

# WHISKEY HILL-ATHERTON-MENLO OAKS BALLOONING AND SPORTING SOCIETY

Established 1965

## Distinguished Aeronaut,

You and your crew are cordially invited to participate in 50th WHAMOBASS Historic Balloon Rally on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014. We will celebrate the Anniversary of the Montgolfier-De Rozier-D'Arlandes Paris Flight in 1783, from the Athletic Fields of West Hills Community College, Coalinga California. There is a MAXIMUM of 40 balloons (due to field size). Any registrations after the limit will put on a waiting list.

Our esteemed Balloonmeister is again the distinguished *Aeronaut Deke Sonnichsen*, founder of WHAMOBASS.

Our Chief Judges are being sought, this year in honor of the 50th anniversary, there will be multiple esteemed judges. Be prepared to participate in some form of poetic/artistic task. Full details will be revealed at the Pilot Briefing on Saturday.

There are important **PROCEDURAL STEPS** that you need to take note of:

1. All aircraft owners must submit a copy of their aircraft log book pages which show the most recent Annual/100-hour Inspection.
2. All pilots must submit a copy of their pilot log book page(s) which show their most recent Flight Review, and 90 day currency.
3. All pilots must submit a copy of their insurance certificate indicating the aerostat has sufficient coverage as defined in the **Acknowledgement of Responsibility** form.
4. Please provide a photo or balloon card of your balloon for reference. Emailed photo is acceptable.
5. Please send all the additional documentation (#1 thru #4 above) with your **Pilot and Balloon Registration and Order Form**. We must receive ALL the required registration materials NO later than Saturday, September 21st in order to be registered. No registration, NO participation, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
6. Your Balloon Registration Fee is **non-refundable**.
7. For each daily flight **ALL** pilots must use an "Assumption of Risk / Waiver of Liability / Indemnification Agreement" document, signed by the Pilot and all passengers and crew. A reference copy is enclosed.
8. We are offering WHAMOBASS clothing to anyone that wants to purchase it, coming to the event or not.
9. Like last year both the Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast will be hosted and prepared by the Elks Lodge #1613 of Coalinga.

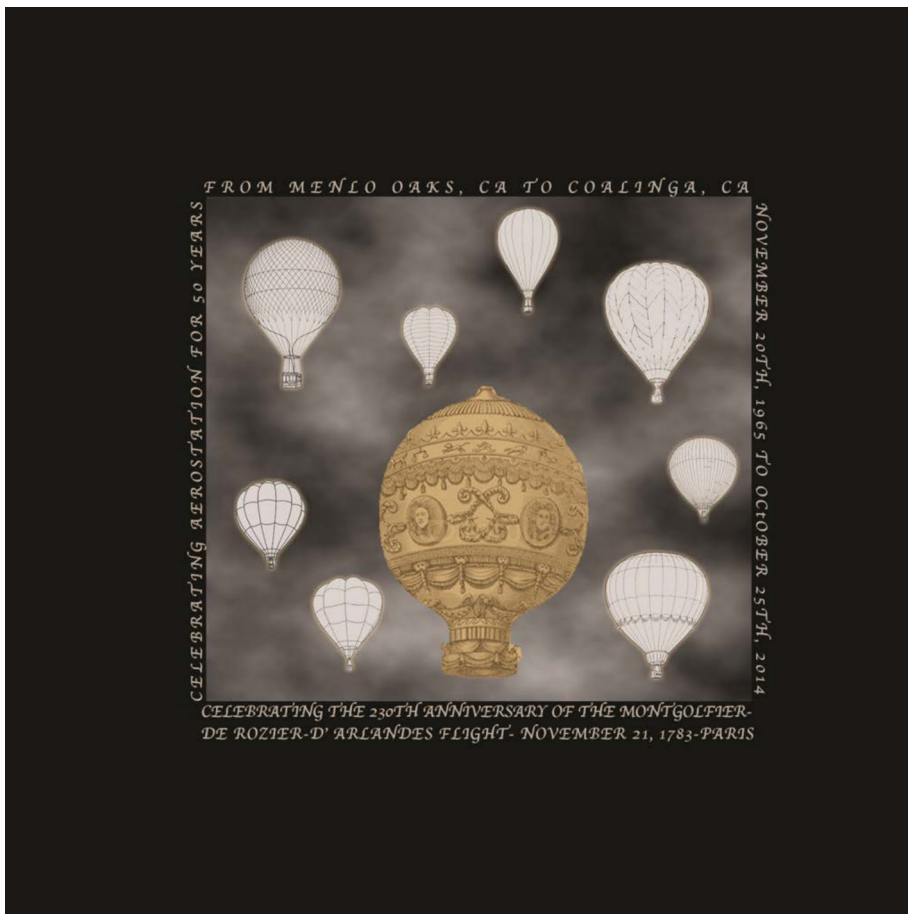
No one has stepped up, so there will **NOT** be a Burrito Brunch this year. It will instead be replaced by a tailgate. Bring your favorite tailgate feast to eat and if so inclined to share.

Details on propane availability will be shared at the Saturday Pilot Briefing.

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This year we will have a commemorative pin to mark this 50 anniversary of the longest consecutively running balloon Rally in the US and perhaps the world. We will also make available a pin set consisting of the 50th and 40th pins. The 50th pin will be \$10 and the set \$15. A limited number of the sets will be available, and it's first ordered, first served.



WHAMOBASS 50th anniversary shirts will be available **BY INITIAL ORDER ONLY, NO** extras will be available at the event. We must have your order by the September 21st deadline. There will be **NO** second round of ordering. Orders from those not attending must also include shipping and handling. Short and long sleeve tees, are available. **Pilots please ask your crews if they would like to order shirts!** The Order Form may be copied as many times as you would like. Crew members can order directly from us if they like, same deadline applies.

**WHAMOBASS L - Schedule of Events**

Sat. <b>06:30</b> – Pilots Briefing - WHC Field	Sun. <b>06:00</b> – Dawn Patrol – WHC Field
25 <sup>th</sup> <b>07:00</b> – Float to heart’s content	26 <sup>th</sup> <b>06:30</b> – Pilots Briefing – WHC Field
<b>10:00ish</b> – Tail Gate on launch field	<b>07:00</b> – Float with grace and dignity
<b>15:00</b> - All entries due to Chief Judge	<b>08:00 to 11:00</b> – Elks breakfast
<b>15:00</b> – No Host Bar open at Elks Lodge	Depart for home!
<b>17:00</b> –Dinner/Awards Ceremony – Elks Lodge	Drive Safely! We'll see you next year!

(DINNER AND BAR TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, CONFIRMED AT SATURDAY PILOT BRIEFING)

**MEALS – Courtesy Coalinga Elks Lodge # 1613**

**WHAMOBASS Dinner (hosted by the Elks Lodge #1613): Sat – 26<sup>th</sup> Starting at 17:00 hours**

*“Top Block” Steak or Chicken  
Served with  
Mashed potatoes and gravy  
vegetables  
Garden salad,  
Rolls & butter  
Cheese Cake*

(Bar NOT included)..... \$21.00 ea.

**Come Meet WHAMOBASS Pilots Breakfast: Sun – 26<sup>th</sup>, 08:00 to 10:00 hours at the Elks Lodge**

Scrambled Eggs; Denver Egg Scramble; Potatoes; Biscuits and Gravy; Pancakes.....\$8.00 ea. at the door

**Additional meal tickets will be available Saturday at Briefing through noon Saturday,  
and approximately 60 minutes before dinner is served**

**NO FOOD OR ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE ELKS FACILITY! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

***SOME SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS***

<b>Best Western Big Country Inn</b>	25020 Dorris Ave	559-935-0866
<b>Motel 6</b>	I-5 and 198 25008 Dorris Ave.	559-935-1536
<b>Travelodge</b>	I-5 and 198	559-935-2063
<b>Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant</b>	I-5 and 198	559-935-0717 800-942-BEEF (2333)
<b>Cambridge Inn</b>	100 Cambridge Ave. Coalinga, CA 93210	559-935-1541

## 2014 Pilot and Balloon Registration Information

### PILOT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ people with me, including family, friends and crew.

### BALLOON(S):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Balloon 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
N-number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Make and Model

\_\_\_\_\_  
Balloon 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
N-number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Make and Model

## FOR COMPLETE REGISTRATION - DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 2014 Pilot and Balloon Registration Information
- 50th Anniversary Order Form
- Copy of Aircraft log page(s) showing most recent annual/100-hour inspection
- Copy of Pilot log page(s) showing most recent Flight Review
- Copy of Pilot log page(s) showing last 90 days
- Copy of Insurance certificate
- Signed and dated Acknowledgement of Responsibility form

## Acknowledgment of Responsibility

**OWNERS/PILOTS: SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS FORM,  
OR YOU WILL NOT BE REGISTERED AND NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the balloon event called "WHAMOBASS L" (FIFTY) on **October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, I hereby certify that I am aware of, and agree with the responsibility legally transferred to me under the Federal Aviation Regulations as regards my personal decision to fly my balloon. Any damage resulting there from is solely my liability. I further understand and agree that NONE of the proposed flights are mandatory, that I will make all flights at my option as pilot-in-command.

I further certify that I have in force a balloon insurance policy with minimum liability limits of **\$1,000,000** each occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage, including passengers, but not more than **\$100,000** each passenger, or **\$200,000** all passengers.

I agree that the organizers of this event are providing me with the facilities and means for my participation in this event and in no way do they supersede the responsibility of the pilot-in-command as stated in the Federal Aviation Regulations.

It is my understanding that the pilot of each balloon is in full and complete charge and control of said balloon and is responsible for all decisions made concerning all things or persons in or connected with said balloon on the ground or in the air. I understand that the organizers of this event may supply information, guidance, or data for my use, but that I will act or rely on any such information at my own peril. I agree that the event organizers assume no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of such information.

I agree that the organizers of this event may inspect my balloon, support equipment, chase vehicle, pilot certificate, airworthiness certificate, log books and proof of insurance at any time as part of this event. I understand that failing any aspect of such an inspection may be grounds for corrective action up to and including ejection from the event. I also understand that passing an inspection does not constitute a representation or warranty of any kind or character whatsoever concerning the competency, capability, capacity, knowledge or skill of the pilot or owner, nor the condition of the aircraft, equipment or chase vehicle, nor whether or not said equipment is safe, suitable or usable for any given purpose.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Print Name*

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*Address*

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