

The Quick Release

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BFA YOUTH PROGRAM Recognizes Debi & Chicks Fly!

If you don't know Debi and the Chicks Fly! Group of ladies, you are missing out! Debi and the "chicks" are a great source for the women in ballooning for support, knowledge and raising money. A great example of building each other up!

Year after year Debi takes charge and gets the "chicks" together and raises money for the BFA Youth Program Camps. This year is no different, larger every year, a wine & paint party with auction items this year. Raising \$1404.87 this year, providing a scholarship for a young lady at each camp!

Thank you, Debi & Chicks Fly! For your continued support of the Youth!



To Cheri White, President, and members of the BFA,

The members of Chicks Fly believe that the youth balloon camps change lives in a positive way!

We came together to show our support on Monday October 8, 2018, during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

We held a fundraiser at Kelly Jo's wine and painting, with approximately 50 Ladies from all over the USA, Canada & Ireland, and including a young lady who attended the BFA youth camp in 2018!

We had many sponsors who donated items for the event and raffle that we would like to THANK and acknowledge;

Wells Fargo, Chani Kaibetoney with Origami Owl, Aerco, AIBF, Albuquerque Aerostat Ascension Association, Glo Kehoe with Blue Chair Bay, Kelly Jo's, Spirit of the desert by Juanita Bower,

Beth Wright- Smith, Kat Pattyn, Caryn Welz, Robyn Boyer, Jo White, Carolyn Lilley, Hair Images by Debi, Sundee Hudson, Lisa Marie, Carol Watson.

On behalf of the ladies of "Chicks Fly", we proudly donate the money we raised, \$1404.87!!

Which we believe is for 3 scholarships, and we would like one to go to each camp for a "FEMALE" camper at each camp!

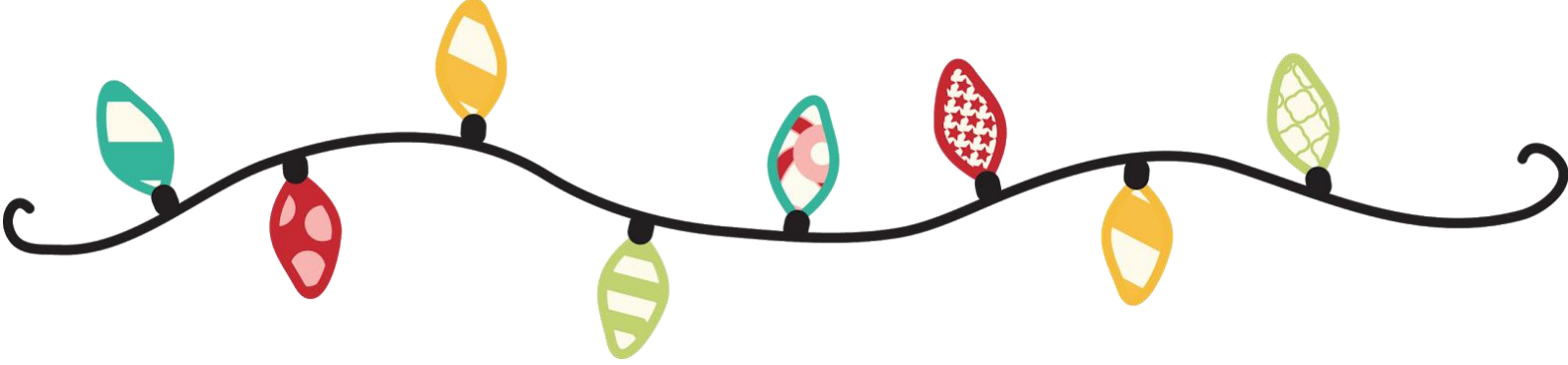
We would like to know the names of the campers chosen, please.

On behalf of the Chicks Fly members,

Happily!

Debi Ellis-Ostgulen
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Welcome new Balloon Federation of America Members

Diane McKee
Ivey East
Kelly Dickey
Jamie Dickey
Tanner Modisette
Riis Marler
Ashley Hargrave

Jen Craun
Amelia-Ann Dickey
Bryan Saunders
David Levy
Charles Barreras
Austin Munz
Zechariah Hargrave

Tristan MacLean
Ethan Gallegos
David Marler
Michael Tolzmann
Robby Keaveny
Richard Buvens
Jonathan Adler

Samantha Greenwald
Michael Dickey
Connor Welch
Sam Sierra
Alex Bartra
Jamie Turner



Green Lake Balloon Glow in Seattle, Dec 8, 2018

FAR QUIZ

91.113 Right of Way Rules

Question: When does a balloon not have right of way over another aircraft?

(Look for answer in January's QR)

LAST MONTHS FAR QUIZ & ANSWER

91.155 Basic VFR Weather Minimums

Question: What are the VFR minimums for CLASS E airspace, less than 10,000 ft MSL?

ANSWER: 3 statute miles, 500 ft. below, 1000 ft. above, 2000 ft. horizontal



YOUNG PILOTS COMPETITION LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Bill Bussey and the Great Texas Balloon Board are adding a new event to the GTBR 2019, to help promote new younger pilots. There will be a Texas Young Gun Competition. The event is accepting up to 15 Young Guns pilots, and will feature simple tasks, including the use of loggers. The Young Guns will receive in-depth explanations and will be running separate tasks from the more seasoned pilots (except on the last day when they will be included on the first two tasks with the veteran pilots).

After discussing this with Cheri White, the decision to come more in line with the BFA Aeronaut program which is being initiated for the same purpose. The rules now are 29 years and under, with a pilot's certificate. The expectation of more than 15 to apply, our committee will determine acceptance for the Young Guns. Interested pilots please contact Sherry Rand by email at slparrish61@yahoo.com for an application. For questions please call Bill Bussey at 903-235-4851.



"SPIRIT OF ANNIE AWARD"

The "Spirit of Annie" award, established by the Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association in memory of a very special observer, Annie Pryne, will be awarded whenever an observer, organizer, official or event volunteer most typifies the dedication, hard work and love of ballooning and ballooning people that set Annie apart.

Nominations for the "Spirit of Annie Award" for the 2019 Balloon Season start in January and accepted until March 31, 2019. Nominations will be reviewed by the NOBPA Board and forwarded to the 5 most recent living award winners and the HACD Board by April 15. There will be a total of 7 votes, 1 NOBPA, 1 HACD, 5 past recipients. Votes will be reported back to the NOBPA Board or other Selected Committee Chairperson by May 15.

For more information <https://www.bfa.net/index.php/spirit-of-annie-award>

Nominations should be submitted to Paul Suttle, NOBPA Awards Committee, at suttlejp@roadrunner.com

What a great opportunity to show our appreciation to those who support the pilots!!



Balloon becomes important S.T.E.M lesson

Ken Tadolini and Patsy Buchwald have been using their balloon “Outlaw”, to work with the Colorado Military Academy and home-schooled children near Colorado Springs, CO. Their goal is not only to expose the children to hot air ballooning but work with teachers that are using the balloon ride as part of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program. After a tether flight in the balloon, classroom discussions help children explore ideas related to force, gravity, flight, density and more...perhaps even sparking the children to explore careers and hobbies in aviation.



Jingle Bell non-rally, Albuquerque, NM Dec. 8 & 9, 2019

January 2019 Events

Havasu Balloon Fest	Lake Havasu, NV	January 10-13, 2019
Sweetwater Float Fest	Sweetwater, TX	January 11-13, 2019
Pagosa Springs Winter Festival	Pagosa Springs, CO	January 15-17, 2019
Arizona Balloon Classic	Goodyear, AZ	January 25-27, 2019
Mesquite Hot Air Balloon Festival	Mesquite, NV	January 25-27, 2019



LAST CHANCE....

If you haven't registered there is still time.....

The BFA is hosting its first ever Balloon Event Symposium, in order to assist manage all the changes, the weekend of **January 11-13, 2019 in Plano, TX.**

It is 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 and exciting element to their already existing outdoor event
- Individuals serving as event officials including Balloonmeisters, Event Directors, Safety, Weather and Scoring Officers.

Visit www.ballooneventsymposium.com for all the particulars and links to register



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