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Looking for a Safety Seminar or Club Meeting Topic?

The Hot Air Competition Division has several volunteers willing to host a one hour or all day competition training session to be held in conjunction with your safety seminar. We have hosted these at several local seminars across the country and at our national conventions. The sessions can be tailored to the needs and skill sets of your local pilots and safety related topics are always woven into the training materials. If you have an interest or want to discuss the possibility contact HACD Board Chair Jason Jones (913-338-2628, insy588@aol.com) or At Large Director Maury Sullivan (330-323-4455, tequilatom@aol.com).



"Spirit of Annie" Nominations Sought

Nominations are now being accepted for *The Spirit of Annie Award*. This prestigious award was established by the [Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association](#) in memory of a very special observer, Annie Pryne. It will be awarded when an observer, organizer, official or event volunteer most typifies the dedication, hard work and love of ballooning that set Annie apart. Some of the [past recipients](#) include Patty Cramer, Jim Diebel, Kim Wilson, Bev Zanella, Maury Sullivan, Bob and Dottie Humbert, Mike Gilligan, Gary Britton, Debbie Spaeth, and last year's recipient Ted Watts.

Annie's spirit was indomitable and nothing, not even age or terrain, stood in her way when she accepted the responsibility to make sure all competitive pilots were treated equally and fairly. The vision of Annie, spray paint can in one hand and tape measure in the other, standing in the middle of an intersection protecting a baggie or the memory of Annie wading through a wet cornfield measuring back to an intersection, personifies not only Annie's spirit but the spirit of observing.

The Spirit of Annie Award Criteria

