positive people in the world. One of those people is Eldon Foster. You may not know him by name, but you'll remember him for his great smile and big handle bar mustache. You'd most likely have met him in the company of Bill Woodhead and the WWJD balloon or the Arky balloon.

Friday, June 18, 2010 Eldon was once again crewing for Bill. The flight was over. Bill had landed the balloon at a school in Grants Pass, and was in the process of going through the unloading safety briefing when two of the passengers unexpectedly got out of the balloon. Eldon was holding on to the side of the balloon when that happened.

He suddenly found his feet off the ground.

Eldon tried to hang on; unfortunately he was not able to do it. He fell about 20 feet to the hard pavement below. Eldon was seriously injured. There was a local EMT/Fire Station just a short distance away. One of the other crewmembers



*Bill Woodhead kindly contributed this photo of Eldon Foster and his wife, Sandy.*

sprinted to the station. She got there before the 9-1-1 operator could get the call in.

Eldon ended up with a shattered femur, serious knee injury, broken nose, fractured chin, cheekbones and eye orbits as well as a shattered forehead. He, also, has a couple of skull fractures. He was transported by Life Flight to the Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford. Currently he is in the Critical Care Unit at the hospital. He is healing slowly but surely.

His son, Marlin, is keeping a blog to help keep all of Eldon's friends up-to-date. You can find it at: [eldonfoster.blogspot.com](http://eldonfoster.blogspot.com). (The information for this article came from that blog.)

The family requests that you keep Eldon in your prayers.

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## Introducing: Morning Melody

Jesse & Tom Rafn drove to Kansas to pick up their new acquisition, getting back just in time for the Tigard Festival of Balloons, June 25-27.



*Photos left and center by Cory Miller; photo above by Shari Gale*

# Secretary/Treasurer's Report

## June 8, 2010 WAS General Meeting Minutes

Called to Order at 6:30pm

Previous meeting minute's approval.  
Motion by Cory, Second by Justin,  
Approved

### Attending executive officers

Mark Trujillo, President.  
Justin Luber, Vice President.  
Jason Fast, Sec. Treas.  
Shari Gale, News Letter editor  
Cory Miller, Web Master  
Total attendance was 19 Members

### Treasurers report:

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Beginning BAL.                           | +1399.60          |
| Ending Balance                           | +1399.60          |
| Encumbered amounts                       |                   |
|  | 195.00            |
| BFA convention delegate                  |                   |
|  | 150.00            |
| Approx. Tigard event BBQ                 |                   |
|  | <u>100.00</u>     |
| BFA Balloon camp                         |                   |
|  | <u>          </u> |
|  | \$954.60          |
| Estimated total after encumbered amounts |                   |

Beth Miller of IMC Insurance was our guest speaker through live feed. I am not going to try and relay her answers in these minutes. Those that were not there missed and informative and interesting meeting.

### Some of the general topics were:

#### Wavier for passengers and Crew

- Wavier are state specific and should be looked at by an attorney.
- Annual dated wavier are acceptable.
- Original form must be kept

**Discussed third party liability,** anyone or anything outside the gondola

#### Discussed choice of law.

You have the right to be tried in your own state.

#### Discussed waiver, release of liability and acknowledgement of risk.

#### Discussed preflight briefing sign sheet.

- This is like a list of witnesses if problems should arise.
- Not required
- Will give extra discount on insurance if used.

#### Discussed safety seminars.

- Only get full discount credit for online seminars every other year. (15%)
- On off year you would get 10%
- Encourage to attend a live seminar every other year to vary your learning.
- Additional 5% discount for one or more crew attending

#### Discussion on Event flying and insurance.

- Event claims have been increasing every year.  
Event claims in the past have been 18% of claims  
Now they are nearly 80-90% of claims

#### If nothing else read the exclusions portion of you policy.

#### Discussion of Additional Insured

The future a ballooning and Insurance is in the Pilots hands. Fly Safe, Use Good Judgment and error on the side of caution.  
Adjourned at 8:14pm

Submitted by Jason Fast  
WAS Secretary Treasurer



Photo by Tim Gale



# Unloading Passengers

*Seriously? It sounds simple enough, but when and how passengers exit the basket directly impacts their safety and that of others. In ideal weather, your pilot may need crew assistance to help unload passengers. In moderate conditions, your pilot may depend on crew for this aspect of passenger management. And in an emergency, that responsibility may fall entirely into crew hands. The most basic oversights here can mean the difference between safety and anything less.*

Every aspect of unloading passengers revolves around its Golden Rule: **only your pilot decides who leaves the basket and when.** Here's why. Your pilot depends on passenger weight to handle and stabilize the balloon. This is the "Wizard of Oz" effect; when Dorothy and Toto bailed out, off went the wizard in an unexpected and uncontrolled climb. If a 200-pound passenger exits the basket unannounced on landing, most sport balloons will immediately respond with a 200-400 foot-per-minute climb (depending on many factors) and take along anyone partially or still onboard. It will catch your pilot off guard. The fuel system may be partially or completely shut down. Other passengers (or your pilot) may be in the process of exiting the basket. Crew may be holding onto the basket or crown line. Downwind obstacles may not allow a safe re-launch. Wind, light, and fuel may not be sufficient to reach another suitable landing site – if there is one. There are generally only 2 good reasons to ever leave the basket: the ride's over and your pilot said so, or the basket's on fire. No good can come from early exits for most other reasons.

Aside from this, other unloading strategies apply any time you have passengers in your basket: before launch, passenger switches during a "hop," final landings, tethers, and even basket displays at events or school presentations. Start with these suggestions and add your own:

- 1. Once passengers board, keep them onboard.** Announce a last call for bathrooms prior to inflation. Crew members can retrieve forgotten cameras, handle unneeded clothing, or lock vehicles. Illness and emergencies head a very short list of acceptable reasons to disembark, and then only supervised.
- 2. Determine if your first landing site is your final one.** Ask your pilot if walking the balloon elsewhere is necessary. If your pilot chooses 1 or 2 passengers to help with this, others may try to follow. Keep everyone else onboard for needed weight.
- 3. Monitor passengers very closely.** Watch for anyone looking for a footstep or way to exit on their own. Expect passengers to forget any briefing instructions about staying in the basket until told otherwise. Some believe they can get out any time prior to launch or after landing. Many others will start to get out right on landing, thinking the ride's over and it's safe to. Your pilot's very busy at launch and landing and may not notice.
- 4. When near the basket, physically block passengers from getting out** by stretching your arms between 2 burner supports (flexi or rigid poles) on a side with steps. Doing this casually but im-

mediately upon landing is enough to discourage nearly anyone from hopping out or knowing your true motive.

- 5. Assess passengers' status before allowing anyone out.** More passengers suffer injuries on landing than at any other time. Especially on hard, dragging, or basket-tipping landings, ask if everyone's OK before helping anyone out of the basket. A twisted ankle, banged knee, or arm/wrist injury may require medical attention before they move further. When passengers get thrown into each other, ask if everyone's OK, be ready to assist those on top of others off and out, and offer whatever assistance is needed.
- 6. Before anyone leaves, your pilot will vent some air to reduce lift.** Ensure your pilot or crew chief has the red line in hand or the balloon is sufficiently deflated to prevent dragging forward or re-launching. You'll know when: the basket won't feel "light," throat fabric will wrinkle or narrow, and the envelope/basket may lean downwind. As the basket hops and drops suddenly as air is vented, watch your feet and make sure no one leaves the ground.
- 7. "Spot" all exiting passengers with 1 or 2 crew members;** even the most able can trip and fall

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# Unloading Passengers

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while climbing over the basket rail. Be ready for a “catch” as even a healthy able-bodied adult can falter. Unloading elderly, physically challenged, or other passengers may require crew assistance. Some may need a small step stool, help lifting a leg, or even to be lifted. Watch all legs and ankles until they’re firmly and safely on the ground.

**8. Watch everyone’s head on burner frames, blast valves, and control lines or tie-off harnesses as they climb out.** What they don’t see overhead as they focus on their next step can cause quite a headache for them and burned fabric for you. A quick word of warning is usually more than enough here. Shield blast valves with your hand when necessary to prevent unwanted blasts.

**9. Tailor your assistance to the basket position:** upright, leaning, or horizontal. How fast and which direction passengers exit may depend on wind speed, site terrain, and other factors. Many pilots unload passengers upwind to prevent the basket from laying onto or running forward over them. Use extreme caution when unloading passengers downwind, especially in moderate/strong winds or from a leaning basket.

**10. Make sure everyone’s fine first if the basket is horizontal or faces downhill.** Passengers may need to crawl through the uprights to exit the basket; be sure the fuel system is shut down to prevent surprises when someone kicks, bumps, or steps into a blast valve. Watch that no one becomes entangled or trips in vent lines.

**11. Keep all passengers upwind, to the side or, or at a safe distance from**

**the basket** so that basket and fabric layover can proceed. If you need passengers to add weight as the basket tips, brief everyone (onboard or outside) where to hold on and what to do.

**12. Tethers present multiple loading/unloading sequences and windows for mishap.** Predetermine with your pilot how to select passengers for each hop: total number, total weight, etc. Always add one or more passengers before allowing one out; the ratio will vary each time. Shuffle passengers within the basket to make room as new one enter and crowd them. Point or lead exiting passengers outside the tether area to avoid line and landing hazards once they’re safely on their feet outside the basket.

A surprise exit during a tether can prove especially disastrous. After your balloon (and pilot and passengers) suddenly climbs at 200-400 feet per minute (and probably can’t level out before maximum tether height), it’ll come to an equally abrupt stop as tether lines go tight. Balloon components may break from the jolt. Lines may loosen or release and damage anchor points on the ground or those nearby. Those onboard may be bounced around or even out. With stakes like these, passenger management during a tether demands crew attention and participation.

Many crew consider unloading passengers a do-it-yourself project or no-brainer for pilots alone, yet it’s another aspect of flight safety that needs constant attention. There’s nothing worse (except power line strikes and proposal flights where she says NO!) than a passenger surviving the flight and a harrowing landing only to be injured getting out of the basket. Take every precaution necessary to make the last step of your passenger’s flight a safe one.

*Based on the book “Hot Air Balloon Crewing Essentials” available through the author (see the end of the “Welcome” article for more information).*

## Tigard Festival of Balloons



*Photo by L. Brandt*

## They Are Never Too Young To Begin Crew Training!



Just ask Laura Hancock. She brings her grandson, Avery, out to early morning launches on a regular basis. He is very good at supervising. Next thing you know, he’ll be driving the chase vehicle.

*Photo by Shari Gale*



# Terrific Tigard at 26!

The weather in Tigard finally cooperated this year providing a full four flyable days and two glowable nights! Seems like the change to the last weekend of June was a success.

Since Thursday was made available to those who wanted to fly, Alan decided to take up an old friend of Terri Miller that had been having some health issues and really wanted a balloon flight. The morning was bright and clear (albeit early with a 0530 briefing) and soon we had the big bug floating south (the correct direction for Tigard) toward Wilsonville. It was a small Thursday group with one other balloon flying and one tethering to the delight of the earth-bound spectators. Alan found a good landing location next to a condo complex and with the help of some neighbors we were able to get the truck close for an easy pack up. Back to the field for a quickie ceremony before promising to meet back at the field for the check in and bar-b-que dinner. It was a special treat to have the crew invited to the hosted (Famous Daves and Resers—Go Beavs!) bar-b-que, but we did learn that briefings for the rest of the event would be at 0515. Guess that goes along with an event staged immediately following the summer solstice...very loooooonnnnnng days.

Although Friday was overcast it was high enough to allow flights. The winds were very light, but at least were mostly to the south. Some balloons chose to stay and tether on the field due to the variable winds... you do NOT want to go north (or east for that matter) while the rest floated very slowly away from the field. After an hour flight with our passengers from Radio Disney, Alan found a grass field next to a country club...the only problem being that the grass was SIX feet high. After getting the truck down to the balloon...I just love four wheel drive... we started making our crop rectangle

with the tarp as the pollen from the grass created a fog like atmosphere. I was hoping that none of the crew had any allergies. Such was not the case and within minutes, Mark Otto could have done the voice over for one of Disney's drawfs (Sneezy.) It all reminded me of an old Star Trek episode, except we were all grunting working through the grass forest. With the balloon packed up we headed back for another quick initiation. I wish the event organizers would give the sponsors/passengers at least a warning that it may not be just a one hour flight and your done. We like to have as much fun back on the ground at tailgate, but so many of our riders have to head out so quickly we hardly get a chance to give the history lesson or make out the first flight certificates. It was time for us to head back to the daughter's place where we were staying since Grammie and Grumpy's task list was not yet completed. The first of the two night glows was a great success...we were already in bed given the early briefing time.

Saturday was again a bit overcast, but perfect winds and the larger crowd of spectators. The flight was pretty much perfect with a landing in

the baseball field of the high school. A quick hop over the fence and pack up was done. Another quick ceremony...oh, well, more tailgate for us... weight on! and our day was done... except for the kid's project list. There were lots of things to do back at the field all day sponsored by Radio Disney plus the food and craft booths and, of course, the carnival rides. Another night glow, but, yes, we are already preparing ourselves for the following morning.

Sunday...the most perfect day of the weekend. There was not a cloud to be seen and the light winds were still to the south. With no sponsors, we had to opportunity to fly some of our occasional crew from Portland. With a perfect landing at an elementary school we were able to valet park next to the truck and have a very easy pack up. No tailgate was needed today as the event hosts a hot after flight breakfast for pilots and crew...I just love it when the crew gets invited...and the food was good, too. The afternoon included a car show of over 200 entries along with all the other activities.

Our thanks to the city of Tigard, sponsors, and volunteers...not to forget Jim Smith and his crew...for a great event. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to #27 next year.

*Alan Brandt*



*Photo by Alan Sanderson*

# Tigard Festival of Balloons



Banners can be such a pain to attach.

*Photos on this page by Tim and Shari Gale*

# Tigard Festival of Balloons

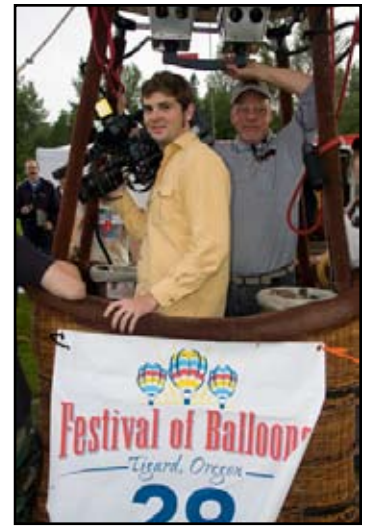


*Photos on this page by Tim and Shari Gale*

# Tigard Festival of Balloons



Photos by Cory Miller



**Summer's finally here, AND SO IS YOUR NEW BALLOON!!**  
**Now in stock a brand new Lindstrand envelope ready for you to take delivery!**

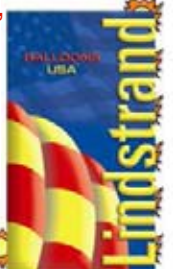
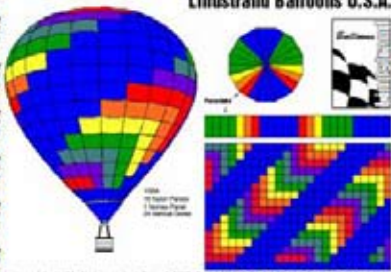
We know—with the weather we've been having the last thing we were all thinking about was flying.

**Guess what?! The sun is out and the season is here!**

In case you didn't get around to placing that order, we took the liberty and handled it for you!

If you are interested in this new envelope, something used to get you started, or a custom "all you" design—we can help! People are moving and the flying is happening now. Don't miss the precious flying season we have in the Pacific Northwest. Give us a call for the latest options and deals and we can help get you UP today!

Kong 503-819-5664, Vic 206-915-2002, Mandy 253-638-9696



# For Sale

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## Fan for Sale:

5 hp Briggs and Stratton Engine. 21 inch wood prop, complete tune up one year ago (a \$59 value). It's great for a small balloon or as a second fan for more prompt inflations.

Located in Salem, OR.

\$150.00

Greg Miller

503-510-7835

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## Basket/Burners for Sale:



1986 Aerostar stretch basket. 468 hours. Newer foam bolster cover, poly skid liners, stainless steel corners. Last annual 5/08. Two 20 gal. stainless steel lay-down tanks with covers and heaters.

Double HP-2D

Ron Grove, 7th Heaven Balloons

[Rs7thvnn@comcast.net](mailto:Rs7thvnn@comcast.net)

503-363-4200



# For Sale

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**Sandi Meacham's balloon and all associated equipment is for sale!  
Asking price: \$5,000 (or best offer) for everything**

Balloon Works Firefly 8B envelope ("as is"), built in 1987, last flown in 2006.

Basket is in good condition, with new hoses in 2006. Mirage burner

Miscellaneous equipment:

24" Tempest Fan (GX240 8.0 HP)

Balloon Works tether harness

rain cover

spare fabric

radios, tarps

helium tank

**Contact: Sandi Meacham, Wannago@web-ster.com, 503-982-2750**



# WAS Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_  
BFA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pilot/Crew Achievement Awards

BFA Crew Level: \_\_\_\_\_ BFA Pilot Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
FAA Wings Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Member Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ JB  Yes  No  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ JB  Yes  No  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ JB  Yes  No  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ JB  Yes  No  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ JB  Yes  No

## Membership Type

Charter (\$15)    Individual (\$15)    Family (\$20)    Junior Balloonist (\$15 per JB)

*Enroll or new JB Membership. We will forward to the BFA Office. Be sure to include JB's name above.*

## Membership

*WAS publishes an annual Membership Roster, acknowledges Member's Birthdays monthly in **AeroStats** & communicates via email and our website. We recognize and respect our member's privacy. If you do not wish personal information about you published, please indicate so below. Information published on our web site is public domain and subject to retrieval via Internet connection. Unless otherwise indicated, yes is assumed:*

Publish Name in Annual Directory:  Yes  No      Publish Address in Directory:  Yes  No  
Publish Phone # in Directory:  Yes  No      Publish E-Mail Address in Directory:  Yes  No  
Publish Cell Phone # in Directory:  Yes  No      Publish Birthday in AeroStats:  Yes  No  
Publish Family Member Names in Directory:  Yes  No

**Mail completed form with fees to:**

**Willamette Aerostat Society  
155 Oak Villa Road  
Dallas, Oregon 97338**



# Willamette Aerostat Society

## Willamette Aerostat Society Mission Statement

- ➔ To promote the sport of Hot Air Ballooning
- ➔ To educate new balloonists and the public
- ➔ To embody safety in all aspects of Ballooning
- ➔ To do all we can to support and encourage land owner relations
- ➔ To support our fellow balloonists and crews personally and in our sport

To obtain Member Contact information,  
send an e-mail to the Secretary/Treasurer.

For Privacy reasons, *AeroStats* will not publish member contact information other than e-mail addresses.

## Contact and Submissions

Submissions of articles and photographs are encouraged and welcome! The editorial staff reserves the right to determine the suitability of a submission for inclusion in the newsletter.

Please email your pictures, articles, and comments to:

[newsletter@wasballoon.com](mailto:newsletter@wasballoon.com)

## Advertising Policy

Club members ballooning related or event information published on a space available basis at no charge.

Business Advertising by Club members is considered Commercial Advertising, subject to fee's shown below.

Material must be submitted in computer word processing format with pictures in JPG format.

*AeroStats* reserves the right to decline publishing submitted information.

## Commercial Ad Space Rates

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Full Page — \$30 | 1/2 Page — \$20      |
| 1/4 Page — \$15  | Business Card — \$10 |

Ad's will be published for 3 consecutive months, or until withdrawn, for the fee shown above.

The publishing of advertising in *AeroStats* does not imply an endorsement of the ad or its contents.

Text and images will be printed as submitted by advertisers.

## Front Cover Photo:

Jesse Rafn's balloon, Morning Melody, as it took off from Cook Park in Tigard, Oregon during the Tigard Festival of Balloons. Photo by Shari Gale

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