

NEWSBASKET

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* The September newsletter has been skipped. Mainly because I had a major computer "melt-down" and I am still recovering from it. Until I was "computerless", I didn't realize how dependent I have become. There is an awful lot of information that I keep on the computer and when a major malfunction occurs it takes quite a while to recover.

* The local balloon rally season is over. There were a number of great rallies in August leading up to Dansville on Labor Day weekend (where 5 of the 6 planned flights occurred.) The mini-gathering (it is not called a rally) at Sampson St. Park was most impacted by rain. It was primarily planned for one day (a Saturday) and it rained most of the day. Although we did get in a very nice flight on Friday night. Most of the other rallies through August had good luck with the weather fairies.

* The couple of rallies remaining are the "big" one in Albuquerque, NM and a two-weekend rally in Hershey PA.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Meetings are normally held the third Wednesday of each month. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 16th at Peppermint's**

4870 West Henrietta Rd., Henrietta.
Come to eat at 6:00 PM;
meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Topic: Emergencies

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GVBA CALENDAR

NOTE: Date/activities are subject to change. Review the calendar each month for updates and changes. Please check with event sponsors/contacts/club officers to verify activities.

2002 **(Mark your calendars now with these dates! Don't miss out!)**

- October 16** GVBA Monthly Meeting (Topic – Emergencies)
- November 2** GVBA Fly-Out – Sharon Spencer's, 5280 Marrowback Rd., Conesus
November 20 GVBA Monthly Meeting (Topic – Balloon Jeopardy)
- December 8 Annual Holiday Dinner and Meeting (and election of officers) Location:
 Henrietta United Church of Christ
 1400 Lehigh Station Road
 Henrietta NY 14467

2003 **(Mark your calendars now with these dates! Don't miss out!)**

- January 15 GVBA Monthly Meeting (Topic -)
- February 19 GVBA Monthly Meeting (Topic -)
- March 19 GVBA Monthly Meeting (Topic -)
- April 16 GVBA Monthly Meeting (Topic -)

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATES

I know that everyone checks their GVBA membership expiration date on each newsletter so they won't miss out on the great ballooning news and stories. (The expiration date is given on the upper right corner of the address label.) If your membership is about to expire, simply complete and return your renewal notice or complete the form on the back of this newsletter and mail it, along with your payment to GVBA, PO Box 15401, Rochester, NY 14615. And as Forrest Gump would say, "That's all I have to say about that."

Should you have questions regarding your membership status, contact Carol Mamoone at 585-544-3424. Go ahead and pass the newsletter along to friends, co-workers, and neighbors and invite them to join also. Come to a meeting and bring others with you.

FINE PRINT STUFF

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Lay-Away Until Spring?

If you have been thinking that it's time to put fuel in your snow blower, this is the sale for you.

Get the best deal on a balloon with a new FireFly system or replacement envelope, send us a color pattern and 20% deposit and we will have the balloon of your dreams ready in April!

Just 20% down and \$1000 per month- just how easy is that!

Plus, we will include a powerful FireFly inflator fan when we ship your new balloon! 5HP for 12 and 18 gore systems or 8Hp for 24 and 36 gore systems. Honda-powered with triple polyamide blades and custom heavy-duty guards, these fans are heavy duty and proven.

A value of up to \$1400. Replacement envelopes will come with a plethora of perks: a star burst valve, rotation vent and the appropriate pulley system!

Lock in 2002 prices before the end of November and take delivery in the spring of 2003.

Graphics and appendages are included.



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Well, here we are officially into the Fall season. There is still flying weather left, maybe not quite as much but still nice weather. And the chance to get out and see the Autumn colors. It is time to be planning for elections of officers and looking forward to the agenda for next year. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the nominating committee and volunteers to run for officer position. If you can help in either of these tasks, please contact any of the current officers. (Phone numbers are on the front page.) A few people are needed to donate just a few hours of their time each month to keep the club organized. Let’s hear from you soon.

On another note, we are going to try for another Club Fly-out/Gathering at Sharon Spencer’s house in Conesus on Nov. 2. The last attempt was winded out, so let’s keep our fingers crossed for flyable weather this time. Hope to see you there.

Soft B reezes and Gentle Landings,

Bill

LANDOWNER CARDS

WOW!! The number of landowner cards received has more than doubled from the totals reported back in August. Most of these new cards were received at the PO Box in August. (That’s how I track them – by the date I pick up the mail at the post office.)

PILOT	# cards
Sean Quigley	24
JoEllen Smith	20
Bill Hand	17
Jenny Fritton	5
Harold Mattle	4
Geoff Turner	4
Damon Flick	4
Bob Fritton	1
Jim Williams	1
TOTALS	80

Thanks go to the pilots using the Landowner Cards and supporting the GVBA Scholarship Fund. The first order of new style landowner cards has all been purchased and cards from the second order are now available. (Each order set contains 200 cards.) Pilots pay one dollar per card. Landowner winners will be drawn at the Annual Holiday Dinner/Meeting in December. Winners may select a balloon ride for one or a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

GVBA MEETING SEPTEMBER 18th

There was a small turnout for this meeting. We had a brief discussion concerning maps and map reading, but all attending were pretty proficient map-readers. So we enjoyed our dinner and general ballooning conversations.

The next meeting will be Oct. 16th. Mark your calendars now!

2003 BALLOON CALENDARS

There are still some 2003 Balloon Calendars available for purchase. They are priced at \$5.00 each, much better price than store prices, and it benefits our club. Either call Bill Hand or mail a request to the GVBA PO Box. The calendars can be mailed but there is an additional charge for postage. Please include this in your payment sent with your request. Or you can save the postage and pick them up at the next meeting.

CLUB FLY-OUT/GATHERING – NOV. 2

Another club fly-out is being planned for Sat., November 2 at Sharon Spencer’s, 5280 Marrowback Rd., Conesus. We’ll be watching the weather to determine whether a morning or afternoon flight will be planned. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl DeBrine (346-5336) or Bill Hand (334-5144) and we’ll keep you informed as plans develop.

[Morning meeting time will be about 6:30 AM or the afternoon meeting time will be about 2:30 PM.]

DIRECTIONS: Take I390 Exit 9 (Lakeville). Turn **Left** on Rt.15 South. Go 2.3 miles to the light in Lakeville. Continue on Rt.15 another 2.1 miles to Livonia. Continue on Rt.15 for another 4.1 miles. (8.5 miles total from the expressway.) Turn **Left** onto Niver Road (Fugles Collision is on the right.) Go 1.0 miles on Niver to the first stop sign. Continue on straight past the stop sign for 0.4 miles to the next intersection and turn **Left** onto Marrowback Road. Look for the gray house across from the red barn.

C ome Join In and H ave Som eFU N !!

LEROY AIRPORT – FALL HARVEST DAYS

For the third straight year Ray Detor has invited us to participate in the Fall Harvest Days at Leroy Airport (5G0). This year’s event is scheduled for **Sat., October 26**. This is similar to the typical Fly-In breakfasts that airports have except there is an

Autumn/Harvest time theme. There are foods and beverages available during the day (donuts, homemade pies, chili, etc.) The event starts at 8:00 AM and lasts until approximately 5:00 PM.

The past, we have set up a display promoting the GVBA and ballooning in general. We have our baskets and systems on display along with posters, pictures, and other information. We are hoping to tether if the weather will cooperate this year.

Leroy Airport is located on Rt. 20, 2 miles East of Leroy. Come out and join us and help promote the GVBA and the sport of ballooning.

SUNRISE / SUNSET TIMES

Rochester, NY (ET)

	October		November	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
1	7:08	6:52	6:45	5:02
5	7:12	6:45	6:50	4:57
10	7:17	6:38	6:55	4:53
15	7:24	6:28	7:03	4:47
20	7:30	6:20	7:09	4:42
25	7:36	6:12	7:15	4:39
30	6:43	5:05	7:21	4:37

NOTE: We "fall back" to Standard Time on Oct. 26.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Another result of my computer "melt-down" I lost many e-mail addresses. If you would like to receive my occasional e-mails dealing with GVBA activities, send me your current e-mail address and I will add you to my e-mail address book. Send your message to: whand@rochester.rr.com.

I try to send out reminders for the monthly meetings, upcoming fly-outs, and other topics that I think may interest GVBA members and other balloonatics.

BALLOON RALLIES / EVENTS - 2002

Balloon Rally / Event dates are provided for informational purposes only. Since space is often limited and many rallies are by invitation only, balloonists are advised to contact rally organizers. Events without specific dates serve as place holders and have not been confirmed. Please provide corrections, updates or additions to Bill Hand (585-334-5144).

Oct. 5-13 Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM
 Contact: AIBF, 8309 Washington Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113. 505-821-1000 <www.aibf.org>

Oct. 17-20 & 24-27 Halloween in Hershey, Hershey, PA (Invitational Only)
 Contact: Dave Robinson, 717-767-7744

BALLOON RALLIES / EVENTS - 2003

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GVBA Membership Application / Renewal Form

Name _____ First year family membership (includes monthly
Newsbasket, membership packet): \$30.00

Address _____ 1 year Family membership renewal: \$25.00
 _____ First year individual membership (includes monthly

 Newsbasket, membership packet): \$23.00

Phone: _____ 1 year Individual membership renewal: \$18.00
 Monthly Newsbasket subscription only: \$12.00

E-mail: _____ Corporate membership: \$30.00

balloon owner
 balloon pilot (student, private, commercial)
 available for crewing

Ballooning experiences: _____

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