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***BALLOONING BUZZ***

*News for balloon owners and ballooning enthusiasts*

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**Dinosaur Derby LAST arrangements!**

The Dinosaur Derby a few days away. Here are some things to take note of:

1. If you have not registered with Jacquie (jacquie@balloon.co.za) you will have to pay an entry fee of R150.00
2. Each Pilot who registers can bring 2 crew/family members free, so it is worth registering.
3. If you are bringing extra people, they are welcome, but please tell Jacquie so that they are registered at the entry gate, where there will be a card machine for payment. No cash at the gate.
4. **Pilot Briefing will be at 13:30 hrs so you can get the music for the finale and the placing of balloons.**
5. **We would like a pilot profile from each pilot** (or Jacquie will make one up for you and embarrass you!) We don’t need a full CV – just some fun basic information about you as a pilot.
6. **Those bringing a balloon – please write either the history of the balloon (if that is interesting) OR a story of something interesting that happened with the balloon.**
7. I still need photos of ZS-HOR, ZS-HOL and ZS-HOC. I just don’t have clear pics.
8. Balloons participating in the night glow will be able to have **one flight tank refuelled free.**

The local Church is catering and will have Curry and rice, Boerie rolls etc on sale. You are also welcome to bring a picnic. Spectators should bring a rug or chair. There will also be Spier Wine and Flowstone Gin stalls.

We have a record 14 balloons participating and the pilot nuber go up daily. 😊

**On Saturday Morning – 27th April** there is the competition flight for the Bill Harrop’s Memorial Trophy. Briefing will be at a table in front of the Pavillion where you will collect markers and a task sheet from 05:30 hrs and sport pilots may launch after the rides balloons. This is always good fun! Please let us know if you will enter so we have enough markers and sheets.

As usual, sport pilots are welcome to fly along on any day, before or after the Saturday. Just let Daleen know for logistical purposes. daleen@balloon.co.za . **Kindly advise Daleen if you are joining for a buffet breakfast. Sport ballloons may launch after the rides balloons**

THE NELSPRUIT AIR SHOW IS BACK!

**11TH May, 2024**

It is rather short notice, but the Nelspruit Airshow is back after several years! This was always a fun event and exceedingly well run.

Balloons are invited for an early morning flight and an afternoon display/night glow.

So if you are an airshow enthusiast and would like to come to this event, please let me know as soon as possible, as finances have to be buttoned down by the end of the week and they need to plan.

We are offered accommodation for 2 nights for pilot plus two crew, R3000 towards travel costs and a free 45kg tank of propane per balloon. Participants enjoy a front row view of the show and the food has always been great.

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**THE BERG AIR FESTIVAL BECKONS!**

**14 – 16 June, 2024**

***Book your accommodation now!***

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Balloons for Sale:

The following balloons are still up for sale. If you are interested in any of these, you can make an offer:

Colt 105A with 437 hours and a Lindstrand basket and old Lindstrand burner. No tanks or fan.

Sky 77 with 162 hours, a Sky double burner and basket. No tanks or fan.

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*Just a reminder that Harold is doing great work on fans. Drop them off at my workshop for him. He also repairs lawnmowers, brush cutters and can do welding work. You won’t be disppointed.*

See you all on Saturday!

Felicity

*This newsletter is geared to balloon pilots and all ballooning enthusiasts. If you do not want to receive this newsletter any more, just drop me a mail and you will be removed. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the newsletter, but do not, just get them to drop me a mail to that effect, and they will be added.*