30th Annual Invitational Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta© ~ September 11th & 12th 2010

Dear Skipper,

The Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta (EBBR) traces its history back to the 1970's when balloonists would come to Elephant Butte for the Mother's Day weekend, or in some years, the Easter weekend. The timing of the rally was generally dependent on when the balloonists decided that spring had arrived and it was time to go to "The Lake" and fly.

This is the 30th year of this great rally and we are excited to extend an invitation to you to become a part of history. Invitations are limited to the first thirty qualified skippers. As in previous years we will be hosted at the Elephant Butte Inn. Competition will be held on and around the lake. Friday night we will have the pilot, skipper and sponsor meet and greet. Saturday we again will be hosted by the Parks and Recreation department with our lakeside BBQ. We hope to see you and your friends there.

Enclosed are the 2010 application and pilot agreement. Please complete and mail with your check to the address on the bottom of the forms.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Buoyantly yours,

Al Lowenstein

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SKIPPER ENTRY AGREEMENT

In consideration for my participation in the 2009 ELEPHANT BUTTE BALLOON REGATTA© (EBBR), September 11 and 12, 2010, I hereby agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the following paragraphs:

I agree to have in full force during EBBR© an insurance policy having coverage at least equal to the standards for my sport (single limit bodily injury and property damage). I further agree that this policy will cover each and every passenger in my boat.

I certify that my boat is properly registered with state and federal agencies as appropriate. I certify that my boat meets all maintenance requirements. I have proper certification to operate the boat which I have registered for this event.

I understand the officials, organizers, volunteers and businesses contributing to the EBBR© are not responsible for my actions as a skipper. I also understand I am not obligated to engage in any boating activity, that all activities are to be engaged in at skipper's discretion and any bodily injury or property damage resulting from improper or illegal actions, or inactions, on my part as a skipper in command during this event are solely my liability. If personal injury or property damage occurs in conjunction with my participation in EBBR© activities, I agree to provide as much information as possible, as quickly as possible, to EBBR© officials.

I understand that the EBBR© organizers and officials may supply information, guidance, or data but cannot guarantee the accuracy of that information.

I agree to provide Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) for myself and all passengers and I will ensure my passengers and I will wear these PFDs during all activities over Elephant Butte Lake. PFDs must comply with NM State boat regulations concerning availability and use at all time while participating in EBBR. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS CLAUSE CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW AND WILL RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM ALL FUTURE EBBR© EVENTS.

I hereby give permission to EBBR© to use any still or motion pictures or sound recordings of my equipment, myself and/or my crew/passengers for any legitimate purpose.

I understand EBBR© will provide rules for the Balloon Boat Relay Race (BBRR) and other EBBR© related competitions in order to ensure safety and fairness during competition. I agree to abide by these rules and the terms of this entry agreement and understand that failure to adhere to these rules and terms may result in disqualification from the BBRR and/or ejection from the event and/or forfeiture of any fees/prizes due me from EBBR© and/or suspension from future EBBR© activities.

I further understand that the EBBR© committee, sponsors, and volunteers are not responsible for tracking my whereabouts nor are they responsible for assisting in the recovery of myself, my equipment, or my crew as a result of my participation in activities in the Elephant Butte area. The Safety Officer and Regattameister will provide a point of contact for lost balloon/boat coordination, but will not conduct after flight check-in or tracking services. It is the responsibility of the skipper or their crew to contact EBBR© officials in the case of a lost boat or crew.

I understand that EBBR© is an invitational event and that EBBR© organizers reserve the right to reject any registration at their discretion. The EBBR© will provide registration confirmation and event details shortly after registration forms are received and processed.
ACCEPTED:

Skipper_____ Date _____Pilot Request _____
Day Phone _____Night Phone _____Email Address _____
Mailing Address _____City_____ State_____ Zip _____