



Dubuque Balloon Camp Big Success!

The BFA Youth Camp in Dubuque, Iowa has just wrapped up and by all accounts was a big success! 20 young campers spent days with experienced pilots and counselors learning and gaining valuable experiences. Campers even got some free flight and tether time in addition to the classroom activities and balloon factory tour. Look for a much more detailed write up on the camp in an upcoming issue. To check out pictures and more on the camp, please visit the Facebook page [here](#).

In the meantime, here is a list of some of the camp's sponsors and supporters. Camps could not be possible without the great support of these folks and you! Thank you!

Camp Scholarships and Grants:

Balloon Association of Greater Illinois

Balloon Repairs of East Texas (BRET)

Gateway Aerostatic Association

Great Pershing Balloon Derby/Cindy Petrehn Memorial Scholarship

Iowa Balloonists Association

Lake Havasu Rotary Club

Pacific Coast Aeronauts

Plano Pin Co.

Sioux Falls Balloon Club

Wisconsin Balloon Group

Pilot Packs and Awards:

Gary Britton

In the Air

Janine Konstanzer

Jessica Jeanes

Kevin and Jennifer Witzel

Kustom Kards

Lindstrand Balloons USA

National Balloon Museum/US Ballooning Hall of Fame

Plano Pin Co

Rainbow Ryders

Randy Oates/ Oates Flag Co.

The Schantz Agency

Zing Aerosports

Many, many pilots, crew and volunteers

Curriculum & Activities:

BFA Hot Air Competition Division

Jo-Carroll Energy

Lindstrand Balloons USA

Show-Me Balloon Competition

Limited BFA Office Hours

Due to a well deserved vacation for our Office Manager, we will have limited office hours July 3-11th.

The [office](#) will still be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Central. If you need something taken care of, please try to call during this time, otherwise we'll be responding ASAP afterwards. If you have immediate pressing needs, you can always contact the Board of Directors!

BFA Elections

Candidates have been selected for the 2014 BFA Board elections! Ballots will be mailed and the electronic voting site will be made available on July 23rd. Votes must be cast by August 22nd and results will be announced shortly thereafter.

The following candidates are running for election on the BFA Board of Directors:

Northeast Region – Ted Watts, David Tanzer

Western Region – Katie Griggs, Gordon Hall

At-Large – Drew Egerton, Tamie Folley

HACD, Gas and BROD divisions will be announcing their candidates to their respective memberships shortly as well.

Look for candidate statements online soon, and don't forget to VOTE!

Long Jump Results

Below are the winners and results from the 2013-2014 BFA Long Jump program. Congrats to Bill and Matthew on excellent flights. What a close finish!! Long Jump season may be over for the year, but it is never too early to start planning for your long flight this winter.

First Place: Bill Smith, 226 mile flight at 12,500 feet from Effingham, IL to Georgetown, KY. 4 hours and 4 minutes aloft. 32 gallons of propane consumed. Equipment: 90,000 cubic foot Aerostar.

Second Place: Matthew McClinton, 225 mile flight at 12,500 feet from Effingham, IL to Georgetown, KY. 4 hours and 44 minutes aloft. 30 gallons of propane consumed. Equipment: 90,000 cubic foot Lindstrand.

Speakers and Sponsors Wanted – Convention, Reno 2015

Save the date, the 2015 BFA Convention is being held in Reno, NV from April 16 to 19, 2015. The primary purpose of the Convention is to gather the ballooning community to exchange ideas, network, rekindle enthusiasm for the sport, and most importantly, educate. The committee is currently seeking key speakers and sponsors for the event. As fellow balloonists, you have the experience and background to lead one of these educational sessions. If you're interested in presenting, please submit a session education proposal online at www.bfaconvention.com. Additionally, the Convention will open its sponsor registration on July 1st of this year. This is the premier event to reach the ballooning community. For more information, visit www.bfaconvention.com

BFA's Magazine Back On-Line

After a long delay, the BFA is happy to announce that the bi-monthly publication "BALLOONING: Journal of the Balloon Federation of America" is now available for on-line viewing. BFA members can log-on at www.bfa.net to access the 2014 issues. Over the next few weeks we plan to upload older issues as well. The viewer works with most computers as well as mobile devices. Bear with us as there may be a few bugs, but just let us know and we will do our best to make it even better. The site also has a "sample" issue that can be used to encourage others to check out the magazine, and perhaps join our organization.

New Members

The BFA is only as strong as its members and volunteers. We would like to welcome the following new members! Please contact these folks if they are in your area and welcome them into the club!

Jay Kimball, CA

Gretchen Kimball, CA

Sheila Sumrell, GA

Michael Gonzales, NM

We would also like to say a special thanks and welcome to our newest Life Member, Steve Jacobs of MN.

Life Memberships are available for \$1,000 and include BALLOONING Magazine, voting rights and all other membership perks without the need to renew annually. [Contact the office](#) for more details.

If you are not currently a member, please consider joining today. We would also ask that all members take the time to share the benefits of their membership with their ballooning communities and encourage any non-members or lapsed members to become a part of the organization. The BFA is your one and only national representation of the ballooning community and we need member support!

*Reminder, the Quick Release can be signed up for by non-members as well so please [SHARE!](#)

Corporate Member of the Month

The BFA is proud to promote its Corporate Members. We showcase a member each month as the Corporate Member of the Month.

June's featured Corporate Member of the Month is **Common Sense Conservation!**

Founded by a long time BFA supporter, Common Sense Conservation seeks to promote the management of Earth's natural resources in a practical manner. Thanks to CSC for their continued support of the BFA!

Thank you for your continued support of the BFA! For a complete list and more information on all of our Corporate Members, [click here!](#)

New Achievements

James Reynolds Frazier, NM – Commercial LTA Certificate

Michael Paul Killian, AL – Commercial LTA Certificate

Charles Garcia, NM – Private LTA Certificate

Shari Lynn Vines, CO – Private LTA Certificate

Harmony Lynn Lambert, CA – Private LTA Certificate

Jean-Francois Rigollet, NV – Private LTA Certificate

David Alan Botjer, UT – Private LTA Certificate

James Edward Vandehoef, CO – Private LTA Certificate

We would also like to offer a BIG congrats to two young campers that attended our Dubuque Balloon Camp last week. Ryan Schneider from California and Arielle Fay from Wisconsin both received their Student Pilot Certificates!

Congrats to them and we hope that the camp has set them off on a successful road to becoming great pilots!

Smile! Donate to the BFA

If you are like many people in the US, you use Amazon on a regular basis to buy most anything you can think of. Now you can do your online shopping and donate to the BFA at the same time! Simple use smile.amazon.com rather than the regular website and choose Balloon Federation of America as your charity. 0.5% of all your smile.amazon.com purchases will go directly back to the BFA! After a certain minimum amount is collected, those funds will be transferred into our accounts where the BFA Board will determine if programs such as the Youth Camps or other projects are deemed to be the most in need of the money at the time. Just a few simple clicks on no extra work to donate!

Crewing Quip

Hello CREW! Though sometimes overlooked, everyone knows that pilots cannot do much without the crew (some can't even find their keys, glasses or radios much less their way to a target)! The Balloon Federation of America is also not just for pilots. We have several memberships aimed at crew including Family memberships if you already have a full member in the family, or a non-voting crew membership at a reduced cost.

The BFA Board recognizes the importance of crew in our sport, and in our organization. In an effort to provide more crew-focused content, we will be providing some "Crew Quips" for tips, advice and fun stories. If you'd like to submit something, [please let us know!](#)

Crewing Quip – Using Technology

While some pilots might still maintain they do not need radios, GPS or cell phones, many are embracing technology to help themselves and their crew. One of our favorites is an app called Glympse. It can be installed on Android or Apple devices and is free. All the pilot needs to do is turn his GPS option on, set a few quick options like how long the Glympse will run and then send to the crew. The crew then has a live Google map showing their location and the pilot's location as well as speed. You can even get turn by turn directions to your pilot! We recommend trying it out on the ground a few times before your first flight to get the hang of it. Happy chasing!

Contributors Wanted

Do you have a great story to tell about ballooning? Learned a new technique you want to share? Taken a great ballooning photo? We can use you!

Editor Glen Moyer is always interested in material from our members. No need to be a professional writer to submit an article or photo. Feel free to contact Glen at editor@bfa.net. If it's not fit for magazine material, we may run it right here next month!

58th Gordon Bennett Race

The rules for the 58th Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Championship have been released. You can check them out [here](#).

The USA will be well represented once again by the teams of Philip Bryant/Andy Cayton and Mark Sullivan/Cheri White.

You can learn more about the GB race [here](#).

News from the FAA Safety Brief

FAA Approves First Commercial UAS Flights over Land

The FAA has given approval for energy corporation BP and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) manufacturer AeroVironment to fly an AeroVironment Puma AE for aerial surveys in Alaska — the first time the FAA has authorized a commercial UAS operation over land.

“These surveys on Alaska’s North Slope are another important step toward broader commercial use of unmanned aircraft,” said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. “The technology is quickly changing, and the opportunities are growing.”

The FAA issued a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization to survey BP pipelines, roads and equipment at Prudhoe Bay, AK, the largest oilfield in the United States. AeroVironment performed the first flight for BP on June 8.

For more information: http://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=16354

2013 GA Survey Underway

Please help us collect accurate information on aviation activity across the United States, which is used to calculate fatal accident rates for general aviation and Part 135 aircraft. We need to hear from everyone who received the 36th annual General Aviation and Part 135 Activity Survey (GA Survey) invitation in the mail. Even if you did not fly your aircraft in 2013, we still need a completed survey.

The surveys have been sent to approximately 85,000 aircraft owners/operators from the categories of turbine aircraft (turboprops and turbojets), rotorcraft, special light-sport aircraft, aircraft operating on-demand Part 135, aircraft registered

in Alaska, and aircraft manufactured since 2008. Because this study is a random sample, only those who receive an invitation can participate. If you have already completed this year's survey, thank you!

Be assured that your responses are confidential. The information is used only for statistical purposes and will not be released in any form that would reveal an individual participant. Tetra Tech, an independent research firm, is conducting the GA Survey on behalf of the FAA. If you have questions, please contact Tetra Tech toll-free at [1-800-826-1797](tel:1-800-826-1797) or email at infoaviationsurvey@tetratech.com.

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