



December 2, 2011

AERIAL 51



Launch Site



**In the air!**



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51

Lake Michigan



AERIAL 51

BALLOON BURST



AERIAL 51

SNOW LINE IN INDIANA



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51

BALLOON FRAGMENTS



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51



AERIAL 51

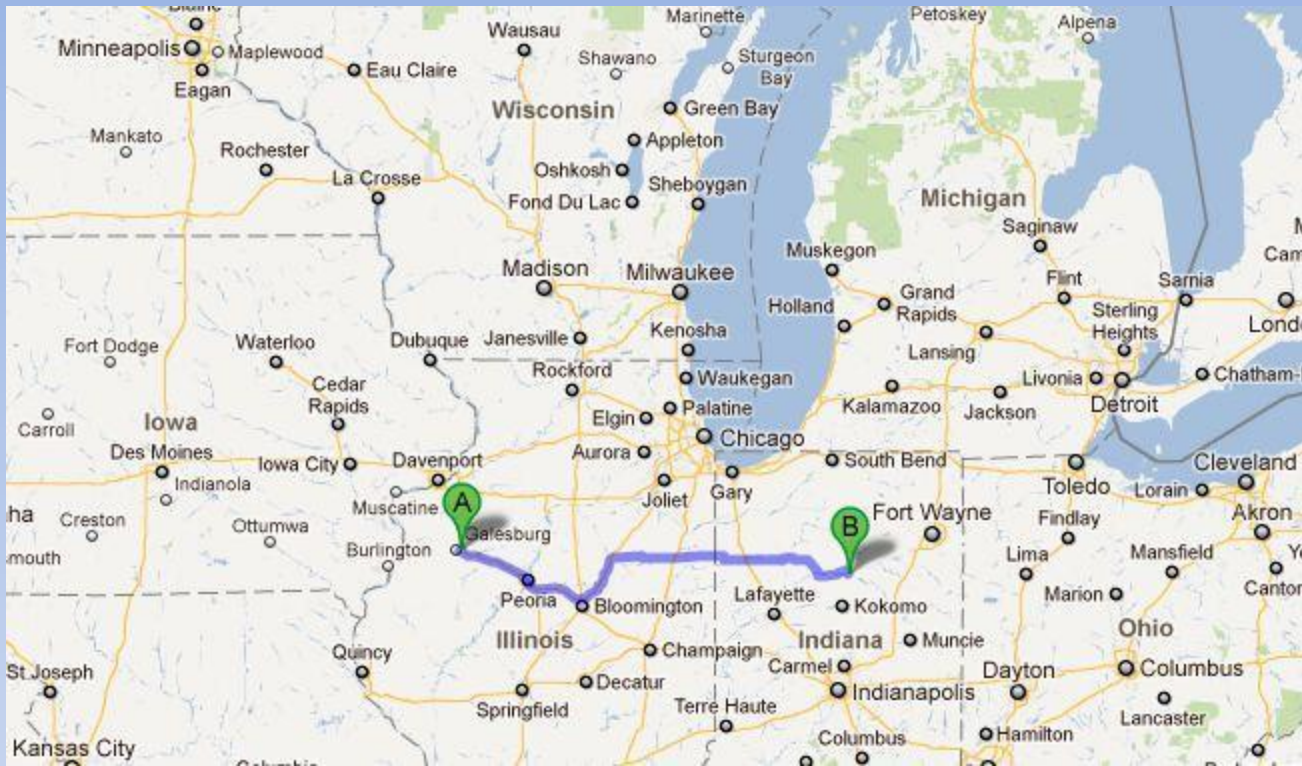


AERIAL 51



TOUCH DOWN!

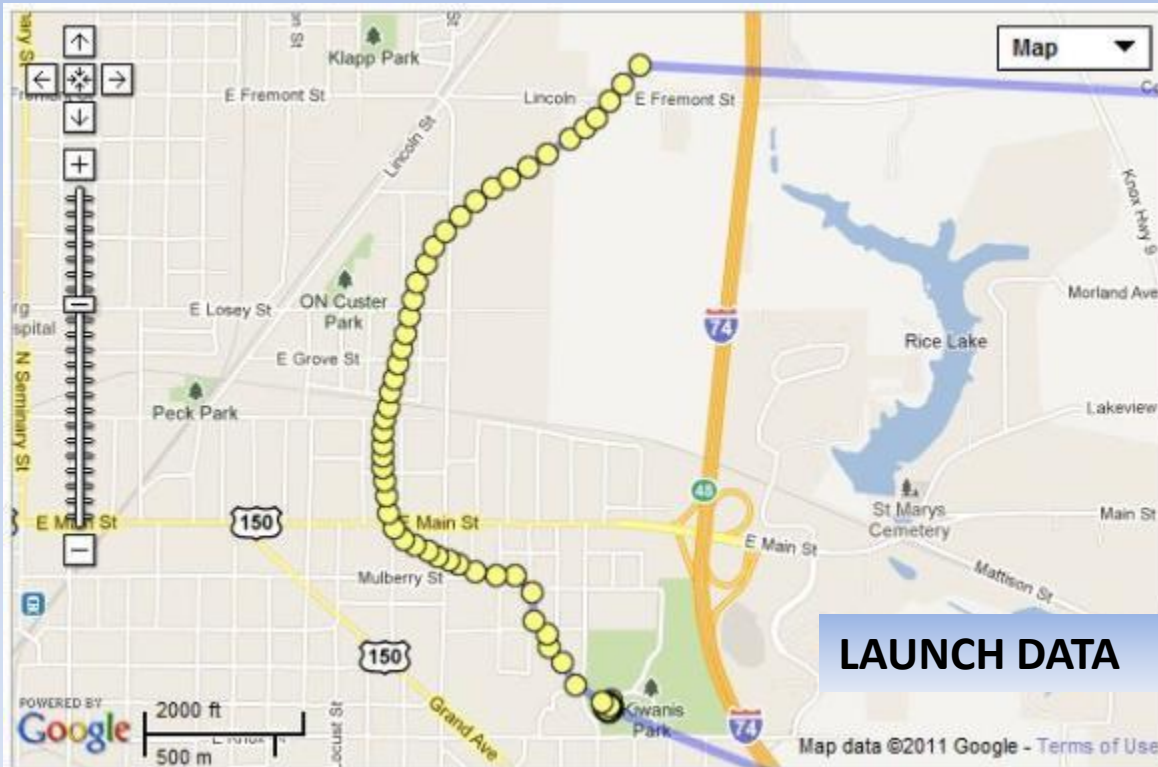
AERIAL 51



**THE BALLOON LAUNCHED AT 11:15 AM FROM GALESBURG,IL  
THE BALLOON LOST CELL CONTACT WITHIN 16 MINUTES AND  
DID NOT RELAY ANY GPS DATA UNTIL 3:33 PM WHERE IT WAS  
OVER INDIANA AT AN ALTITUDE OF 3260 FEET**

**AERIAL 51**

**A BIT OF IRONY**  
**WHEN WE LOST TRACKING ON THE BALLOON WE DECIDED TO DRIVE TO**  
**PERU, IL AND WAIT .**  
**SHORTLY AFTER WE GAVE UP AND HEADED FOR HOME THE BALLOON**  
**STARTED SENDING LOCATION DATA,**  
**IT WAS IN PERU, IN**  
**THE BALLOON TRAVELED INEXCESS OF 250 MILES**



**AERIAL 51**