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Annual General Meeting

Calgary Balloon Club

November 11, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location to be announced - please watch for an e-mail

Election of Officers & General Business Meeting

2021 Calgary Balloon Club Calendars are ready
find them at Club activities \$10 each or 2 for \$20
Contact Dirk for Mailing options and costs.



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Cathy Dudgeon



January
H R Balloon Port
Janice Storch



February
Sylvan Lake
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March
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May
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Calendar dates
Hespero
Dirk Luxen



important dates
Next Event
Cathy Dudgeon



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TRIVIA ON ZOOM

Thanks to all who have participated in our Trivia Game at the conclusion of the General meetings.

The winner has a choice of either two 2020 club calendars or a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to the store of their choice.

Winners so far have been:

June: Cathy Dudgeon – picked a Canadian Tire GC

September: Graham Hack – picked an Amazon GC

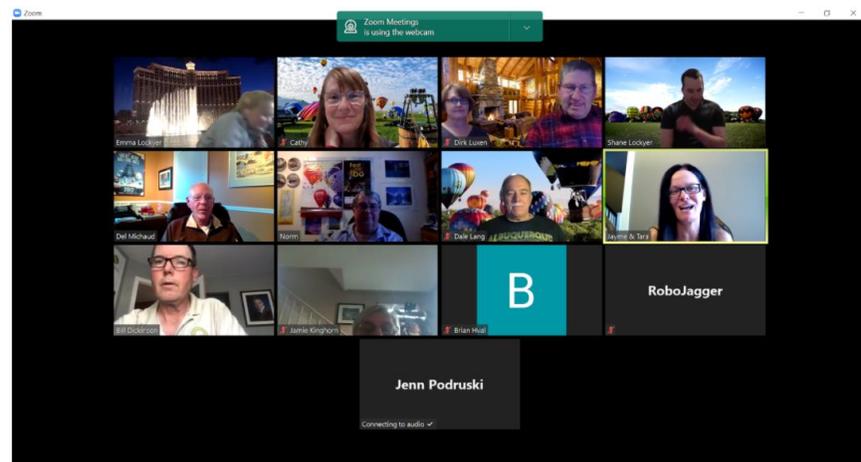
October: Graham Hack – picked 2 club 2020 calendars

As long as we are on ZOOM for our club meetings, we will be having Trivia at the end of the meeting portion and we encourage members and guests to participate and be prepared with their paper and pencil.

To accommodate our concern regarding an “expert on trivia” winning the event each time, we decided to introduce a new structure to the event. The winner of the preceding month will read the trivia questions and the answers at the current General meeting.

Thanks to all who have participated and if you have any suggestions, please contact lindathen@telus.net

Linda





**TANK FUEL GAUGE READING
VS
REMAINING USEABLE LIQUID FUEL**

Tank Fuel Gauge Reading	Remaining Useable Fuel		
	U.S. Gallons	Imperial Gallons	Liters
Full 32	9	7.5	34.1
Gauge Starts to operate 32	3	2.5	11.4
30	2.7	2.3	10.4
25	2.1	1.8	8
20	1.5	1.2	5.7
15	0.8	0.7	3.3
10	0.2	0.2	0.9
0	0	0	0

TANK FUEL GAUGE READING vs. REMAINING USEABLE LIQUID FUEL for THE BALLOON WORKS 10 GALLON FUEL TANKS WITH LIQUID WITHDRAWAL TERMINATING AT GAUGE READING 8%.

Submitted by Stan Wereschuk



The Port O' Potty from the High River Balloon Port had to be removed. Del Michaud is working with the Town of High River to complete the necessary paperwork to have it returned - because the job's not done until the paperwork is done.

The inaugural flight of Our Treat C-FGBY

took place on August 15 in High River, Alberta.

Del Michaud and Cathy Dudgeon flew in the original “Our Treat” (now “Maryann’s Treat”), and Shane Lockyer joined them.



Photo by Brian Juke



Photo by Brian Juke



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon



Photo by Shane Lockyer

Dennis and Heidi Mythru were at the inaugural flight of the first “Our Treat”, and they were here for the inaugural flight of the second “Our Treat”!

With a proud Richard and Heather Clark.

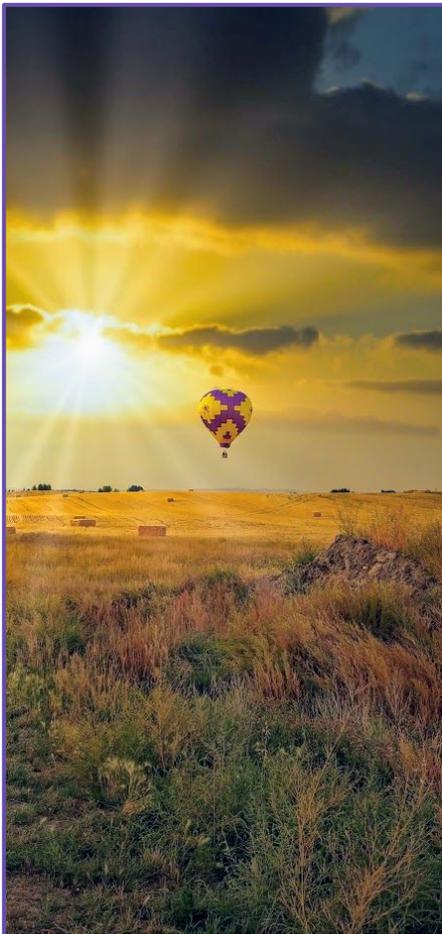




Photo by Dayana K. Duven



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon



Picture by Thomas Ooms

Jamie Kinghorn celebrated the first official flight of his **“Eye of Raa”** balloon during the Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival. The balloon was designed by Jamie, and built in Ottawa by Bill and Sandra Whelan, Jamie, and a number of volunteers. Although it’s 90,000 cubic feet and seven stories tall, the envelope only weighs 163 pounds because it’s made with 1.3oz silicone-coated lightweight fabric.

The Eye of Ra represented the sun to the ancient Egyptians, and was a symbol of royal authority. It was said that the Egyptian sun god, Ra, sailed his boat across the sky during the day, and transported it back to the underworld at night.



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon

Cathy Dudgeon had her first training flight with Del on August 3rd in High River. She and Del managed to rack up 15.5 hours by the end of the month, before school resumed. Training continues at a slower pace, but the PSTAR is done.

Anybody with an answer key to the 2003 PIBAL study guide, please contact Cathy.



Andrea Canfield, Thomas Ooms, Del Michaud, Cathy Dudgeon, Cate Walker, and Kendra Michaud.
Photo by John Phillips



Photo by Lorraine Watson



John Phillips shot some amazing drone footage in High River on August 3rd of Jenn Podruski, Scott Beaton, Shane Lockyer, and Cathy Dudgeon. See it [here](#).

Cathy is very, very grateful to have drone footage of her first training flight. What an amazing gift!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGPP5YW8E_A&fbclid=IwAR0JYYMlpehOK_9OvVInDjVfc0Rm82J9-tGsHsiZtGnYWQCgQpS8bn1N6tA



Photo by Thomas Ooms

Willy Taillon is Del's student pilot in Medicine Hat. Willy and his wife, Cindy, went for a balloon ride while on holidays in the U.S., and he was hooked. He came to High River for a week in August to crew for the first time, and bought Del's Viva system. His first training flight took place in September in Medicine Hat.



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon, who was quite happy to let the firefighter and the farm boy carry the envelope.

HESPERO BALLOON RACE 2020 September 4-7

Not Today Corona!

After much discussion and planning and cleaning and organizing and more cleaning and then even more cleaning (with MUCH help from many friends!!), it was decided that Hespero Balloon Race 2020 could still happen and that we would be the first balloon event to give it a go since Covid-19 made an appearance!

Of course there was protocol to follow such as wearing masks, physically distancing whenever possible, cohort groups and SANITIZING, SANITIZING, SANITIZING!

Thank you to EVERYONE for EVERYTHING you did to make this year's event a safe success!!

We had a total of 13 balloons in attendance, with 12 flying and 49 people in total. We missed those pilots and crew and family that couldn't join us and respect the decisions each of them made. Hopefully by next year this will be a non-issue.

This year we gathered at the Hespero Airport and used the Hangar as the home base. Each pilot and crew had a designated table in order to keep to each cohort group. Campers and holiday trailers lined the edges of the runway and into the business yard. We also had a portable wash house for use during the event. It was nice to have everything in one place and the facility seemed to offer everything we needed for the type of event we decided to hold.



The pre-flight snacks of cinnamon buns and donuts were individually wrapped to minimize common surface touching and of course we appreciated that Rick and Cindy Fink and their daughter- and son-in-law, April and Don Furness, were willing to provide and serve a delicious breakfast each morning. The rest of the meals were self provided and cooked by each of us for our own groups and that worked out well too.



Onto the crew competition and the official Hespero Balloon Race! Crew competition took us back to the beginning, where a crew member had to back up their vehicle and balloon trailer through a course, while being guided by other crew from their team. A penalty was given for each pylon that was hit and times were recorded.



Photo by Dirk Luxen



Fastest time overall went to Team Louie and Tim Pletsch at a time of 1:52.49 seconds plus one penalty of 5 seconds for a total of 1:57.49, who took home the coveted Rolling Hills Trophy to proudly display until next year and an A&W gift card generously donated by Toby and Walter who own the Rocky A&W. Slowest overall time went to Erin McKeage (Shane Lockyer's team) logging a time of 7:49.30 but NO pylon hits! She also received an A&W Gift card donated by Toby and Walter. Thank you to Rocky A&W for your generous donation!



Most participation went to Shane And Emma Lockyer's crew with Kelsi, Erin And Karen McKeage.

We managed two flights during the Hespero Balloon Race – after which we were either winded or rained out.





The LONG JUMP took place during the Saturday morning flight. With this competition, each pilot may choose to participate with a \$20 entry fee and Winner takes all, plus the HBR Trophy to keep until next year

This year's winner of the Long Jump was David Glead with a distance of 18.66km.

2nd place went to Shane Lockyer with 17.55km.

3rd place to Cliff Skocdopole with 17.4 km.



We are so very grateful for everyone's help with regard to preparing the Hangar and with cleanup and implementing all protocols in order to keep everyone safe and healthy, and still being able to enjoy the company and the sport of ballooning with friends.

Looking forward to next year!

Cliff and Sheri



Drumheller Never Disappoints our Grand Girls

by Dirk Luxen



Apart from Raven, Drumheller is my grand girls' favorite place to go ballooning. They have discovered that, if the balloons do not fly, they can explore the area and its many attractions.

As a tourist, there are dinosaurs on many corners of the town, to discover and visit. There is the world's largest dinosaur to enter and stand in its mouth. There are hoodoos to climb, suspension bridges to cross and pancakes and eggs to eat at WHIFS. The anatomical dinosaurs' at Fossil World are a must stop and see each year. The small Church and Bleriot Ferry is also a repeated request must do.



As a spectator this year, it was great with 13 balloons to fill the sky and fly over the local landscape and sites. Each year, more and more local folks seem to be attending our non-advertised events, watching the launch and asking lots of questions. Maren thinks being part of the chase crew is just the best job.



As a participant .. even a child can help put up and pack away a balloon.



After crewing many times and waiting their whole lives, this September both Maren 6 and Hazel 3 went for their first balloon flight. The biggest learning lesson for Hazel was - if you're hot and remove your hat, it should not be thrown over the side of the balloon, especially when you're thousands of feet above the ground. It could not be found with the best GPS technology and dedicated search crew. The following two pictures are the last known photos of Hazel's hat alive.



Best of all, Drumheller has shown Maren and Hazel, as they are growing up, they have a family in the Ballooning Community. They know and appreciate being able to share and talk about their adventures with other adults who treat them as persons. In this world of uncertain times, it's good to know there is a group of people they can trust and learn from as they grow.



Photo by Sébastien Poupart



Photo by Erin McKeage



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Photo by Erin McKeage



Photo by Richard & Heather Clark



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon



Photo by Sébastien Poupart

Drumheller Fall
Happening was held on
September 18-20th.
Thirteen balloons filled
the smoky skies for two
flights, including three
teams from eastern
Canada.



Photo by Shane Lockyer



Photo by Sébastien Poupart

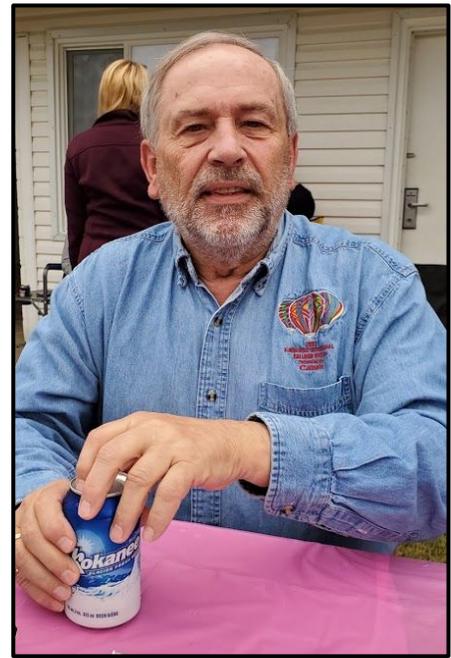




Linda Then & Colin



Even with physical distancing in Drumheller, we still managed to spend time together!



Dale Ritchie



Andrea Canfield, Heather Clark, Cathy Dudgeon



Marina and Chris Steckly



Kelsi McKeage



Scott and Brent Gordon

Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival

September 23-27 in High River, Alberta

By Cathy Dudgeon

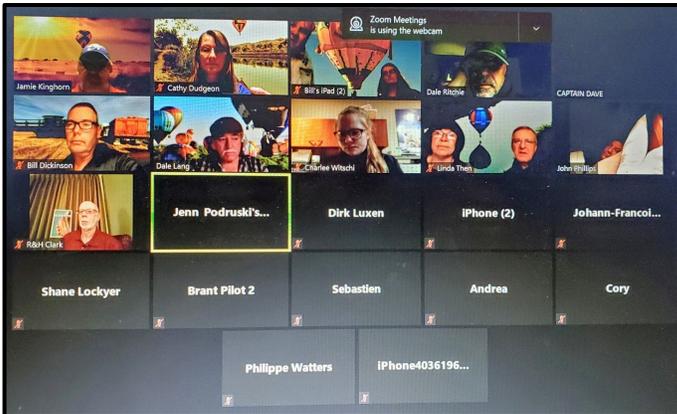
Although the closed borders prevented any international participants from attending the Festival this year, seventeen balloons from across Canada gathered in High River for the week.



(Photos by Cathy Dudgeon)



Bill Whelan and Jenn Podruski managed to get in a pre-Festival flight on Wednesday morning before the weather changed.



Briefings were held through Zoom videoconferences, which meant a very relaxed dress code for those early mornings when it was obvious that we wouldn't be flying.

Masks were worn on the launch field and in the chase trucks, and even by the news crew that came out to interview Bill and Jamie.



Photo by Janice Storch



Photo of Jamie's hard-working crew by Thomas Ooms



Dave Gleed, approaching the target.



On Saturday, the weather finally cooperated, and we were able to get in the first official flight. Jamie Kinghorn and Stan Wereschuk flew the Hare balloon, landing just south of town.

(photos by Cathy Dudgeon)

Sébastien Poupart's balloon



Jonathan Perron-clow and Searle Sheldon, finding and measuring markers.



Bill Whelan's "Tiki" bird flew directly over the target, for a bulls-eye throw!



Photo by Janice Storch

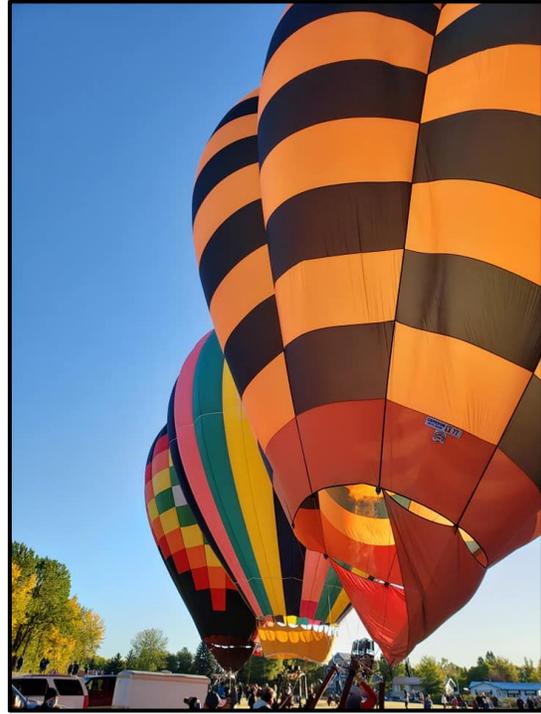


Photo by Janice Storch



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon



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Photos by Janice Storch



Sunday morning's flight was delayed by a few technical difficulties with the Windsong technology, but eventually the Eye of Raa flew as the Hare again, landing east of town to quickly set up the target. Surface winds were very light, but faster winds aloft. Another bulls-eye throw today, but by John Phillips this time. Those who landed near the target had fast landings, but those who continued to fly across Frank Lake had stand-up landings.

HIIBF 2020 Final Results

Rank	Competitor	Flight 1 measurement	Flight 1 result	Flight 2 measurement	Flight 2 result	Total
1	Dale Ritchie	7.87	766	2.79	833	1599
2	Bill Whelan	0.59	1000	74.08	500	1500
3	Richard Clark	24.88	433	1.57	900	1333
4	John Phillips	28.49	300	0.52	1000	1300
5	David Gleed	5.00	833	86.65	367	1200
6	Johann-Francois Quellette Freve	21.22	500	38.17	633	1133
7	Bill Dickinson	18.80	633	82.23	433	1066
8	Brant Leatherdale	28.38	367	67.27	567	933
9	Sebastien Poupart	1.20	900	No result	0	900
10	Jennifer Podruski	66.40	83	13.65	767	850
11	Scott Beaton	No result	0	19.91	700	700
12	Linda Then	17.89	666	No result	0	666
13	Dale Lang	18.85	567	No result	0	567
14	Philippe Watters	38.32	233	No result	0	233
15	Shane Lockyer	No result	0	No result	0	0



Congratulations to the event's winners, and thank you to all the pilots, crew, officials, and other volunteers who managed to make the Festival happen despite the extra challenges this year.

The Sweet Song of the WindSond

By Jonathan Perron-Clow

I'm at my familiar spot in the back parking lot of the Heritage Inn in High River and it's late September. It's dark outside and I've got a toque on. A crowd has assembled to look at the pibal with bells and whistles and little lights. But instead of warping my back to search through the theodolite crosshairs, I stand back and give young JF the order to release it as I join everyone else in watching it rise. It's another day in the beautiful and precise world of the Windsond.

It was back in 2012 when I first saw this piece of equipment at work. I was sent out to the fields near Battle Creek with the theodolite, a tool I was in the process of learning, and I noticed the Swedish team in their blue and gold throwing up a pibal and staring at their computer screen instead of the clunky 1992 technology. Zoom ahead six years and I arrive in Austria to pick up Garry Lockyer's Windsond system to provide real-time and more precise information to Canada's team at the World Championship.

It didn't go so well. I was unfamiliar with the equipment and was afraid to risk throwing up the sond, knowing it would cost \$150+ if I didn't recover it. After losing two of them, I stopped and could instead be found at the first target with a bunch of limp pibals to show the team the wind direction on the ground. Not so good.

Times have changed. The Canadian Balloon Association (CBA) has now purchased the top of the line version of the tool for events. Competitors have the best possible information and it got its first very successful showcase in High River.

It took a while to get us there. Over a six-month period, I worked with the AeroClub of Canada's Trust Fund to show how this tool could be useful to expand sport (competitive) ballooning in Canada and in particular to attract more and younger crowds to our sport. Then, with the helpful support of Garry Lockyer who upgraded and then sold his equipment to the CBA, the organization got a top of the line set of Windsonds. I took possession of them in Drumheller and set out to intently learn about them ahead of the Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival where I had been tasked with operating them. After my experience the previous time, I wanted to be sure to do it right.





The [Windsong](#) is a GPS-linked computer chip that can measure temperature, humidity, height, windspeed and direction as well as indicate its location. This is infinitely useful for a hot air balloon event or competitor needing reliable information. Though the picture below is of the old style sond, it is still useful for understanding. The sond sits in a Styrofoam cup to protect it from the world. The user passes a string through small wires on the chip's plate that then go to the very large pibal. The whole thing is operated by a battery and connected via radio receiver to a laptop.

You turn on the sond and within two minutes or so, its GPS connects to the computer. You are then ready for launch. Once it leaves the surly bonds of earth you just watch it go. It sends back data every second or two as it rises and you get to see it chart its path in real time on Google Earth. You can either look at its data at each point or look at the auto-generated report with 300 feet increments. The data can be sent directly into apps like OziTarget.

As in this example, taken from the Wednesday evening in High River, the wind at 300 feet was 24.5 knots. There is a ton of other information available as well. The mean rise speed was 2.7 m/s which meant it took 6 minutes to hit 2400 feet so 400 feet per minute. It takes a big pibal because it's carrying a lot of weight. Another piece of data here is that it travelled 4.6 km in 6 minutes so an average of 46 km/h. Let's just say there was no flying that night.

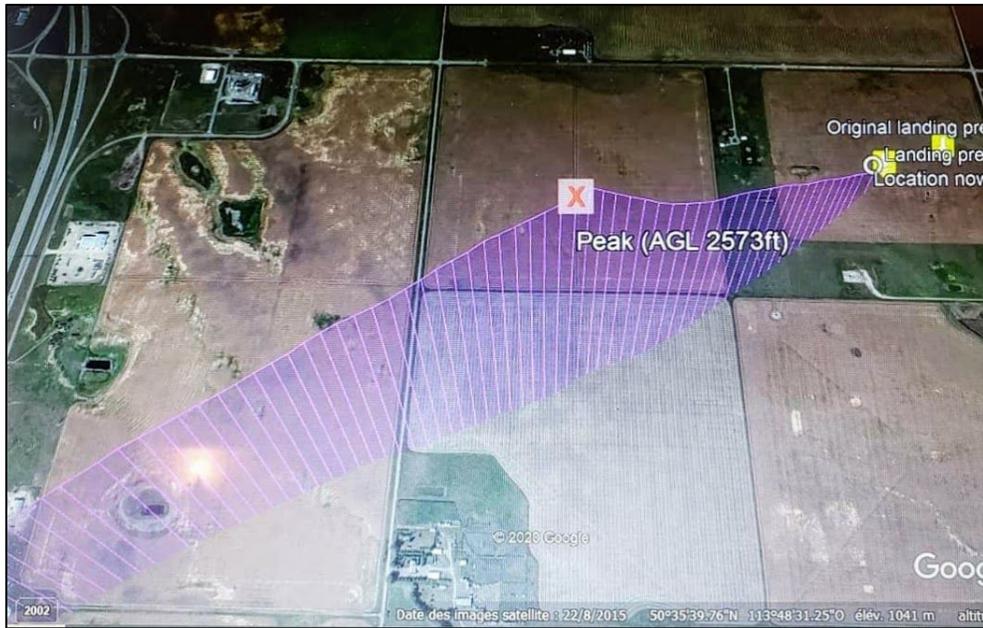
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Peaked 4602 m away, 6 min 12 sec after
Mean rise speed 2.7 m/s. Mean horizon
Last known position 3671 ft MSL at 50
Fall speed 8.5 m/s.
Landing predicted at 50°35.8450N 113°

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alt (ft AGL)	temp (C)	hum (%)	wind dir/spd (kn)
2400	18.7		245°/19.6
2100	19.1		248°/21.2
1800	19.9		242°/24.0
1500	20.3		234°/24.7
1200	21.1		232°/27.7
900	21.9		229°/27.3
600	22.3		229°/26.8
300	23.0		234°/24.5
30	24.3		°/0.0

The user can either pre-program the cut-down or decide while it's flying. That's where the string comes in. The little wires melt the string and the cup begins to fall. Deciding when to make it fall is an exciting challenge. Because it knows the wind all the way up and estimates its fall speed, it has a good sense of where it will end up (here it was saying 8.5 m/s). As you watch it on Google Earth, it will tell you roughly where it would land if you cut it now or various upcoming heights. You can therefore attempt to plan its landing location to avoid having it fall into water or an angry farmers backyard.



In this example from that Wednesday evening in High River, the cut location was chosen because it was in the middle of the field. Since I'd lost two of two in Austria, I thought I'd go for a wide-open option on the first one. It was magnificent. It's important to note that you will likely lose radio contact with the sond as it falls because of obstacles in the way. You must then wait until you arrive at the right field to re-establish that contact and you'll get the precise location.

In High River, Cory, JF and I would drag the laptop out to the field and try to figure out the location. Once contact is made, you can turn on a blinking light and a chime that you hear as you approach. Each time we threw one up, we learned something. The chime is only really useful if you are downwind, for example.

It became a contest of sorts to see who could find it first. We sent up sonds seven times and had a 100% recovery rate. One time, it headed straight towards the airport runway. Cory bet me a steak dinner I couldn't land it on the runway. As we arrived, we found it 30 feet upwind. Generally, we aimed it to land near a road in a field. Once, this meant I spotted it from the road. Another time, its estimate was nearly half a mile off and it ended up near the centre of the field. Its estimates are usually within about 50 meters.

As part of our learnings, I'd recommend a few things. Always have at least two people on the team for all aspects of the work. Make sure to have big pibals and lots of helium. Keep the batteries charged and have at least three or four sonds at the ready in case any of them fail.



Case in point was the last morning in High River when our first sond showed a calm surface and fast speeds starting at 100 feet. Jamie asked for a second one at the field. The one we brought failed so we had to go get another one (we brought two). The next one failed so we were on to the third one. He started his fan and told me to let him know if the numbers were scary. I read them out to him and the other pilots and the green flag went up. The speed was exactly as the Windsond described with pilots [zooming over the target](#) he set out then having fairly calm stand up landings.

This opens up a lot of possibilities for both competitors and events. For competitors, having an accurate reading of the winds at the start of the flight or even during the flight is huge. Anything to get a slight advantage, to get a better sense of what height to be at. For events, it adds an element of precision and certainty that the theodolite just can't match. Whether for fiesta flying or especially for competitions, it will be a significant improvement.

There are still a few things to work through such as the exact procedure to get the sonds to events and the recommended procedure to buy your own. In either case, let me know if you have questions. I'm very happy to help! And I'm now ready to represent Canada at the World Championship in Slovenia in 2022!



To see the video of the balloons approaching the target, click [here](#), or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfF9STqDhal&t=186s>.



#Lifting Spirits Around the World

A grass roots movement was started in Albuquerque to “provide a visual display of aerostation and bring joy to those witnessing balloonings in flight and on the ground”, and to honor front-line workers during the pandemic.

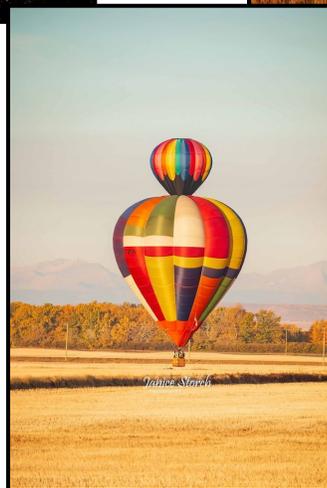
Photos and videos of flights that occurred on October 3 and 4 were shared to social media using hashtags #LiftingSpirits and #LiftingSpiritsAroundTheWorld.

According to their website, <https://liftingspiritsrndw.wixsite.com/thanks>, balloonists participated in Australia, Canada, Latvia, New Zealand, Netherlands, United Kingdom, and U.S.A.

On October 3rd, three balloons flew from High River - Graham Hack, Jenn Podruski, and Cathy Dudgeon with Shane Lockyer. On October 4th, Richard Clark, and Cathy Dudgeon with Brant Leatherdale flew from High River.



Photos by Janice Storch,
who calls this photo the
“Double Scoop Balloon”



Raven 2020 – In the Year of Covid...

By Linda Then



A year to remember, or maybe forget?

First we have Covid-19 to work around and then the forecast was for really cold weather and possibly winds as well. It seemed like we were doomed.

My brother Dale came to our rescue in the Roundhouse when he purchased a propane fuelled furnace. It worked surprisingly well and we kept it running continually for the weekend. He has a super fan in the Roundhouse that takes much of the smoke out from the firepit but we discovered it also sucked out the heat from the furnace too! So after Friday, we did not have a campfire in the building and it was still comfortable, considering the cold outside. It also enabled us to maintain our distance by not having to hover over the fire pit.

With options to all to cancel, only three balloons and three crew cancelled, all with valid reasons. With seven remaining balloons, we still were not sure the weather was going to cooperate. Yes, we managed three flights in total, but it was hit and miss for a few.

Only five balloons flew on Saturday morning as the two left behind dealt with leaky valves... it was very cold! Those two balloons, anxious to get in their flights, flew Saturday afternoon with Jenn while the rest of us took the time off.

Sunday morning was, I'm sorry to say, just too darn cold for most of us! But three balloons - Shane, Cliff and Jenn - took off and we were able to complete our annual pumpkin drop. Shane took the honors for getting the closest to the "X" on the picnic table with Cliff second and well, you know the rest.



Amateur attempt at fudging a Raven group shot, by Cathy Dudgeon

The rest of our time was spent in the Roundhouse, eating, drinking, keeping warm and of course, Halloween costumes on Saturday night. So much fun. Most of us didn't get the memo about the pirates but still, somehow, the majority of costumes were... you guessed it. Even the skeleton looked like the pirates' Cross and Bones! Young Maren took great joy in making some "walk the plank" but our EMT expert was there to assist if any real damage was done.

Kudos to the Stecklys and Dale Ritchie for "camping" all weekend. Definitely not a great year for most campers but they managed. Much appreciation for Dale on the weekend as he assisted the pilots with their leaky valves. "What do you expect... it's cold!"

The Calgary Balloon Club took an opportunity to ask club pilot / owners to assist with club promotion. Shane, on behalf of the Calgary Balloon Club, presented the attending club pilots with a CBC basket banner to attach to their balloon baskets. Remaining club pilots will also be receiving a CBC basket banner as we are able to meet up with them in the future months.

Thanks to my family Dale, Judy, Darcy, Dawn and Elodie and to the Caron Family Farm for their help and hospitality and making us welcome. And thanks to all for attending Raven Rally 2020 and handling the covid restrictions with ease.

It is a year to remember.



Photos by Cathy Dudgeon



Photo by Dirk Luxen



The Steckly family and their camper



Saturday morning in Raven



Photo by Andrea Canfield



Photo by Sheri Skocdoople



Photo by Chris Steckly



Photo by Chris Steckly



Photo by Dirk Luxen



Photo by Dirk Luxen



Photo by Sheri Skocdoople



Photo by Thomas Ooms

Landowner with a pitchfork!
Good thing he was friendly.



Photo by Dirk Luxen



Photo by Dirk Luxen

Saturday afternoon in Raven



Photo by Sheri Skocdopole



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon



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Sunday morning



Erin & Kelsi McKeage
Photo by Shane Lockyer



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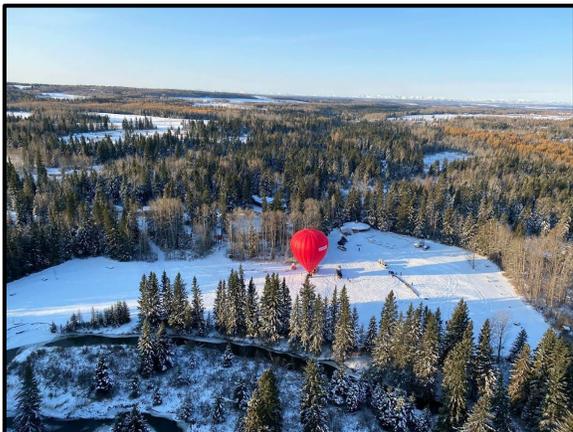


Photo by Shane Lockyer



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Photo by Sheri Skocdopole



Cliff & Sheri Skocdopole

Richard Clark



Photos by Cathy Dudgeon

There was some discussion about who the REAL pirate captain was, but this pirate is the one who made Cliff walk the plank.



Photo by Sheri Skocdopole

Sid Steckly



Photo by Cathy Dudgeon

Marina Steckly



Photo by Sheri Skocdopole

Emma Lockyer



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Calgary Balloon Club Long Jump Challenge 2020-2022

Long Jump: A fun contest to promote the sport of hot air ballooning in and around Calgary. Individual pilots plan and conduct their own flights from launch sites of their own choosing. The basic rules are "Use 180 litres of propane, fly as far as you can." **The complete rules are in the August 2020 newsletter or on the Calgary Balloon Club Website.**

Entry

Any current CBC pilot members may enter. **A minimum of 2 entries must be received by October 31, 2020.** Just download and print the rules and flight report forms. Plan and complete your flight; then return the completed forms. For the Long Jump season, a one-time entrance fee of \$20 for each entered CBC pilot is required and can be forwarded onto the Treasurer, Dirk Luxen via cheque or e-transfer to luxen@shaw.ca). All the entry fees plus a CBC contribution go towards prizes to the winners.

Flight Report Forms and General Rules

Each pilot-in-command is responsible for planning and executing his or her own flight. The pilot-in-command is responsible for preparing and submitting the Entry and Flight Report Forms, fees, and attachments.

Pilots-in-command and flight crew persons are required to know, understand, and abide by the CBC Long Jump Challenge rules. The flight reports will be accepted up and until April 15, 2022. Forward the flight reports to Linda Then at lindathen@telus.net.

RULES:

1. The contest runs **over a two year period** from September 30 to April 15.
2. A pilot may launch with **more** fuel but must limit fuel consumption to only **180 litres or less** during the flight to achieve a valid result.
3. Adherence to all Canadian Aviation Regulations is required.
4. Flight at or above 9,000 feet MSL is not permitted.
5. No items may be dropped during flight except lightweight objects, such as pieces of paper, to determine wind direction.
6. Landing must occur prior to sunset on the day of launch.
7. Intermediate landings are not permitted.
8. Each team will consist of a pilot, plus a maximum of 4 crew. Valid crew members will be CBC members.
9. The category winners are the pilots and their crew who complete the longest distance flight in a hot air balloon, as calculated from the launch site to the landing site GPS coordinates.
10. Pilots may carry passengers if desired.

Pilots are requested to submit narrative of the flight with their report. The narrative will help in resolving discrepancies, and may also be used in publication stories about the event. Entries on fuel remaining, tank changes, ground speed, altitudes, visibility, etc. are encouraged. Pilots are requested to submit photos of themselves, their crew and the balloon, especially if in-flight activities are shown.

Balloon Pins

I'd like to let the Club Membership know that if pilots, crew, or guests are considering ordering Balloon Pins (or any other Lapel Pins for that matter) for next summer's flying season, now would be a good time to consider ordering. I work with Bill Whelan on pin designs (and he is very busy building balloons, so his time is limited). I have lots of retirement time to do fun designs.

If we get together a few orders over the next couple of months, we could have pins in your hands in early spring, plus with a number of orders, we can save (and share the shipping costs in lieu of individual shipping costs/order which is considerably more). Many of you who have already received pins and designs from me know I don't charge anything for my design services except that I just ask for ten pins of your order.

If you are interested or considering ordering pins of your Balloon or Collage of Your Balloons or any other pins of your choice, please send me a memo with your idea, a photograph or a hand sketch. I will help you with design & colours & make suggestions, etc. Pin sizes are normally 1" up to 2" in 1/8" increments, with quantities of 300 to 500. The Balloon Club orders 100 per year for the Membership. Please feel free to ask questions - send me your ideas and I will send you back a rough sketch, you can adjust or approve as noted, I will then get a quote from the manufacturer and then we can proceed.

Also you can order Patches or Crests - 3" up to 8" or 9" (or whatever size & configuration you like)....

Ralph Dowson

Please reply to: skyacehighflyer@gmail.com or Phone 709-334-1015



Blast From the Past

Submitted by Stan Wereschuk

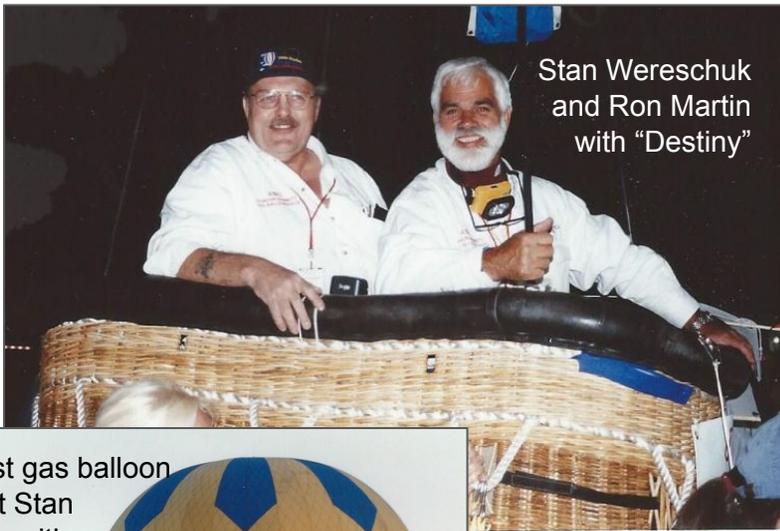


August 1997 - Bill Whelan and Dave Glead at the Gatineau Balloon Festival

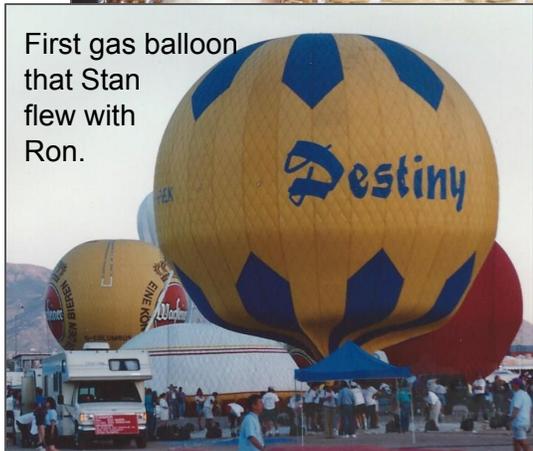


Bill Whelan, Stan Wereschuk, Will Elmers in a hydrogen gas balloon flight in Gladbeck, Germany.

Stan's Viva with the Space Shuttle Balloon in ABQ,



Stan Wereschuk and Ron Martin with "Destiny"



First gas balloon that Stan flew with Ron.



Bud Throop and Stan flew a gas balloon from Denver, Colorado to St. Paul, Minnesota. As they were flying over Chamberlain, SD, somebody on the ground shot at them with a high power rifle! They landed safely after the second night, near Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN. November 2010



Heritage in the Hat: Home of A Hero

BY MEDICINE HAT NEWS ON JUNE 24, 2017.

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Off the beaten track, on a side street in the River Flats, stands a building which at first glance seems quite ordinary. But something about its appearance makes it stand out in this quiet, residential neighbourhood. It has the architectural appearance of an old store.

A little research at the Esplanade Archives revealed its original purpose. Hidden behind years of renovations to modernize its appearance, this apartment building today was once a flourishing grocery and general store. Built in 1911, the structure is far older than what meets the eye. It was known as the Rossiter Store.

It was also the home of 14-year-old Norman Rossiter, a Boy Scout leader, the son of Charles and Ann Rossiter, the proprietors of the store. On Friday June 23, 1911, the Northwest Amusement Company brought its show into town. One of the main attractions was a hot air balloon navigated by George Cokely. On a routine display, the balloonist “had ascended to a height of 3,000 feet when the balloon began to descend rapidly, at the same time drifting along the course of the river. In order to clear the gas bag and save himself, Cokely decided to jump and when about 75 feet above the water he dove downwards.”

Norman Rossiter witnessed the tragedy. When the balloonist, who was now in the middle of the South Saskatchewan River, was about to sink a second time, Norman swam out with a rope and saved the life of George Cokely. For his bravery, in 1911 Rossiter was awarded the highest Scout medal, sharing the honour with two other Scouts from across Canada.

While still a teenager, Norman pursued a career as an electrician. When the First World War was raging in Europe, Rossiter left the trade and in 1916 enlisted with the 210th Battalion. Although wounded, Acting Lance Corporal Rossiter survived the war, receiving two war medals and a badge. By the end of the war, the Rossiters had moved to Calgary, having sold the business and property. Norman resumed his career as an electrician. From 1923 to 1941 Graham’s Groceteria operated from this location.

Long before the era of supermarkets, shopping centres and big box stores, most of Medicine Hat’s quiet residential neighbourhoods were supplied by the corner store and each one has its own story.

Malcolm Sissons is the Chair of the Heritage Resources Committee. This article was prepared by committee member Sally Sehn with the help of Esplanade Archives staff.

Crew kudos to Cate Walker and Thomas Ooms. On one of Cathy's training flights, they decided to see how many times they could be right under the balloon when it flew over. They made it five times, and were right on the spot when the balloon landed!



They changed their chase style the next flight, when Del Michaud poured water on them through the chase vehicle's open moon roof.



Cate Walker's shot of "Wild Blue Yonder", Aug 23



Photo by Kelsi McKeage, August 30

2020/2021 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Dates and locations will be confirmed by email.
 All events are subject to Alberta Health Services' pandemic guidelines.

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION
Nov 11	CBC Annual General Meeting	Through Zoom
Nov 14	Saturday after meeting flight	
Nov 21	Montgolfier Day	Everywhere
Dec 3	CBC Christmas Party	Details to be announced
Jan 1 2021	New Year's Day Flight	Details to be announced
Jan 13	CBC Monthly Meeting	
Jan 16	Saturday after meeting flight	
Feb 10	CBC Monthly Meeting	
Feb 13	Saturday after meeting flight	
Feb 15	Sylvan Lake Winterfest	Sylvan Lake, Alberta
March 10	CBC Monthly Meeting	
March 13	Saturday after meeting flight	
April 14	CBC Monthly Meeting	
April 17	Saturday after meeting flight	
April 30-May 2	Spring Drumheller Happening	Drumheller, Alberta
May 12	CBC Monthly Meeting	
May 15	Saturday after meeting flight	

Please send submissions for the February newsletter
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