

Balloonowledge 2010

Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association

Kent State University, March 12 & 13, 2010



Re: Safety Seminar Registration
November 19, 2009

Dear Balloon Enthusiast:

The Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association (NOBPA) is hosting its 28th annual Safety Seminar on March 12 & 13, 2010. Balloonowledge 2010 will again be a weekend format and will be held at Kent State University Main Campus Student Center. It's located in Kent, Ohio and it's an easy drive from any direction. *Even though we are using a weekend format, only Saturday, March 13, 2010 is the required attendance date for sanctioning.* Back again this year, and included in the cost, on Friday, March 12th will be a trade show reception with hors d'oeuvres (and cash bar) and an early registration opportunity.

Enclosed with this mailing are the following: Registration Form, NOBPA Membership form, a *tentative* Seminar Schedule, Directions and motel listings, and a List of Topics with brief descriptions and instructors. The seminar offers a wide variety of topics applicable to all types of pilots and crew both experienced and novice. As always, Balloonowledge will be interactive and include pilots and crew in the educational process. Registration prices for pilots and crew include a preprinted manual, deluxe continental breakfast, lunch, and continuous morning and afternoon break beverages and snacks.

BFA Sanctioning: We have applied for BFA Sanctioning as a "Single Subject" safety seminar.

Nearby Hotels: While the Kent, Ohio area has numerous hotels and motels for your convenience, we have arranged group rates at the Days Inn (330-677-9400) and at the Super 8 (330-678-8817) for those interested in staying Friday or Saturday evening. A double room able to sleep four is \$52.98 and 45.95 respectively. Both are located at I-76 exit 33 - Kent Route 43. If you would like to reserve a room, you will need to make you own arrangements by calling the desired hotel and advise them you are with the NOBPA Balloon Group.

Trade Show: Balloonowledge 2010 will again include representatives from the balloon manufacturers displaying and discussing their systems. In addition, a number of vendors will be on hand to provide balloon enthusiasts merchandise and all sorts of ballooning accessories.

Non-registered Guests: Seminar registrants traveling with family or friends desiring to join you for lunch will need to purchase a lunch ticket in advance. Please indicate on your registration form how many you will need. Cost of an additional lunch is \$15.00.

If you have further questions, please contact Marie Russell (330) 497-0270, Karen Holt (330) 263-6824 or Ken Myers (330) 923-4600 or visit our web site <http://www.nobpa.com/> and click on the Safety Seminar link. We look forward to seeing you in March 2010.

Sincerely,

Marie Russell, Karen Holt & Ken Myers
Balloonowledge 2010 Chairmen