

# STORM WARNING



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## Welcome to 2010

by Lance Lickteig

Well, we have made through the holidays and are ready to get rolling for 2010. My apologies for not publishing the **Storm Warning** more often - the simple reality is that I just have not been able to find the time to sit down and pound one out. Catch me at the next launch for the sordid details. I am getting this edition out now with limited content because the KBoD elections are way past due.

We had a nice gathering of KLOUDBusters members and their families together for the annual Christmas Party. We were able to present a summary of 2009 at the party and held a short discussion of what we are planning for 2010.

The elections for new Club officers are now, which is much later than it should be. The candidates' bios and election instructions are available in this newsletter. A separate ballot postcard is included. Please complete it and drop it in the mail by February 21, 2010.

The 2010 flying schedule is already underway with a successful January Fun Fly, which had to be postponed a week due to very cold weather. The trade-off was worth it as the weather was unseasonably pleasant for the rescheduled date (after the dense fog had lifted) and we had a nice turnout. We'll see if we're so lucky for this month because the moisture in the area has been greater than normal and the fields could be very muddy,

I hope everyone has a great 2010 and gets a chance to fully enjoy our hobby without the encumbering federal regulations that have been removed from APCP materials. It should afford everyone to obtain and launch whatever motors desired going forward.

## KBoD Elections

The annual KLOUDBusters Board of Director Election (KBoD) ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. We are electing the Prefect, President, Treasurer, and (1) Member-at-Large for 2010-2011.

The members of the KBoD handle the business dealings, policies, and scheduling for the Club. KBoD members must be KLOUDBusters members in good standing. The term of office is for two (2) years, except for Prefect, who is elected every year.

The deadline for ballot mailing is February 22, 2010. The bios for each of the candidates follow:

**Prefect - 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 Kloudbusters board since 2000. Thank you in advance for your vote.

**President - Lance Lickteig** With the support of many other committed KBoD members, I have served this Club as President since 2004. I think the success and national recognition of KLOUDBusters speaks volumes for its great members and the leadership of the KBoD throughout the history of this club. It is an honor for me to serve you as President and if you feel you would like me to continue as club President, please cast your vote for me. Thanks in advance for your support.

**Treasurer - Mark Logan** Hello everyone this is Mark Logan, owner of the Science Education Center. I am running again for the position of Treasurer. I have been on the board for 5 years. First as Member at Large and then Treasurer for two terms. I actually like doing the job! I have been a Kloudbuster member since 1998 when I bought the store and have been launching HP rockets ever since. I am currently Level 2 Certified and plan on doing Level 3 in a year or so. I am in no hurry, I am in this for life! The club have been very good to me thru the years and I would like to continue on returning the favor. Please vote for me!

### Member-at-Large (MAL)

There is one position for MAL open in this election and three worthy candidates. Please vote for only one member for MAL.

**John Farmer** I think most of you know me, my name is John Farmer, aka Captain CATO (thanks Bob), the "looking for volunteers" guy, the "guy at RSO" and other names that we won't go into here. I have enjoyed serving as a member-at-large for about four years now. During that time KLOUDBusters has improved its infrastructure, financial position, and status as the premier high power rocketry group in the universe. These accomplishments are the result of not only leadership by the board of directors, but more importantly an outstanding membership, which I have had the distinct privilege of representing in the past and which I would like to continue to represent in the future. It is obvious that we all enjoy rockets, but the friends that we make in this group are the best. Thanks for your support and I'll see you at the launch site. John Farmer.

**Justin Nichols** I feel after two years of being in the club I have learned so much from this group, have gotten to know quite a few different faces in the club, and have even started thinking of ways that could make our club better, even though we are a pretty well organized group, but there is always room for ideas. My BoD or council group type experience background includes a year on the first five airman's core in my Air National Guard unit when I was in Wilchita & a year and a half on my fraternities Board here at K-State Salina, so I have an understanding of what its like to be in group discussion and listening to others feedback and ideas. I ask that you please consider me as a nomination to run for this position, I definitely would like the opportunity & privilege of doing something like this. Justin.

**Monta "Gunner" Plank** I have been in rocketry for several years, mostly in California. I was with Dart (NAR) in San Diego, Ca for about 20 years and Kloudbusters for 2 or 3 years. I am fully retired and can fully commit myself to our launches. I hope this will help. Gunner

**Deadline for KBoD ballot mailing is February 22, 2010.**

## 2010 KLOUDBusters Launch Schedule

The 2010 Launch Schedule follows. The launches on this year's launch are the same format we had in 2009 with single-day Research/Combined launches during the off-peak months.

For all Research/Combined launches, Tripoli members over 18 years of age may participate and certification flights are allowed. Commercial or research motors are allowed, but remember – all certification attempts must be made on commercial motors.

We will reprise the 2-day Research-only **Sweaty Balls** launch during July. Sweaty Balls I certainly lived up to its name and those participating had a great time with some extreme rocketry and rocket pasture antics. We're hoping to draw in even more flyers from surrounding clubs who enjoy the opportunity for Research rocketry and as waiver altitudes around the country are being decreased.

Please be aware, the FAA waiver altitude for all 2010 KLOUDBusters launches will be 34,500 MSL, which is a slight modification to our waiver altitude in past years. With a launch site elevation of about 1,300', our waiver limit for 2010 will be 33,200' AGL.

## February Fun Fly

The next fun fly is scheduled for February 13, 2010 and is a Research rules launch. With all the rain and snow in the area, please check the KLOUDBusters Yahoo e-group or the front of the KLOUDBusters web site ([www.kloubusters.org](http://www.kloubusters.org)) for an update as the launch nears in case of cancellation or postponement. When you go to the KLOUDBusters web site, click reload or refresh on your browser so that it downloads the freshest update of the page.

## 2010 KLOUDBusters Schedule

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
January TRx Fun Fly	<del>Sunday, January 10, 2010</del> Rescheduled to Jan. 17, 2010
February TRx Fun Fly	Saturday, February 13, 2010
March Commercial Fun Fly	Saturday, March 13, 2010
March TRx Fun Fly	Sunday, March 14, 2009
<b>KloudBurst 20</b>	<b>Saturday April 10, 2010</b>
<b>2-Days Commercial</b>	<b>Sunday April 11, 2010</b>
April TRx Fun Fly	Sunday April 18, 2010
---Break for Wheat---	
<b>Thanks Landowners for your support!</b>	
<b>Sweaty BALLS II</b>	<b>Saturday July 10, 2010</b>
<b>2-day Research Launch</b>	<b>Sunday July 11, 2010</b>
August TRx Fun Fly	Saturday August 7, 2010
August Commercial Fun Fly	Sunday August 8, 2010
<b>AIRFest 16</b>	<b>Fri. Sept. 3, 2010 Research</b>
<b>4-Day Regional Launch</b>	<b>Sat. Sept. 4, 2010 Commercial</b>
<b>Friday &amp; Monday TRx</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 4, 2010 Commercial</b>
<b>Sat. and Sun. Commercial</b>	<b>Mon. Sept. 4, 2010 Research</b>
October Commercial Fun Fly	Saturday, October 9, 2010
October TRx Fun Fly	Sunday, October 10, 2010
<b>Distant Thunder 2010</b>	<b>Saturday November 13, 2010</b>
<b>2-Day Commercial</b>	<b>Sunday November 14, 2010</b>
December TRx Fun Fly	Saturday, December 11, 2010
KLOUDBusters XMas Party	Saturday, December 11, 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/kloubusters> to join.

**Always check the KLOUDBusters web site prior to going to the launch site just in case there is schedule change due to weather or field conditions. Refresh your browser to load the latest information.**