

# The Quick Release



BALLOON SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY SAFETY SEMINAR ATTENDEES LISTEN TO SPEAKER SAM PARKS AT THE BSOK-SPONSORED SEMINAR IN LOUISVILLE, KY

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## 2017 BFA Online Continuing Education Seminar

The 2017 BFA Online Continuing Education Seminar will be held on April 1, 2017. It will be broadcast live from the Illinois/Indiana seminar organized by the Balloon Association of Greater Illinois

### Speaker List

**Brad Temeyer**

Weather

**Andy Baird**

Accident Review and Analysis

**Katie Griggs**

Propane Safety

**John Griffin & Larry**

**Konash**

Insurance Panel Discussion

**Joe Zvada**

Aeronautical Decision Making

**Tony Sandlin**

Commercial Ride Operations

**Gordon Schwontkowski**

Ground & Crew Safety

### Seminar Fees

**BFA Members**

Pilot - \$50.00

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(includes a one year BFA membership)

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\$85.00

Pilot + BFA Membership with delivered magazine- \$105.00

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\$70.00

Crew + BFA Membership with delivered magazine- \$90.00

You will need to have a good internet connection in order to view the streamed seminar. Hard wired is best, but a quick wi-fi might also work. Cellular internet is not advised. Contact Dean for help if needed for registration at [president@bfa.net](mailto:president@bfa.net).



(BAGI) and the Montgolfier Society of Indiana (MSI) balloon clubs. The seminar is fully sanctioned by the BFA and also will be WINGS certified.

Online registration is now available. Click on the REGISTER HERE button above. Payment by credit card or by mailing a check is available

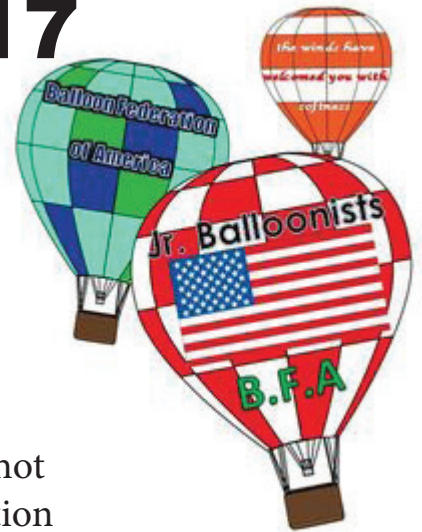
Camp registration begins March 1st, 2017

# Camps for 2017

Oshkosh, WI (June 10-15)

Reno, NV (June 17-22)

Albuquerque, NM (July 8-13)



Are you a teen (or know of one) aged 13-18, interested in hot air ballooning and willing to join us for a few fun filled action packed days/evenings? Come and share part of your summer with up to 20 teens living and breathing 'ballooning'. PREVIOUS BALLOONING EXPERIENCE is NOT REQUIRED as our campers will be joining a volunteer staff of FAA certified pilots and experienced crew who will be acting as their mentors and counselors – making sure everyone benefits. Enjoy the company of others sharing a passion for ballooning, in this unique and different camp experience!



*The Balloon Federation of America's Youth Program benefits the youth of ballooning and ensures the future of ballooning. Through education, summer camps, training, and mentorship, we provide youth the ability to discover and grow in the sport of ballooning. Our volunteers mentor youth helping them achieve their goals.*



# Looking for a Safety Seminar or Club Meeting Topic?

BY MAURY SULLIVAN

The Hot Air Competition Division has several volunteers willing to host a one hour or all day competition training session to be held in conjunction with your safety seminar. We have hosted these at several local seminars across the country and at our national conventions. The sessions can be tailored to the needs and skill sets of your local pilots and safety related topics are always woven into the training materials. If you have an interest or want to discuss the possibility give Division Chairman, Jason Jones, 913.338.2628, jnsy588@aol.com) or At Large Director, Maury Sullivan (330.323.4455, tequilatom@aol.com)

## New BFA OnLine Store Opens

We are please to annouce that we have opened a new online store!

Now you can purchase BFA merchandise, training materials, logbooks and lots more.

The new store features:

- An on-screen shopping cart
- Integrated credit card payment system (no more PalPal)
- Pay by credit card or by mailing a check
- Open to members and non-members
- Ability to have a different shipping address from billing address
- Ease of operation for the BFA office

Currently all of the products are priced with Free Shipping (US Only).

Here is a link to the new store: <https://www.bfa.net/index.php/bfa-store-main>

## 2017 US National pilot applications are available

The 2017 US National pilot application is available for download at the BFA web site. Go to HACD Division/ US Nationals/Pilot Application.

You can also pay your pilot entry fee by going to the BFA Store and look for the HACD logo

Or go there directly by clicking:

**2017 US National Applications**

## BFA Board to meet in Shreveport

Save the Date! The BFA Board of Directors will hold a face to face board meeting on Saturday, April 22, 2017 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

These are typically all day sessions, and BFA members are invited to attend.

Please stay tuned for more information on BFA.net



MOON GLOW AT THE HUDSON HOT AIR AFFAIR IN HUDSON, FEBRUARY 4TH 2017

PHOTO BY PAM JOHNSON

# Congratulations!

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## NEW MEMBERS

**Tom Gummer**  
*Alaska - West*

**Mike Albertson**  
*Alabama - Southeast*

**Pamela Eisenberg**  
*Arizona - West*

**Megan, Franks**  
*California - West*

**Jeffery Downs**  
*California - West*

**Carlos Kebe**  
*Connecticut - Northeast*

**Tom Warren**  
*Florida - Southeast*

**Chase Sanders**  
*Iowa - North Central*

**Lee Rabe**  
*Iowa - North Central*

**Victor Martinek**  
*Illinois - Great Lakes*

**Andrew Robinson**  
*Illinois - Great Lakes*

**Scott Schneider**  
*Kansas - North Central*

**Carlos Goldstein**  
*Kansas - North Central*

**James Loiselle**  
*Michigan - Great Lakes*

**Kurt Vitense**  
*Missouri - North Central*

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*North Carolina - Southeast*

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*New Hampshire - Northeast*

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*New Mexico - Southwest*

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*New Mexico - Southwest*

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*New Mexico - Southwest*

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*Oklahoma - Southwest*

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*Oregon - West*

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*Pennsylvania - Northeast*

**Richard Yohn**  
*Pennsylvania - Northeast*

**JoAnn Shoemaker**  
*Pennsylvania - Northeast*

**Cathy Quinn**  
*South Carolina - Southeast*

**Charles James**  
*Tennessee - Southeast*

**Michael Conwell**  
*Texas - Southwest*

**Jason Farr**  
*Texas - Southwest*

**Amanda Ibbotson**  
*Texas - Southwest*

**Deborah Peterson**  
*Texas - Southwest*

**Jennifer Jackson**  
*Texas - Southwest*

**Amanda Rossano**  
*Virginia - Southeast*

**Carson Beightol**  
*Washington - West*

## CAAP UPDATES

**Wayne Gerding**  
*Kentucky – Level III Crew Chief  
& Level IV Master Crew Chief*

**Jerry Knorr**  
*Arizona – Level II Senior Crew*

**Brian Serge**  
*Indiana – Level II Senior Crew*

## New options at BFA.net

### Did you know.....

- You can use your email address as your login id.
- After logging in, you can access special features of the website only available to BFA members.
- After logging in, your BFA number and year joined are proudly displayed in the upper right of the screen.
- We don't mail BFA membership cards anymore, unless requested.
- You can print your own membership card online. (Membership)
- Having new members join is easier than ever. Click the JOIN THE BFA button and complete online.
- The features of membership are the same whether you take your magazine online (Digital member) or have it delivered.
- Online there are 22 safety seminar videos available for members to view for free. (Education)
- The BFA's FCC radio frequencies are listed online (Membership)
- BFA members get special Hertz rental car discounts (Membership)
- BFA members can access the BFA member roster (Membership)
- You can read back issues of the Quick Release to 2014. (Publications)
- Issues of BALLOONING Journal from 2011 forward are available online for members (37 issues!)
- You can actually register and take a safety seminar course online at your own pace.
- The EVENTS tab is a continually updated calendar of balloon related events
- You can renew and edit your membership online and pay by check or secure credit card.
- The BFA has a new online store full of logbooks, training materials, propane stickers, and more.
- If you make store purchases, you can look under 'Edit/Renew Membership' and track your purchases (User tab).
- Updates have been made to several information sections (balloon clubs, DPEs, Repair stations, etc)
- You can submit a calendar event to be posted online (Events tab)
- You can view the BFA's Facebook page from bfa.net, even if you are not on Facebook.
- The site is continually being updated. Check back often.

# BFA Sanctioned

## 2017 Continuing Education Seminars

Find More Seminars listed on the website:

<https://www.bfa.net/index.php/events5/continuing-education-seminars>

### **Balloons Over Iowa Ground School 2017**

02/17/2017 - 02/19/2017  
Rob Bartholomew  
balloonsoveriolatd@gmail.com

### **Carolinas Balloon Association LTA Pilot Ground**

02/18/2017 - 02/19/2017  
Marc Klinger  
mklinger@bellsouth.net

### **AAAA Private Pilot Ground School**

02/24/2017 - 02/26/2017  
Don Boyer  
education@hotairballooning.org

### **Ruth Salzberg Memorial Safety Seminar**

02/25/2017  
Mark Sand  
mdsand@snet.net

### **Iowa Balloonist Association Continuing Education Seminar**

02/25/2017 • 7:00 - 6:00  
Benji Clemons  
cuatdx@gmail.com

### **Carolinas Balloon Association Safety Seminar**

02/25/2017 • 7:00 - 5:30  
Marc Klinger  
mklinger@bellsouth.net

### **Gateway Aerostatic Association /GAA Education Seminar**

02/25/2017 • 7:30 - 5:00  
Roy Caton  
roycaton49@gmail.com

### **Great Eastern Balloon Association Continuing Education Seminar**

03/4/2017 • 7:15- 5:15  
Tony Saxton  
info@weflyhotair.com

### **Pony Express Safety Seminar**

03/18/2017  
Katie Griggs  
katiegriggslta@gmail.com

### **Balloonknowledge 2017 Safety Seminar**

03/18/2017 • 8:00 - 5:00  
Penny Suttle  
suttlep@roadrunner.com

### **Love is in the Air Ballooning Safety Seminar**

03/18/2017 • 9:00 - 5:30  
Kevin Cloney  
kpcpersonal@gmail.com

### **Midwest Annual Continuing Education Seminar**

03/25/2017 • 7:30 - 5:30  
Ken Walter  
winddancerballoons@gmail.com

### **Illinois-Indiana Continuing Education Seminar**

04/1/2017 • 8:30 - 6:30  
Dean Carlton  
dean@cazooee.com

### **2017 BFA OnLine Seminar Webinar**

04/1/2017 • 8:30 - 6:00  
Dean Carlton  
president@bfa.net

### **AAAA Commercial Pilot Ground Schools**

04/28/2017 - 04/30/2017  
Don Boyer  
education@hotairballooning.org



# Propane Gas Code Manual changes will affect balloon operations

BY SAM PARKS

There are some changes coming to the 2017 version of the NFPA-58 LP Gas Code Manual that could affect how balloonists refuel their hot air balloon propane tanks.

The BFA learned that the National Fire Protection Agency had initially voted to remove all references to hot air balloons and their propane fuel tanks from their 2017 manual. This action by the trade association that provides rules and regulations covering all LP gas containers could have had a devastating effect on our sport. With no HAB reference in the new code manual, LP dispensers or local fire marshals could deny LP gas on the basis of no code reference or DOT acknowledgement.

Immediately the BFA went to work in an effort to educate the NFPA and their technical committees regarding FAA certification of hot air balloon tanks (containers), the annual inspection process for those tanks (containers) and the refueling training that is required. After a lot of work that spanned over 18 months the NFPA accepted the BFA's proposal to not only reverse its earlier decision but to adopt and accept the following new rules:

- 5.2.9.1 Containers for hot air balloons shall be marked to demonstrate compliance with FAA regulations.

- 5.2.9.2 Containers used in hot air balloons shall not be used for any other purpose.

- 7.2.1.4 An FAA certificated balloon pilot or a trained crew member shall be present and ensure the proper filling of the containers under the provisions of 5.2.9.

- 7.2.1.4 An FAA certificated balloon pilot meets the qualification requirements of section 4.4 for

container filling. A crew member for the pilot that has been trained for container filling and carries a card documenting that training also meets the qualification requirements. The acceptability of a hot air balloon container for filling can be verified by finding the container in the flight log for that aircraft.

- 7.2.2.10 The requirements of 7.2.2.9 shall not apply to containers that comply with 5.2.9 and are included in the flight log of the hot air balloon. (7.2.2.9 dealt with removing the tank/cylinder sleeve for inspection before refueling)

- 7.2.2.11 Hot air balloon containers shall not be required to be removed from the aircraft for refilling. The following text was also removed:

- 1.3.2 Nonapplication of code. This code shall not apply to the following:

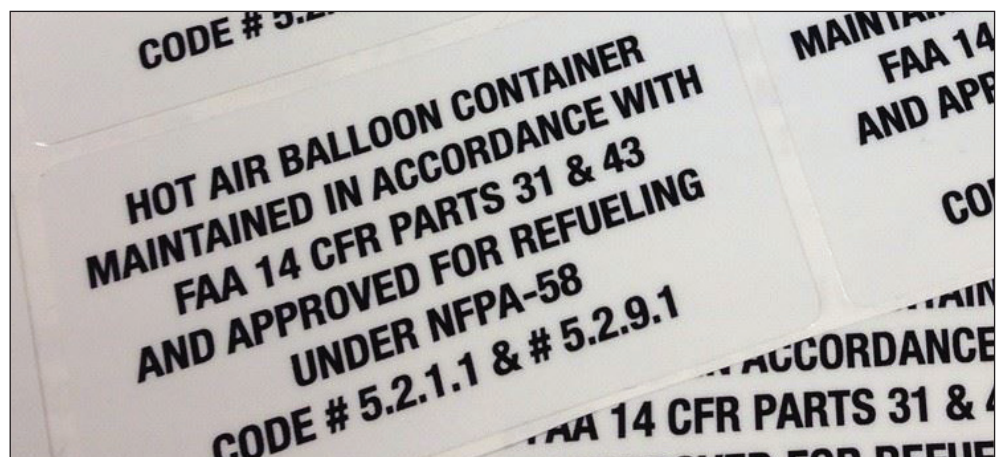
- (7) Transportation by air (including use in hot air balloons, rail, or water under the jurisdiction of the DOT.

To comply with 5.2.9.1 the BFA consulted with balloon and fuel container manufacturers to come up with the proper wording that should be applied to each fuel tank (container). An example is included in this article. The BFA Office has a supply of these container stickers ready for purchase, or you can contact your manufacturer/repair station for the same.

The BFA is in the process of updating its LP Gas Safety Manual that could be used as a resource material for pilots that wish to train their crew members in the area of container refueling. Pilots who wish to issue their crew members the training documentation cards pursuant to 7.2.1.4 will be able to obtain those cards from the BFA office.

It should be noted that there are only a couple states that will automatically adopt the 2017 NFPA-58 code manual as of January. It's important for all balloonists, regardless of your home state, to become familiar with the new manual, perhaps even downloading it from the NFPA web site. We should make contact with our state legislators and inquire about the process of accepting any new NFPA-58 code manual. I have learned that it could take years before individual states accept all or parts of any new code edition. While your state of residence might not adopt the new rules immediately, pilots who travel widely may wish to acquire stickers and cards for their crew as a precautionary step to compliance.

I would like to thank Andy Baird and Phil Bryant for their assistance on this project and thanks to Richard Fredenburg with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for his continued support within the NFPA.



# In Memoriam ...

*Honoring those in our ballooning family*

## **Leo Eisenberg**

Leo Eisenberg, born July 24, 1921, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona at age 95 from complications of Alzheimers disease. Leo grew up in Kansas City during the depression . He worked his entire life at various endeavors - from selling papers at age 7 to flipping hamburgers at the Busy Bee Hamburger Stand. He graduated from Central High School in 1938 and after high school Leo went to work for Ben Weinberg who mentored him in the hotel and commercial real estate business until 1941 when Leo joined the Marines. He attained the rank of Sargent and was a tail gunner in Torpedo Dive Bombers in the War in the Pacific. In 1943, Leo married his high school sweetheart, Madge Marie Brennen. They had two

children, Ruthie Morgan (Lou), and Craig (Pam). He is also survived by six grandchildren, Daniel Durchslag (Kristen), Brad Durchslag (Jamie), Jacquelyn Eisenberg-Nelson (Sean Nelson), Jason Eisenberg (Natalie), Rachel McMahan (Adam), and Kathryn Eisenberg. Leo enjoyed playing golf, traveling the world and playing gin rummy. He was a hot air balloon pilot and his balloon, the World's Biggest Gum Ball Machine, was well-known at balloon events all over the world. He was a founding member of the National Hot Air Balloon Museum in Indianola, Iowa. He retired to Phoenix in 1986 to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Leo lived a full and interesting life and he will be dearly missed by all of us. Private family burial was held Sunday, February 5, 2017 at Paradise Memorial Gardens in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**We encourage you to send your obituaries to us. We want to honor all from our sport.**

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**DEADLINE  
3/1/17**

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

**3/5/17**

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

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P.O. Box 400, Indianola, IA. 50125 e-mail [bfaoffice@bfa.net](mailto:bfaoffice@bfa.net)

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