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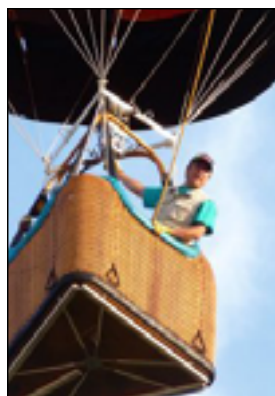


November 2012

**The Monthly Newsletter of the
Willamette Aerostat Society**

Volume 14, Number 11

WAS President's Letter



I would like to begin this month's article by congratulating Ron & Sandy Grove as recipients of the BFA's Directors Award. They were presented with this award by Cory Miller during the general meeting in October. They have both done so much to promote our sport, and are instrumental as they work to pull together the annual landowner flights here in the Valley. Job well done!

Secondly, I would like to thank our guest speaker, Brian Glaser, who provided us with a great insight to farming in the Valley, and a landowners perspective of ballooning. He brought up several tips and suggestions to strengthen landowner relations. Of note, he mentioned an annual convention in January of local farmers where we have an opportunity to connect with more landowners and promote our sport. Several WAS members have already contacted me with their interest and willingness to attend. We will publish details of the meeting in an upcoming issue of this newsletter once it becomes available to us.

Well, we're in the homestretch of our national elections. I hope everyone has exercised their privilege to vote. I would also like to remind you to vote during the WAS elections. I would like to thank those candidates for their willingness to step-up and run for office. Regardless of the election results, it's clear that we will have folks that care about the future of WAS and the impact we can have on our sport.

Looking forward into November and December, there will not be a meeting in November. In December, we will have our annual Christmas party, this year to be held in Salem at the home of Leslie Berning. The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9th, at 2:00 pm. Details to follow.

In closing, I'm looking forward to attending safety seminars — if we can't fly, getting together to talk about flying and sharpening our skills is the next best thing.

*Gentle breezes,
Mark*

Time to Nominate & Vote for 2013 WAS Executive Committee

First Step:

Make a nomination for the WAS Executive Committee no later than November 15th.

Send your nominations via e-mail to:

Chris at:
cdwhitfield73@gmail.com

Second step:

Vote. The ballot will be e-mailed to you on November 20th. Please be sure to vote by December 1st. The 2013 Executive Committee will be announced at the WAS Christmas party on Sunday, December 9th.



Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Willamette Aerostat Society General membership meeting and Treasurer's Report
Saturday, October 20, 2012
Held at Albany Cascade Grill with no host dinner and special speaker, Brian Glaser, a local landowner.

Treasurers report for OSU Federal Credit Union

Checking
+\$1504.50 Beginning checking balance

Credits:
+15.00 2012 Dues

Debits:
-100.00 Medical expense donation to Jim Smith per motion
-100.00 Medical expense donation to Bill Dewhurst per motion
-50.00 Donation to Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance per motion
-20.24 Dinner for Guest Speaker Brian Glaser
+\$1249.26 Ending checking balance

Savings
+\$105.00 Balance
+\$1354.26 Balance of Checking and savings

General meeting minutes:
Meeting Called to Order at 7:10
Previous minutes approved as written. Motion by Cory, second by Sandy, motion passed.

Executive committee members present were:
Mark Trujillo, President
Chris Whitfield, Vice-President
Jason Fast, Sec/Treasurer
Shari Gale, Newsletter Editor
Total members present were 19 and 2 guests.

Presentation of the BFA Directors award by Cory Miller, his written presentation to the recipients Ron and Sandy Grove can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Announcement of open nominations for all offices:
President
Vice-President
Secretary/Treasurer combined or can be nominated separately.

Leslie Berning has volunteered to be the host of this year's Christmas party in Salem OR on Dec. 9. Please

mark that day on your calendars.

Remember the crew recognition rewards. Nominate one crew person per each WAS pilot to be entered into a random drawing. WAS will pay the BFA dues on behalf of the winner, and will waive the WAS membership dues for one year. Nominations will be taken now through November by any WAS officer and the winner will be announced during the Christmas party on December 9th.

Mark Introduced our guest speaker, Brian Glaser. Brian harvested 2700 acres in the Tangent area this year.

Last year he had a balloon landing issue when an unidentified balloon landed in a wind rowed field and drove the chase vehicle into the field. He is no longer mad about this incident but wanted to learn about the local balloonist. He eventually was put in contact with Ron Grove and had a very good and positive discussion about the incident and ballooning in general. This was discussed at the meeting in length with questions for both sides. Most farmers would have some tolerance for this under a true emergency, but not poor decision making on a pilot's part.

Discussed on crops and what he grows, he grew about 10 different crops this year.

There was discussion on a meeting between landowners and balloonists; a possible time would be in January at the grass seed grower's convention at the Albany fairgrounds.

Brian would like to encourage each balloonist to carry about 5 gallons of water on their chase vehicle like he does on each of his farm vehicles. He indicates that you can quickly douse a small fire with a small amount of water and that our SUV's can easily start a fire when fields are dry.

Brian thinks that dialog between balloonist and farmers on an ongoing basis would be of great benefit for both parties so we can know each other's needs.

Thank you very much Brian Glaser for you time and addressing the group.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:43 by Sandy, seconded by Mark, Passed.

Submitted by:

Jason Fast
WAS Secretary/Treasurer

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Vice President
Chris Whitfield

Secretary / Treasurer
Jason Fast

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Shari Gale

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FORUM Information
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Be sure to drop into the WAS Christmas Party on Sunday, December 09, 2012 2 PM

New Location this year!!
It's at Leslie Berning's home
850 Carmelcrest Court SE, Salem, OR

WAS will supply a ham, a turkey, sodas and water.

Please bring a dish to share:
Last name: A-K = Dessert
L-N = Salad/Vegetable Dish



There's a point to this message:
It's time to renew your
WAS membership for 2013.

The application form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Print out the membership form, fill it out and either mail it to WAS treasurer, Jason Fast, or bring it to the Christmas party (along with your check, of course.)

You don't want to miss out on any of the fun!
Be sure to pay your dues today!

AFY

by Koh Murai

So while many of our friends are in Albuquerque watching the winds howl, we thought it was time for an AFY (another flight in Yamhill). Since Yu-Zakura had not flown since mid June and Randy Fuerher wanted to get in a WINGS flight it seems a perfect day. Not one you would want first time passengers on but fine for a couple of balloonists and their experienced crew. With the impending onset of the rains of winter every opportunity to make a safe flight should be seized.

We met a little early to give Yu-Zakura a slow inflation so we could do a thorough inspection since it was a bit dusty (literally and figuratively). All was well so we left the usual site at the high school at 0740 and departed at 3 knots. Once over town, as we ascended it started to pick up and forecasted. Despite being a VFR flight, we were in the position of IFP (not IFR) flight. There was not a single power line we didn't seem to fly parallel with in all of Yamhill, Carlton and on to McMinnville.

It was an interesting flight path in that it was identical, albeit longer, that the first flight of 2012 in Yamhill with Tim Gale and Janna Ingram. However we passed all the familiar sights and were looking at the alternate launch field in McMinnville, which is north of Evergreen Aviation. As had been typical of the flight the lower winds were significantly faster and pulling toward the power lines so this fine location had to be waved off. As we came up from that aborted approach we see our trajectory heading toward familiar territory.

Now for those of you who were present at Loose Goose V several of us had the opportunity to have a first hand, up close look at the aircraft in our path of travel. For those who were not able to make it that looked like this.....



But something had caught my eye that August day but I was not able to document it. So here we were on the path down the major axis of the 747 with a chance to correct that omission. In August it seemed there were "others" on the roof, who were trying to take over the aircraft even as we all flew over it. With the trajectory visual proof of this takeover was finally possible and is presented in the photo to the right.

It appears the being who has invaded the aircraft has had time

to not only invade but also put down roots (and braces)!

On we went to pass KMMV and have a safe landing on the Christensen's property. It has the unique feature of having winds below us (and over it) that were actually slower than we were moving at altitude, so a fine nearly textbook, high wind landing was made by Randy and the crew was there on Airport Road to greet us.

So mystery solved and Another Flight in Yamhill successfully completed. Deepest thanks to the crew of Dave F., Les, Dave B. and Jeri for keeping up with Mother Nature and not waking the local constabulary.



Ron & Sandy Grove Given Director's Award for 2012

As many of you know I am the Western Region Director for the Balloon Federation of America or the BFA. Each year, each director picks a person or people to receive their Directors award, which is given out during the Annual General Meeting in Albuquerque. Since being on the board, I usually describe why I chose the person or people for the award and the award goes into my suitcase and flies home with me. I then pick a time to present the award and many times this is at a local club meeting, Christmas party or event. There have been a few times that I have attended a Christmas party in another state to present the award.

There are no criteria for the award and no real direction is given on who should receive this award. In talking with a few board members, I found out that they look for someone who demonstrates a positive aspect on ballooning. This award can be given to pilot, crew, organization, town, or region. This can make it difficult to choose a person or people that deserve the award. Each year, as I travel to various balloon events I watch how people conduct themselves with other balloonists, crew and spectators. I also talk to many people and find out if there are any people that go that extra mile to support ballooning in a positive manner. This year it was no exception.

Before I get into what made me pick this team, as when you think of one of them you always consider them a team. When I became president of Willamette Aerostat Society in 2006, this team offered all types of support and also helped get me up to speed with the happenings of the club. Over time and spending countless hours on the phone or in person a strong friendship was developed. Whenever I needed an extra opinion on a project for WAS, I called them up and bounced the idea off of them. My first term as Western

Region Director, I knew that I could also call them up and discuss BFA matters with them and ask for their opinions of the project I had in mind.

In 2010, I had the pleasure, or torture not quite sure which, to present at the online safety seminar. My topic was on the BFA and I had input from all of the board members on what should be discussed. Not being able to memorize this completely, I built speaker notes into my presentation. For this presentation, there were two computers. One for the speaker and one for the audience. The computer for the speaker was shown on the back wall and any notes that you had were also displayed on this computer. I was the second speaker that morning. The speaker in front of me did something to the computer and just my luck that computer could not be used. With all of the material in the presentation, I fumbled through it and finished. The presentation bombed and I felt horrible. After the presentation, I wanted to leave and start walking from Lakeland, Florida back to Orlando- about a 60-minute drive. After the presentation, my phone rang with some encouraging words. The person on the other end told me that one is done, you have one more presentation today. Forget what happened and go present to the best of your ability and learn from this experience. Fortunately, my next topic was one I had presented on before and I felt 1000 times more comfortable presenting.

The last few years, I have seen this team put many smiles on peoples face both young and old giving them their first experience in a hot air balloon by performing tethers either on the launch field or at the landing site. I have also been to events with them where I have seen them box the field, come back and have a tether on the field for another 45 minutes to an hour. All of these times, it was never

asked of them, however they did it because of the love they have for the sport and the passion they have to share the sport with others.

This year, they were very instrumental in putting together an event to fly some of the local landowners. As everyone knows, we could not do we do without the support of the landowners allowing us to land on their property. Many times, these are thanked with a handshake and possibly something to drink from the pilot and everyone goes on their way. This team worked hard to not only thank some landowners, but also to get them a flight in a balloon.

This team loves ballooning and sharing the sport with others. They are also not one to desire any awards for their doings. In fact, I received an email that was forwarded from them today about tonight's award. In this email, they stated that if it was a Directors Award it had to come from the BFA and there was a list of people that they named they felt should receive the award and the reasons for listing each person. Little did they know that they would be receiving this award. So I would like to present the 2012 Western Region Directors award to... Oh man this is embarrassing; I brought the wrong award home with me. I will have to present it at the Christmas Party this year. I am kidding! Please join with me in celebration of the 2012 Western Region Directors award to Ron and Sandy Grove!

Happy Birthday

Laura Hancock 11/26



*Don't let your WAS membership just fade away...
Renew your membership today.*

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Print out the membership form, fill it out and either
mail it to WAS treasurer, Jason Fast (his address is on the form),
or bring the form and your check to the Christmas party.

Stay in touch with the ballooning community.

Pacific Northwest Safety Seminar
Saturday, February 23, 2013
Salem, Oregon
Cost: \$45.00 per person

Confirmed speakers include:
Brad Teymeyer, Drew Egerton, Bert Padelt,
Gordon Schwontkoski, and Portland General Electric

To register on line at:
www.pacificnwsafetyseminar.com

Contact Cory Miller, 503-510-1215, for more information.



TIME FOR FIESTA SPECIALS!

Lindy is offering some great deals on new systems or envelope-only purchases. Just check this out:

ADD YOUR CHOICE OF OPTIONS UP TO A RETAIL VALUE OF:
\$1,500 on model size 56-77
\$1,800 on model size 90-105
\$2,100 on model size 120

Need a larger balloon? We will create a custom special for models 150 and above!

HERE'S A SAMPLING OF SOME OF THE EXTRAS YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM:

Hyperlife™ or DiamondWeave™ Fabric Upgrades, Custom Artwork, Special Cuts, Rotation Vents, Gentex™ Scoop Liner, Basket Size Upgrade, Banner Velcro, and Many, Many Other Options!

BONUS SPECIAL!



Meet Belinda, Lindy's Little Sister!

Belinda has a special offer for all balloonists ordering new balloons during the Fall Special.

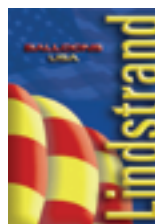
In addition to the Fall Special, you may have a 12 foot cancer ribbon of your choice added to your parachute as an overlay at no cost. Simply make a donation of any size to the cancer charity of your choice.

While Belinda is partial to pink, there are 25 cancers that have their own ribbons of support. You can put a ribbon on your balloon as your tribute to the survivors, the warriors and the caregivers in your life.



These fantastic offers end November 15, 2012 or when all available production slots are filled. Don't miss out, contact your local Lindstrand Representative today and you can be flying your new Lindstrand before you know it!

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FOR THE LATEST LINDSTRAND FIESTA NEWS!

2013 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
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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.

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Publish Family Member Names in Directory: Yes No
Publish Address in Directory: Yes No
Publish E-Mail Address in Directory: Yes No
Publish Birthday in AeroStats: 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

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