

# PARTRIDGE FAN CLUB NEWS

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In Cecelia Bonaduce's Column!



"What's that up in the sky? Is it a bird? Is it a plane?" No, it's Danny Bonaduce in the Goodyear Blimp!

For those of you who have no idea who or what a blimp is... here's a quick history lesson!

The blimp as we know it, was originally called a Zeppelin, and it was invented in 1900. The Zeppelin was a lighter-than-air aircraft, used for bombing in World War I, and was the first commercial airline in the world. Today, we obviously have no need for Zeppelins, and the American version, the Blimp, is used for recreation only. The Goodyear Company has three blimps, and they take people for rides!

Now, back to our story...

Danny was very excited when he found out that he was going on a ride on the blimp!

"I've always wanted to go up in one! When we first moved to California, I was really small, but I remember seeing the blimp for the first time! It was at night, and I saw this huge balloon gliding through the air! I thought it was a space ship! My mother told me what it was, and when she told me that people could ride in it, I knew someday I'd get a chance, and I could hardly wait!"

Danny said the takeoff was one of the funniest things he'd ever seen! "The balloon is tied up, and when the blimp is loaded with passengers... the cabin only holds six people, so it doesn't take very long to load up... about six men untie the ropes, and BOUNCE the blimp off the ground until it finally goes into the air! It's really funny!"

Riding in the blimp is an experience, to say the least. You just feel like you're flying through space! Danny kept looking out the window and up towards the sky so he could see the balloon, because you can't see it from the cabin, and Danny had to keep looking at it so he was sure they were still attached!

## HE GOT TO STEER!

Danny says that the greatest part of the trip was driving the blimp by himself! That's right! I said driving!

"It was fantastic," Danny said, "The pilot came up to me and asked me if I'd like to steer! I almost jumped out of the blimp, I was so excited... and nervous too... after all, I've never driven anything but a horse and a mini-bike before, and now all of a sudden, I'm driving a blimp! After I drove for awhile, the pilot let my brother, Anthony, and my friends drive. We really had fun!"

## A DAY WITH DAVE MADDEN

Dave Madden has been busy as a beaver this hiatus, traveling and writing, so his friends don't get to see him very often. But, Dave finally came home to rest for a few days, and he threw a big party!

Dave said that as soon as he got home from one of his trips he felt so good about being home again that he just had to give a big party for all his friends!

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