WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY
12 September 2001 MEETING MINUTES

The 12 September 2001 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at the Greenstreets Restaurant with 24 members and 2 guests present. President Chuck Angel called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Chuck announced results of the Officer election results with all proposed officers approved. Chuck introduced Jerry Mohling as the President for the 2001-2002 year.

Jerry introduced the officers for the next year:

Vice President – Brian Carlson
Co-Secretary – Darrell Wright and Tim Schoenfelder
Co-Treasurer – Gordon Licht and Dave Berry
Sergeant at Arms – Nico DeJong

Following introductions of guests, the past Presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. Minutes of the 9 May 2001 meeting were read and approved. The audit report of the 2000-2001 fiscal year treasure's records was also read and approved.

Gordon Licht presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of $320.32

Nico advised the members that Greenstreets Restaurant was now requiring a reservation count by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Brian advised that members for the Nominating and Membership Committees were badly needed.

Elwood Lindquist, program chairperson for September, asked for donations for the upcoming Alzheimer's Memory Walk. Lindy then introduced the evening speaker Ken Allbaugh and the evening program on Hot Air Ballooning. The Allbaugh family started hot air ballooning in 1981 when they became interested after attending a balloon festival in Indianola. After that Laurie and Ann received some instruction in Colorado and then attended ballooning classes at Hawkeye Institute of Technology. Laurie was the first to be licensed as a balloon pilot. Ken received his license in 1984. Their first balloon, named Wildfire, was a 66,000 cubic foot balloon. It was worn out in about 8 years and was replaced by Wildfire II, an 80,000 cubic foot balloon. The Allbaugh's have traveled around the world participating in balloon rallies, including trips to South Africa, Australia, and numerous trips to France.

Ken shared numerous pieces of balloon memorabilia including pictures, magazine articles, calendars, and rally pins. He also passed around a piece of the rip stop poly material used to make balloons. This material must withstand a linear pull of 30 pounds without tearing to be used for balloon making.

Ken shared a most picturesque collection of slides taken at various locations around the world including Colorado, Albuquerque, Virginia, South Africa, Australia, and France. In 1981 the cost of Wildfire I was about $10,500. Wildfire was about $15,000 in 1988, and a similar balloon today would be about $23,000.

Brian announced the next meeting would be 10 October and the program will be on pattern making with a tour of American Pattern in the Cedar Falls Industrial Park. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm to the parking lot where Ken demonstrated the immense heat generated by the hot air balloon burner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darrell Wright, CO-Secretary