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Good Afternoon Balloonists:

As we welcome in the New Year, as well as the first arctic blast of winter weather, it's time to start to "Think Spring" and make plans to attend the Annual Midwest Balloon Continuing Education & Safety Seminar.

The seminar committee has again put together an informative, fun and educational event to take place on March 31st, 2012 in Milwaukee, WI. Whether you are a crew member, student pilot or a veteran pilot, with our lineup of speakers and topics, there will be something of interest for everyone.

Our line-up of presenters this year includes:

Gordon Schwontkowski ~Weather Savvy
John Trione ~ The Inversion Layer and You
Bill Clemons ~ Fine Tuning Your Flying Skills
Phil Thompson ~ Balloon Accidents
Bill Zangs ~ FARs
Andy Baird ~ Balloon Jeopardy
Panel of Early WI Balloonists ~ Safety in the 70's

Something new this year, we are working on the possibility of providing a CPR class to be held concurrently with the seminar on Saturday afternoon. There will be an additional cost for the training and certification. We will need a minimum number of attendees to conduct the training, please let us know as soon as possible if you or a crew or family member is interested

Also new this year, we will be offering a mini trade show of manufacturers and other vendors. If you or someone you know would be interested in booth space, please contact us ASAP

As you can see, we have a very full schedule again for this year. We would like to invite each and every one of you to attend this exciting continuing education opportunity.

The seminar will be held at the Crowne Plaza~Milwaukee Airport Hotel and Conference Center. The hotel is providing us with a discounted room rate of \$89.00. Be sure to mention the WBG seminar when making your reservations. On Friday evening, we will have an informal social and pre-registration in the Lobby Bar. Saturday morning, registration begins at 7:00 am.

We look forward to seeing you in March, until then stay warm.

Please contact me privately for full seminar and registration details or check the WBG website.

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The Midwest Balloon Safety Seminar Committee