

PRESS RELEASE

Take off and Landing

During the Vintage Band Festival this year the Northfield Skies will be graced with colorful Hot Air Balloon Flyovers (weather permitting) on every evening just before sunset between 27 July and 30 July, 2006.

This brings to mind the question: where do balloons take off and land? We all know "what goes up must come down." The balloonists are asking those landowners with open spaces around the vicinity of downtown Northfield to allow for a 'landing pad' of sorts for the Hot Air Balloons during the Vintage Band Festival event. It can't be known in advance where takeoff and landing will take place because they are determined by the wind direction at that specific hour.

While flying, pilots are always on the lookout for appropriate landing sites, open spaces without telephone lines. When a site is determined, the Crew Chief will try to obtain the permission of the landowner to land on their property. If permission is not granted, the aircraft will move on to another site for landing unless it is an emergency situation.

If permission is granted, the Crew Chief will obtain a private Landowners' name, address and phone number. Participants will receive a thank you award. It's the event organizers' way of saying thanks for allowing the landing and participating in the event for all to enjoy.

Volunteers

The amount of effort in organizing this event is great and cannot be done without volunteers. The Vintage Band Festivale and the balloonists are soliciting volunteers 18 and older to act as flight teams for the Hot Air Balloon Flyovers. If you would like to help out please contact the balloon pilot directly: Brad Allen at 507-285-0042.