



# The Quick Release

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**Weight Off!**  
The Sky's the Limit  
at the BFA National Convention

Featuring  
Keynote Speaker  
Dr. William Bussey

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- Pat Cannon
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- Barbara Fricke
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- Sam Parks
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•15 LTA World Records  
•29 LTA US National Records  
•Founder Great Texas Balloon Race  
•Montgolfier Diploma Recipient  
•National Ballooning Hall of Fame  
•Texas Aviation Hall of Fame

**Register Today @ [bfa.net](https://bfa.net)**  
**April 7-9, 2022 • Topeka, Kansas**

The BFA National Convention is scheduled for April 7-9, 2022, in Topeka, Kansas.

You can register at <https://bfa.net/convention-2022a>.

A full registration will include Breakfast Friday and Saturday, entry into a Trade Show, Thursday and Friday Evening Receptions, Safety Seminar credit for attending the appropriate number of speaking sessions and a Saturday Evening Banquet.

Dr. Alan Kozarsky, a Senior FAA Designated Aviation Medical Examiner and consultant to the Federal Air Surgeon, will be speaking on Class 2 Medicals along with other top-notch speakers.

The Hotel Topeka at City Center (host hotel) has a block of rooms available for reservations just for convention attendees until March 18. After that there will not be a guarantee that you can reserve a room for the low room rate at the Hotel Topeka at City Center. Make your reservation before the rooms are gone.

For those flying into the Kansas City International Airport, we will provide a shuttle between the Airport and Hotel Topeka at City Center (Host Hotel) for a small fee with a signup deadline of Feb. 28.

**We hope to see you all in Topeka**





# BALLOON EVENT SYMPOSIUM

April 6-7, 2022

Back by popular demand this one-of-a-kind conference is designed to educate event organizers, communities interested in hosting a balloon event and event officials alike on the various aspects of running a safe and successful hot air balloon event. Or maybe you already host a great community event but have considered adding hot air balloons to your community event for greater exposure.

The **Balloon Event Symposium** will be hosted in Topeka, Kansas at the Hotel Topeka at City Center, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. The Symposium will run in conjunction with the BFA National Convention that runs April 8-9, 2022.

The Mission of the Symposium is to bring together all parties interested in hot air balloon events including event organizers AND officials who host or may be interested in hosting a balloon event, and pilots interested in learning more about event safety. The Symposium is designed to promote a free exchange of ideas in a social gathering that will feature facilitators with many years of experience as an event organizer or event official who have worked hand in hand with local communities to host successful hot air balloon events. The BFA publication, *Balloon Event Guidelines*, will be utilized to provide many of the training opportunities.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/nhjz36>



Kanab's Balloons & Tunes Round Up in Kanab, Utah  
Photo Credit: Bryan Hill



# 2021 Ed Yost Master Pilot Award Recipients



The Balloon Federation of America's **Ed Yost Master Pilot Award** recognizes lighter than air (LTA) pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 40 or more consecutive years as active pilots. The pilots listed below received this award in 2021.

The award is in the form of a BFA award certificate to be presented to the recipient at the BFA Annual Meeting or other appropriate meeting of balloonists as suggested by the Board Member in the region that the recipient resides. Additionally, the recipient's name, city and state will be published at [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net) and will be included in a display at the National Balloon Museum.

Ray Bair  
Bill Broker  
Pat Cannon  
Gary Cass  
Jerry Copas  
Steve Derebey  
Bill Dickey  
Tim Gale  
James Gebhart  
Robert Green  
Judy Holt  
Stephen Langjahr  
Stephen Mroz  
Kevin Poeppelman  
David Reineke  
Daniel Saul  
Bill Smiley  
Paul Smith  
Randy Stone  
Joel Sturdevant  
David Sullivan



Daniel Saul presented by Emma Saul

## Pilot Achievement Award Program

**Kelly Hilberth    Level 3    Bloomfield, NJ**



For more information in participating in the PAAP or the CAAP please go to: [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net) under the education tab.

**REGISTRATION  
OPENING SOON!**

Balloon Federation of America



## CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

**Southeastern Balloon Camp in Cordele, GA**  
June 21-26, 2022

**Rio Grande Balloon Camp in Albuquerque, NM**  
July 9-14, 2022

**DinahSOAR BFA Youth Camp in Vernal, UT**  
August 26-28, 2022

Are you interested in donating to the Youth Program? In Memorial of someone or in general please follow this link below. All donations qualify as a tax-deduction as the BFA is a 501c3 Not for profit organization. [Memorial Contributions - Balloon Federation of America \(bfa.net\)](https://www.bfa.net/memorial-contributions)

If you have any questions, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p84yey7> or Email: [youthprograms@bfa.net](mailto:youthprograms@bfa.net)

## US Team Nationals



The contract with Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission (SBSC) is in the process of being signed and pilot applications are now available by visiting the Official Notice Board on Watchmefly.net or you can use this link to Cognito forms: [2022 US Team National Hot Air Balloon Championship Application \(cognitoforms.com\)](https://cognitoforms.com/2022-US-Team-National-Hot-Air-Balloon-Championship-Application).

Details of the event can be found on the invitation letter in this link. The Championship is sanctioned by the HACD and will be hosted in Shreveport, Louisiana June 20-25.

The pilot application process has changed dramatically from the prior year. This year any pilot may recruit and initiate a team entry for the Championship. SBSC has agreed to expand the field to twelve teams allowing the Championship to embrace a more diversified field. A primary mission of team competition is to encourage mentorship with top-tier competitors working with those less experienced in competitive flying.

If you find yourself teaming up with some buds at balloon competitions throughout the summer, team competition is for you. Many first-time attendees in 2021 reported that the US Team Nationals was the most fun they had throughout the summer flying season. Maury Sullivan and Andy Baird will again direct the event with tasking true to the team concept.

## A FAR (OFF) Question

**Question: In the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM)  
What does the acronym "IM SAFE" mean?**

**HINT: AIM Chapter 8, Section 1, Part i**

**Last Month's Question & Answer: 61.51 (h)(2)ii**

**Q:** When logging training time, what must be included in the description?

**Answer:** Include a description of the training given, the length of training session, and authorized instructors signature, certificate number, and certificate expiration date (where applies).



Sand Hollow SkyFest in Sand Hollow, UT  
Photo credit: Kim Rathke



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