

Balloonowledge 2010 Seminar Topics

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Topics:



Let's Talk: Required Waivers & Event Flying: - Beth Miller

Waivers: Beth will discuss the mandating of the legal forms for all passengers and crew. She will explain the concept of the Waiver, and the difference between an Acknowledgement of Assumption of Risk and a Waiver. Beth will also discuss how these legal forms provide protection for YOU, your family, your assets and your present/future earnings. She will discuss the proper presentation of the legal forms, forms usage in claim situations, discuss exactly 'who' is required to sign, different methods of successfully implementing a legal form during free-flights, glows and tethers.

Event Flying: Participation in Events = high occurrence of incidents and accidents! What is happening? WHY?? Please be thinking and participate in this discussion.

Most importantly: Beth will discuss how fragile the "Sport of Ballooning" is as a whole. She will discuss the consistent and proper use of these required legal documents and the effects of Event/Rally/Competition flying on the survival of this wonderful Sport.



Propane - Handling & Safety Rules: - Roger Miller

Roger will review proper handling & safety procedures that one should know when dealing with propane

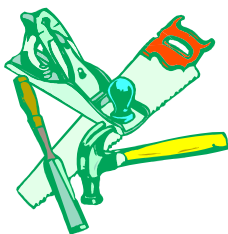
Setting Parameters - Mike Bauwens

Taking the simplest proactive steps outlined here will prevent most of the common and deadly mishaps that have plagued balloonists for decades



When to say "WHEN": - Billing Cloninger

This session focuses on some of the BIG ISSUES facing today's aging pilot community. Discusses strategies and techniques to keep pilots and crew safe as age slowly takes its toll on mental and physical fitness. From recognition of that you are not the same as you were 20 years ago, to incorporating this awareness into your flying activities, this session will provide tools to help keep you and your crew safely flying into retirement and beyond.



Legal Issues - Things to Know: - Ted Watts

Legal Issues that pilots should know about ballooning actions during flights. What a pilot should train crew how to prevent legal issues.

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Breakout Topics:



Crewing 201: - Jim Kovacik

In this session we will look at various situations that can arise on any chase, with vehicles, communications, and navigation.

What decisions will you make to make the chase a safe and enjoyable experience.

Accident and Balloon Safety - Kyle Farber

What have we learned from Ballooning accidents? This session will review various accidents with videos, still photos and accident reports. We will look at the NTSB accident report site to identify possible accident causes and review how to recognize the chain of event scenario leading up to an accident.



Aerostation Weather: - Bob Redinger

The presentation focuses primarily on the one factor in weather that is attributed, most obviously, to the greatest number of accidents: WIND.

Safe Flying at Festivals: - Kevin Knapp

Discussion on things you should know when preparing to attend balloon festivals away from home. Items to have with you, things to read and understand and also becoming familiar with the area..