

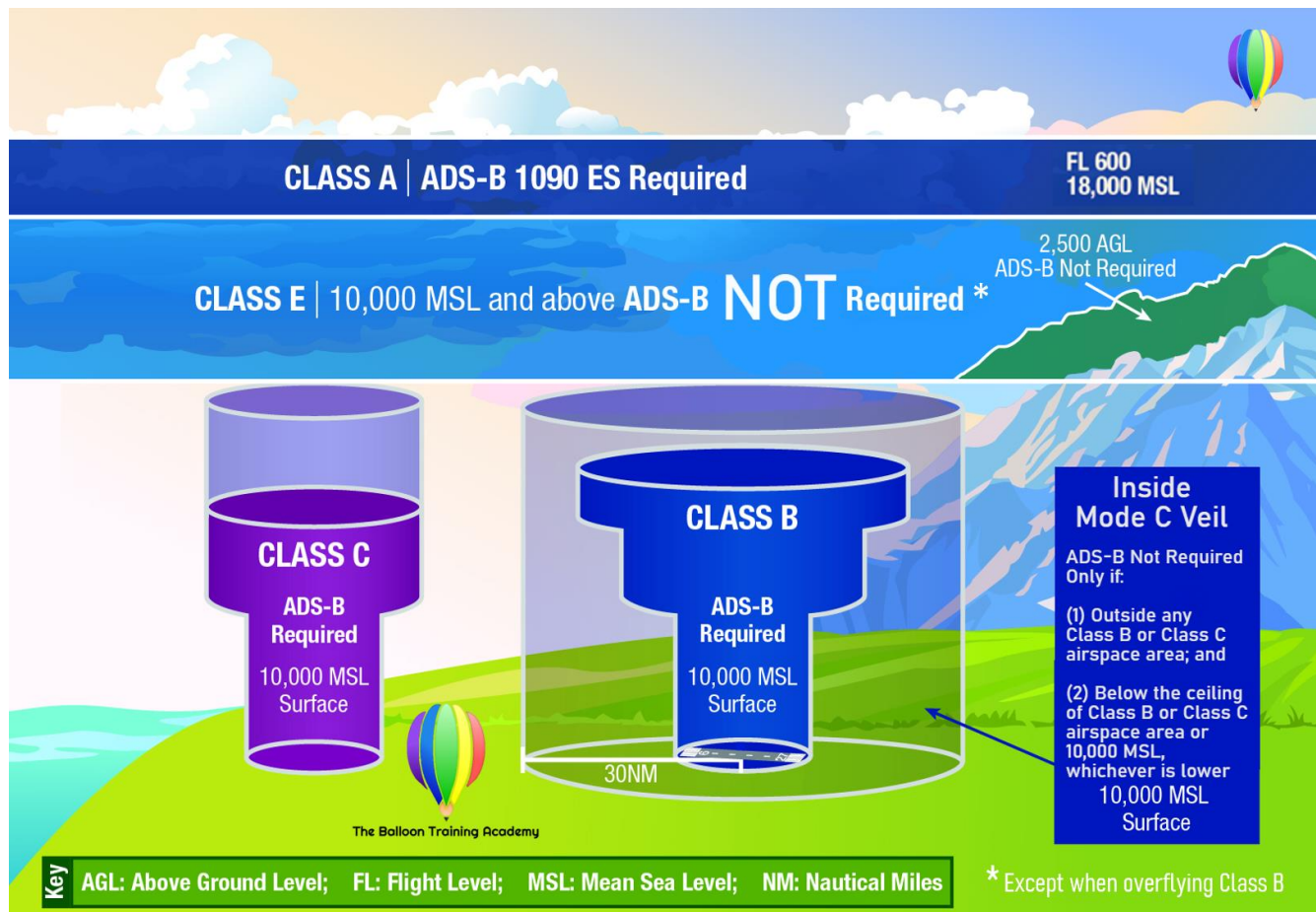
The Quick Release

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Do you know how the ADS-B regulations apply to LTA?

Many of us have not heard about the ADS-B regulation that took effect at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2020, it is not without confusion to how it applies to LTA community. In researching for this article, it was found more than one perception of how it applies to balloons. After confirmation of the facts it was found that *The Balloon Training Academy* has the clearest explanation of how it affects balloons. If your regular flight area is within or around Class C airspace, please contact your local tower to see what they expect.

For all the information and how it applies to LTA, please click on the link to *The Balloon Training Academy's* blog: <https://www.theballoontrainingacademy.com/blog/>





The Young Guns competition debuted at the 2019 Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview, Texas, with six up-and-coming pilots who competed alongside their more-seasoned colleagues. This year's event, June 19 to 21, 2020, will be a partnership with GTBR Young Guns and the Balloon Federation of America to present the Junior Nationals giving up to 15 Young Gun pilots to take the skies for a chance to win prize money but with considerations made for their experience level.

The goal of the Young Guns competition and Junior Nationals is to introduce newer and younger pilots to competitive ballooning and do it at an event world-renowned for hosting a top-of-its-class competition in what will be its 43rd year.

To qualify for the Young Guns competition, pilots must hold an LTA certificate and be 29 years of age or younger on the first day of scheduled flights.

To help accommodate for experience level of the Young Gun pilots, they are allowed time after the pilot briefing each morning to ask questions of race officials after other pilots have left the meeting. Young Gun pilots will run the same tasks as the other pilots at the Great Texas Balloon Race; however, if a Young Gun pilot misses a target, they will still be scored based on their logger. Young Gun pilots will also take part in the balloon glow at the Great Texas Balloon Race lighting up the night sky for awe-struck onlookers in East Texas, where the balloon glow originated.

If you are or know a young or new-to-the-sport balloon pilot be sure to encourage them to apply to be a part of this cutting-edge event that is helping usher in the next generation of competitive balloon pilots.

To apply for consideration to become a Young Guns pilot, please contact Sherry Rand at slparrish61@yahoo.com.

More information is available at www.gtbr.net



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Kelly Sasser

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For more information in participating in the PAAP or the CAAP please go to: www.bfa.net under the education tab.



Havasu Balloon Fest

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Top: Bryan Hill

Right: James Cassell



FAR/AIM QUIZ

Question: What is required for a flight review?

Hint: 61.56

(Look for answer in February's QR)

LAST MONTHS QUIZ & ANSWER

Question: At what altitude is supplemental oxygen required for the Pilot in Command?

Answer: FAR 91.211

(a) **General.** No person may operate a civil aircraft of U.S. registry—

(1) At cabin pressure altitudes above 12,500 feet (MSL) up to and including 14,000 feet (MSL) unless the required minimum flight crew is provided with and uses supplemental oxygen for that part of the flight at those altitudes that is of more than 30 minutes duration;

(2) At cabin pressure altitudes above 14,000 feet (MSL) unless the required minimum flight crew is provided with and uses supplemental oxygen during the entire flight time at those altitudes; and

(3) At cabin pressure altitudes above 15,000 feet (MSL) unless each occupant of the aircraft is provided with supplemental oxygen.

COMING SOON!!

For more details:

<https://bfa.net/bfa-summer-camps>



A large banner for 'HOT AIR BALLOON CAMPS' is set against a background of many hot air balloons in a blue sky. The banner has two main sections: the top one says 'HOT AIR BALLOON CAMPS' in large, bold, black letters, and the bottom one says 'GAFFNEY, SC - JUNE 14-19' and 'ALBUQUERQUE, NM - JULY 11-16' in bold, black letters. At the bottom of the banner, it says 'REGISTER MARCH 1ST 2020' in yellow, bold letters.



February 2020 Events



Feb 1 & 2	Balloon Pilot Ground School	Fleetville, PA
Feb 8 & 9	Friends and Lovers Balloon Rally	Albuquerque, NM
Feb 15 & 16	Balloons Over Iowa Ground School	Carlisle, Iowa
Feb 22	Top Gun Flying Event	Rio Rancho, NM
Feb 22	Gateway Aerostatic Association Seminar	Fenton, MO
Feb 22 & 23	Carolina's Balloon Association Safety Seminar and Fun Fly	Statesville, NC
Feb 28 – Mar 1	Up Up and Away Florida	Lakeland, FL
Feb 29 – Mar 1	Southeast Regional Ground School	Greenville, SC

***If you are interested in your event being listed on the BFA Event page, please email: bfaoffice@bfa.net*



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