

Sunday, April 15,

Meteorology in Fluid Motion, Brad Temeyer

With the atmosphere in constant motion and always changing, the decision of whether to fly or not is not always clear-cut. After receiving a flight briefing, there are often times visual clues the atmosphere will provide in helping to determine whether a safe flight is feasible. This talk will explore instances where a flight decision was not easy, and what visual clues and tools can be used to make a safe decision.

Ballooning and the Law, Ted Watts

An analysis of legal actions brought against balloonists and what could have been done to avoid litigation.

Breakout Session # 2 (choose one of three)

Accidents, Sean Askern

Accidents from a personal point of view, mine. This topic reviews two major accidents which Sean has been involved in, and how to handle the aftermath.

Knot Tying for the Launch Field, Mike Emich

In this hands on session you will learn to tie launch restraint lines and tether lines to your chase vehicle quickly and with confidence. Instructor Mike Emich will teach you the 'Akron Fire Department' method of knot tying along with other tie off hints and tips. By the end of the session you should be able to teach others your newly acquired skill. Bring your crewing and flying gloves.

Balloon Event Dynamics, the Complex Synergy of Pilots and Officials at Balloon Events, Maury Sullivan

This session is designed to be an interactive exchange of pilots and event officials that explores much of what can go wrong at a weekend balloon event.