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The BFA Board recently conducted their semi-annual face-to-face meeting at the BFA Offices/National Balloon Museum in Indianola, IA. The Board expressed its sincere thanks to retiring Office Manager Sharon Ripperger. Sharon plans to retire in June after serving the BFA faithfully since 1985.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED VIA BFA FACEBOOK PAGE

Carlton selects Baird as new CIA Representative

Balloon Federation of America President Dean Carlton has selected Andrew Baird as the BFA representative to the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA).



The CIA conducts the ballooning activities of The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). Founded in 1905, the FAI is the world air sports federation and is tasked with spreading



ANDREW BAIRD
CIA DELEGATE



SAM PARKS
CIA ALTERNATE

aeronautical and astronomical activities throughout the world. The FAI is also responsible for ratifying world records and organizing international competitions.

Carlton also selected former BFA President Sam Parks to be the CIA alternate representative.

2016 Seminar Webinar now available online

If you missed out on attending a BFA-sanctioned continuing education seminar, or you missed the BFA's Seminar Webinar, streamed on March 12th, then you'll want to take advantage of this option just announced by the BFA board. The 2016 Seminar-Webinar video is now available on-line for viewing for free; however, you must log-on before accessing the Education and Training tab.

In order to be submitted to insurance for credit purposes, you must register and pay the registration fee which is \$50 for BFA Pilots and \$35 for BFA Crew.

If you are taking the complete course for insurance credit, write the down the "secret word" displayed during the video (1 per session). When complete, go back to Seminar Registration and click on EVALUATION/TEST (upper right menu) to take the short quiz.

Be sure to record the "secret word", and go back to Seminar Registration to take the completion test in order to get your information sent to your insurance company. To access the videos, go to bfa.net, log in, and then select "programs."

Seminar Webinar Presenters

Dennis Helmuth

Substance Use and Aviation Safety

Scott McClinton

Tethering in a 30 mph Wind

Ryan Carlton

So the Weather Forecast is not as predicted

Bill Cloninger

FARs

Henry Rosenbaum

Virginia Powerline Tragedy

David Conrad

The Sterile Basket Concept

Mike Emich

Gas Ballooning (1/2 hour)

Sam Parks

Propane Safety (1/2 hour)

Dean Carlton & Paul Suttle

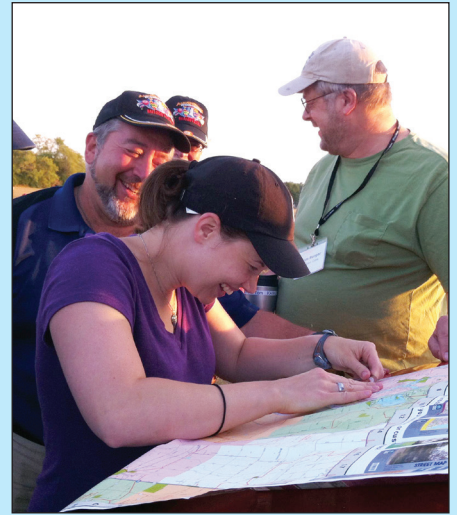
Brewing Great Crew

CIA INFORMATION HERE:

<http://www.fai.org/ballooning>



Commercial Pilot & BFA Member Kevin Knapp shares Civil War Balloon Corps living history at Fairfax Civil War Day, Fairfax, VA.



New pilots with balloon rating as of 4/3/16

Eliav Cohen
Commercial Pilot

Shawn Wix
Private Pilot

Phoebe Brown
Private

John Lord
Private Pilot

Patrick Nilz Jr
Commercial Pilot

Nathan Daniel Gordon
Albuquerque, NM
Commercial Pilot

Billy Ray Green
Shepherdsville, KY
Private Pilot

Raily Charm Blankley
Albuquerque
Private Pilot

William Ian Vertrees
Brea, CA
Private Pilot

Mark William Radloff
Queensbury, NY
Private Pilot

Alan Alderson Dupre
Shelbyville, KY
Commercial Pilot

Keriann Austin Delorme
Albuquerque, NM
Private Pilot

Derek Ray Bohannan
Albuquerque, NM
Private Pilot

Michael Wayne Heffron
Albuquerque, NM
Private Pilot



Congratulations!

MAY 2016

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Spanier
Minnesota

Robert Brinton
Idaho

Austin Hopp
Illinois

Jordan Carlton
Illinois

Rhonda Auger
Massachusetts

Brian Serge
Indiana

Jim Winder
Wisconsin

Carol Winder
Wisconsin

Seattle Ballooning-Eliav Cohen
Washington

Stephen Moss
Illinois

Albert Shinn
North Carolina

Pauline Kan
Illinois

Cherry Hills Library
New Mexico

Taylor Ranch Library
New Mexico

Central & Unser Library
New Mexico

North Valley Library
New Mexico

Daryl Funkhouser Jr
Virginia

Rebecca Hebda
Oregon

Sheryl Wegner
Minnesota

John Hager
Kansas

Jeanine Hying
Wisconsin

Ed DeVore
Illinois

Alta Fernandes
California

Dan Blake
Arizona

Kelli Grantham
Montana

PAAP PROMOTIONS

Mark Meyer - Pilot Level 8
Maryland

Kimberly Magee - Pilot Level 4
Iowa

Kent Barnes - Pilot Level 7
Utah



2 spots available for Rio Grande Camp & Great Eastern Camp has a wait list

ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE!

THE 2016 BFA YOUTH PROGRAM SUMMER CAMPS



JULY 9-14 RIO GRANDE BALLOON CAMP, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

JULY 10-14 GREAT EASTERN BALLOON CAMP, KUTZTOWN, PA

This is the ultimate experience for anyone aged 13 to 18 who wants to learn more about hot air balloons, join a balloon team as crew, or even those who hope to earn or perhaps even hold a student or private balloon pilot certificate. Activities are planned for all skill levels and interests. No experience necessary to join in the fun!



WWW.BFACAMPS.COM



Balloon club information needed

SUBMITTED BY MAURY SULLIVAN
BFA TREASURER

I was assigned the duty of working with membership and Phil Whittington to get accurate and up to date information on balloon clubs in the US.

We want to roll out the updated BFA web site in June with accurate information on balloon clubs in the U.S.

President Dean promises the new web site functional by June so I want to expedite this process.

I will be posting requests on the Reflector and on my Face Book page and ask that you visit the BFA website under and update any information needing correction.

Information may be updated thru Keith Sproul at ksproul@skychariot.com.

We are looking for the following information from balloon clubs interested in having a link to their club newsletter or web page available on the BFA web page when the new BFA web page goes live. We would like the following information and each club will have the ability to edit it as it changes:

Club Name

Newsletter editor

Editor Email contact

Club Web Site

INFORMATION ON
U.S. BALLOON CLUBS
<click here>

BFA Youth Program Summer Camp Update

SUBMITTED BY DAWN CHASE

The BFA Youth Program Committee, as well as dedicated groups in Albuquerque and Pennsylvania, are preparing for the 2016 BFA Youth Camps.

Both camps were at capacity and last month the BFA allotted more spots for each. Currently the Rio Grande Camp has two open spots and the Great Eastern Camp has started a waiting list.

Both camps are in need of your donations. We will take donations to cover all of the items in a category or a partial number of items in a category. We will fit your donation budget!

Here is a list of needed items:

- Sponsor(s) for shirts for both camps
- (45) Inflatable "beach ball" globes
- (45) Pairs of leather gloves, assorted sizes
- (29) copies (3rd, 4th or 5th edition) of *Weather Flying* by Robert Buck
- (30) 3-ring binders
- (25) Balloon Flying Handbooks

We want to extend a heart-felt thank you to each of the donors to the 2016 BFA Youth Summer Camps, they include:

*Elizabeth & Mike Waker
Red Rock Balloon Rally
GEBA club members*

Adirondack Balloon Festival pilots

Bill Noe

Jean Asp

Plano Pins

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Illinois/Indiana Safety Seminar

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Carolina Balloon Festival

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Adirondack Balloon Festival Foundation

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Pacific Coast Aeronauts

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CBA - Jo Cline Memorial

Sam Beazly

Colorado Balloon Club

Chicks Fly

VFRS

Martin Philpott

LTA Safety Seminar, Inc.

Valencia Flying and Retrieval Society

To donate or for information please contact Dawn Chase at dawnchase5683@hotmail.com or 610-737-1184.



Upcoming U.S. Balloon Events

Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival

5/6/16 - 5/8/16
Foley, AL

OldTimers Balloon Rally

5/6/16 - 5/8/16
Roswell, NM

Balloon Dayz in Russellville

5/13/16 - 5/15/16
Russellville, Arkansas

Preakness Celebration Balloon Festival

5/19/16 - 5/21/16
Ellicott City, MD

Erie Town Fair & Balloon Festival

5/20/16 - 5/22/16
Park Erie, CO

Experimental Balloon and Airship Meet

5/20/16 - 5/22/16
Post Mills, VT

Temecula Valley Balloon & Wine Festival

5/20/16 - 5/22/16
Temecula, CA

Tulsa International Balloon Festival

5/26/16 - 5/30/16
Tulsa, OK

16th Letchworth Red, White & Blue Balloon Rally

5/27/16 - 5/30/16
Castile, NY

Vara Wines Rio Grande Classic

5/27/16 - 5/30/16
Rio Rancho, NM

Balloons Over Bavarian Inn 2016

5/27/16 - 5/29/16
Frankenmuth, MI

Freedom Balloonfest

5/27/16 - 5/30/16
Fuquay Varina, NC

Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic

5/28/16 - 5/29/16
Decatur, AL

KLAQ Balloonfest

5/28/16 - 5/29/16
Anthony, TX

44th Annual Carson City Frontier Days

6/2/16 - 6/5/16
Carson City, MI

Helen to the Atlantic Balloon Classic

6/2/16 - 6/4/16
Helen, GA

Cambridge Valley Balloon Festival

6/3/16 - 6/5/16
Cambridge, NY

Telluride Balloon Festival

6/3/16 - 6/5/16
Telluride, CO

Great American Balloon Race

6/3/16
Danville, KY

Professional Ride Operators Division Update

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT APPELMANN,
PRO DIVISION CHAIRMAN

Hello BFA Members! The Professional Ride Operators division of the BFA is up and going strong.

The Division currently has 22 company members and 84 pilot members.

The new website was just launched and starting this month



will be promoted through Social Media to consumers looking and or thinking about a balloon ride. Check it out: www.BalloonRidePros.com.

Don't forget to mark your calendar now for our Balloon Fiesta Pro Meeting on Friday, October 7th, at Noon at the Sid Cutter Pavilion.

If you have not joined Pro yet please consider applying for membership:

<http://balloonridepros.com/member-login/>

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We're trying to build an all-inclusive database of balloon festivals. Keeping track of all of them and their details is a big job. Please send us corrections, additions and deletions to John at: jtrione@lakegenevaballoon.com

OBITUARY

Michael Keith Nelson

Michael Keith Nelson, 48, of Fortville, Indiana lost his battle with cancer on April 24, 2016.

He is preceded in death by his father Stanley Nelson.

Michael is survived by his wife Keely Nelson; children Michael S. Nelson, Emaline Peterson, Lita Hughes, Brittany Hughes, and Olivia Hughes; granddaughter Skyler; mother Marilyn (Ellis)

Nelson; brother Bryan (Christine) Nelson; and sisters Linda (Danny) Branch, Nancy (Jack) Pantuso, and Janice (Roger) Faulkner.

Mike grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, served in the US Navy as a parachute rigger, and later worked as a large equipment mechanic for the trucking and aggregate industries. Mike was a Commercial Hot Air Balloon Pilot who enjoyed flying with friends and family, competing in flying competitions, and sharing the history and science of ballooning at many schools. His other hobbies included camping, fishing, and collecting Legos.

A Celebration of Life Event will be announced at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to bfacamps.com or ecomunity.org. Arrangements: Indiana Funeral Care.



CBA announces scholarship recipients

KIM MCKINNEY
PR CHAIR, CAROLINAS BALLOON ASSOCIATION

The Carolinas Balloon Association is happy to announce that two of our youth have been awarded scholarships to the Great Eastern Balloon Camp, to be held this summer in Pennsylvania.

Both young men have attended the camp in the past and are excited about the opportunity to attend again. CBA club member Tom Tomasetti serves as one of the instructors for the camp and recommended both young men. Harrison Kuehl has been awarded our club scholarship this year. John Daniels has been awarded



the Jo Cline Memorial Scholarship, which was donated to the club by Carolina BalloonFest. Jo is missed in our ballooning community for her longtime support and encouragement of balloonists. We think it is quite fitting that young balloonists will continue to get training in her memory.

Both young men have been involved in crewing for local pilots and are excited about the prospect of being student pilots, through this and their past camp experience. To qualify for the scholarship they needed a recommendation from a club member and had to submit an essay addressing why they wanted to attend.

We are excited to recognize both winners and all club members who are supporting them along the way. One of our goals as a club is to continue ballooning to the next generation and the support of our community's fantastic young people is a great way we are able to do this.



2016 U.S. Bank Great BalloonFest: Great Balloon Glimmer
Photo by Jackie Miller

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DEADLINE 5/30/16

Next issue of
"The Quick Release"
will be published on

6/4/16

We want your photos, club news, crew news and pilot news. Special recognitions, ballooning anniversaries and any thing else that is balloon-related and happening within the BFA membership.

SEND SUBMISSIONS TO JOHN C. TRIONE:
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FOR SALE

- AX-9, 140,000 cu. ft. balloon; Custom 9 envelope with Nomex scoop (new 07/09). Flown cool, 225 degree tell-tale not tripped; Classic Limited Stretch, four-point suspension basket w/ HP2D duel, piezo-igniter burners; two, newer type, 20 gallon stainless tanks with covered, automatic heat tapes; Ball instruments. New fuel lines 2012, last annual 05/15/2014, last flight 07/06/14 and, since then, stored high and dry inside. \$5,000.

- Wheeled fan w/ 30" diameter, high output, 3-blade fan, 2013, like-new Koehler Command Pro 9.5 hp, 277cc engine. \$450.

- 2008 Holmes -4x10R3.5, 2990 GVR trailer, 1-1/8" ball (new \$1,750) with custom, EZ Load Sled which allows assembled balloon to be winched off and on trailer and avoid repetitive assembly/disassembly of balloon. (Sled cost over \$2,800). \$1,500.

- Early (1968-'71), Raven aluminum basket with three different burners: original, 2-can, dual burners, 1973, 4-can, quad burners and 1976, first modern high output, gimbaled single burner; 2 early 20 gallon stainless fuel tanks. \$750.

- Two early twenty gallon stainless tanks. \$175 each.

**For pictures of AX-9 balloon, fan and trailer see ad at Aerostatz.com.

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HELP WANTED

**DO YOU NEED EMPLOYEES FOR
YOUR BALLOON-RELATED
BUSINESS??**

We can help. Our members are the most knowledgeable balloon people in the United States and they read the Quick Release. Contact Editor, John Trione at jtrione@lakegenevaballoon.com or (262)-206-3975 for information on how to place a Help Wanted Classified Ad in the Quick Release.

We've had a lot of requests to bring back the old classified section

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We don't mind doing it. We think it will increase readership.

QUESTION

Would you be willing to donate to the BFA Youth Programs to put your classified ads here? I'd love to know.

John Trione

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NEW WEBSITE

balloonridepros.com



JOIN US TODAY!

BFA Membership Application for Mailing



WRITTEN BY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2013 13:21

Join or renew your membership here or online at: [BFA Online Shop](#)

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ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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Flying Status (choose one for all personal memberships)

- () Commerical Pilot () Private Pilot () Student Pilot () Crew () Observer

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- () With US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) () With Int'l delivered magazine (\$65/yr)
- () With Digital Magazine (\$35/yr) () Life membership with magazine (\$1000 once)
- () Family membership for two or more memberships in one family (Digital) (\$20/yr)
- () Junior Balloonist (aged 5-18 with Digital Magazine) (\$15/yr)

Non-Personal Memberships

- () Corporate (\$250/yr) -Send business name/address/contact person/email logo to: bfaoffice@bfa.net
- Associate Member (non-voting, for balloon clubs, libraries, balloon event organizations)
- () US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) () Int'l with magazine (\$65/yr)
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- Professional Ride Operator Companies
- () Large Operator (4 pilots-\$250/yr) () Small Operator (2 pilots-\$125/yr)

PAYMENT INFORMATION - All International memberships & subscriptions must be in US funds.

Amount Enclosed \$_____ Check - Master Card - VISA - Discover - AMEX
CC Account# _____ Expires ___/___ CVC Code _____

Please print application, complete and mail with payment to this address:

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