

# STORM WARNING



## KLOUDBUSTERS

December 2010

### Storm Warning - Full issue on-line

I am publishing this single sheet edition of the newsletter now to accommodate the KBoD elections and upcoming KLOUDBusters Christmas Party info. The complete December 2010 edition of the **Storm Warning** including photos and articles is available on-line. Check: <http://www.kloubusters.org/news/kbnews2010Dec.pdf>. Depending upon my schedule, there might a few days delay getting the whole newsletter posted on-line.

### 2010 Wrap-up

by Lance Lickteig

This year, 2010, was one heck of a year for KLOUDBusters. Besides many great days of rocket launching, we have very busy with other projects.

From LDRS 30 preparation, to SB2 to the various equipment repairs and acquisitions to AIRFest 16; anyone would judge 2010 as a "busy" year for KLOUDBusters. I know from the perspective of the KBoD, we kept ourselves and a number of other Club members very busy at times.

I am looking forward to 2011 and the prospects for many days at the Rocket Pasture. As a club, KLOUDBusters has a lot on our plate for the coming year, particularly **LDRS XXX**. There will be numerous opportunities for each member to contribute. I hope each of you can pick some time to volunteer your time and effort to make 2011 the best damn year for rocketry ... ever.

### KLOUDBusters Christmas Party and All-Member Meeting

The annual KLOUDBusters Christmas Party will be Saturday December 11, 2010. The location for the party is the same as the last few years: Kiwanis Park Shelter, 5101 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Wichita. Hours will be from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Guests are welcome.

A slide show is planned of KLOUDBusters, their rockets, and other antics during 2010.

As usual, there will be an All-Member meeting portion of the evening to take care of some Club business. We'll have a recap of 2010 and talk about plans for 2011 and beyond, including LDRS XXX plans.

Of course, we're hoping for the traditional Gherkinbaum ceremony - if you have never experienced the Gherkinbaum, it is something you won't soon forget.

The Christmas party is a great way to share stories of the year's events and get to meet the members. We have a large number of new members this year and I hope many will try to come out so we can get to know you. This party is a very relaxed social event, and you may bring your spouse or significant other, if you wish.

Please be aware: City of Wichita policy prohibits alcoholic beverages at all park facilities.

### KBoD Elections

It is time for the annual KLOUDBusters Board of Directors (KBoD) election. We are electing the 2011 Prefect for 1 year, and Vice-President, Secretary, and (1) Member-at-Large for two-year terms for 2011-2012.

Per the KLOUDBusters By-Laws: *"The official and monetary matters of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors."* In other words, the KBoD makes policy, sets schedules, and spends the money. We have a slate of great candidates willing and able to take on these responsibilities for the Club.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a postage-paid ballot for this election. The deadline for ballot receipt is December 31, 2010. The bios for each of the candidates follow:

#### **Prefect** (1 year term)

**Bob Brown** Hi! I'm Bob Brown and I am a candidate for Prefect. I have been involved with high-powered rocketry since 1998 and am the current Prefect seeking re-election. I've been involved with the club since that time and have held one position or another on the Kloubusters board since 2000. Thank you in advance for your vote.

#### **Vice-President** (2 year term)

**John Farmer** My name is John Farmer and I have been a member of Kloubusters for about eight years now, serving on the board of directors as a member at large for four years, and last year, when the former vice president became inactive, I assumed that role for the remainder of his term. I would like to continue to serve Kloubusters in the capacity of Vice President. We have accomplished much in the last year. We recently deployed two new containers at the launch site for storing our equipment, and of course, we will be hosting LDRS 30, which will require much work, but will also be a great launch. Each year Kloubusters gets better - better equipment, better financially, and better launches. Our club has a reputation for superior performance in hosting launches and that doesn't happen by accident. It happens because we have a knowledgeable board of directors that guides our club and an outstanding group

of members that always pitch in to do whatever needs to be done. I would be honored if you would elect me as your vice president.

### **Secretary** (2 year term)

**Dave Pomeroy** Hello 'Busters, my name is David Pomeroy and I am currently secretary on the KBOD. I have been a club member for 3 and 1/2 years and have been a board member for 2 years, 1st as a member at large, then as secretary. I am asking you to support me for secretary in the upcoming elections. My goal is to support our club in any way I can, and with LDRS coming next year our work is cut out for us. Thank you.

### **Member-at-Large** (2 year term, one MAL position open)

**Amy Howell** I got started in this hobby in 2005 while helping a friend build a high-power rocket. I built my own rocket and successfully certified in 2006. I have been a member of the Tripoli rocketry association since 2006 and am certified Level 3. At LDRS 27 I successfully built my Level 3 rocket on the field and obtained my certification.

I have been a KLOUDBuster member since 2007. I attend as many of the launches as my schedule with being a college student at Kansas State University will allow. I enjoy working RSO duty at the launches. I also pitch in where other help is needed, such as with tear down of the range, pad manager duty and clean up of the site.

Please consider me for Member-at-large. I believe I would be a good candidate for Member-at-large with all of my experience and help with the club.

**Glynn Kovarik** I'm Glynn Kovarik, and I've been nominated for the member-at-large seat on the KLOUDBuster Board of Directors. I am a retired USAF Master Sergeant, and a Level 2 rocketeer, having certified in September 2006. In addition to flying rockets, I also enjoy helping others enjoy the hobby by volunteering at launches, ensuring everyone has a good time. We have the premiere club in the rocketry world, and takes a lot of planning and hard work to keep the club running smoothly. I believe that I have the knowledge and dedication to continue to make KLOUDBusters a top notch organization in high power rocketry. I ask that you consider me for the Member-at-Large position on the Board of Directors. Thank you, Glynn.

**Eric Martin** I would appreciate your vote for Member at Large. I am married with 2 kids. Reagan is 6 years old and Sam is 3 years old. I work for a Budweiser distributor in Hutchinson where I am manager of all the bar/restaurant sales and also manager of the craft/micro beer sales in a 10 county territory.

I joined KLOUDBusters in August 2007, obtained my L1 at LDRS 27, L2 at Distant Thunder that same year and my L3 at AIRFest 15. I have only missed 2 launches since I started and been to all but 1 board meeting. Needless to say, I am an active flier. I feel also, that I am an active club member as well, helping wherever I can, e.g., range duty, equipment maintenance "parties", board meetings, set up and tear down of the range, etc.

The reason that I am running for Member at Large is that I would like to ensure that the club remains the "Elite" club in Tripoli. As a relatively younger (28 years old) member, I believe that to be a good leader, you must first be a good follower. What better group to learn from than our current BoD. Our current BoD has it down to a science and I want to learn it from the inside out from some of the best. From infrastructure, launch operations, planning large launches, etc, to ensure the groundwork they laid was not in vain well past their time as leaders of our club. Thank you very much for your consideration. Eric Martin. TRA#11777

**Monta "Gunner" Plank** I have been in rocketry for over 30 years and as of now in the tripoli, I am level2. I launched high power in California (ocotilla wells) for about 20 years and attained level2 a few times. I want to help build up our organization even more than it is. I love helping set up and helping the young kids learn about rockets. I do demos at several middle schools all year to promote this. I hope you will re-elect me to member-at-large. thanks Gunner.

**Deadline for KBoD ballot receipt is December 31, 2010.**

### **KLOUDBusters Yahoo e-group**

I strongly encourage all members to join our KLOUDBusters e-group mailing list. The group is the best way to stay as informed as possible to late-breaking club news and events. You can also local "experts" how-to questions and learn from others' experiences. You don't have to post there if you choose not to, but you receive e-mails either as they come in or via digest, or once per day. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/kloudbusters> to join.

Any time we have to make last-minute announcements on launch schedule changes, they ALWAYS occur on the Yahoo group. To stay "in the know" on KLOUDBusters, the Yahoo group is the place to be.

## **2011 KLOUDBusters Schedule**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Combined (TRx) Fun Fly	Sunday, January 9, 2011
Combined (TRx) Fun Fly	Saturday Feb. 12, 2011
Commercial Fun Fly	Saturday, March 12, 2011
Combined (TRx) Fun Fly	Sunday, March 13, 2011
<b>KLOUDBurst 21 - Commercial</b>	<b>Saturday April 9, 2011</b>
<b>KLOUDBurst 21 - Commercial</b>	<b>Sunday April 10, 2011</b>
Combined Fun Fly	Sunday April 17, 2011
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<b>Sweaty Balls 3 – Research</b>	<b>Sat., July 9, 2011</b>
<b>Sweaty Balls 3 – Research</b>	<b>Sun., July 10, 2011</b>
Combined (TRx) Fun Fly	Saturday August 6, 2011
Commercial Fun Fly	Sunday August 7, 2011

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>LDRS 30 TRx Rules</b>	<b>Thu., September 1, 2011</b>
<b>LDRS 30 Commercial</b>	<b>Fri., September 2, 2011</b>
<b>LDRS 30 Commercial</b>	<b>Sat., September 3, 2011</b>
<b>LDRS 30 Commercial</b>	<b>Sun., September 4, 2011</b>
<b>LDRS 30 TRx Rules</b>	<b>Mon., September 5, 2011</b>
<b>LDRS 30 TRx Rules</b>	<b>Tues., September 6, 2011</b>
Combined (TRx) Fun Fly	Saturday, October 8, 2011
Commercial Fun Fly	Sunday, October 9, 2011
<b>Distant Thunder 2011 Commercial</b>	<b>Saturday Nov. 12, 2011</b>
<b>Distant Thunder 2011 Commercial</b>	<b>Sunday Nov. 13, 2011</b>
Combined (TRx) Fun Fly	Saturday Dec. 10, 2011
Christmas Party	Saturday Dec. 10, 2011

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