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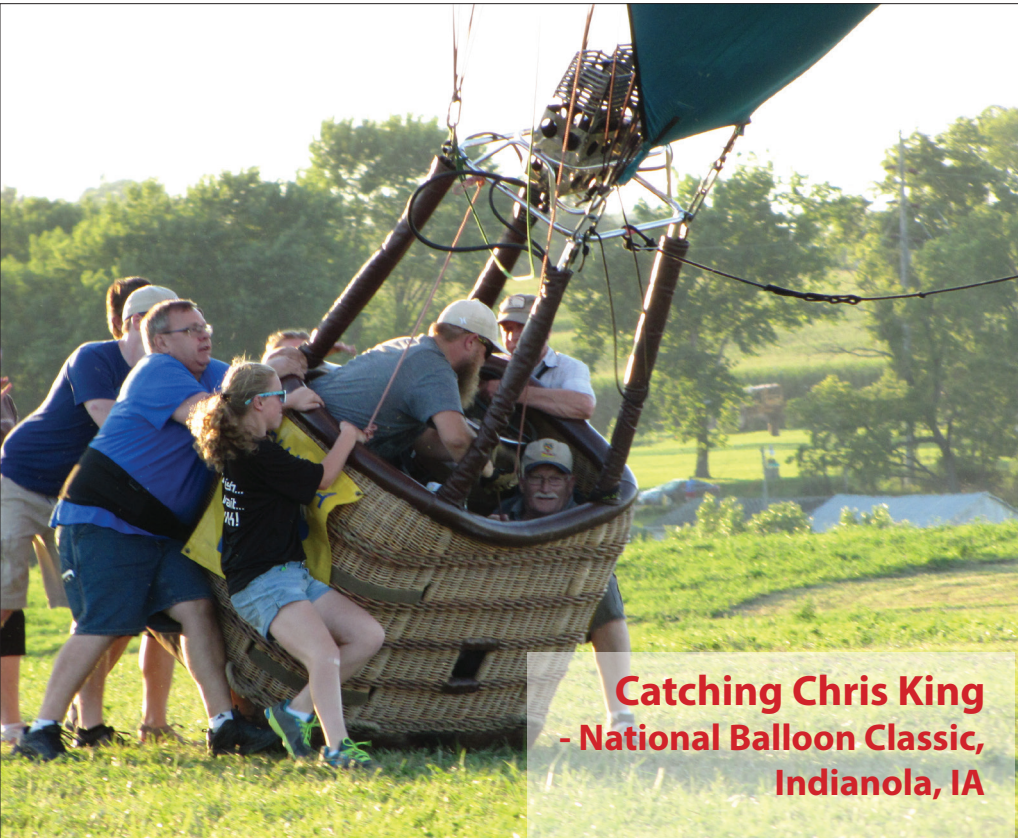
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Annual General Meeting to be held at Fiesta

The Annual General Meeting will take place Sat. Oct. 3rd at 12 noon in the new Sid Cutter Pavilion on the southeast corner of Fiesta Park. All BFA members are encouraged to attend. For those that can not attend the meeting, the board is planning to stream the General Meeting and the Awards Ceremony live.



**Catching Chris King
- National Balloon Classic,
Indianola, IA**

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CAROL HARRIS

BFA Board Election Results

The new directors will begin their service in October. Come meet them at the BFA Annual Meeting held at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta on October 3, 2015

The 2015 BFA elections have been completed. The results are as follows:

North Central Region
Tim Cloyd

Southeast Region:
Sam Parks

At Large:
Scott Wooge

HACD North Central Region:
Jason Jones

HACD Southeast Region:
Henry Rosenbaum

HACD Officials:
Mike Gilligan

Gas Division:
Bert Padelt
Louis Vitanza

HACD Request for a Change in by-laws:
Yes

LIVE STREAM
BFA
General Meeting

Saturday, October 3rd
1:00 pm MST

www.bfa.net/broadcast/

Things to do at 2015 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

SUBMITTED BY DEAN CARLTON

For those of you attending Fiesta, there are lots of great activities planned. Here is a short list of a few things you might plan to attend:

**Thursday, Oct 1 • 8:00am-5:30pm
BFA Board Meeting**

At the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum - second floor conference room. Members are welcome.



**Saturday, Oct 3 - 1:00pm
BFA Annual General Meeting and
Awards Presentation**

Learn about what is going on in the BFA, plus an outstanding awards presentation. Open to all pilots and crew. We also expect to broadcast this live, so stay tuned for more details in case you cannot attend in person.

**Sunday, Oct 4 - 3:30pm
BFA Jr. Balloonist Tailgate Party**

Tailgate party for all BFA Jr. Balloonists attending Fiesta. Tailgate will be held at 3:30 on Fiesta's Launch Field Site T-1.

**Oct 5,6,8, & 9 - 11:30am-1:00pm:
FAA Mini Seminars
Balloon Discovery Center**
A variety of topics will be discussed.



**Tuesday, Oct 6 - 12:15pm-5:00pm:
AAAA Balloon Fiesta Safety Seminar**

Registration will be available the day of at 12:15 at the Calvary Church-Rio Rancho. Cost is \$35 for AAAA members and \$45 for non-members (a membership for the remainder of 2015 is available for only \$15). Registration will also be available in the Sid Cutter Pilots' Pavilion on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



The World's Premier Balloon Event

during Balloon Fiesta pilot registration. Registrations done online or during Balloon Fiesta registration will receive a box lunch at the seminar.

**Thursday, Oct 8 - Noon:
BFA Professional Ride Operators
(PRO) Meeting**

Lunch and beverages are provided. Learn about the newest BFA division. Everyone is invited to attend.

And be sure to stop by the Balloon Federation of America's table at registration. You might even win some free stuff!

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Board updating list of Designated Pilot Examiners

The BFA Board is asking for your help in updating its database of Designated Pilot Examiners for Hot Air Balloons. Please forward name and contact information to Quick Release editor John Trione at jtrione@lakegenevaballoon.com with information on DPEs in your area to be included in this database update.

New BFA website to be introduced at Fiesta

The website should go live on January 1, 2016, if no unseen issues arise. Dean. Carlton plans to have a live demonstration at the Annual General Meeting.

Hot Air Competition Division meeting set

Board liaison Ted Watts indicated the HACD Board is in the process of gathering nominations for officers. The division's winter meeting will be held on December 11-13 in Punta Gorda, Florida.

BFA Camper Reunion to be held at Fiesta

SUBMITTED BY JEFF HALICZER
CAMP DIRECTOR. HIGH SIERRA
BALLOON CAMP

OK, it is 'official' we are gonna have a gathering of BFA Youth Program campers at Fiesta. . . yee ha. Or a Camp/Camper Reunion of sorts. . . Of course we will have food, and of course we will have FUN.

PLEASE RSVP (this means you gotta let her know you are attending) to Myia who is on this e-mail, she was here in Reno in 2013 and 2015 and is taking care of most of the details for this gathering, I have back to back events for the next two weekends and have just finished back to back for the past two weekends so my time is short. . . but I am looking forward to Fiestastock 2015 (as I call it with my crew) and doing even more this year than my first year in 2014. Abq. Aloft Rocks. . .

The plan or thought at the moment is to have this gathering at my site on the first Sunday October 4th at my site T-1 at 3:30 PM which is on the front row by the Chaser Club section, campers for both camps are gonna be invited to attend, and I assume that we will let you

bring along any friends that may be interested in the BFA Youth Program and future camps, either as campers or counselors (for the campers that have more or less 'aged out'- we want to tap into your experience and insure the future of ballooning).

So if your gonna be at Fiesta, please plan to attend for some of all of the FUN, with friends and other campers from across the country, it will be FUN and food and more FUN. . . .

