



2022 RIVERTON RENDEZVOUS BALLOON RALLY



Thursday, July 14, 2022

Pilot Registration	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Hampton Inn
Pilot Briefing	7:00 pm	Hampton Inn

Friday, July 15, 2022

Late Registration	5:30 am	CWC Launch Field
Pilot Briefing	5:45 am	CWC Launch Field
Balloon Launch	6:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Refueling	8:00 am – 10:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Pilot Question & Answer	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Hampton Inn
Pilot/Sponsor Social	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	The Elks Lodge
Friday Night Cruise	6:00 pm	Starts at Sutherlands on Federal
Celebrity Speaker	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	The Elks Lodge
Candlestick on Main	8:30 pm	Main Street

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Pilot Briefing	5:45 am	CWC Launch Field
Balloon Launch	6:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Refueling	8:00 am – 10:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Day in the Park	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Riverton City Park
Optional Tailgating	8:00 am – 11:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Car and Bike Show	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	CWC South Lawn
Live Music & Food Trucks	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	CWC Launch Field
Glow Pilot Briefing	8:00 pm	CWC Launch Field
Balloon Glow	9:00 pm – 10:30 pm	CWC Launch Field
Fireworks	10:00 pm (dark)	Jaycee Park

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Glow Refuel	5:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Pilot Briefing	5:45 am	CWC Launch Field
Balloon Launch	6:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Closing / Hand in Banner	8:00 am – 10:00 am	CWC Launch Field
Refueling	8:00 am – 10:00 am	CWC Launch Field

Central Wyoming College (CWC):

Located off of HWY 26/Main St. (West of Town)

Launch Field is the soccer fields behind the College buildings.

Look for the CWC white water tower on the College grounds; the launch field is east.

Hampton Inn: 2500 N. Federal Blvd., Riverton – 307-856-3500

The Elk's Lodge: 207 E Main St, Riverton

(pilot/sponsor social and celebrity speaker location)



Contact Information:

Balloonmeister – Andy Samuelson – andy.r.samuelson@hotmail.com – 307-851-4446

Rendezvous Chairperson – Megan Sims – msims@rivertonwy.gov – 307-851-5967



● **Treasure Hunt.** Somewhere in the Riverton area is a block of wooden letters spelling BALLOON ... check The Ranger daily for clues about its hiding place. The lucky finder wins a cash prize and a balloon ride!

● **Riverton Happy Days: Festival** in Riverton City Park featuring a craft fair with vendors, food trucks, petting zoo, kids activities, cornhole tournament, live music, and mini all-class reunion.

● **Friday Night Cruise.** Hot cars ... cool bikes! After a parade through downtown Riverton, participants park and stay for a real "street party" with sidewalk booths, food stands, and a variety of special events.

● **Hot Air Balloon Rally.** A burst of color hits the sky at dawn Saturday and Sunday when hot air balloons inflate and lift off! Spectators at the launch site witness the event as the balloons drift upwards around them. A fantastic event you don't want to miss!

● **Car and Bike Show.** More than 200 show stopping entries include cars, motorcycles, and trucks. Trophies, special awards, and plenty of door prizes throughout the day. A variety of food vendors.

● **Balloon Glow.** At CWC, if Mother Nature holds her breath, spectators are treated to an amazingly beautiful event! Hot air balloons are inflated and tethered, creating huge "magic lanterns" floating just above the ground. Enjoy music by Barcode 307 and check out the food trucks.

● **Fireworks Display.** A perfect finale! We will light up the skies to the west of town!



2022 Riverton Rendezvous Schedule of Events



EVENT	DATES / TIME	LOCATION
1838 Mountain Man Rendezvous	June 29 – July 3	1838 Rendezvous Site
Treasure Hunt	TBD	Riverton Ranger – Daily Clues

FRIDAY, July 8, 2022

Happy Nights*	www.rivertonhappydays.com	Riverton City Park
Cornhole Warm Up & Sign Up	5:00 PM	Riverton City Park
Bar 10 Cornhole Tournament	5:30 PM	Riverton City Park
El Loco Fandango Concert	6:00 PM	Riverton City Park
Lantern Lighting	9:00 PM	Riverton City Park

*WYRiverton Chamber Ambassadors presents Happy Nights: live music, food vendors, cash bar, cornhole tournament, and tethered hot air balloon rides (weather permitting). Join the fun!

Saturday, July 9, 2022

Happy Days*	www.rivertonhappydays.com	Riverton City Park
Happy Days in the Park Craft Fair	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Riverton City Park
Skateboarding Competition	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Skate Park @ City Park
Riverton's Got Talent (show & open mic)	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	City Park Band Shell

*WYRiverton Chamber Ambassadors presents Happy Days: vendors & food trucks, bounce houses, obstacle course, splash pad, hatchet throwing, farmers market, 4H petting zoo and more. A day filled with fun for the whole family!

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Chalk the Walk*	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Riverton Branch Library
-----------------	-------------------	-------------------------

*Sidewalk art festival to also include: Music on the Lawn featuring Aaron Davis & the Mystery Machine.

Friday, July 15, 2022

Balloon Launch	6:00 AM	CWC Launch Field
Pilot/Sponsor Social	5:00 PM	The Elk's Lodge
Friday Night Cruise	6:00 PM	Sutherlands to Main St.
Celebrity Speaker: Rich Lawhorn	6:30 PM	The Elk's Lodge
Candlestick on Main	8:30 PM	Main Street

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	6:00 AM	CWC Launch Field
Balloon Launch	6:00 AM	CWC Launch Field
Tethered Balloon Rides	7:00 AM	CWC Launch Field
Day in the Park*	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Riverton City Park

Arts in Action presents Day in the Park, which features hand crafted items, art work, community organizations, food trucks & family-friendly fun!

Riverton Auto Cross Race	9:00 AM	CWC Art Center Parking Lot
Car and Bike Show	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	CWC South Lawn
Live Music & Food Trucks	7:00 PM	CWC Launch Field
Balloon Glow	8:30 PM	CWC Launch Field
Fireworks	10:00 PM	Jaycee Park

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Balloon Launch	6:00 AM	CWC Launch Field
Tethered Balloon Rides	7:00 AM	CWC Launch Field
Riverton Auto Cross Race	9:00 AM	CWC Art Center Parking Lot





Kurt Adelsberger (Transition)
Mesquite, NV
Apodaca Constuction



Jeanne Anson (Dragon Moon)
Brandon, SD
WyoToday Media



Gerry Graff (Lofty)
Albuquerque, NM
Rico Construction



John Gruenberg (Santita)
Aurora, CO
Hampton Inn



Stephen Harrison (Soarbet Dreams)
Murray, UT
Sage Electric



Rex Jennings (Liberty Red, White, Blue)
Vernal, UT
Pepsi



Chris Jones (Scarlet Sunset)
Billings, MT
County 10



Jamie Kinghorn (Eye of RA)
High River, AB, CA
Smartt Insurance



Graham Lockett (Tally Ho II)
Ft. Collins, CO
The Crews Family



Gayle McCoy (Misbehavin')
Spring Creek, NV
Bailey Pit Stop Enterprises



Pat Newlin (Some Day Come)
Riverton, WY
Java Java Espresso



Debi Ostgulen (Plum Fired-Up)
Albuquerque, NM
Nucor Inc

2022 Celebrity Speaker Rich Lawhorn pilot of the Humpty Dumpty Special Shape Balloon

Rich has been flying hot air balloons since 1995. He first saw the Mass Ascension at Albuquerque in 1993, and he was promptly hooked on ballooning. He took lessons and began flying the next year. The first winter after getting his license, Rich participated in the BFA long jump. In that competition, he flew his balloon, *The Spirit of St Louis*, almost five-and-a-half hours, covering approximately 400 miles in sub zero weather on 40 gallons of propane. He flew the balloon to almost 18,000 feet and exceeded a ground speed of one hundred miles an hour.



Humpty Dumpty

In the spring 1998, Rich adopted Humpty Dumpty, an appealing special shape balloon. This opened a whole new aspect of balloon participation, and Rich is now known in the ballooning community as **Papa Humpty**. Papa Humpty has logged almost 1,000 hours in hot air balloons.

International Experience

Rich and Humpty along with his family, welcomed in the Millennium in **Melbourne, Australia**, taking part in an event sponsored by the state of South Australia. Springtime of 2000 found Rich and Humpty flying over the sheep shearing capitol of the world, **Masterton, New Zealand**. Rich and Humpty were so enthused with the sheep that in August of 2001, they flew in the **Inner Mongolia Autonomous region of the Peoples Republic of China**, where they were the top scoring special shape balloon. They left their 1st place prize, a live sheep, to a local orphanage. These adventures are part of Rich's greater goal to fly on all seven continents as a hot air balloon pilot. Rich has returned to fly in Australia several times, and has also flown in the Philippines, Malaysia, Canada, Mexico, and Dubai.

Awards

In August of 2001, the ballooning community of Centralia, Illinois, awarded Rich the **Wes Rinker High Fly Cup**, recognizing him as an ambassador for ballooning. Since his peers gave this award, he was especially honored to receive it. While flying Humpty, Rich won the Great Texas Balloon Race Special Shapes Championship in 1998, 2000, 2001. Rich has also won the Special Shapes competition at the Albuquerque International Fiesta.

Record Flights/Night Flights

Rich belongs to a hand full of Hot Air Balloonist that has been qualified and current on night landings. During a flight in the winter of 2003, to set a new world record for distance in an AX-8 hot air balloon, Rich developed a problem that required him to land the balloon around 3:00 am, in the dark. Landing in a desolate area of South Dakota, Rich had to make short hops to move the balloon closer to civilization for recovery. There was no moonlight that night and it was the coldest night in history for that date, around 28 degrees F below zero.

Career

Rich retired from his job as an airline pilot on April 1, 2010. During his 35-year career Rich has flown DC9s, DC8s, DC10s, Boeing 727s, Boeing 767s, and Boeing 747s logging over 20,000 hours. Rich has worked as a pilot under contract for many foreign airlines such as Egypt Air, Saudia, All Nippon Airlines, JAL, Air India, Air Africa, Air Algeria, Lufthansa, and Cathay Pacific flying into almost every major airport around the world on six continents.

Charities

Rich is still a supporter of Pilots for Kids, a charitable organization of airline pilots that visits and gives presents to hospitalized children during the Holidays. The Pilots for Kids logo is proudly displayed on Humpty's scoop. Humpty flies in many events to raise donations for children's charities.



Bruce Pivic (Miss Wyoming)
Rock Springs, WY
Wind River Honey/Kai Espresso



Ginny Rieger (Hot N' Bothered)
Sheridan, WY
All-Star Auto Glass



Andy Samuelson (Cloud Kisser IV)
Riverton, WY
Mick Pryor



Glenn See (ITSZEE)
Cortez, CO
Rendezvous Dental



Ken Tadolini (RE/MAX)
Denver, CO
Re/Max All-Star Realtors



Mark Williams (Bubbles)
Longmont, CO
Wyoming Community Bank



Jeff Haliczzer (Off the Wall)
Reno, NV
Wind River Hotel & Casino



Rich Lawhorn (Humpty Dumpty)
Louisville, KY
Casper Children's Center

Thank you to:

Megan Sims,
Rendezvous Chair

Andy Samuelson,
Balloonmeister

Morgan Miller,
Safety Officer

Dave Lipson,
Weather Officer