

National Balloon Museum Building Fund:

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Overall, the FIM is a publication of which the BFA Education Committee can be proud. Although briefer than one might wish, it helps to fill a serious gap in the existing literature available to balloon pilots today. Cost is \$10 for BFA members, \$15 for non-members.

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important areas of instruction. The book's first section briefly covers the role of the flight instructor and the teaching process. The rest of the manual is a standardized syllabus for flight training for a student pilot, covering 20 flights and the areas of instruction on each flight.

The book also lists sample questions in the back — alas, the answers are not given anywhere, which detracts from the usefulness of the quiz. The source material appendix is excellent.

Balloon Museum update



Senator Jepsen (right), presents flag donation to Jim Weinman (left), museum board member. *Photo by Thom Roberts*

Balloon museum liaisons Mary and Marlene report that donations toward the building fund have now reached \$225,000. To get into the donating act, or to get an update on the fund or the museum, you can call (515) 961-8415 or 8416.

• Commemorative mail covers, prepared for the New Jersey Bicentennial Balloon Race and franked with 1983 balloon stamps, were donated by Maureen Mullen for museum sale. The covers are dated November 21, 1983, bear the BFA logo and the words "New Jersey Bicentennial Balloon Race" and

"200th Anniversary of Manned Flight." They cost \$3 each. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope that will hold a #10 envelope.

• On March 6, the museum received a flag which has been flown over the U.S. capital. It was presented by U.S. Senator Roger Jepsen, R-Iowa, who was in Indianola for a town meeting. Museum board members Jim Weinman and Gary Ruble and secretary Pat McClintic received the flag, which was purchased by balloon enthusiasts Bill Martin of Indianola and Don Ruthenberg of Des Moines.