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Women's National Championship announced for Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta



Neill nails it!

Pilot Kim Neill hits a target in competition. The 2016 US Women's National Championship will be held in Albuquerque.



The Balloon Federation of America and HACD has licensed the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta as the organizer for the 2016 US Women's National Championship. The event officially starts on Friday, September 30th with the General Briefing and concludes with the final flight on Wednesday, October 5th. Competitors must register as part of Balloon Fiesta which opened on Monday, March 7th and is filling fast. Competitors also must fill out the application on the BFA website. The Championship is open to all female US citizens who are in good standing and holding a current BFA and HACD membership. Staff for the event include Event Director

Maury Sullivan, Deputy Director Mark Trillanes, Meteorologist Brad Temeyer, Safety Officer Debby Young and Scoring Officer Mike Gilligan. If you have any questions concerning this application as it relates to the Championship, please contact Maury Sullivan, Championship Director, at (330) 323-4455 or tequilatom@aol.com. Any questions regarding the hotel, volunteer crew, etc. should be directed to AIBF Pilot Coordinator, Jennifer Garcia, at (505) 821-1000 or jgarcia@balloonfiesta.com.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
all applications must be received in the
BFA Office on or before:
May 2, 2016

Springtime is the perfect time to grow membership

With the coming of Spring, thoughts turn to getting the balloon equipment serviced and ready for flying. At the same time, we need to think about growing our sport and our organization.

The best chance we have to grow our organization is to have our members recruit new members. The BFA is a "balloonists" organization, not just a "pilot" organization. We are making a dedicated effort to provide crew-centered articles in every issue of "Ballooning Journal", and will be announcing some exciting new features for crew in the coming months.

We have also made membership more affordable, especially for those who live in the "digital" world. For only \$35 anyone can become a full member of the BFA, and can view the magazine online. At the \$55 membership level we will mail the magazine to your home every other month. See the membership application form attached to this Quick Release. So do you have a new pilot in your area? Have you just recruited some new, excited-to-learn crewmembers? Please take the effort to invite them to join us, as only together can we protect and grow our sport.



DEAN CARLTON
BFA PRESIDENT



Congratulations!

MARCH 2016

NEW MEMBERS

Tenneale Malesko
Michigan

Vienna Lewis
Utah

Forrest Griggs
Nevada

Brian Heap
New Mexico

Terry Dorshorst
Wisconsin

Justin Hoffmann
Illinois

Charity Blanchard
New Mexico

Mike Bertetto
New Mexico

Dan Austin
California

Dean Clodfelder
Ohio

Michelle Barbour
North Carolina

Sandy Graham
California

John Blair
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New Mexico

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Minnesota

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Claudia Corral
Texas

John Loflin
Oregon

Ramsey Glass
Vermont

Brett Engroff
Pennsylvania

David Burr
Utah

Keith Knefelkamp
Minnesota

Denise Rucker
Wisconsin

Joshua Beamon
J. Patrick Prothro

Chase Shields
Eric Hiben

Jim Wohlwend
Eldon Benus

Steve Meister

CAAP PROMOTIONS

Forrest Griggs - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Laura Meaders - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Ryan Lucky - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Michael Hardy - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Jay Hungerford - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Phil Wells - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Barb Muscutt - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Peggy Stromer - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Steve Martell - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Carole Anderson - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Shirley Buzzetti - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Edward Buzzetti - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Anne Vondruska - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Mardi Lester - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Ed Seevers - 1 Crew Level
Nevada

Denise Rucker - 1 Crew Level
Wisconsin



Fly * Improve * Include * Train

New pilots with balloon rating as of 3/3/16

Sarah Barbara Blount
Highlands Ranch, CO

James Edward Peterson
Sandy, UT

Savannah Noel Bradley
Albuquerque, NM

David Brian O'leary
Brunswick, OH

Timothy George Nash
Santa Rosa, CA

April 2016 Balloon Events

Perry Dogwood Festival
4/9/16 - 4/10/16
Perry, GA

**New Smyrna Beach
Balloon & Sky Fest**
4/15/16 - 4/17/16
New Smyrna Beach, FL

Texas Super Glow II
4/16/16
Arlington, TX

**Fiesta Bowl Rugby &
Balloon Classic**
4/23/16
Scottsdale, AZ

U.S. Bank Great BalloonFest
4/28/16 - 4/30/16
Louisville, KY

**Chicken Fried Steak Festival
& Crossroads Balloon Rally**
4/29/16 - 5/1/16
Lamesa, TX

Winnemucca Balloons
4/30/16 - 5/1/16
Winnemucca, NV

News from the CIA Plenary

Le Comité International d'Aérostation (CIA), which conducts the ballooning activities of The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), met at the Hipocampo Playa Hotel in Cala Millor / Palma de Mallorca Spain on March 18th & 19th, 2016 for their plenary meeting.

Here are some of the highlights of that meeting that are of interest to



the membership of the BFA:

SULLIVAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

• Long-time CIA delegate and BFA member, Mark Sullivan was elected to the presidency of the CIA. Congratulations Mark!

TWO EAGLES TEAM HONORED

• The 2015 Montgolfier Diploma for Best Performance in a Gas Balloon was awarded to BFA

member and pilot Troy Bradley, Russian pilot Leonid Tiukhtyaev and their Two Eagles Crew. The Two Eagles shattered the long-standing distance and duration world records by flying from Saga, Japan to Mexico in January 2015. Bradley is the first person to ever be awarded three Montgolfier Diplomas: 2003 for Best Performance in a Hot Air Balloon, 2007 for Best Performance in a Rozier Balloon and 2015 for Best Performance in Gas Balloon. Tiukhtyaev is the first Russian to be honored with a Montgolfier Diploma. The Montgolfier Diploma was created in 1960 and there have been a total of 134 aeronauts that have been honored by the CIA. A person can only be awarded the Diploma once in any category.

CAMPS RECEIVE GRANT

• The CIA also awarded the BFA Youth Camps \$2,500 Swiss Francs upon meeting certain conditions set by the plenary.

CIA INFORMATION HERE:
<http://www.fai.org/ballooning>

US junior & women's world teams are set

SUBMITTED BY ADAM MAGEE, BFA MEMBER

The U.S. delegations for the FAI Jr. World Championships are set.

The U.S. junior team consists of **Christopher Cliver & Adam Magee** competing in the 3rd FAI Jr. World Championships to be held in Marijampole, Lithuania from June 28 to July 3.

The 2nd FAI Women's World Championships will run from July 4 to July 10 in Birstonas, Lithuania. The U.S. will be represented by a delegation that includes pilots: **Meg Skelton, Elisa Trillanes, Myia Danley, Cheri White and Kim Magee.**



Mark Sullivan (center) was elected as the new president of the CIA. Sullivan is pictured here with J.C. Weber, outgoing CIA President and Dr. John Grubbström, FAI President.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CHERI WHITE

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Propane container code moving toward approval

SUBMITTED BY SAM PARKS
SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

The newly proposed NFPA-58 Hot Air Balloon propane fuel container code rules have one more vote to get through this summer before they are officially approved. We will keep the members informed as this issue develops.

BFA youth campers giving back to sport

SUBMITTED BY GENE BERNSTEIN
CAMP DIRECTOR, BFA'S GREAT EASTERN BALLOON CAMP

It's a real delight to see many of our current and former campers from the Great Eastern Balloon Camp (GEB) being tapped to deliver presentations at BFA Continuing Education Seminars (CES) this past seminar season. Jane Miller (2014 GEB) & Elliott Eaton (2014 & 2015 GEB) presented "Transitioning from Crew to Pilot" at the Great Eastern Balloon Association Continuing Education Seminar on March 5th in Princeton, NJ. Duncan Dunavent (2014, 2015, and now 2016 GEB) & John Daniels (2015 & now 2016 GEB) presented "Crewing Essentials" at the Carolina Balloon Association (CES) on 2/27/16 in Statesville, NC.

Tyler Nilson (2015 and now 2016 GEB) did a presentation about camp to the Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society CES at Yale in Connecticut on 2/27/2016. After his presentation, the club offered Tyler a scholarship to the 2016 Great Eastern Balloon Camp.

BFA board expands camp

SUBMITTED BY MIKE SHRUM
BFA YOUTH CHAIR

At its March board meeting, the Board of Directors of the BFA voted to allocate 5 more spots for a total of 25 positions for the Albuquerque Balloon Youth Camp. As of press time, there were still 3 spots open for the camp held in Albuquerque, NM from July 9th to July 14th, 2016.



INFORMATION ON
BFA YOUTH CAMPS:
<http://www.bfacamps.com/>

BFA / NOBPA seminar a success

SUBMITTED BY PAUL SUTTLE
NOBPA PRESIDENT

I have to say this was an awesome experience. At first Penny and I weren't sure what all would have to be done. Ken Walter, Katie Griggs and Dean Carlton provided a tremendous amount of pre-event assistance. Dean was able to get several companies to submit production proposals and we finally chose Chris from Grand River Production. He was fabulous and the price was right. We had a large crowd at the seminar and an even larger audience with the webinar. Scott Wooge rode along with Dean and Ryan and provided great technical behind the scenes support. I would like to thank all the NOBPA and BFA volunteers for making this event happen. I would especially like to thank Denny, Scott, Ryan, Bill, Henry, David, Mike, Sam and Dean. Without their hard work and dedication to presenting the finest topics available we would not have achieved the success that we had. Think Safe, Fly Safe, Stay Safe.





Flying over the London Bridge, Lake Havasu City, AZ
January 2016

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JOHN C. TRIONE

Checklist check-up as 2016 season begins

SUBMITTED BY GORDON SCHWONTKOWSKI

Oops! My "Ballooning" article on checklists left out the best part – my sample checklist. So for everyone looking for it, here it is. A checklist – especially one with in-flight and landing tasks – can make every crew chief better. Not that you need one, but a quick glance at the launch field, on the road, and before landing helps you focus and stage yourself as the flight unfolds. Create your own based on the sample but customize it for your needs and environment. Draft one now while we're all rusty and dusty and fine tune it as the year progresses. Have a safe and awesome 2016 flying season, everyone!

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Gordon's Sample Checklist

LAUNCH

- ✓ Truck: all systems go
- ✓ Flight path/PZ's/hazards
- ✓ Equipment loaded/fueled
- ✓ Passenger fitness/waivers
- ✓ Radios/phones/emergency numbers
- ✓ Assess launch site/power lines
- ✓ Weather: online, pibal, forecast
- ✓ Layout – hot inflate
- ✓ Lost balloon plans A, B
- ✓ Preflight check, overhead traffic
- ✓ Expected duration/landing sites
- ✓ Hands off. Buoyant? False lift?

IN-FLIGHT

- ✓ Check speed/heading – plot path
- ✓ Hazards: lines, PZ's, livestock?
- ✓ Radio: on, monitor, check in
- ✓ Is there a problem developing?
- ✓ Weather: stable or deteriorating?
- ✓ number of options increasing decreasing?
- ✓ Wind: speed, direction, change

- ✓ Likely landing sites
- ✓ Fuel remaining: time? Issue?
- ✓ Landing cues: flying low, venting...
- ✓ Flight clock vs sunset
- ✓ Best use of crew: now, later
- ✓ Flight profile and path
- ✓ Stage crew for landing tasks

LANDING

- ✓ Assess pilot/balloon needs
- ✓ Stop traffic, clear crowds/cars?
- ✓ Assess site: size, approach, wind
- ✓ Land/stabilize balloon
- ✓ ID hazards: power lines, etc.
- ✓ Is everyone/everything OK?
- ✓ Permission needed? Gotten?
- ✓ Manage 911, crowds, media if there
- ✓ Radio relevant info to pilot
- ✓ Be gentle – walk out or drive in?
- ✓ Protect self first
- ✓ Drop, pack, load
- ✓ Go in on foot w/radios, gloves
- ✓ Thank landowner

New rules for student pilots take effect

SUBMITTED BY PETE ASP
FROM THE FAA DPE TIPS SHEET

Beginning April 1, 2016, §61.85 becomes obsolete. Designated Pilot Examiners (DPE) and Designated Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) will no longer be authorized to issue student pilot certificates. Per FAA Advisory Circular 61-65F, the Student Pilot Certificate Applicant must now make application to either an FAA ASI or AST, 141 Flight School Airman Certification Representative (ACR), a Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI), or a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE).

All student pilot certificates will now be issued, without an expiration date, by the Civil Aviation Registry, AFS-760, on a high quality plastic card stock containing tamper-and counterfeit-resistant features, once the TSA has completed their applicant background check.

A Temporary Airman Certificate will not be issued for use while waiting for the permanent certificate to be received. The permanent certificate from AFS-760 must be in the Student Pilot's possession to exercise solo privileges.

FAA ASI's and AST's, ACR's, CFI's, or DPE's may accept a person's application for an FAA Student Pilot Certificate by using either IACRA or the paper FAA Form 8710-1.

*Important to note is that when a DPE, ACR, ASI, or AST is processing an application for a Student Pilot Certificate, the authorized individual must select the role of "Recommending Instructor."

In order for an authorized individual to accept a student pilot application using IACRA, the authorized individual must be registered in



Flying over the Pont Du Gard in France
September 2015

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JOE LILLARD

IACRA as the role of "Recommending Instructor."

In accordance with § 61.193(b), before processing an application for a Student Pilot Certificate, the authorized individual must ensure the applicant meets the eligibility requirements of § 61.83, as well as verify the applicant's identity.

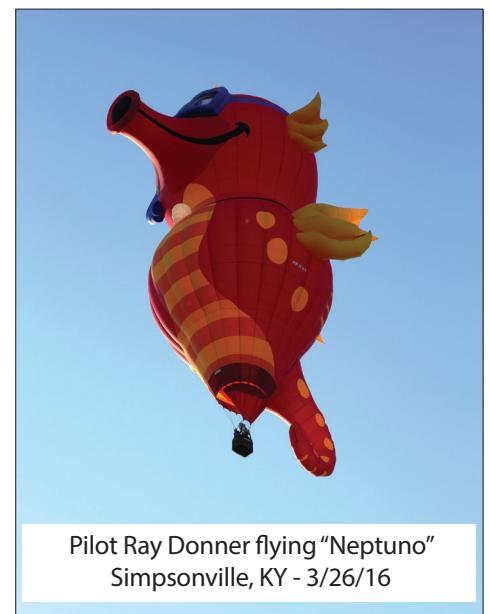
If the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements of § 61.83, do not check the accepted box. Check the rejected Student Pilot application box and continue processing the application.

When using a traditional (paper) FAA Form 8710-1, if it is determined the applicant does not meet the

eligibility requirements of § 61.83, the authorized individual will check the "Reject Student Pilot Certificate Application" box in the appropriate section on the last page. The authorized individual will also check the box in the FAA AELP statement at the bottom of the last page on the application, "Does Not Meet FAA Aviation English Language Proficiency." After verifying the application is complete, the ACR, CFI, or DPE will forward this application to

the jurisdictional FSDO for data entry and processing - even if the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements.

Once it is verified the applicant does meet the eligibility requirements of § 61.83, the authorized individual will check the "Accepted Student Pilot Certificate Application" box in the appropriate section. The authorized individual will also select the "Meets FAA Aviation English Language Proficiency" box in the FAA AELP statement at the bottom of the last page of the application. The authorized individual will then send the completed student pilot application to their jurisdictional FSDO for data entry if using a paper FAA Form 8710-1.



Pilot Ray Donner flying "Neptuno"
Simpsonville, KY - 3/26/16

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JACKIE MILLER

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DEADLINE 4/30/16

Next issue of
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will be published on

5/4/16

We want your photos, club news, crew news and pilot news. Special recognitions, ballooning anniversaries and any thing else that is balloon-related and happening within the BFA membership.

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Kelli Cook is dialed in!

Photo by Paul D deBerjeois



Kelli Cook captured in action at The Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in 2014. The Balloon Federation of America and HACD has licensed the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta as the organizer for the 2016 US Women's National Championship. The event officially starts on Friday, September 30th and concludes with the final flight on Wednesday, October 5th.



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balloonridepros.com



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BFA Membership Application for Mailing



WRITTEN BY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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NAME _____

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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Flying Status (choose one for all personal memberships)

- () Commerical Pilot () Private Pilot () Student Pilot () Crew () Observer

Personal Memberships (all voting except Juniors)

- () With US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) () With Int'l delivered magazine (\$65/yr)
() With Digital Magazine (\$35/yr) () Life membership with magazine (\$1000 once)
() Family membership for two or more memberships in one family (Digital) (\$20/yr)
() Junior Balloonist (aged 5-18 with Digital Magazine) (\$15/yr)

Non-Personal Memberships

- () Corporate (\$250/yr) -Send business name/address/contact person/email logo to: bfaoffice@bfa.net
Associate Member (non-voting, for balloon clubs, libraries, balloon event organizations)
() US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) () Int'l with magazine (\$65/yr)
() With Digital Magazine (\$35/yr)
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() Large Operator (4 pilots-\$250/yr) () Small Operator (2 pilots-\$125/yr)

PAYMENT INFORMATION - All International memberships & subscriptions must be in US funds.

Amount Enclosed \$_____ Check - Master Card - VISA - Discover - AMEX
CC Account# _____ Expires ___/___ CVC Code _____

Please print application, complete and mail with payment to this address:

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