

# The Quick Release

## World Championships

Congratulations to Team USA at the 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Naleczow, Poland and Team USA at the 23<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Gross-Siegharts, Austria! See Women's World results at <https://debruijn.de/bscoring/pndk/enb/results.htm> and World results at <http://www.balloon-enb.org/results/whabc2018/Bootstrap/WHABC2018Index.html>



3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air  
Balloon Championship  
Nałęczów 2018



## 2018 BFA Board Election Results

The 2018 elections have been completed and here are our newly elected officials:

### BFA Board of Directors

At Large Director:

**Mark West**

Southeast Region Director:

**Jetta Schantz**

North Central Region Director:

**Tim Cloyd**

### Gas Division

Directors:

**Louis Vitanza**

**Noah Forden**

### Hot Air Competition Division

At Large Director:

**Mike Gilligan**

Southeast Region Director:

**Ken Draughn**

North Central Region Director:

**Jason Jones**

### Pro Division

At Large Director:

**Laurie Givin**

Southeast Region Director:

**Matt McClinton**

North Central Region Director:

**Bruce Wood**



# Balloon Event Symposium



The BFA is hosting its first ever Balloon Event Symposium the weekend of January 11-13, 2019 in Plano, Texas. It's designed specifically for balloon event organizers and officials with an emphasis on how to run a safe and successful hot air balloon event. The Symposium is designed for the following individuals:

- Balloon event organizers, Chambers of Commerce and Convention and Visitor's Bureaus
- Communities looking to add an exciting element to their already existing outdoor event
- Individuals serving as event officials including Balloonmeisters, Event Directors, Safety, Weather and Scoring Officers

Visit [ballooneventsymposium.com](http://ballooneventsymposium.com) for all the particulars and links to register for the event.

## Congratulations New Pilots!

### New Private Pilots

Seth Hunter  
Alejandro Bartra  
Munir Kassam  
Anthony Lard  
Mary Ballengee  
Randy Johnson  
James Kosinski  
Janine Fraser  
Michael Ford  
Brenden Mulvaney  
Seth Hudson  
Jennifer Garcia  
Sangram Pawar  
Jason Smith (NV)  
Allen Anderson (NV)  
Renai Cafferty (TX)  
Lori Braverman (ME)  
Dwayne Godfrey (NH)  
Danielle Kittery (NH)  
Jacob Riehle  
Martin Larson  
John Livilovd  
Paolo Bonanno (Italy)  
Niki Bonanno (Italy)



### Commercial Pilots

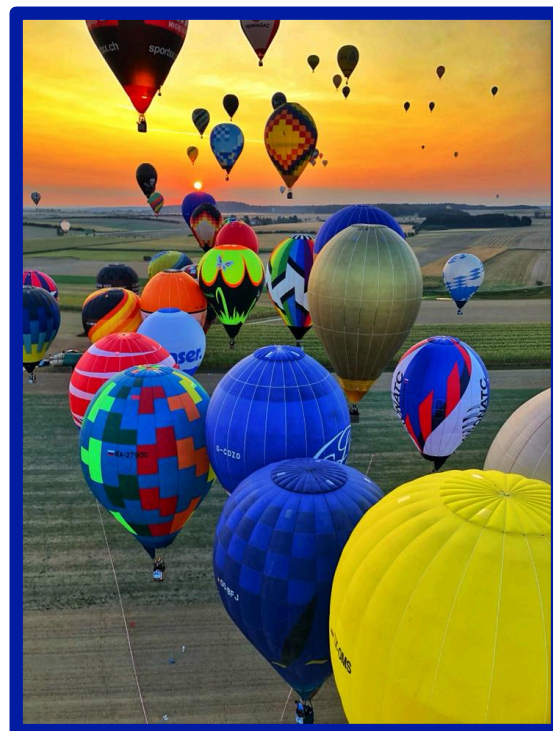
Christopher Amlong  
Justin Hodge  
Munir Kassam  
Michael Johnson  
Keri Little  
Janine Fraser  
Thomas Kious  
Jean-Francois Jacques Rigollet  
Derek Gray (CA)  
Zumo Godliving  
Michael Perkins (NV)  
Stephen Moss (IN)  
Justin Elkins (MT)  
McKenna Secrist (WA)



New Pilots! If we missed you, please send your information to Katie Griggs [katiegriggs1ta@gmail.com](mailto:katiegriggs1ta@gmail.com) and we will include you in the next issue! New pilots also have a free one-year digital membership to the BFA contact Jill McConnell [bfaoffice@bfa.net](mailto:bfaoffice@bfa.net)

# September 2018 Events

- 09/01/18 - 09/03/18 [Colorado Springs Labor Day Lift Off](#)  
09/01/18 - 09/02/18 [Picture the Sky at Harvest Fest](#)  
09/07/18 - 09/09/18 [Council Bluffs Field of Flight](#)  
09/07/18 - 09/09/18 [The Great Reno Balloon Race](#)  
09/07/18 - 09/09/18 [Annual Gateway Balloon Festival](#)  
09/07/18 - 09/09/18 [Up in the Air for Family Care Rally](#)  
09/07/18 - 09/09/18 [Huff'n Puff Hot Air Balloon Rally](#)  
09/09/18 [Top Gun Monthly Flying Event](#)  
09/12/18 - 09/16/18 [Central European Cup](#)  
09/14/18 - 09/16/18 [Frankton Heritage Days Balloon Extravaganza](#)  
09/21/18 - 09/23/18 [Plano Balloon Festival](#)

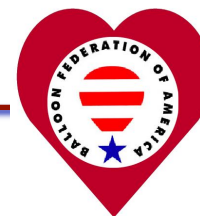


Want more information on these events? Visit  
<https://bfa.net/index.php/events5/all-event-list?limitstart=0>

Don't see your event listed?

Visit <https://bfa.net/index.php/events5/submit-a-calendar-event>

## Welcome our newest BFA Members!



Anthony Grabara (Bosque Farms, NM)  
Ben Summers (Sweetwater, TN)  
Brian Irwin (Albuquerque, NM)  
Charles Davy (Lower Lake, CA)  
Darren Stevenson (Cuyahoga Falls, OH)  
Donna Green (Greenwell Springs, LA)  
Elizabeth Thomas (Grand Prairie, TX)  
Hezekiah Schillaci (Livingston, TX)  
Janice Shelton (Indianola, IA)  
Kaylee Trzebiatowski (Appleton, WI)  
Mark Harris (Denver, CO)  
Martin Larson (Rapid City, SD)  
Micah Schillaci (Livingston, TX)  
Michael Gullo (Bossier City, LA)  
Patrick Shocklee (Columbia, MO)  
Peter Kagey (Granville, MA)  
Phyllis Beavers (Lower Lake, CA)  
Rachel Thomas (Grand Prairie, TX)  
Ray Hinchcliff Jr. (Canton, OH)  
Rodney Griego (Albuquerque, NM)  
Rollie Little (Glendale, AZ)  
Samantha Cowgar (Norton, OH)  
Seth Hudson (College Station, TX)  
Trent Bishop (Columbus, OH)  
William Jagust (Saint Peters, MO)

# BFA Annual Meeting to be Held

Please join us at the 2018 BFA Annual Meeting

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Meeting starts at 11am



**Sid Cutter Pavilion**

**Balloon Fiesta Park ~ Albuquerque, NM**

*Business Meeting*

*Introduction of 2018-2019 Officers*

*Annual Awards Presentation*

## BFA AERONAUTS Party

**Introducing the BFA Aeronauts!**

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 1pm**

Sid Cutter Pavilion

Balloon Fiesta Park ~ Albuquerque, NM

**18-30 year old pilots, crew, scorers, & zebras are invited for  
food & drinks  
awesome giveaways  
friends & fun**

AERONAUT 

### BFA Board of Directors

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
NAA Representative Director  
Directors

Cheri White  
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Tim Cloyd  
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Troy Bradley  
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Katie Griggs  
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