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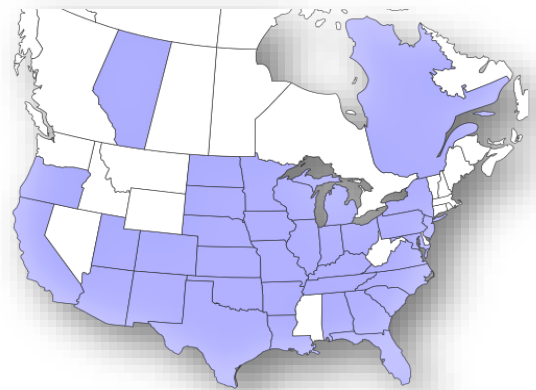
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## BALLOON EVENT SYMPOSIUM

### A GREAT SUCCESS!!

There were 176 registrants representing 34 US states and two Canadian provinces. The response was overwhelming, and many are asking for an annual event rather than every couple of years! A huge amount of information was shared, and everyone learned a great deal, the only thing it was short on was time!

Many Visitors Bureau's, Chamber of Commerce, Event Organizers, and Pilots were represented; the entire team worked very hard to put together a first-class event. Many complimentary emails were received in appreciation for all the hard work and new BFA members gained!





***A Little of this & A Little of that..***



**PILOT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM**  
**Congratulations to Kent Barnes of Murray, UT**  
**Approved for Level 8! The highest level!**  
**GREAT JOB KENT!!**

If you are interested in learning more about the BFA Pilot Achievement Award Program or the Crew Achievement Award Program, please visit [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net) under the Education tab.



## **NEW BFA MEMBERS**



Jennifer Beard  
 Kelly Dube'  
 Jamie Kinghorn  
 Debra Mills  
 Joaquine Peralez

Milliken, Colorado  
 Bloomfield, New Jersey  
 High River, Alberta, Canada  
 New Orleans, Louisiana  
 Fresno, California

Mike Bratcher  
 Alan Fullerton  
 Darlene McLendon  
 Brittney Myrlie  
 Molly Richardson

South Lyon, Michigan  
 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Perry, Georgia  
 Valley Springs, South Dakota  
 Brandon, South Dakota



## **February 2019 Events**

- Feb 1-3 Snowdowner, Durango, CO
- Feb 8-10 Sand Hollow Balloon Festival, Hurricane, UT
- Feb 9-10 Friends & Lovers, Alb, NM
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15-17 Kanab Balloons & Tunes Round Up, Kanab, UT
- Feb 16 Las Vegas Safety Seminar, Las Vegas, NV
- Feb 17 Top Gun, Alb., NM
- Feb 22-24 Pahrump Balloon Festival, Pahrump, NV
- Feb 22-24 SnoBall Rally, Chama, NM
- Feb 23 BSOK Safety Seminar, Sellersburg, IN
- Feb 23 GAA Safety Seminar, St Louis, MO
- Feb 22-24 Ground School, Greenville, SC



**Te aMo in Statesville, NC 2017**

## 2019 U.S. HOT AIR BALLOONING HALL OF FAME

Inductees are: Eleanor Vadela, Jim Birk and Nick Saum.

Inductions will be in Indianola, Iowa at the National Balloon Museum on July 28, 2019 at 1:00-3:00.

Public is welcome



**Registration begins at 8:00am Central time  
March 1, 2019.**



## 2019 Camps Scheduled

High Sierra Camp - Reno, NV June 23 -28th, 2019

Keystone State Camp-Factoryville, Pennsylvania July 6th - 11th, 2019

Rio Grande Camp-Albuquerque, New Mexico July 13th - 18th, 2019



## ***"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](mailto:suttlejp@roadrunner.com)

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



## *What is NEW coming to the BFA?*

*A creation from Ryan Carlton is on the horizon, as most balloon pilots have come to appreciate Ryan this is exciting news for BFA members!*

The "BFA Event Registration System" (or until we come up with a snappier name, BFA Events for short) is in the works. The design and feature list are not finalized, but what Ryan has planned in general is; the idea of the system is to provide a centralized, standardized location for event organizers to post new event listings and for balloon pilots to submit applications to these events.

This will allow organizers to benefit from features, such as:

- Credit card entry fee processing
- Automatically generated FSIMS reports
- Document validation at-a-glance
- Easy contact with pilots

Pilots will also benefit from added features, such as:

- Auto filled answers for most common application questions: enter once and they are remembered
- Notifications when your documents near expiration
- Support for multiple balloons and multiple pilots/balloon
- Easily search for events to attend

Progress is on track to start closed testing in March (mostly looking for technical bugs, patching any security holes, etc.). We will later have an open round of beta-testing where we will invite all users to try out the system. Ryan's goal is to have the official release by next January 2020!

*Thank you, Ryan for all your hard work to make life easier for all of us!!!*



# UPDATE



**Do you use the Remind app?  
You will want to read this!!**

Sent out to Remind users (in part 1/25/19):

We're thrilled to share the news: Thanks to you, Verizon has informed us that they will #ReverseTheFee. As a result, we can continue to offer text notifications as part of the Remind service. **There will be no service disruption for Verizon Wireless customers.**

We're grateful to Verizon for making a commitment to support accessible communication for all Remind users. You can read more here: <https://www.remind.com/blog/verizon-update>.

# Mesquite Balloon Festival

January 25-27, 2019



## Mesquite Balloon Festival

Thirty-five balloons for three days of beautiful flying in the Nevada desert. Located just inside Nevada from the Utah state line and eighty miles from Las Vegas, NV annually the last weekend of January.

## FAR QUIZ

61.129 Aeronautical Experience

**Question: Out of the 35 hours of flight time required to apply for an LTA Commercial Pilot Certificate, how many *flights* are you required to have?**

(Look for answer in February's QR)

## LAST MONTHS FAR QUIZ & ANSWER

91.113 (part C) Right of Way Rules

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

**ANSWER: An aircraft in distress has right of way over ALL other air traffic**



The Great Eastern Balloon Association Annual Awards Dinner was held Saturday January 26, 2019

**GEBA Competition Award** top three were:

1. Ken Leota
2. Tracy Leaver
3. Dariush Farzad

Barb Magnano (accepting for Dariush Farzad)

**GEBA Decker Crew Award**

Presented by Johann Schneider to Ali Szabo and Phil Saxton

**Ted Torok Sportsmanship Award**

This is the Great Eastern Balloon Association's highest honor award, and the 2019 Torok Award was presented to Tony Saxton for outstanding contributions to GEBA, balloon safety and forwarding the ideals of sportsmanship.

***Congratulations!!!***



Tony Saxton



Ken Leota, Barb Magnano, Tracy Leaver



Johann Schneider and Phil Saxton



Johann Schneider and Ali Szabo



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