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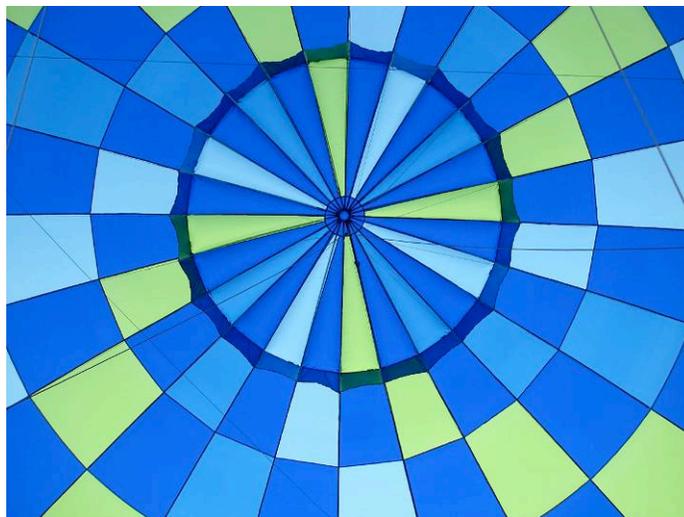
Hello again Folks and Happy New Year.

Freshly back from a very successful Icicle Refrozen Balloon Meet where we were visited by Greg and Molly Winker and now full of information for you all.

A swift recognition of the birthday of this media, first started January 2004 – so happy birthday to us.

For you in this edition I have submissions from

- Icicle Refrozen Conversations
- Kevin Tanner trading up, with Lindstrand Bottom ends
- The Solo Record Flight progress
- New Balloons / Second hand Sales updated.
- Ultramagic have a new Solo bottom end.
- Icicle Refrozen the review.
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New Cameron Z-42 G-CJUO. See more in the photo section!

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If you ask me, that looks a pretty packed Newsletter so we ought to get straight into the action. Just before we do, you'll see I am running our first ever advertisement in this newsletter. Adverts can be accepted, please contact me for pricing.

Steve Roake- Editor. Steve.roake33@gmail.com

1, Ed Speak- Icicle Refrozen Conversations.

Well at least at this years Icicle Refrozen there was some action. First thing to say, is it was great to see Four decent stands there from Lindstrand Technologies, Ultramagic Balloons UK, Kubicek Balloons and Cameron Balloons.

My preferred method of fact finding with the magazine in mind is to mooch around and pick up with folks as and when time permits depending upon how busy they are. I have to say after a period of absence it was good to see Lindstrand's back and in numbers. With half of their staff present, including Per. It gave me the opportunity to find out where they are at with their business. Naturally I'm as keen as the rest of you to find out when the Hopper product will be launched (more of this elsewhere), but firstly a small reality check on progress so far and respect for where they have got to in their first twelve months. In Kelvin Oakley they have a quality performer, very good man and a close friend of mine. I would say that having spoken to Kelvin at length, a lot of information was discussed and naturally certain aspects of their business have to remain private due to intellectual secrets but he was very frank and dodged nothing when questioned, which should be applauded. When you consider that in January 2016 they first inflated G-OPER, their first envelope to the world, fast forward twelve months and they have delivered 16 envelopes, 7 baskets and 3 sets of burners with a staff of only 8 people, that is a truly great effort. He confirmed that Per has recently invested another £750,000 in factory extension (for fabrics), and the remainder in tooling purchases of in house CNC lathe and milling machines. Part of the process of a fledgling company is to increase the brand boundaries from the range (currently 70- 180 size), with every new model subject to inspection and certification, but what you also need to factor in is that Lindstrand's also had to secure supply

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from sources where in some cases there is slight reticence to trade as the previous named company may have folded owing money to suppliers. All of this takes time to conclude and generally we forget that ballooning is a cottage industry. Even at Cameron Balloons, it is a tight ship with around 50 odd staff servicing their complete production needs which in 2016 was 102 balloons including the time consuming round the world balloon for the successful navigation of the world by Fedor Konyukhov.

Over at The Ultramagic Ballooning UK stand, Richard Penny and team were focussed on their new innovative power line strike warning product. If I may, can I publically say many thanks to Ultramagic Balloons for their very generous prize for my fortunate winning photo prize from this year's calendar which Richard was giving away. I have never won much in life and without divulging what I received, it was very generous so many thanks to all concerned. More on Richard's award winning product in the Essential extra's section of the newsletter later.

Over at Kubicek Balloons, UK representative Rick Vale was at pains to point out that Kubicek have produced a 31 sized envelope within their range. Recently releasing an ultralight weight version of their Polyester fabric, and with both E type and O type in this size, it will be interesting to see if this manufacturer becomes popular in the hopper field.

Steve Roake.

2, Essential Extras – Ultramagic's PowerTec Strike Protector.

All pilots have a healthy regard for high power tension lines and give them a wide berth, but sometimes you just don't see them. As part of the initiative for stimulating product development at Ultramagic a competition winning idea came from Richard Penny their UK dealer and this has become the PowerTec.

This unique pilot safety aid detects the invisible electric field surrounding all energised power lines and has a series of LED warning lights displaying the amount of signal received. This popular accessory is being received very well in the marketplace and whilst some sceptics don't feel you need one when flying, what price for peace of mind.

There is a very good video of the product worth watching on the Ultramagic Balloons Uk facebook page.

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PowerTec seen in action

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launched just in time for Albuquerque Balloon Festival, I understand that uptake is high and demand for this essential extra remains strong . Testing on a hopper is scheduled to be undertaken shortly.

Many thanks to Richard Penny for his hand in getting this information together. For a more detailed explanation and pricing please contact your regional dealer.

3, The Features Section

Kevin Tanner talks about the change from a Mark1 Lindstrand Bottom End to a Mark 2 and the freedom it brings.

Until recently, every hopper flight I have had has been with my LBL 25A and a Lindstrand Mark 1 bottom end, with a fixed Worthington. On average, the Mark 1 gave me approximately one hour 15 minutes of flight time but, being a cautious individual, I tend to take the first good landing site after half an hour or so, particularly as the area I usually fly is riddled with SAs (sensitive areas). Consequently, my average time in the air is 35/40 minutes. When I owned a 'proper' balloon (an N-90) in addition to the hopper, I didn't mind my hopping to be mainly short hops at meets. However, now that the hopper is my only balloon, I wanted to spend a little longer in the air and, perhaps more importantly, have more gas to expand my landing options.

With this in mind, I have for some time been on the lookout for a Lindstrand Mark 2 bottom end with a 60 litre tank. Now these are rarer than rocking horse poo so they do not come on the open market very often. I nearly got my hands on one a few years back but the owner changed his mind. So, when I received a message from our Editor, Steve Roake, asking me if I was still interested in buying a Mark 2, the response was swift. As you have probably all read elsewhere in these newsletters, Steve is getting a Cameron O-31 so his Ultramagic, G-UHOP, with a LBL bottom end was up for grabs. Knowing of my earlier efforts to upgrade, Steve kindly gave me first option on his bottom end and a price was agreed and in record time, and with no fuss, the kit was at my house awaiting playtime. My own Mark 1 also found a new home very quickly as Mark Shemilt was looking for a bottom end to go with his newly acquired LBL 25A, G-CEGG

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I took delivery of my Mark 2 in October and Chris Dunkley at Easy Balloons sorted out the paperwork and very kindly lent me a V30. After a couple of aborted attempts to fly, it was clear that I would have to wait for the new year to get the new kit out. In the meantime, I rigged the bottom end 2 or 3 times to get used to it and to make sure that I was comfortable with the new set up.



A youthful pair of Tanners in the Mark 1 hopper

Having satisfied myself that I was both comfortable in my sitting position (more on this later!) and with the assembly of the new bottom end, I awaited my first opportunity to fly. Maybe it would be the Icicle Re -Frozen Balloon Meet in Newbury on 7/8 January 2017.

It was clear from the outset that the Mark 2 would require a little more time to assemble than the Mark 1. There are 8 clips/pins on the burner frame compared to just the one on the Mark 1.

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I did love the simplicity of the Mark 1 but it was a tad cumbersome to move around with the seat at one end and the burner frame at the other. Also, it had to lie on its side in the car whereas the Mark 2 packs away beautifully and, as the tank can stand upright in the car, I have more room in the back. The forecast for Thursday 5th January was perfect. Clear skies, rock hard frost and light winds. A friend, Matt, offered to help me out so a plan to fly at about 10.00 was hatched. The assembly and inflation went very well but I

didn't feel very comfortable in the seat. After taking off and flying for a short while, the discomfort was such that I put down in the next field. Unable to resolve the situation there and then, we packed away and I went home and kicked the cat. The next day I went to see Chris Dunkley and half an hour later, the necessary adjustments were made and I couldn't wait to try again.

I didn't have to wait long as the Icicle meet was the following day and the forecast was for light winds all weekend, albeit with a bit of fog, low cloud and drizzle thrown in. Saturday dawned murky and damp but around 11.00, the skies cleared (a bit) and balloons took to the sky. I was the last one up and out. This time, the seat was perfectly set up and very comfortable. The first thing I noticed was how easily and smoothly the load ring rotates compared to the Mark 1. Shortly after taking off, I went to turn around approximately 90 degrees but almost did a 360! The burner itself is very similar to the Mark 1.



Kevin in action at the Icicle 2017 with the Mark 2 set up.

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The only real difference is that the Mark 2 has a dedicated blast valve for the whisper burner. The seat is more comfortable too. This particular model is extra comfy as Steve had added thicker foam to the seat pad. There is a five-point harness as opposed to the four-point harness on the Mark 1 and there is a foot rest for when I want to kick back on a nice long flight. The flight was uneventful and as the cloud base seemed to be getting lower, I decided to take the first available, dry landing site. On this occasion, I only flew for 30 minutes so I didn't get a proper chance to test duration. However, I only used 15/16 litres so it's clearly possible to fly for 2 hours. Sadly, Sunday was un-flyable so I'm now weather watching to try and get a nice long flight in.

Despite the disappointment of my first flight on 5th January, I am extremely happy with my new purchase and very much hope that it will transform my hopping. I look forward to many interesting, and longer flights, and will be present at LMAB 2017 for the Solo Record Flight.

Kevin Tanner

Solo Record Flight –progress report Number 1 by Steve Roake.

Where do I begin? The interest around the Solo Record flight at the Icicle Refrozen Meet was immense , everyone is talking about it. I knew it was going Ok but , knock me down with a feather , I never expected the level of attention it raised. As I write this on January 17th we have 33 confirmed attendees to the Flight. We now have Ultramagic Balloons stating that they will send a factory entry to the flight. I have Sean Kavanagh of Kavanagh Balloons Australia designing his own hopper to take part. There are no end of interested Annex two owners talking about securing agreements with the authorities so they can attend (hopefully Ian Chadwicks previous Knowledge in this field will prove significant and helpful).

To further wet your appetite for what might be coming , I have had enquiries from a further 4 Australian pilots , 2 x South Africans and about another half dozen Brits who havent yet finalised their plans but hope to participate. Ive just invited Kubicek Balloons to the party seeing as they make 31's in both E and O type. Despite all of this I have No



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french Participation thus far and only one American Pilot confirmed as of Mid January, although Andy Richardson of Adams Balloons has indicated if they can they will send representation. So many people have told me that we are going to “pulverise” the 50 mark I was aiming at , I hope they are right because This party hasn't even started yet and its immense.

One request please. The very Lovely Sarah Laurant is waiting to deal with your registration requirements, so please sign up to the “gig” as soon as possible and make her life easier – Thanks.

Kavanagh Balloons about to join the party ?

In conversation with Sean Kavanagh of Kavanagh Balloons Australia over christmas period, it seems our Sean is on the cusp of joining the world record flight in Chambley. Having spoken to Sean at various periods over a number of years he has always yearned to build a hopper , but business interests and a questions to whether Aussy's want hoppers has up till now deterred him from entering this segment of the marketplace. I have always been of the opinion that the great builder needed to build one and then the punters will come to him. It seems that the time is now right for Sean to enter this market and plans for a 31-12 gore are nicely under way. Sean has said that he will know by the end of January whether this project will materialise but like me , I encourage all of you to get him onboard and join our French party . It seems he has selected a coil by which the burner can be configured so progress is ongoing.

Icicle Refrozen Part 2 -2017

Just prior to christmas I wrote a small review of the Icicle Balloon Meet in both its guises and the expectation people feel approaching it, and more importantly whether or not it delivers the desired product. I have to say that putting on a second version of a “new” event is really hard as you have expectations and Per Lindstrand was a very strong draw and a great personality for the after dinner speech in year one. So How did year 2 do?

Actually very well as it turns out. Firstly they found a gem in Dave Boxall the design guru behind the round the world flight by Fedor

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Konyukov, and then there was some external action to keep the punters happy. I do think as you approach the Gothic Elizabethan Hotel that the drive in is very impressive, just a shame that we aren't allowed to operate on the manicured grass outside the impressive frontage of The Donnington Grove Hotel. Briefing was scheduled in a walled enclosure adjacent to the launch field at 8 am and as I drove in, saw good friend, occasional crew person and volunteer Jack Reddall in fluorescent yellow directing traffic.

Parking up and getting wellies on, you always have a heightened sense of expectation, having gleaned some prior information of what balloons might be attending. Weather was disappointing as low mist and cloud was threatening to scupper the proceedings but it's amazing how much a good cup of Tea and a Bacon Butty shared with a visiting friend and a chance to catch up puts you in an optimistic mindset. Greg and Molly Winker were in town fulfilling Greg's 40 year desire to attend an Icicle meet and as they were "local" (in Paris), as part of their world tour walkabout, they had to be there. The prognosis from JC on the weather was that the situation would improve and that some sort of aerial activity would be able to take place around 11 am, and whilst Richard Parry tethered an older envelope we all waited for the action to start in earnest. From a hopper perspective Saturday provided four flyers, Peter Gregory had wangled a flight in the Lindstrand Tech 31A N6201L which is a reregistration of the prototype Lindstrand US build N516LT. Nice to finally see the balloon in the flesh, just a shame the bottom end isn't a new type. There was prior to the event a rumour that the Belgium dealer was going to accept delivery of ex stock Cameron Z-42 (later registered G-CJUO), but in conversation with Koen, it transpired that both the paperwork wasn't in order and the registrations still needed applying.

I had a sense of déjà vu when I saw Kevin Tanner preparing to fly his Lindstrand 25A G-HOPR, as he was utilising his recently acquired Mark 2 bottom end for only the second time, and being ex mine, it felt like someone you used to love who had moved on, so plenty of appreciation and yet it wasn't yours anymore lol. I was however delighted to see his enthusiasm rekindled for hopping. Laterly Andy Booth and Mike Woodcock took to the air simultaneously in G-LORY and G-CIJJ.

This activity took me nicely up to around lunchtime and I have to say a very sociable time was had catching up with the pilots

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who had flown and having a couple of beers, and so prior to mooching around the trade fair offerings, I was beginning to think I needed a room for the night and so took the opportunity to last minute book a local budget hotel knowing that the speech may go on a bit and I had a desire to return the following morning when weather prospects would be better.



The old and the new depart . Andy Booth and Mike Woodcock

This was an inspired move as firstly Cameron's were supplying me with some branded attire for my company activities (therefore I had fresh clothes for the following day), and I had brought some clothes to "scrub up", and Jack Reddall had agreed to allow me use of his facilities to freshen up for dinner.

In the trade exhibition, nothing of note with hoppers in mind was found amongst the three main contenders,(although I was subsequently surprised that Richard Penny of Um hadnt

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mentioned the new Solo replacement model). These were joined by Kubiceks Uk dealer Rick Vale but they don't really cater for hoppers despite having 31's in their model range.

In hindsight, booking the hotel was a blindingly good result as the meal and talk from Dave Boxall (whilst very nice and factual), carried on late into the night, followed by a raffle and an auction and I didn't leave the Hotel until 11-45pm so no way would I have liked to drive home after that. Checking into a hotel at midnight is a novelty and for me the right decision being as we had to be back at Breifing by 08-00.



Alan Turner cant believe his luck as help comes to pack away dry.

Sunday morning was another misty foggy affair with all free flying cancelled . However a few people tethered their hoppers and whilst the crowds were present, there was no end of willing helpers prepared to much in to help both Alan Turner in G-CINN and Damian Busby in G-BLXG get there hoppers away without getting them wet on the surface . With a mass effort, as they were deflated the crowd held the envelopes up preventing un necessary .

So the second Icicle Refrozen was a success and at prizegiving the dates for the 2018 event were announced. Congratulations and thanks to Colin Butter , Geoff Lescott, Jonathan Harris, Jack Redall , JC and all the other members of the 3/4/40 club who ensured the event ran smoothly. Looking forward to next year already.

Steve Roake

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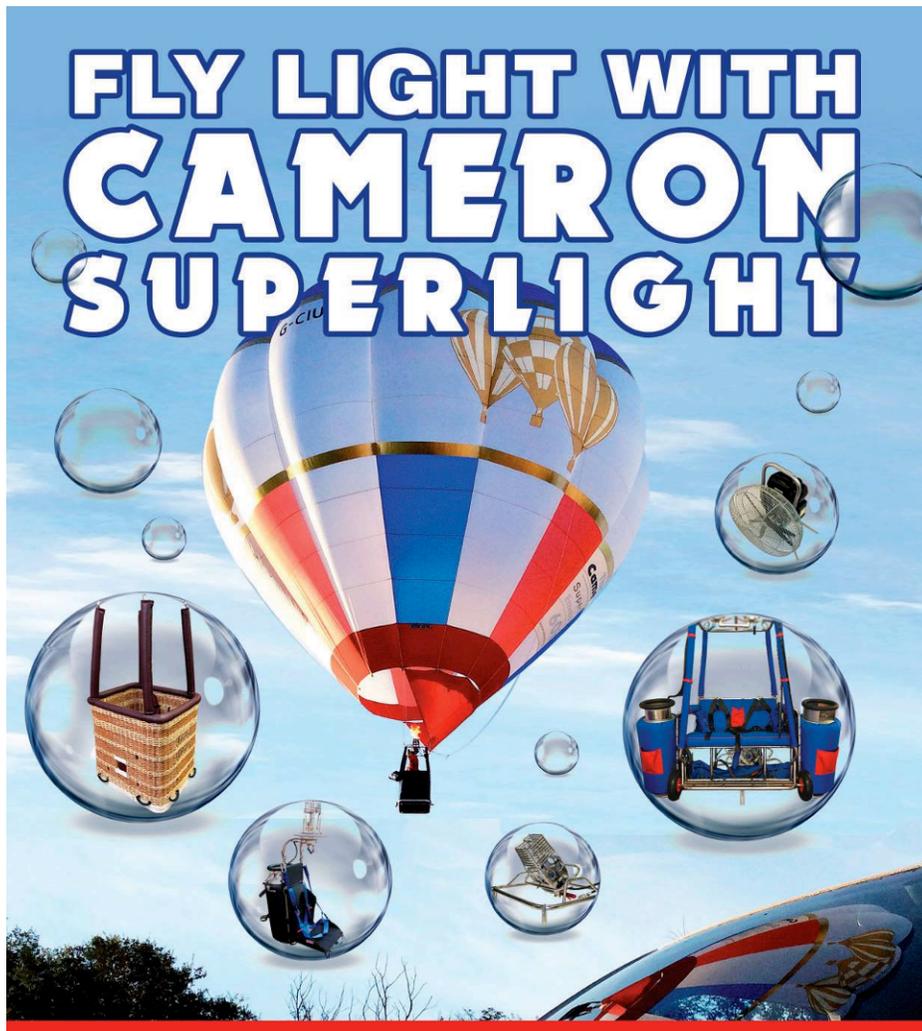


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5, Homebuilding Section

The Man / machine that is Barry Newman is piling on with his latest project the BM-34 hopper G-CJSY. With registration panels completed, along with artwork and the spots aligning nicely, Barry is now into sewing the panels together.



Seen here hard at work, Barry's work continues.

Barry Newman has been involved in many builds at the Sackville Airfield site, as is demonstrated by his attention to the details with a project like this.



Impressive stuff from Barry Newman.

On the other side of the North Atlantic, Bob Romaneschi

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continues the project to build his BM-34 hopper. His progress can be followed on Facebook where regular updates continue to be posted at Mini Star amateur built balloon group, I'm sure although a closed group, if you ask for membership, entry will be granted for other budding builders.



Here Barry does the difficult bit- putting spots on the ladybird design.

In conversation at the Icicle Refrozen Balloon meet, my good friend Greg Winker (who came to fulfil a desire to attend that has lasted 40 odd years), intimated that when he and Molly return to the USA he is going to undertake a very ultra light weight hopper project with a record attempt in mind, as and when Greg allows me to divulge more information on his future build, I will let you know – suffice to say the figures quoted by Greg Blew me away. As a man who used to own 13 balloons, Greg is a very accomplished home builder who revels in this sort of stuff, and no I'm not at all jealous –lol!! I so wish I had both the time and the space to have a go at such a feat, I still believe there is nothing better than flying something that you yourself have created and finished.

The current impetus is definitely growing and inspiring others to attempt projects, which in itself will assist in getting these annex 2 craft accepted more readily across Europe.

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I always think back to the analogy with homebuilding that "Those that can do, whilst those that can't, write about it".

5, Interesting Photos.

For this month we have an interesting photo sent in by Graeme Houston taken in November 2009 at a Santa Claus training centre. At this centre, operators were trained up for jobs in big department stores.



Both balloons are Ultramagic H-31's and are run by Graeme, G-CEJL c/n 31/08 (Fresh N Lo), being the newer with G-BZPY (Remax) c/n 31/03 on the left hand side.

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6, New Allocations This Month / Changes of Ownership

Another brand new balloon is featured this month going to Belgium in the hands of their Cameron Dealer Koen Audenaert. This is the ex Cameron's stock Z-42 that was on the list for some time. Now registered G-CJUO c/n 11609 is being married to a light weight basket.



Seen here on Test inflation , G-CJUO has had its registrations applied and has now debuted at the Tannheim Alpine Event.- photo by Koen with Thanks.

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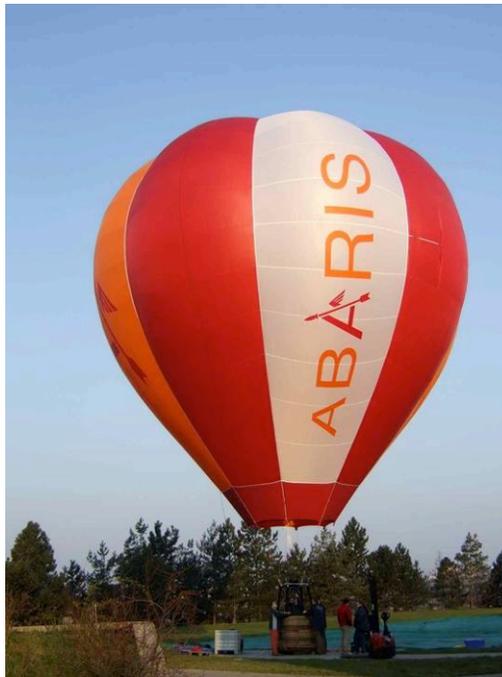
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Second Hand Movements

A couple of notable changes have occurred in the second hand market in the last month with LBL 25A G-OOER being sold to Denmark as OY-NOM. The new owner is naturally delighted and she can't wait for the weather to allow some time to explore the new balloon. A very generous Neils Hvid gave the hopper to Nana Madsen as her Christmas present. The other (predicted) notable sale, is that of G-CDUJ the ex Jan Frazier Lindstrand with a chariot bottom end. This time the balloon kit is staying in the UK with its new owner. Both of the above fetched close to their original asking prices reflecting on the right pricing and the strength of the second hand market where as ever demand outstrips current supply.

7. Gallery Pages –

Your Editor's choice of new and interesting hoppers and duo's active in the world of ballooning or good themed photos. As we were discussing Kubicek Balloons earlier in this edition I thought I would include their three previously built 31's in this section. However, they have as yet not designed a hopper bottom end, and it remains to be seen whether or not they will.



Pretty envelope c/n 836 never got registered.

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OK-9682 is a Kubicek BB-9 type prototype .c/n is 682.

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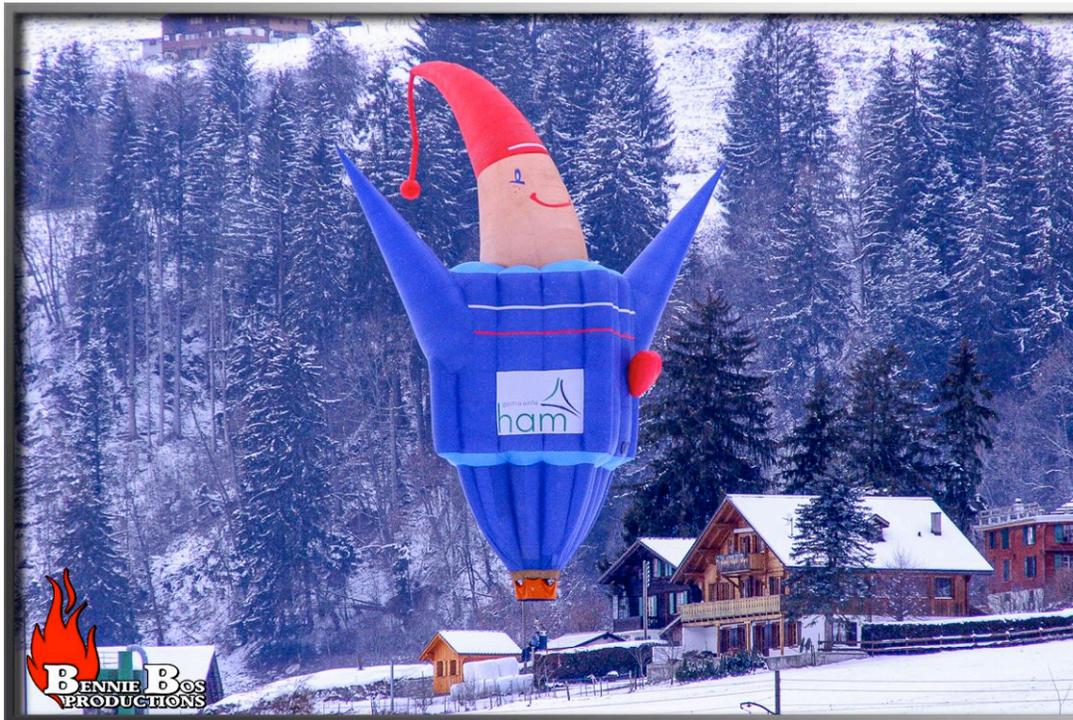


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Finally, kubicek's most famous special shaped hopper is currently registered OO-BOV with Luc Smets in Belgium. "Poppetse" as it is called was previously OK-2005 and was originally commissioned as a mascot for some sort of games. Photo with thanks to Bennie Bos which is appropriate for this season with all the Alpine meets currently happening.



Kubicek have been invited to attend the Solo Record Flight in Chambley as a manufacturer but I am dubious as to whether or not they would want to attend as it isn't really a sector of the market place they have been before in any great numbers.

For Sale – January Special Offer. Advertisement.

In my new capacity I get to hear some of what is coming up from Cameron Balloons, and one thing that grabbed my attention was that they have built an O-31 for stock. Knowing how popular these beasts are currently and the fact that its available instantly rather than wait up to 16 weeks for a build slot

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I suggested to them I could put it in here and on the cloudboppers page for them if they improved the price a bit. So in comparison with a regular order which retails at £8268 vat inclusive but subject to registration fees and C of A charges, this little beauty is retailing for £7800 vat Inc. but also subject to Cof A and reg. fees. All you need to do should you be interested

Is quote ref. FACEBOOK DEAL 01 and buy me a beer once you are sorted.

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Pretty "January Special" from Cameron's

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8, Manufacturer / Event News/ Industry News

In conversation with a friend it transpires that Ultramagic Balloons have made a new Bottom end for their Solo. Again collaborating with the maestro Paulo Bonnano, the new product isn't very far away. So I spoke to Richard Penny of UM UK who graciously sent this photo. At time of print weight is unknown.



Now featuring the New Paulo Bonnano designed Powerplus single,
The solo bottom end is now certified. Features remain the same with
full gimbal and twin pilot lights, plus twin liquid feed.

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Lindstrand Hopper Progress

Talking to Kelvin Oakley about the state of affairs over the New Lindstrand Technologies Hopper project, I actually got some definitive answers to my very direct questions that previously had been rebuffed with stock answers by Lee Hooper. The facts are simple.

The project as we speak is probably some six months away from completion which is why they have had to turn away interest and potential sales thus far. The previously registered envelope G-CJHV c/n 007, has yet to be manufactured and will be shortly, the burner design is just about finalised, and a design is on the drawing board for a bottom end. The prototype continues to be used to draw interest to the brand. In my opinion, based on previous versions, the final product should be worth the wait, but faces competition from the industry leading Millennium from Cameron's and a new updated Ultramagic Balloons product. As said before Lindstrand Technologies intend to make smaller sizes besides the 31 and we just need to be patient as certification and testing will need to be concluded on a model they haven't done before. Now that manufacturing is to be done more in house utilising their own equipment perhaps batches of burner parts will be accelerated once the machines are commissioned. More on this very topical subject as soon as I'm told by those at Oswestry who are well aware of our interest.

I have in this edition included our first ever Advertisement. Adverts are allowed and should anyone have interest in placing them here, please get in touch with me. Similarly, classified adverts with for sale items are accepted too, all I ask for is a donation of your choice towards covering the hosting costs of the website and domain name. Your help with this assists me with concentrating on taking the "Cloudboppers.org" brand to the next level and further news on the next step will be published when I am in a position to announce what's next. Suggestions for further development are always welcome.

Facebook membership continues to rise with the current level of 939. We are creeping towards the goal of 1000 members. I never know if any of you read this little segment but it has been a goal for a

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long time of mine to get past the 1000 mark. Surely between us we can find another 61 people who would benefit from membership of our unique "club". Please help me achieve the goal.

Finally, Dave Such has sent in details of the Little and Large meet 2017.

We are delighted to announce that we have been invited back for our fourth **Little and Large Solo Balloon Meet** to Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre at Pidley, near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire by David Hopkins and we will be running the event on Friday 2nd (evening), Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June 2017. This event is being organised by Dave Such with support from David Hopkins, John Tyrrell and Mark Tomlin.

We have attached the entry form together with the event's information and we have kept the entry fee at £20 with *free entry for overseas-based pilots*. You may complete, save and email your entry form as a Word document to littleandlargemeet@btinternet.com and pay your £20 entry fee by bank transfer but *please ensure you include your surname and balloon registration as the payment reference*. Alternatively, you may print, complete and post your entry with a cheque payable to D G SUCH to the address below.

Please complete one entry form for each pilot expecting to fly at the event.

On arrival at the event and before our first flight, pilots will be required to sign a Pilot Declaration to confirm that all paperwork in respect of the balloon and pilot are in order and that the balloon is properly maintained for the purpose of flying at the event, as well as confirming the balloon they are operating will be insured in accordance with current legal requirements at the time of operation.

If you are entering one or more balloons with only one of those balloons flying at any one time, there is only one £20 entry fee to pay. If you are entering two or more balloons and two or more will be operated at the same time by different pilots, it's an entry fee for each balloon.

We have put a restriction on **25 balloons for this event, so please apply early to avoid disappointment**. Everyone is welcome but to fly your balloon – Little or Large – **IT MUST BE FLOWN SOLO** and your envelope having a **MAXIMUM VOLUME 80,000 cu ft**.

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Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre's Bar and Restaurant will be open throughout the event offering an extensive range of Food and Drink (alcoholic drinks are served from 10am) and last food orders are taken at 9pm (later if an evening flight has taken place) with the Bar closing at 11pm.

For those not wishing to take advantage of the free campsite for tents, caravans and motorhomes, there are a total of 64 en-suite bedrooms located throughout the Lakeside Lodge complex. 30 twin rooms, 28 rooms with a double and single bed, 4 double rooms and 2 singles. To make a reservation for accommodation please **call Lakeside Lodge on 01487 740540** or email reception@lakeside-lodge.co.uk

We look forward to receiving your completed entry form, together with your entry fee if you would like to join us for our 2017 event at Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre.

Any questions or queries, please let me know.

Kind regards
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The entry form is listed below – editor.

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Little and Large Solo Meet 2017

Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June 2017

Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre, Pidley, PE28 3DF

Open to all balloons under 80,000 cu ft. to be flown solo.

Please complete one entry form for each pilot.



Name:

Address:

Email:

Mobile number for the event:

Balloon make, size and type:

Balloon registration:

Will you need to purchase gas over the weekend?

Yes

No

Are you interested in Camping?

Yes

No

If yes, how many units:

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In submitting this entry form, I confirm that all paperwork in respect of the balloon and pilot are in order and the balloon is properly maintained for the purpose of flying at the event, as well as confirming the balloon is insured in accordance with current legal requirements at the time of operation.

We will ask you to sign a Declaration Form when you arrive at the event and before you fly.

Entry fee £20.00 payable by bank transfer to sort code 20-73-26 account number 43858529

Please include your surname and balloon registration as the payment reference.

We are giving free entry for overseas-based pilots

Please return this form by email to littleandlargemeet@btinternet.com by the event's closing date **Friday 19th May 2017**.

We look forward to seeing you at Lakeside Lodge in June 2017.

Phew and so that was January's Newsletter, hope you all enjoyed it.

All articles for inclusion in future issues will be gratefully received by your Editor. Please forward them to steve.roake33@gmail.com and feedback good, bad or indifferent is always welcome. Views aired by contributors may not be those of the Editor.

Have a Safe and happy New Year hopping! Steve Roake.

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