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Willamette Aerostat Society**

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Willamette Aerostat Society President's Letter



The third quarter of the year is looming and it appears that crops will be early. That's good news for folks that like to fly in the Northwest, as we'll get a few weeks of extra season

with less risk to crops at landing. On the other hand, the year will be dry, unless the end of May turns wet. Very dry seasons bring concern over fire in the fields as we land or drive over grasses with our hot exhaust systems. All in all, we'll still need to be conscious of the folks on the ground and their perceptions. Make sure your burner is off and cool before laying it over after a flight. Listen to the landowner's concerns and take effort to mitigate the situations you encounter. Perception can be more powerful than fact. Carry some water in your chase vehicle to deal with a chance fire before it grows.

Then there's the flying part: I hope all of you have had the opportunity to attend a continuing education seminar this year. I hear that the BFA Convention went well and had some excellent presentations. I enjoyed the one in Talent, Oregon. The material presented is important and useful for pilots and crew as well. The events are also good for building a mindset of reducing risk while we enjoy the pleasures of aerostatic flight. It also reinforces the community aspects of aerostation. I find the activity and people something special and have so for thirty-six years, otherwise I'd have quit years ago. Getting scared, injured or injuring others through your actions is not helpful for the

future of your involvement with balloons.

Carrie Hanneman brought the message from Mark West in Reno regarding rigorous flight reviews. Thank you Carrie. I've had some reviews that were formalities and some with challenges. Koh Murai has run me through emergency procedures a couple of times where I'd use my auxiliary burner to land and tank valves to hold level flight. Neither method is easy and certainly fits in the awkward category. I gave Carmen Blakley another challenge while in Madras: fly a very different balloon than she was familiar with. It went well yet kept her thinking on how to adapt to a smaller envelope with tighter fabric and a different venting response. It was part check flight and part instruction. We did OK making it back to the launch field after traveling almost three miles. She also went through the first of her FAA safety WINGS levels.

The other two flights in Madras also went well. Neither worked out with a box as we'd done Friday. Both had good landing areas and offered good steorage while traversing town. It was really a replacement for the

annual Mother's Day gathering that's been in Walla Walla for decades. This gathering was good as the weather didn't present any issues for the weekend. I missed the collection of so many balloons, yet the smaller venue was highly enjoyable.

As to WAS meetings, we're heading into the active season so the monthly gathering will be put on hold until October 3rd. An announcement will be made in advance for time and location.

With that, we're off for the season. Be mindful of others, both within your crew and those that own the ground from where you launch and to where you return. Also, be mindful of Mother Nature, the entity that doesn't really care a lot about you and your feelings. She just lets you play in her skies from time to time.

Soft landings,

*Tim Gale
WAS President*

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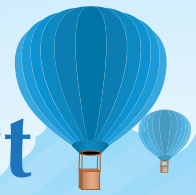
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Willamette Aerostat Society Secretary/Treasurer's Report



Willamette Aerostat Society General Meeting Saturday, May 16, 2015

Present: Tim Gale, President
Dale Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
and 16 additional members

1. Call to order at 2:01 p.m. by Tim Gale at the Aurora Jet Center upstairs.

2. Minutes of the April, 2015 meeting were moved and seconded to be approved as printed in the May, 2015 newsletter. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's report — Dale, as of May 16, 2015

Members	68
Checking	\$1138.24
Savings	105.00
Cash	7.00
Total	\$1250.24

Memberships received since April 11, 2015 to be deposited — one for \$15.00.

4. **Accidents, incidents** — Laura made a suggestion that anytime there is an incident or accident, anyone who observes or is involved should write/record a complete statement of the event immediately thereafter. It is common that legal action(s) can take some time to occur after the event, and those who were there may not remember all of the discrete details the same by then. All those present should do the same thing. The names of those present should also be recorded.

5. **Manufacturing, maintenance** —

a. Cameron sent out a notice about Lindstrand-Bristol closing, and the results of that action. Lindstrand USA will have the rights to source some of the parts.

b. The Ballooning magazine had an article about the decline in orders of new balloons and equipment, mostly due to "old timers" leaving the sport.

6. **Safety** — Tim is creating an online course which can be used for WINGs credit.

7. **Events** —

a. Shari noted that the WAS brochure needs updating. Marilyn suggested that she could hand them out at the Tigard crew

school. Shari moved to print 40 in time for the crew school (June 20th), with WAS to cover the costs. The motion passed.
b. Four people went to the BFA national convention. Carrie liked the weather balloon presentation and the vendor fair. There were several excellent speakers. Troy Bradley and Dick Rutan were notable. There were 350 attendees.

8. Tim noted that there is a new version of DUATS available on the Internet, DUATS II. All DUAT versions and 1-800-wx-brief are legal and document that pilots have obtained a briefing.

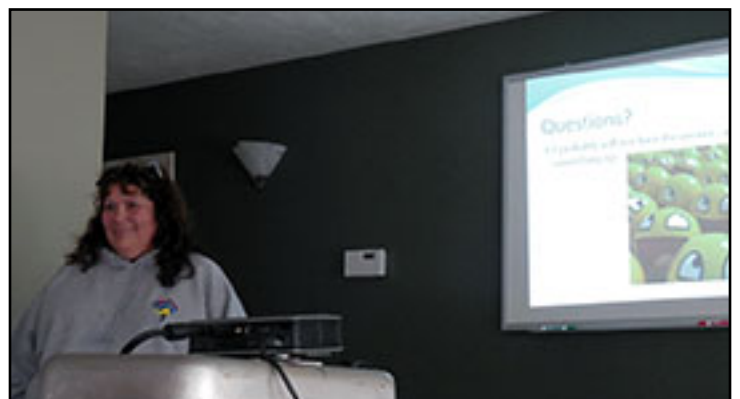
9. Carrie Hanneman presented "Ten steps to a better flight review." Mark West presented the topic at the BFA convention. He asked those in attendance to repeat the presentation to their own balloon clubs. Carrie was inspired to share his message.

10. The next meeting will be in October, details to be in the newsletter. At that time the selection of Crew person of the year and Pilot of the year will begin. The Christmas party will be held at Edie's on December 13.

11. Tim asked all members to consider stepping up to become an officer next year. The election process will start in October.

12. Moved by Sandy Grove and seconded by Laura Hancock to adjourn. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dale Justice, Secretary-Treasurer*



Carrie Hanneman, above, made a presentation on flight reviews at the May meeting. Photo by Dale Justice.

Happenings

in the Pacific Northwest and beyond

Event information in this newsletter is not to be considered as an endorsement by WAS, its officers, or its members.

June 26-28
Tigard Festival of Balloons
Tigard, OR
Cindy Padilla, 503-612-8213

July 2-5
Teton Valley Balloon Rally
Driggs, ID
Margaret Rose Breffeilh
margaret@tetonvalleyballoonrally.com

July 4 & 5
Freedom Weekend
Prineville, OR
Contact: Greg Miller
wasprez@gmail.com

July 10
Relay For Life Nightglow
Centennial Park, Woodburn, OR
Contact: Robert Prinslow
woodburnboy@msn.com

July 24-26
Balloons Over Bend
Bend, OR
Contact: Lay It Out Events
541-323-0964

August 14-16
Loose Goose Balloon Rally
McMinnville, OR
Contact: Laura Hancock
dayshancock@aol.com

August 21-23
Northwest Art & Air Festival
Albany, OR
Contact: Chris Whitfield
503-910-7355
<http://nwartandair.org>

September 2-6
Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic
Boise, ID
For more information: <http://spiritofboise.com>
This is a "By Invitation Only" rally

September 11-13
The Great Reno Balloon Race
Reno, NV
For more information:
<http://www.renoballoon.com>

September 11-13
Quincy Valley Balloon Festival
Quincy, WA
Contact: Kent/Kim Bacon
<http://www.partiesonthegreen.com>

September 18-20
Alturas Balloon Fest
Alturas, CA
Contact: Alturas Chamber of Comm.
530-233-4434

September 25-27
The Great Prosser Balloon Rally
Prosser, WA
For more information: <http://www.prosserballoonrally.org>

October 3-11
Albuquerque Int'l Balloon Fiesta
Albuquerque, NM
For more information:
1-88-422-7277
<http://www.balloonfiesta.com/pilots-and-crew/pilot-application>

October 14-18
Walla Walla Balloon Stampede
Walla Walla, WA
For more information: <http://www.wallawallaballoonstampede.com>



Due to personal travel the July issue of AeroStats will be late — unless one of you wants to volunteer to publish it in my place.

Shari Gale, Volunteer AeroStats Editor



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jim Churchill	6/2
Catherine Driver	6/5
Janet Miller	6/13
John Harshberger	6/15
Margie Harshberger	6/18
Leslie Berning	6/25
Tom Sharpee	6/26

An Excellent Substitution For Our Traditional Mother's Day Weekend

by Shari Gale



When the Walla Walla Balloon Stampede was moved to October, Tim and I had a free Mother's Day weekend for the first time in over 30 years. We could have stayed home, but we chose to go ballooning instead. We tagged along with Carmen Blakely and Dale Justice who were planning a weekend in Madras, Oregon. Greg Miller, who now lives only 30 minutes away in Prineville, joined us on Friday and Saturday.

Tim and I had flown in Madras years ago when the Collage of Culture was an annual event. During those days we met Col. Mack Gardner and his wife Susan. We've kept in touch over the years, so I naturally sent them an email to ask them to crew for us while we were in town. Mack apologetically let me know that they would be in Southern France in May. They'd prefer to spend three weeks in France to spending a weekend with us!? Well, yeah, I guess I can understand that.

What blew me away was the following email I received from Susan. She invited Tim and me to stay at their home while we were in town. I certainly had not expected such a

generous offer. We said, "YES!" and asked if we could invite Carmen, Dale and their crew to the house for a few meals. Susan said, "Of course." With that answer we were set to host our friends in a home other than our own, which seemed very weird but it worked out great.

The Gardner's home sits up on the bench above Madras. The view is magnificent. Their patio offered the perfect spot for breakfast after a flight. We all traded off who cooked and who cleaned up for two breakfasts and a dinner.

Offering their home wasn't all the Gardners contributed to the weekend. Mack also recruited a local high school student, Josh Hocker, to round us up some crew. Since school was in session on Friday we only asked for help on Saturday and Sunday's flights.

Friday we teamed up with Carmen. She needed a biennial flight review anyway, so Tim asked Carmen to fly our new balloon, Knight-N-Gale. She did a great job. In fact, they managed to fly back to the launch field. They landed within 100 feet of their take off spot. A map of their flight can be seen to the right.

Saturday we took up Josh and his friend Gabby Morales. One of the local adult crewmembers congratulated Gabby on getting a scholarship. Gabby simply said, "Thanks." We were rather busy so I didn't ask for details. It wasn't until the next day that I found out Gabby had received a four-year full ride scholarship to the school of her

choice through the Gates Millennium Scholars program. Impressive. After meeting Gabby I was not surprised she'd won a scholarship of this quality. She agreed to come out to crew for us in the hopes she would get a ride in the balloon. She is afraid of heights and wanted to conquer her fear. She seemed to do just that. After the flight she commented that she felt it was very calming. Since she will be going to college at George Fox in Newberg next year, we hope to have her join us again in the fall.

Sunday was Mother's Day so we took up Josh's mother, Kristin, and another Madras mom, Diana. They had a blast. In fact, Diana was so excited she barely needed the balloon to get her feet off the ground. Tim said she giggled with sheer joy through most of the flight.

One of the nice bonuses of flying in Madras is the availability of landing sites. In the Willamette

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Tim tracked his flight using the Hot Air app on his cell phone. It shows the balloon's path on Friday. They covered a distance of 2.94 miles in a little less than one hour. Maximum altitude was 4,132.92 feet, and the maximum speed was 16.9 mph. (It was calm on the ground.)

Madras

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Valley at this time of year crops are a major consideration. Landing sites can be few and far between. Often the pilot is stuck looking for a stand up landing on a farming road. You have to think twice before flying in windy conditions. Madras on the other hand had lots of landing sites. Friday doesn't count for us since they landed back at our launch site, but our other two landing sites were nearly perfect. Saturday Tim put down in a fallow field that had been

a wheat crop last season. Sunday he ended up in a big undeveloped lot near a housing development. We could drive right up to the basket. It's hard to beat that kind of access.

The local community was delighted we had dropped in on them. We heard more than one person talking about seeing the balloons in the air over town. Charity Gamble, a good friend of Carmen's and Dale's, did a great job of recruiting crew for our little party, plus she got us some discount tickets for the new air museum and kept us informed on other local happenings. All of those things plus the generosity of Mack and Susan Gardner blended together to create a perfect weekend.

I think we found a very good substitute for the Walla Walla rally. We want to come back to Madras next year, and the year after that, and the year after that, and...



Above photo by Kristin Hocker, all others by Shari Gale.

Flying in Madras

All photos on this page by Dale Justice



A trip to Richardson's Recreational Ranch where you can dig for your own fossils, or buy a fossil or rock provided by the ranch. Some of the rocks are imported from around the world. Want to pay shipping on the rock Shari is standing beside?



Another side trip was to the Erickson Aircraft Museum. The collection started out in Tillamook, but recently relocated to Madras. The collection was started by Jack Erickson in 1983. It features over twenty rare aircraft, most of which are still in flying condition.

If you want to see more, check out the YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2srGqTjhc>.

2015 BFA Convention — Reno, NV

by Janna Ingram & Koh Murai

From 16-28 April 2015, the Balloon Federation of America held its triennial convention at the Silver Legacy Casino/Hotel in Reno, NV. Since it was the first time the convention has been held out west, it seemed appropriate to go. For one of us the chance to take the Liberty Ground School and for the other to see old friends from past adventures. For both of us a chance to learn something new as well as refresh things we already knew.

We arrived Wednesday afternoon after some airline fun due to Salt Lake being snowed in and long delays being the result. So via Seattle we arrived at RNO in time to register and meet a few friends at the “Party before the Party” at one of the casino beverage venues. It afforded a nice change to chat with Troy and Tammie Bradley since the BFA held one of the two face to face board meetings earlier that day. The entire board was at the bar recovering from the meeting (oh how I remember those days, thankfully they are in the past!).

Thursday started promptly at 07:15 with ground school for 16 attendees. The only real disappointment in the organization of that was that the local CAT center would not support those students who wanted to take their private or commercial test immediately after the school. The makeup was varied from those studying for private, commercial, taking a refresher, and taking this for re-training after prior testing.

During the day, the trade show and other booths were being set up inside and outside the ballroom where they were assigned. Registration was also open all day. Not only were most of the major manufacturers there but also the associate organizations like RPS (IMC) and Schantz insurance, Paul Stumpf was present with many accessories and must haves. Tempest fans (yes Scorch was there, we had the old balloonist chat about health and flying) as well as the Jr. Balloonists of the BFA, AIBF, GRBR,

SNBC (OK enough with the TLA’s, Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Great Reno Balloon Race, Sierra Nevada Balloon Club). There were two long tables of silent auction items that were put out, donated by individuals and organizations that were open to bid until Saturday afternoon.



Thursday evening, in the trade show area a no host reception was held. The Pacific Northwest contingent included: Bob Raper, Carrie Hanneman, Alan Sanderson, Crystal Stout, Mike Layman and the authors. We did have a soon to be WAS member (no arm twisting required!) Kearny Davis (now of Battle Ground, formerly of Lovelock, NV) there as well. Many other familiar faces from Northwest, Nevada and California rallies were also there.

Friday morning started promptly at 06:45 with a continental breakfast and everyone trying to figure out which session they were going to and where it was. Except for the ground school students who already knew where Day 2 was going to be.



All speakers presented their topic(s) twice during the convention so that those who had conflicts could attend with only a slight amount of time organization. Also

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many who were looking to complete their continuing education requirements were also getting their “passport” stamped with the requisite number or Tier 1-4 sessions to qualify for the seminar credit (and hence the insurance credit).

A highlight session of Friday was Troy’s presentation (2+ hrs) of the Two Eagles’ flight.



The story, as always, is far more interesting when told with more flight details. The presentation was attended by many notable balloonists, crew, Jr. Balloonists, other world record holders including Bruce Comstock, Bill Bussey, Mike Emich, Rich Jaworki, and others.



(R-L) Dr. Bill Bussey, Jim Ahern and more young balloonists(!) listen to Troy.

Sam Parks (current BFA President) called Troy back up to the front to receive the Shields-Trauger Award (BFA’s highest member award). The significance of the award by itself is a great honor, but Troy became one of only two individuals to ever receive the award twice in their life. The other being Tom Shepard.



During the morning break, I ran into an old launch-master/project director friend, Dr. Steve Shope who was again the project director and in charge of the command center for Two Eagles. After appropriate congratulations for bringing another flight to a successful conclusion we chatted about those things which will never make the press, that in every project like this almost dash the project and at the very least make it very challenging for the folks on the ground. It is conversations like this that were what drew me to the convention along with all the other presentations.

The Friday night reception was again held in the trade show area. And just when you thought it was going to be a ho hum sort of reception, Pat Irwin (former flying partner to Kearny Davis mentioned above) from Lovelock, grabbed the microphone and asked everyone to come into the side meeting room off the trade show. Those who heard him were treated to a very special short presentation. Alan Eustace, Google, showed two of his videos from his absolute height altitude parachute jump which he made shortly after Felix Baumgartner. Another well known balloonist (and fellow AIAA Balloon TC committee member) Julian Nott was along to narrate along with the project manager. The videos were excellent as was the Q&A session that followed. After a few photo ops the crew had to run and catch the night flight back to points unknown.



Alan Eustace, Troy Bradley, Julian Nott, Johnathan Trappe (L-R)

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Saturday dawned with ground school done and the second full day of sessions. Several sessions were very appropriate for student pilots, instructors, competitive pilots, and fun flyers. The evening venue was outside the Legacy at the Reno Ballroom where the featured speaker was Dick Rutan. It was a very nice setting and our table was a great mix of old friends, newer friends, and even a new acquaintance.



(L-R) Janna Ingram, Johnathan Trappe, Phil Bryant, Fred Dinkler



The rest of our table, recognize anyone?

Dick Rutan's presentation was very interesting and enjoyable. He covered two projects that failed and one the succeeded in which he had been involved. The success was obviously the Voyager Flight, the others were the Global Hilton RTW flight attempt, and a trans-arctic biplane flight. I was interested to hear his take on Global Hilton having been involved indirectly with that through several of the participants from flight and ground crews. A very interesting presentation and the fact that it ran over did not phase anyone, the audience stayed until it was over.

The team and leader who put on the convention did an outstanding job and as is usual with balloon events, the work was far more than initially planned but they pulled together a good convention.

The Team



The leader and her trusty side-kick.

Of course after two days of school and another of convention presentations the only thing Janna wanted to take home was...



Volunteering, a valuable gift

by Tim Gale

WAS is a volunteer organization. Without the goodwill and effort of volunteers, the club would cease to exist. Sure, those that arrive to join meetings are a significant part of the club body as are those that pony up for annual dues. What else makes up the club? Add positions of leadership and those willing to organize various events to fill out the the club. Without positions of leadership and their efforts, I don't believe we'd have much reason to gather regularly.

I've been proud to be involved as we have a great group and one that has held together, in one form or another for over thirty years. Each leader offers a variation in the tenor of the group as do the various attending members.

Over the past few years, Pasha and Justin have handled the Christmas Party, Leslie Burning has served as the Secretary Treasurer for two years as Koh Murai held the position of Vice President. Shari Gale has served as the newsletter editor for many years now. I asked Carmen Blakeley and Dale Justice to seek nominations for the 2015 slate of officers and both willingly agreed. I'll confess, I'd not left much time for them to come up with candidates so we agreed to have them relieve Les

and Koh for this year and I'd take a third term.

Volunteers are the most valuable resource in an organization. They're not fired or discharged, only discouraged. Some all too easily. Those willing to offer their services without remuneration are often the heart of an organization as they are compensated by sharing, good will and interest in the future of the organization. I hope that WAS can continue along this path.

Some individuals have brought concern over liability exposure, yet with careful limiting of our activities and communication we can avoid risky entanglements. Each of us is independent with regards to our flight activities. We must retain the independence. We also must refrain from any recommendations for or against various entities. Retaining the social focus around ballooning seems to find a good mix.

Positions can also be shared and need to be changed from time to time. Some organizations seem to have the same leadership from year to year, yet there's risk of getting stale and losing the edge of fresh ideas and personalities. If the club slogs along over time, the membership can loose interest and dwindle.



Elections are intended to allow an organization to refresh itself and transition. Such change is healthy.

I've always disliked the concept that the club belongs to the originators. It truly belongs to the participants. If the club drifts under new leadership, so be it.

I hope this is early enough in the year to drum up interest in the various offices for WAS. I'll be happy to discuss with anyone my approach to the duties. New officers, I'm sure, will have their own approach. I'm just offering my help in making the transition happen.

Please consider stepping up to become a WAS officer next year. We need your help to keep this organization going.



FAR out

by Stephen Blucher, reprinted from *The Tetherlines*, newsletter of the Ballooning Society of Pikes Peak

The regulation found in section 91.13(a), is important because it is one of those that can be “understood” in various ways depending on the mood of the FAA representative doing the interpretation.

It goes thusly (to save you the time of checking it). “**Aircraft operations for the purpose of air navigation.** No person may operate an aircraft in a careless or reckless manner so as to endanger the life or property of another.” It, interestingly enough, says nothing about endangering your OWN life or property.

The regulation goes on to say, in paragraph (b), “**Aircraft operations other than for the purpose of air navigation.** No person may operate an aircraft, other than for the purpose of air navigation, on any part of the surface of an airport used for aircraft for air commerce (including areas used by those aircraft for receiving or discharging persons or cargo), in a careless or reckless manner so as to endanger the life or property of another.”

By definition (FAR 1.1), anyplace “intended for the takeoff or landing of an aircraft” is an airport. The question seems to be the meaning of, FARwise, air commerce. Some FAA reps believe “commerce” means commercial-get-money-for-flying and balloonists flying for fun are not it...commerce, that is.

So, can an aircraft on the ground be considered careless and reckless? If a balloon is in the air and a pilot hot inflates his aerostat in the path of the departing aircraft, giving the pilot in flight no chance to evade the upcoming envelope, is either pilot at fault? Absolutely...according to the FAA. The pilot on the ground should have been aware of the oncoming balloon. It would be the same in the airplane world if one was departing and another taxied onto the runway in its path.

What about the reverse? An aerostat on the ground is hit by another making an approach. Now who is at Fault? Is this a DUH question or what? Here FAR 91.13(a) comes into play more vividly. The approaching pilot is at fault and should have planned the approach so as not to hit the “parked” aircraft.

What!? The lower balloon always has the right-of-way??? Please, oh please, someone show us all where it says that in the FARs. I will save you the trouble of looking. There is no mention of such a rule. It is one of those things born out of necessity during the early years of aerostation. While most pilots live by the rule, often it is taken too literally by pilots who think it gives them the right to “rocket” out of a launch site or change altitudes at high vertical speeds. The problem arises when the lower, inconsiderate pilot climbing 300 or 400 feet a minute meets a pilot at equilibrium or climbing at a slower rate. There may not be enough time for the upper balloon to get out of the way without overheating and at that, it may not be enough.

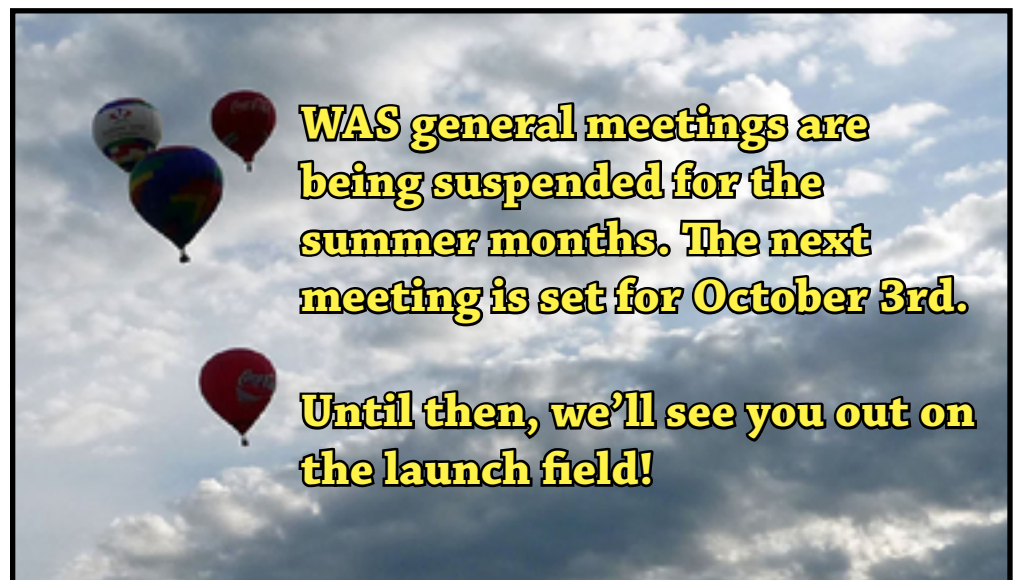
This situation is getting more scrutiny. The FARs that lend them-

selves to this situation start with 91.111, “No person may operate an aircraft so close to another aircraft as to create a collision hazard.” In the right-of rules, 91.113 says, “Each aircraft that is being overtaken has the right-of-way...” It also says, “each pilot of an overtaking aircraft shall alter course to the right...” This obviously was not written for balloon.

There was an interesting interpretation when a balloon was inflated into the path of another in flight. FAA personnel found the pilot of the inflating balloon in violation because the envelope on its way up was moving faster than the balloon passing overhead and was therefore “overtaking.” In this scenario, no damage was done and there was no intervention by the FAA other than to shake their heads at the report and mumble something about the idiot on the ground not being situationally aware.

The best rule for every pilot is to be aware of balloons in the airspace. Look back, look down, look around and plan climbs and descents before they happen. You could be liable for damages and open to FAA action.

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2015 WAS Membership Application



Name: _____
Birthday: Month _____ Day _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Date Submitted: _____
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Cell Phone #: (____) _____
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BFA Membership #: _____

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Membership Type

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

We will forward new Junior Balloonists to the BFA Office. Be sure to include JB's name above.

Membership

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c/o Dale Justice
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Newberg, OR 97132



Willamette Aerostat Society

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- ➔ 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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