

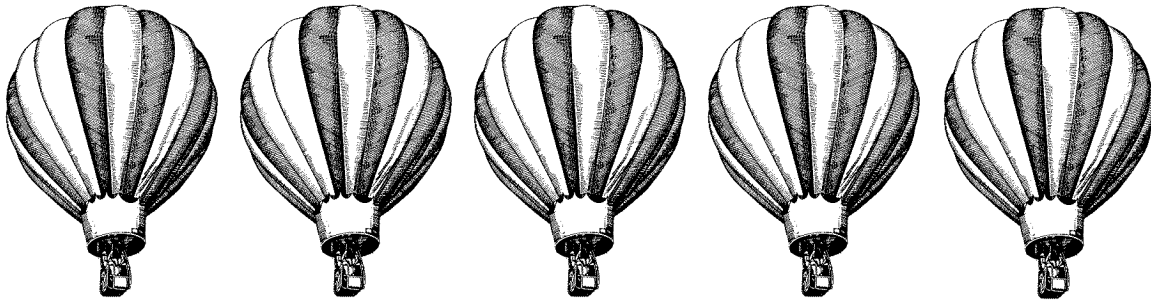
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## CHEYENNE HOT AIR BALLOON CLUB

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### President's Letter:

It's April already and we're gearing up for Rally season. Later in the newsletter, you'll find a list of rallies of which we're aware. If we missed any, please let us know!

You'll notice the newsletter has yet another new look. Bryan has passed it onto me, as his schedule has become too busy to maintain. We appreciate the work Bryan and Jen have done with the newsletter and we thank Doris for her continued help with the copying and mailing.

If you missed the last meeting, I'll catch you up. The Board is focusing on finding new members and we will be hosting an Open House Sunday, April 24 at the Kiwanis Community House in Lions Park. We will have our April potluck at the picnic shelter at 2:30 that afternoon. Then, we'll head over to the Community House to set up at 4:00 and welcome interested folks to come visit us. IF the weather cooperates, we'll attempt to do a glow Sunday night in our usual launch site. If you know of interested 0730 parties, please send them our way by either calling 307.638.0884 or emailing me at [doday@wyoming.com](mailto:doday@wyoming.com). And if they aren't able to come, take down their name, email address and phone number and we'll add them to our Interested Crew list.

We've also created a CHABC Club Calendar for the rest of the year. We realize schedules are busy, so this way everyone can mark events on their calendars and plan to attend.

We have enough in our budget to offer one stipend for a crew member to attend a rally this season. Here were the rules:

1. One chance per family or individual membership
2. The individual had to be a paid member of CHABC
3. The individual could not be a pilot.
4. \$100 will be awarded to the winner

Rusty and Dan's membership was the winner of the drawing. In case Rusty and Dan decide not to attend, the alternate is Tom and Nan Ourada. Congratulations to Rusty, Dan, Tom and Nan!

We look forward to seeing everyone on April 24<sup>th</sup>!

Soft Landings,  
Heather

April 2005

## CHABC Schedule

Sunday, April 24 – Potluck Supper & Open House in Lions Park  
 Thursday, May 26 – Meeting, Grand Ave. Pizza  
 Saturday, June 25 – Super Day Fly In  
 Sunday, July 24 – Club Picnic/Fly In  
 Wednesday, July 27 – Frontier Days Flight  
 Thursday, August 25 - Meeting, Grand Ave. Pizza  
 Sunday, September 18 – Fly In  
 Thursday, October 27 - Meeting, Grand Ave. Pizza  
 Sunday, November 20 – Montolfier Brothers Party/Float preparation for Christmas Parade  
 Thursday, January 26, 2006 - Meeting, Grand Ave. Pizza, Elections



## Crew Tip

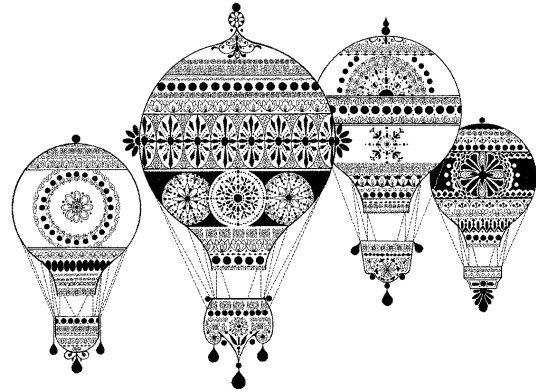
When preparing to travel to rallies, work with your pilot to develop a packing list, so everyone knows what is being brought. This includes equipment, food and beverages.

## Little Known Factoid

Did you know the throat of modern day hot-air balloons is designed specifically to force air into the envelope as the balloon descends? This is called the “ram-effect”. This allows the pilot to descend quickly from high altitude and not worry about the envelope collapsing.

## Dan Lutz’s Crew Tip

You only light one off after you blow it up.



## Rally Schedule

May 6-8 – Sterling, CO  
 May 20-22 – Erie, CO  
 July 9-10 – Steamboat Springs, CO  
 July 15-17 – Riverton, WY  
 August 5-7 – Cody, WY  
 August 12-14 – Walden, CO  
 August 27-28 – Chatfield State Park, CO  
 September 3-5 – Colorado Springs, CO  
 September 9-11 – Brush, CO  
 October 1-9 – Albuquerque, NM  
 October 21-23 – Greeley, CO

## Pilot Tip

Have you discussed expenses with your crew members before you leave for the rally?

## Safety Seminar Receives

### Final Approval

The 2005 CHABC Safety Seminar is now officially in the books, literally. The final paperwork was submitted and we received final approval from the BFA April 3. Thanks to everyone who made this a success! Now we can rest a few months before planning begins for the next Safety Seminar, which will be held February 25, 2006.

## Marana Hot Air Balloon Accident

Our thoughts go out to all those involved in the accident in Marana, Arizona, Wednesday, April 13. The *ARIZONA DAILY STAR* reports the FAA has not determined the exact cause of the accident. One passenger was killed and 10 were hurt.

## May 2005

Casper, Wyoming

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sun Rise: 5:59am Sun Set: 8:04pm	2 Sun Rise: 5:58am Sun Set: 8:05pm	3 Sun Rise: 5:57am Sun Set: 8:07pm	4 Sun Rise: 5:55am Sun Set: 8:08pm	5 Sun Rise: 5:54am Sun Set: 8:09pm	6 Sun Rise: 5:53am Sun Set: 8:10pm	7 Sun Rise: 5:51am Sun Set: 8:11pm
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15 Sun Rise: 5:42am Sun Set: 8:20pm	● 16 Sun Rise: 5:41am Sun Set: 8:21pm	17 Sun Rise: 5:40am Sun Set: 8:22pm	18 Sun Rise: 5:39am Sun Set: 8:23pm	19 Sun Rise: 5:38am Sun Set: 8:24pm	20 Sun Rise: 5:37am Sun Set: 8:25pm	21 Sun Rise: 5:37am Sun Set: 8:26pm
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29 Sun Rise: 5:31am Sun Set: 8:33pm	● 30 Sun Rise: 5:30am Sun Set: 8:34pm	31 Sun Rise: 5:30am Sun Set: 8:35pm				

Courtesy of [sunrisesunset.com](http://sunrisesunset.com)

## Notes from Far Away

Have you ever wondered what happened to the Elkins'? Jerry and Rebecca Elkins are now living in Nevada with four horses and eight dogs.

## Special Feature

### How did you become involved in ballooning?

#### Roxie Arnold

Roxie Arnold remembers she had just returned from a camping trip when she woke up from going camping to the familiar 'WOOOOOSH' of a balloon going over her house in Riverton. She rushed to her yard to find the dog barking and a balloon landing near her house. That was the first year of the Riverton Rendezvous Balloon Rally. This experience led her to volunteer her time as a crew member for the next several rallies. Once the Rendezvous Committee purchased a balloon of their own, she became a regular crew member. The two pilots who began flying the balloon were fixed wing pilots, and they agreed to train two more pilots. Roxie was the third person trained to fly the Riverton balloon and the first woman pilot in Riverton.

Roxie and her husband, 2Tall, fly their own Firefly balloon named 'Sierra'. They share ownership with Dan Grace.

### Newsletter Deadline

Please submit all items for the newsletter by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to Heather Day at [doday@wyoming.com](mailto:doday@wyoming.com). Please, please, please submit items for the newsletter!!!

### Quote of the Month

([www.quotationspage.com](http://www.quotationspage.com))

There it was, hidden in alphabetical order. –  
Rita Holt

### Erie Town Fair Balloon Festival (from the Colorado Balloon Club Hot Air Flyer)

The Erie Town Fair Balloon Festival will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May in 2005. The plans call for a pilot golf tournament, a medial flight on Friday morning, a balloon glow Friday night at the Vista Ridge Golf Club and usual great food, super launch site and pilot gifts.

### Joke of the Month ([www.coolquiz.com](http://www.coolquiz.com))

Recently a guy in Paris nearly got away with stealing several paintings from the Louvre. However, after planning the crime, getting in and out past security, he was captured only 2 blocks away when his Econoline ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied:

***"I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."***



Don't forget the picnic and Open House Sunday, April 24 at 2:30 in Lions Park. Call Heather at 307.638.0884 for more information!