1. Are blimps safe to fly?
   - Aeroblimps have logged thousands of flying hours in arenas and stadiums around the world with no injury related accidents.
   - The helium required to inflate the blimp is a totally inert, non-flammable gas.
   - The electric motors used to power the blimps are shielded with prop guards.
   - The envelopes are manufactured using a strong rip-stop urethane coated nylon fabric and includes a pressure relief valve to virtually eliminate the possibility of a hull “blow-out”.

2. How much income can be generated by the operation of a RC Blimp?
   - The income produced by a blimp will depend on the venue size in which it is operated and the contract which is negotiated with the sponsor.
   - The typical range from smallest venue to largest is $600 - $6000 per game.
   - The most common type of contract is a multi-year which guarantees income for several years.

3. What are the costs of operating a blimp?
   - Operating costs are nominal; helium can be obtained from a local welding supplier and is sold by the cubic foot.
   - After the initial fill of the blimp, the envelope will periodically need to be “refreshed” with more helium and over time some air will displace a portion of the helium causing the blimp to fly “heavy” at which point the air will need to be purged.
   - The motors run off of rechargeable NiCad battery packs needing only a 120-volt outlet to recharge.
   - Pilot fees range from $40-$100+ per game and compensation for pilots sometime includes other amenities.

4. Can anyone fly a blimp?
   - Aerostar strongly recommends the hiring of an experienced RC pilot to fly your blimp.
   - A pilot’s knowledge of the mechanics and electronics used on the blimp is invaluable, especially as it is a revenue generating vehicle.
   - Experienced RC plane or helicopter pilots have acquired the technical skills necessary to effectively maneuver a blimp through the fickle air currents created by ventilation systems in indoor venues.

5. How long can a blimp continue to fly without changing the batteries?
   - It is designed to fly a minimum of 20 minutes at a time on one charge of the NiCad batteries.
   - The NiCad battery packs only take 15 minutes to fully recharge and the discharged battery packs can be replace by new packs in less than one minute.
   - The amount of paint on the blimp and weight of the payload carried will effect the continuous flying time.
6. **How does the altitude of an arena affect the blimp?**
   - The greater the elevation of the venue above sea level, the less lift a blimp will have.
   - Aerostar can recommend the proper size of blimp for your venue.

7. **What about graphics and banners for the blimp?**
   - Graphics can be added as painted logos and imagery on the blimp body or on banners.
   - Banners are digitally printed for the clearest quality and are interchangeable and replaceable.

8. **Can my blimp be repaired if damaged?**
   - All Aerostar helium products, including our RC Blimp line, are repairable.
   - An initial repair kit containing glue and fabric is included in the purchase price.
   - If a repair is beyond your ability and skills, the blimp can be returned to the factory for repair.