



# *Champagn-E-Vents*

*November 2022*

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## President's Report November 2022

It is November, with cold white stuff out there. Since this is the last newsletter of the year, we can all look back to a spectacular year of flying in Alberta – from events in Medicine Hat, Hespero, Drumheller, High River, and Raven. Thanks for all the good times.

The 46th Anniversary evening in Drumheller was a special time. Great to see many current and former members. Linda Then did an excellent job on coordinating the evening. The venue was perfect, the food delicious. Thanks to all who prepared decorations, balloons, and memorabilia.

In the last while, I had the chance to look at some Champagne E-Vents from the 1980's. Fascinating to read about the exploits, the pictures make one smile (bell bottom pants were in), the articles are relevant to ballooning today. Perhaps someone can help explain who 'Peg Leg' was, and what 'Sheroodu' is?

One quote worth repeating, is credited to John Pollock, Aero Club of South Africa: People who spend part of their lives in the sky are united by a bond that transcends race, and creed or politics. They are citizens of a world that recognizes only their enjoyment and understanding of it and this makes them friends, no matter where they are or who they are.

That quote pretty well describes the Calgary Balloon Club. It is a well organized group that increases everyone's enjoyment of the sport of ballooning. It is also apparent that we need more people to become involved, and accept active roles. It takes people to be secretary, publish the newsletter, organize meetings, and have input to activities. The reward is learning more about ballooning, contributing to the group, and sharpening your life skills. So, we are looking to have people participate in the Club – on the executive, submit articles, come out to crew or events. It is always a fun time! Going forward we look to a good year of ballooning. I will be doing what I can do to support the Club. Thank you to the executive and members for the work they have done.

*Richard – 2022 President*

Remember  
to renew  
your CBC  
membership!

## Windsond Update

The Calgary Balloon Club will coordinate several Windsond courses for those interested in learning and using it (this winter).

Please contact Brant Leatherdale if you are interested or need assistance with the Windsond.

### For Sale - GoPro Max \$400.00

Never used! Includes Max User Manual, 256 micro SD Card, USB to C cable, charger with 2 extra Batteries, numerous attachments and case.

Please contact Stan Wereschuk.



**CBC 2023 CALENDARS  
ARE SOLD OUT!**

Great job, Dirk, Tara and  
Brant!



## **The Calgary Balloon Club's Christmas Party for 2022.**

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Place:** Southwood Community Hall (Pioneer Room)  
11 Sackville Dr SW

(1/2 block west of Elbow Drive b  
between Southland Dr and Anderson Rd.)

**As in previous years, the event will be a potluck.**

We will have a cash bar available, serving wine and beer with pop and coffee available.

Friends and Family are welcome.

We are also planning a small draws during the event and, if anyone has an item of significance that would be of interest to others and that they would like to donate, please let Cathy Dudgeon know. Note: this will be a limited number of items and not white elephant draws!

A silent auction for a special Albuquerque 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fiesta coat will be finalized this evening. Watch for details.

We will need help with set up at 5:00 p.m. and clean up at 9:30 p.m. Contact Linda Then if you have any questions or if you can help.

MAP for the hall: <https://goo.gl/maps/rQ4ELiJcsxq8CPDK9>

**“Here’s to good food, good friends, laughter  
and a celebration of the season!”**



# **New Year's Day Flight and PotLuck**

Plan to join us for the first balloon gathering of 2023!

**Potluck at  
Sheppard Family Park (red barn)  
1201 5 St SE, High River  
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

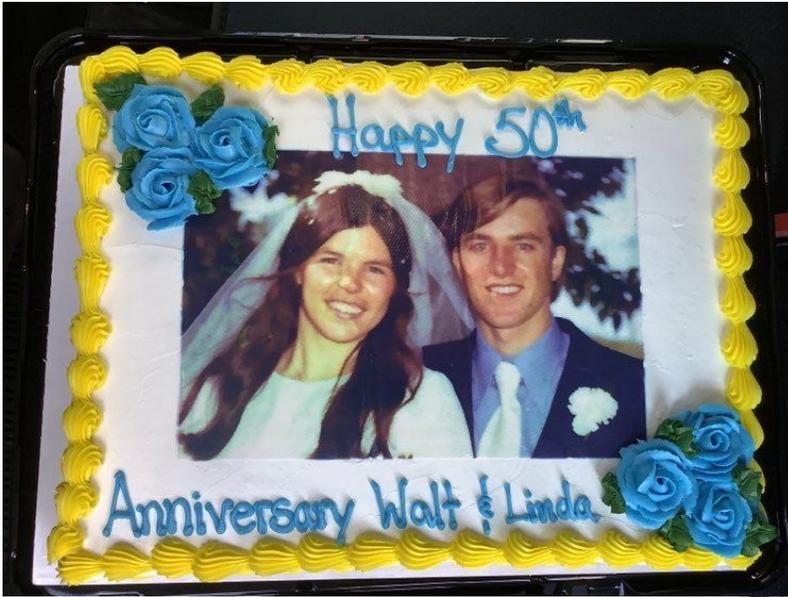
**Weather permitting, we'll fly  
from the High River Balloon Port that morning.**

**Sunrise is at 8:40 a.m.**



## August 4 - CBC Annual Picnic

The CBC's annual picnic was held at Bowness Park on August 4th , and about a dozen members were right **on track** for socializing, stories and fun.



We also celebrated  
Walt and Linda Then's  
50th anniversary.

Thanks to everybody  
who came out!



# August 13 - Picnic at the Port

*Submitted by Brent Gordon*

Some of the High River pilots organized an Appreciation BBQ on August 13th at the High River Balloon Port. We had a good turn out with some 20 people attending. The weather was clear sky and hot. Nice socialization had by all. Thanks to Scotty Beaton, Jenn Prodruski and Scott Gordon!



# HRBEC Ballooning Workshops 2022

By Cathy Dudgeon

The HRBEC (High River Balloon Events Committee) Ballooning 101 and Crew Training workshops have wrapped up for the season, and what a busy season! Over 150 people ages 4-74 came from all over southern Alberta to attend eight different workshops.

We first started the Ballooning 101 workshops in the summer of 2021 as a way to promote ballooning, and to help recruit crew for the HIIBF (Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival). For years, the HIIBF has hosted a Crew Training workshop the evening before the Festival begins, but we wanted a way for people to become more familiar with balloons, with the hope that they would want to get more involved. We've discovered that the workshops are a lot like ballooning itself - we make plans, but we're never really sure what we're going to get, so the only definite plan is to adjust for the conditions.

In the spring of 2022, we began to book workshops. The first workshop of the season was for a program for dads and kids hosted by the Wild Rose Community Connections. Families gathered at the Port for a BBQ before we began the workshop. Many of the participants were much younger than normally attend, which left us scrambling to adjust. Fortunately Janice Storch had some great ideas, including using soap bubbles to teach the children about the wind speed and direction. An informal race to set up a FireFly basket and a Cameron basket led to surprising results, and the participants loved firing the burners.



*Clockwise from top left*

*\*Jamie Kinghorn and Cathy Dudgeon get ready for the FireFly vs Cameron basket race.*

*\* Thomas Ooms giving crownline instruction.*

*\* Jamie Kinghorn and a future pilot.*

*\* Very young crew helping to spread out the mini envelope.*

We did two workshops for the High River Library's summer reading program, starting with some simple "ground school" fun before moving outdoors. I created several new activities that were geared towards younger participants, including a tiny flying tetrahedron, a beanbag toss, and a balloon retrieval game. A storm watch in the area meant that the full-size balloon had to stay in the bag, but we put the mini balloon to good use.

The Boys & Girls Club required two buses for all their participants at their August workshop. I was surprised by how many people remembered ballooning information from the previous summer! We cold inflated "Maryann's Treat", played with the mini balloon "Upcycled" and the various games, all while learning about how and why balloons fly.



The next three workshops were open to those who signed up through the HRBEC website, and were mostly adults. Activities included safety training, weather conditions for flight, a hot inflation, a cold inflation, exploring inside the mini balloon, firing the burner, and toasting with bottled water.

We usually ask where people are from, and most are from within an hour or two of High River. One was a teacher from Airdrie, who asked about the possibility of us coming to her school to do a workshop there. Two people were a mother-daughter team who got hooked during Medicine Hat's Rise Up festival, and travelled to High River the night before to attend our workshop - which made me really happy that we weren't weathered out! We even had one lady who drove from Edmonton to learn about balloons, before signing up to crew for the HIIBF.



The season's workshops concluded with the workshop that started it all - Crew Training the evening before the Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival. We were a little concerned when we learned that over 40 people had signed up, but we knew we could adjust our plans to suit the needs and conditions. After the usual safety and crew training, Jamie Kinghorn did an evening tether, giving many of the participants their first taste of lighter-than-air flight.

Thanks to Janice Storch, Thomas and Debi Ooms, Jamie Kinghorn, Ken and Sam Dudgeon, and Denise Lineham for coming out to sweat in the hot sun, to patiently answer questions, and to share the joy of ballooning. Shout out to Lorraine Watson for handling all the online registrations! Plans are already underway for the 2023 workshops and Youth Program.

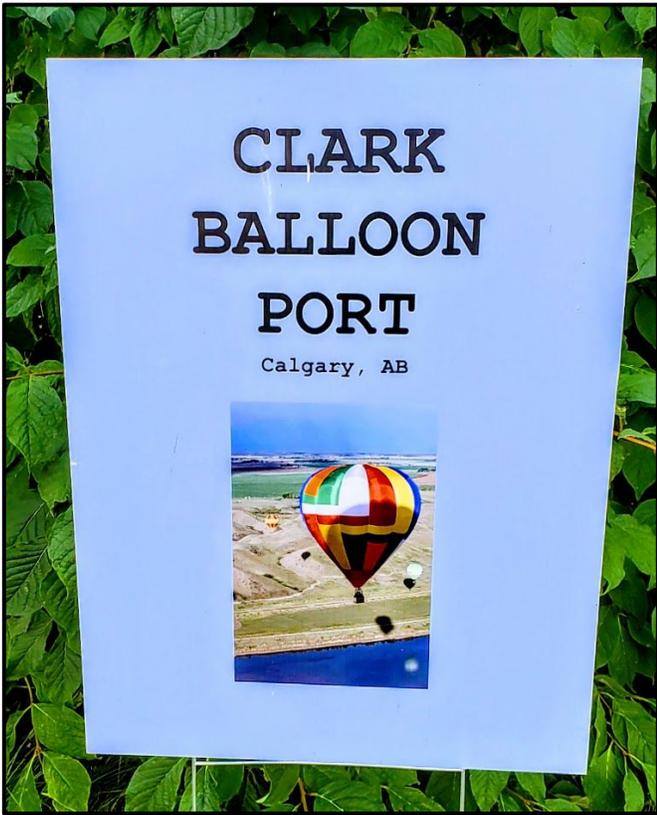


*Jamie Kinghorn, Ken Dudgeon, Cathy Dudgeon, Janice Storch, Thomas Ooms, Denise Lineham*



*Cathy Dudgeon, Ken Dudgeon, Sam Dudgeon, Rebecca Dudgeon*





For years we've all enjoyed the warm hospitality Richard and Heather Clark, who have been very generous with allowing people to use their space for balloon inspections and more.

They were surprised to come home one day to find that it's now an unofficial Balloon Port!

Thank you, Richard and Heather, for all that you do!!

*(Photos of balloon inspections on August 19 by Cathy Dudgeon.)*





# Hespero Balloon Race 2022

By Cathy Dudgeon



Over 100 people gathered at Hespero over the September long weekend at the 11th annual Hespero Balloon Race, hosted by Cliff and Sheri Skocdopole. There were four flights in total, including two morning flights that included all seventeen balloons in attendance.

Shane Lockyer won the first Hare & Hound, with Dave Glead winning the second Hare & Hound flight. Garry Lockyer was the overall winner.



Cathy Dudgeon



Cathy Dudgeon



Cathy Dudgeon

Dale Ritchie, whose balloon was trying to eat him.



Heather Davidson

Cathy Dudgeon, flying the Ukraine banner.



Cathy Dudgeon

Donna King joined the Sparkle Squad.



Cathy Dudgeon

John Phillips, photobomber



# Hespero 2022



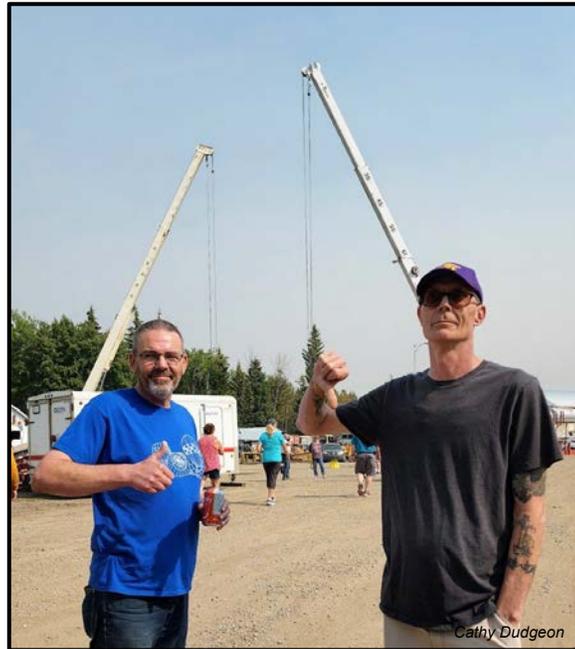
The crew competition involved big cranes. Really, really BIG cranes.

One crew person would operate the crane (with the help of somebody who actually knew what they were doing), while the second crew person directed them.

The crane operator had to pick up a bucket of water, move it to a platform, and set it down.

Fastest time went to David McNeal and Jeff Walker.

Slowest time went to Lyle and Dawn Radom, who won the infamous Rolling Hills trophy.



*Ken Dudgeon and Thomas Ooms*



*Donna King*





# Hespero 2022



Saturday afternoon's traditional corn toast.

Cathy Dudgeon



Gwen and Dirk Luxen



Cathy Dudgeon



Saturday evening's weather was too hot for most balloons, but Cliff took up his grandchildren.



Cathy Dudgeon

It was the perfect opportunity to prepare the hangar for his surprise 60th birthday party. Hearing dozens of people try to play, "Sink the Bismarck" on kazoos was very memorable.



Cathy Dudgeon



# Hespero 2022



Dirk Luxen



Dirk Luxen

Cathy Dudgeon and Shane Lockyer were able to set up the two mini balloons at the same time for a Mini Glow.



Dirk Luxen



Heather Davidson



Heather Davidson



# Hespero 2022

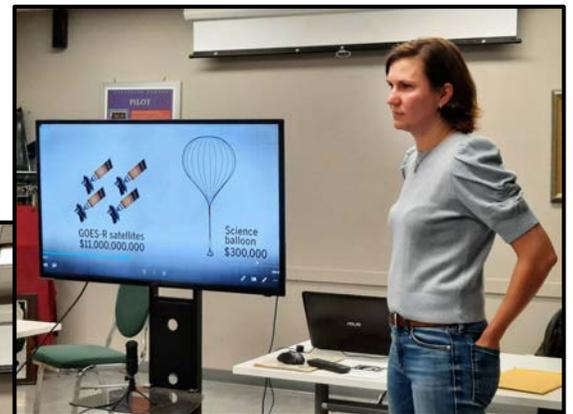
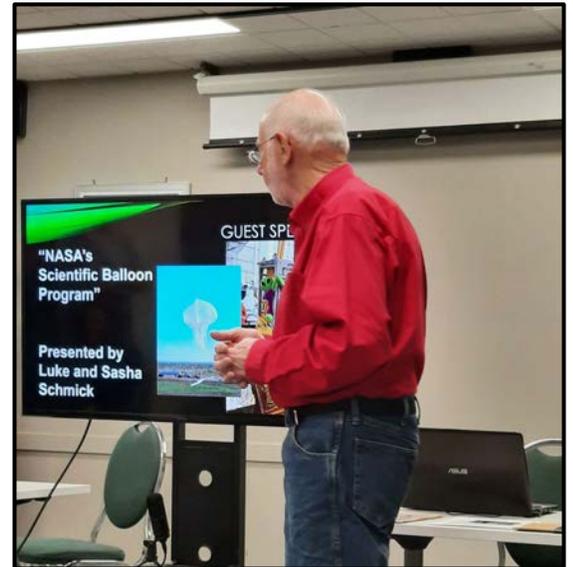


A big thanks to  
Cliff and Sheri  
for hosting such a  
wonderful get-together!

# CBC September Meeting

Our guest speakers, Luke and Sasha Schmick, gave an informative and entertaining presentation about the NASA Scientific Balloon Program. Their roles in the program were each quite different but connected.

Gas balloons provide a cost effective launch vehicle for large, bulky scientific instruments. As hot air balloonists, we were able to appreciate when they talked about size/volume of balloons, the payload, windy launch conditions, and recovery of the balloon. Luke told of launching balloons in Antarctica, where the balloon did a circular route. The retrieval over the snow covered landscape was done with tracked vehicles.



# CBC's 46th Anniversary Celebration Drumheller, September 16-18

The Calgary Balloon Club's 46th anniversary celebration in Drumheller was a success. Balloons flew Friday evening, Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Aeronauts of all eras gathered on Saturday evening to share history, stories, and a great meal. *(photos submitted by Heather Clark and Cathy Dudgeon)*



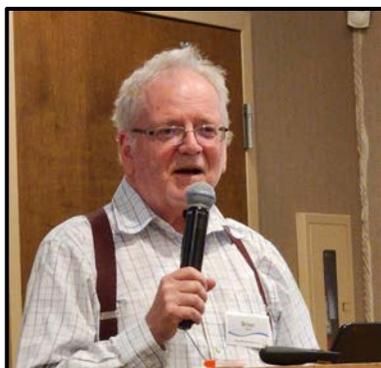
Saturday evening's celebration included a wonderful meal and some great guest speakers who talked about the history of ballooning in the area and its future. We've come a long way since the days of flying VFR - which apparently means "Very Few Rules", according to Brian Hval. 



*Richard Clark*



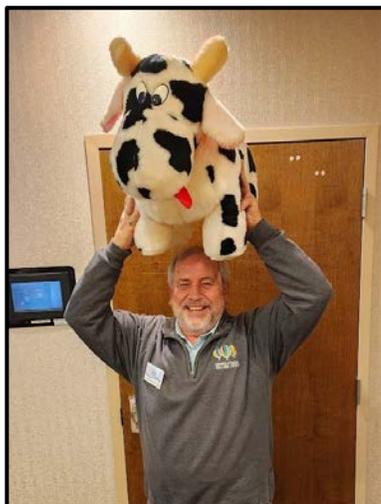
*Sharon Dougan*



*Brian Hval*



*Brant Leatherdale*



*Dale Ritchie, practicing for Albuquerque*



*Del Michaud*

Questions arose as to who the first five pilots in Alberta were, and the call letters of the first registered Canadian aircraft.

## What WAS the first registered call sign for a Canadian aircraft?

**AVIATION**



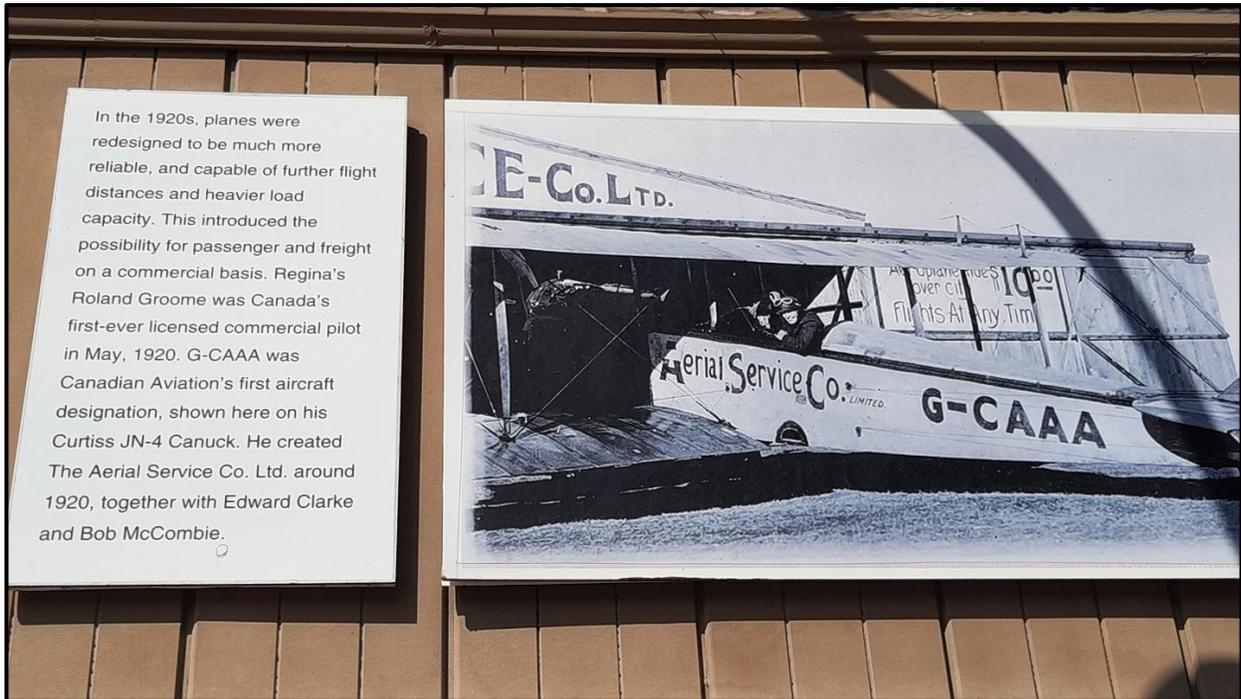
**Groome and McCombie's JN-4 Canuck - the first airplane in Canada to be licensed for commercial purposes. The sign on the side of the building behind the plane reads: " Aeroplane Ride over city. Flights At Any Time. \$10.00"**  
*Saskatchewan Archives Board R-B3839-1 / ©M. West, Regina, West's Studio Collection*

The first experiments in aviation in what would become Saskatchewan took place in the early 1890s, when William Wallace Gibson wondered if the kite he often flew could somehow be mated with an engine. Gibson maintained his interest in this subject. After reading of the Wright brothers' successful 1903 flights he accelerated his experiments by launching a large paper glider from the roof of his BALGONIE hardware store in June 1904, and also designed a man-carrying machine and a gasoline engine to power it. These

Saskatchewan experiments bore fruit on September 8, 1910, when Gibson (by then living in Victoria) flew his "Twin-plane," the first aircraft designed and built in Canada, and powered by a Canadian-designed engine. Although a few Saskatchewanians also built flying machines, the first powered flight in the province was made on May 19, 1911, when American barnstormer C.W. Shaffer flew his biplane over SASKATOON; he made another flight in REGINA on August 5.

Desultory experiments by aviation enthusiasts and summer flights by touring aviators made up the extent of flying in Saskatchewan for the next eight years. The end of WORLD WAR I saw the return of military pilots and ground crew, notably ROLAND GROOME, who gained a place in Canada's aviation history in the spring of 1920 when the federal government's new Air Board, which was traveling across western Canada, issued Canadian commercial pilot's licence No. 1 to him. Groome's business partner, Robert McCombie, received aero engineer's licence No. 1; their airfield (in Regina's Lakeview district) became Canada's first licensed "air harbour"; and their Canadian-built JN-4 (Can) Canuck was registered G-CAAA - the first licensed aircraft in Canada. An airport in Saskatoon received licence No. 2.

Chabun, W. (2022). *First Registered Aircraft in Canada*. The Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan. <https://esask.uregina.ca/entry/aviation.jsp>. Submitted by Richard Clark.



In the 1920s, planes were redesigned to be much more reliable, and capable of further flight distances and heavier load capacity. This introduced the possibility for passenger and freight on a commercial basis. Regina's Roland Groome was Canada's first-ever licensed commercial pilot in May, 1920. G-CAAA was Canadian Aviation's first aircraft designation, shown here on his Curtiss JN-4 Canuck. He created The Aerial Service Co. Ltd. around 1920, together with Edward Clarke and Bob McCombie.

## The First Five Hot Air Balloon Pilots In Alberta

*By Richard Clark*

There is interest in who the first five balloon pilots in Alberta were. Here is a list compiled after research and conversation.

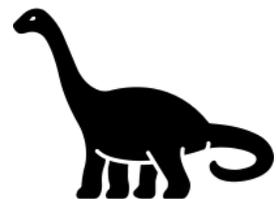
1. Sandy McTaggart XDB1
2. Bill Mine XDB2
3. Dale Lang XDB3
4. Del Michaud XDB4
5. Brian Hval XDB5

The balloon license was designated as XDB. It is believed that this designation came from XD, for Edmonton, and B for balloon, followed by the sequential license number. A small part of the history of ballooning in Alberta.

Who were the second five?



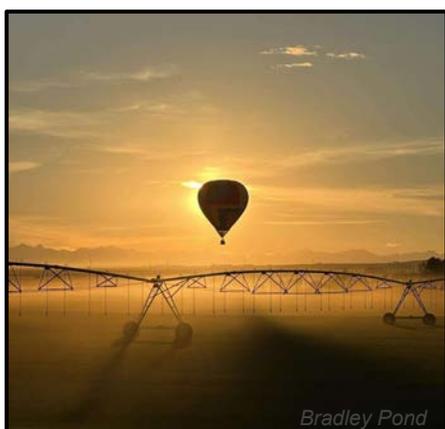
Special thanks to everybody who helped to make the 46th anniversary celebration such a success!



# Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival September 21 - 25, 2022

By Cathy Dudgeon

The 10th annual Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival was held in High River from September 21 - 25. 23 balloon teams attended from Alberta, B.C., Ontario, Montana, New Mexico, New Hampshire, the United Kingdom, and Belgium. High Riverites love balloons, and were delighted to see the skies filled five out of seven possible flights.



To see CBC's coverage of the event, click on the link below.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/international-balloon-festival-high-river-1.6592864>



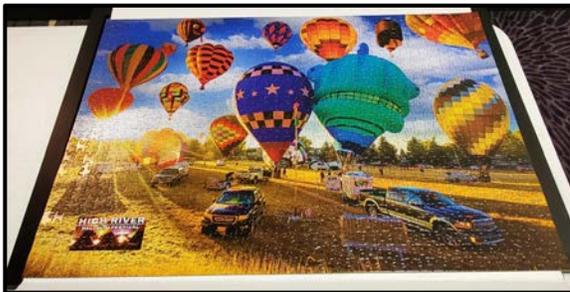
**The Sparkle Squad continues to grow!**

Left to right: Sheri Skocdopole, Jayme Leatherdale, Cathy Dudgeon, Heather Clark, Emma Dark, Brie Johnstone, Donna King, Layne Dickinson, Annette Dickinson



Being on the weather team with Thomas Ooms meant sending up a Windsond, flying, then trying to find the small styrofoam cup with the software.

Thanks to Brant Leatherdale, Justin Elkins, and Josh Pallister for wandering around a field one morning to help us find the cup.



This puzzle was set up at the back of the briefing room, with the request that each person help put together a few pieces. By the end of the weekend, it was done. It was mounted and framed, and now hangs at the Heritage Inn.



*Del Michaud, doing his part*

The Glow was moved to a new location, on the west side of Centre Street just north of the bridge.

Traffic was blocked off at both ends, and spectators could either walk, or ride a bus to the site.



The winds were a bit fast at the start, but eventually settled down enough that we were able to inflate. Thousands of people poured onto the field to enjoy the glow.



Steve Birdwell, a local High River resident, also flew his mini balloon during the Glow.





The event wrapped up on Sunday morning with a delicious brunch and awards banquet at the Heritage Inn.

Congratulations to all participants, and special congratulations to the top three:

1. Dale Ritchie
2. Dave Gleed
3. Peter Van Overwalle



Thank you to the High River Balloon Events Committee, the sponsors, the balloon teams, and all the volunteers who came out to make the event such a success!





# CBC October Meeting Rothney Astrophysical Observatory



23 members and 10 guests met at the Rothney Astrophysical Observatory on October 12th for great guest speakers and a tour of the facility that included looking at Jupiter and Saturn.



## "A PIECE OF THE PIE!"



Take home your piece  
of the pie

Draw Date - Oct 12th

- Tickets
- 1 for \$5
- 3 for \$10
- 15 for \$20

1st bite = 35% of the pie  
2nd bite = 15% of the pie

Name

Ticket Numbers

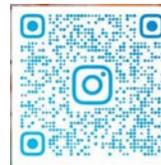
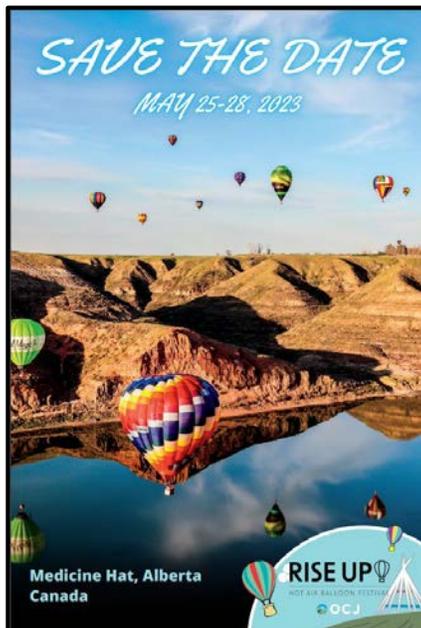
We set up just a fun little draw to get some activity going amongst club members and guests at the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

We had lots of interest and the ticket sales were \$685.00. Of this, the club retained 50%. First place was for 35% of the ticket sales and second prize was for 15% of the ticket sales.

We had the draw at the club meeting on Wednesday, October 12 at the Rothney Observatory. Jennifer Howse from the Rothney drew the tickets for us, picking Scott Gordon's ticket for the 15% winner and Brant Leatherdale's for the 35% winner.

Brant took home his share of \$239.75 and Scott received his share of \$102.75.

Congratulations to our two winners and thanks to all who participated!





# The 50th Annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

By Sheri Skocdopole

After a marathon of ballooning events in September, we rushed home unpacked and re-packed the “Crewzer” after High River and in less than 24 hours we were on the road to Albuquerque!!

The drive down was beautiful and so was the weather. And we arrived in Albuquerque ready to experience the big event. Unfortunately we were missing two very important people who were going to be taking part in alongside us, as Richard and Heather were not feeling well and unable to attend. That meant we had ample crew for the 10 days but we were thankful for each of them taking the time to join in on the fun!

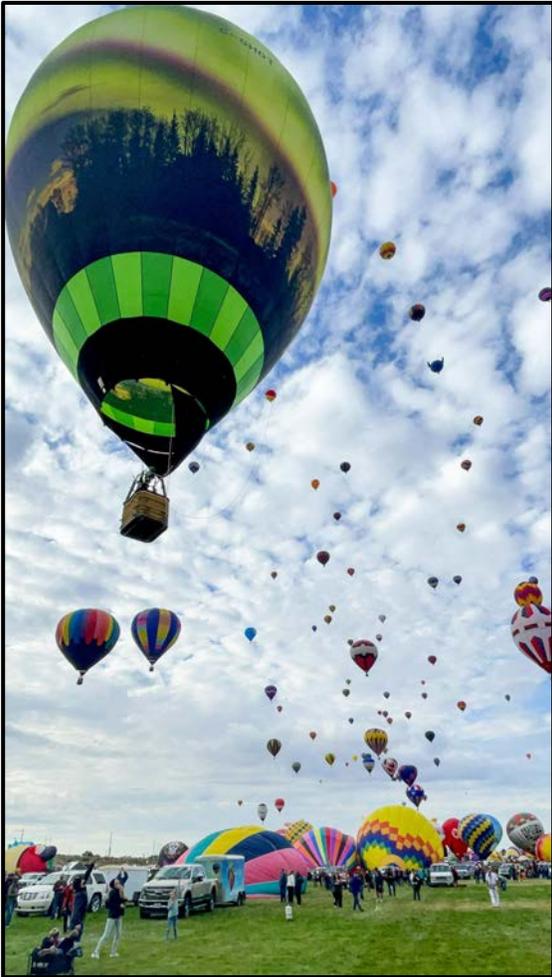
We started with a morning school tether as part of the Albuquerque aloft program, which allows those students and families, who otherwise might not be able to attend fiesta, get up close to balloons and experience it first hand. It’s always so fun to see the excitement on the faces of those littles and Cliff enjoys it as much or more than they do!





Saturday was the first official flight of Fiesta, surface winds were a bit sporty so we opted not to fly that day. However on day two “Northern FLights” made her Fiesta Debut and even got some air time on the live stream.

Due to hurricane IAN being on the East Coast holding the unstable weather systems in place, the weather was less than ideal throughout that entire week and we only managed to fly one other time during the event. We did do a couple of static displays but each of our glow nights were also cancelled due to weather.

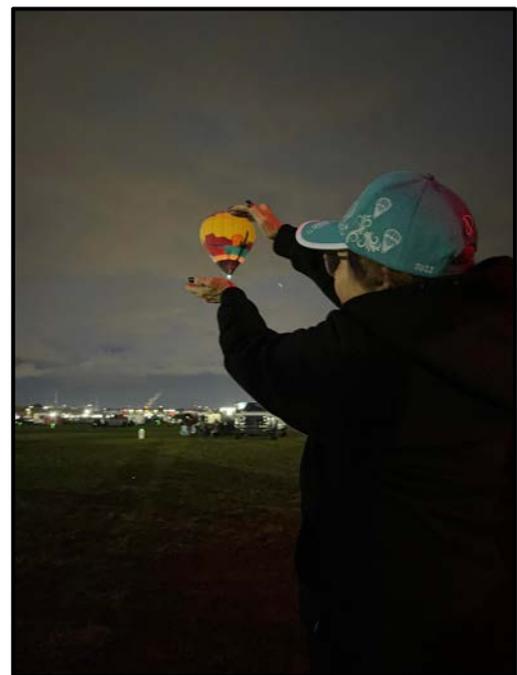


In spite of that we had a ton of wonderful response to our balloon and a lot of fun with our crew, Some of whom have never been to FIESTA before. We all enjoyed the Fastrax skydiving team shows, incredible fireworks and the drone shows which were a real tribute to the Albuquerque area and history of the event and to Sid Cutter who founded it. We took in old town for a bit of shopping and enjoyed some great food as well.

Dennis and Heide Myrthu joined us for a few days as well and we loved having them join in on the fun while they reminisced about past Fiesta experiences. We connected with other Canadian balloonists and some old acquaintances too! The people are the best part of these events

A huge thank you to Grant and Joanne Fiege, Cal and Joanie Camerer, Murray and Margie Lunt, Rick and Cindy Henning for taking time out of their lives to come to Albuquerque for yet another adventure! We made more memories to bring up at future events and reminisce about.

Fiesta 2022 is in the books!





Dale Ritchie went to Balloon Fiesta to fly Airabelle, and sent along some pictures of the Special Shapes on the field, along with the giant "50".





Dale Ritchie and his crew were all set up for the Glow on Friday, October 7th when they were caught in a microburst that soaked the envelope, along with several others on the field. Airabelle and about 20 other shapes went to the ABQ Convention Centre, where it took about 2 ½ hours to dry her out.



## RAVEN RALLY 2022



The dates for the rally this year were October 21 – 23, 2022. On the previous Wednesday (if you didn't look at a forecast), the pilots were dreaming of the great flights we would have flying out of the Caron balloonport in the great weather we were experiencing.

Fast forward one day (or for those who were looking at a forecast), and the weather changed... drastically.

About 25 made it to the Tivoli restaurant on Friday evening to start off the weekend.



Saturday morning, between the winds and the snow, we managed to watch pibals fly away.

However, Shane was able to set up his new hopper for an initial inspection and it was declared "Excellent", "Looks great" and for Shane, "Good job!"



Breakfast was then served with lots of socialization and then everyone managed to keep busy until the afternoon briefing at 4:00 p.m. Again, more pibals but no flight.



We had lots of time (and more than an hour) for Walt's "Happy Hour" before the supper of pulled pork with all the fixin's. For the Happy Hour, special thanks to John Phillips for making his interesting Dill chips (delicious) and his homemade salsa and another special thanks to Sheri for her perennial dip (long gone before I got there).



Full but full of anticipation, we waited for the Halloween costumed guests to arrive. As usual, we had some great ideas. Amazing how much fun you can have with just large masks and the adults seem to have just as much fun as the costumed kids.





# Calgary Balloon Club

## Long Jump Challenge 2022-2023

**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 below.

### **Objective**

- To promote safe longer distance hot air balloon flight planning and execution
- To encourage fun flights.
- To share the experience with Club members via the newsletter.
- To have fun!

### **Rules Version**

The rules as posted on the Calgaryballoonclub.ca website will remain in force until updated by the Long Jump Committee.

### **Categories**

The participation categories are designated in the table below:

Balloon Size Long Jump Categories
AX-6 and Smaller
AX-7
AX-8

### **Participant Definition**

A balloon carrying a pilot-in-command that must be a current CBC member.

### **Recognition**

To encourage greater participation, CBC participants will be recognized on the club website and Facebook page after completion of each flight. Also, category winners, pilot and all flight crew members, after April 15, 2020, will be recognized on the club website and Facebook page and winners will each receive a small CBC award / prize along with their name on the Long Jump trophy.

## Incentives to Participate in the Long Jump Challenge

### **The Intangibles:**

- Improve your duration piloting capability and flight planning skills while establishing your new "personal best" result, even if your improvement is only 15 kms.
- Pilots and crew members will be entitled to boast, "We flew the balloon "X" kms."
- Become familiar with weather web sites and information as you use the Long Jump program to challenge yourself and crew to achieve an increased distance goal and make the 'GO!' or 'NO GO!' decision. Checking the weather forecasts this winter could become a daily routine to be enjoyed as you start your day.
- Do it for the crew by giving them an opportunity to be involved in a high adventure, marking the high point of a winter with otherwise few flights. Pack the coffee and the lunch and enhance crew skills in long distance chasing and recovery.
- Encourage fellow balloon pilots to get involved.

### **The Tangibles:**

- A photo of you, your balloon and crew in the Calgary Balloon Club newsletter, website and Facebook page!
- Publication of your flight story in the Calgary Balloon Club newsletter, website and Facebook page!
- A Calgary Balloon Club award to each winner in each category!
- Your name on the Long Jump trophy!

### **Entry**

Any current CBC pilot members may enter. ***A minimum of 2 entries must be received by Dec 31, 2022.*** 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](mailto:luxen@shaw.ca) . **All the entry fees plus a CBC contribution go towards prizes to the winners.**

## **Long Jump 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. Forward the flight reports to Linda Then at [lindathen@telus.net](mailto:lindathen@telus.net)

### **LONG JUMP CHALLENGE RULES:**

1. The contest runs over a one or two year period from October 1 to April 15. (if, due to weather conditions, there is limited opportunity for planning long jump flights, the deadline will be extended to the following year.)
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 co-ordinates).
10. Pilots



*Luka Drganc's photo from Long Jump in January 2017*

### **Long Jump - Additional Clarifications and Guidance:**

The distance determined by the Long Jump Committee judges will be the measured distance between the launch and landing locations as calculated using the GPS coordinates of the verified locations. The distance claimed may be as assessed by the pilot by the best means available to the pilot, but this may be revised by the judges' calculation. Therefore the most accurate possible reporting, with landmark verification is important.

Pilots must verify the launch and landing locations by completing the appropriate sections of the Flight Report Form, including signatures of persons verifying the information. In addition to stating the Launch and Landing Latitudes and Longitudes, pilots should include a GPS plot of their track.

In the entry for "Method of Determining Fuel Inventory", briefly describe the process for determining the quantity of fuel used during the flight. The pilot may elect:

- 1) To record pre-flight and post-flight tank weights.
- 2) To utilize another method to determine that the fuel consumed during the flight was 180 litres or less such as flying with full tanks and recording litres upon refilling.

Nothing may be taken on board after launch.

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.



*Long Jump, December 2018*



## CALGARY BALLOON CLUB

**DEADLINE: MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15**

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### LONG JUMP CHALLENGE 2023 FLIGHT REPORT FORM

*Annual Entry Fees (can cover multiple flights)*

*\$20 - Pilot Entry*

#### **Pilot Information:**

CBC Pilot Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee Enclosed? (yes)\_\_\_ or: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Flight Crew Information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **BALLOON INFORMATION:**

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

AX Category \_\_\_\_\_ Volume \_\_\_\_\_

# 2022-23 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
December 10	Christmas Party	Southwood Community Hall
January 1	New Year's Day Flight	High River
January 11	CBC Monthly Meeting	
January 19-22	Havasu Balloon Festival	Lake Havasu City, Arizona
Feb 3 - 12	Vernon Winter Carnival	Vernon, BC
February 8	CBC Monthly Meeting	
February 20	Sylvan Lake Winterfest	Sylvan Lake
March 8	CBC Monthly Meeting	
April 12	CBC Monthly Meeting	
May 5-7	Spring Drumheller Happening	Drumheller, Alberta
May 10	CBC Monthly Meeting	
May 25-28	Rise Up Balloon Festival	Medicine Hat
June 14	CBC Monthly Meeting	
June 18	Wings & Wheels	Hangar Museum, Calgary
July 21-23	Big Sky	Billings, Montana
August 3	CBC Annual Summer BBQ	Calgary

Please send submissions for the February newsletter  
to Cathy [cathycdn@gmail.com](mailto:cathycdn@gmail.com) or Sharon [sjelliott@sasktel.net](mailto:sjelliott@sasktel.net) by January 27th.

Cathy spends enough time and energy chasing work that her students aren't submitting on time to go snooping through social media posts looking for pictures and other details and nagging adults. Just send them directly!

