

## Bill Smith receives Shields-Trauger Award



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exception to present the award early to Bill at the Derby festival in front of his family and friends. North Central director and BFA Secretary Tim Cloyd transported Bill's framed certificate over 2,000 miles on a long distance adventure before arriving in Kentucky. BFA President Dean Carlton presented the Shields-Trauger Memorial Award to Bill Smith, who received a standing ovation from his peers, family members, and teammates.

Bill remarked that even though this was a solo flight, it took an entire team of people to make it happen. He thanked all involved in this great accomplishment.

**For more on Bill Smith's record-breaking flight, check out the May / June issue of "Ballooning" magazine.**

Bill Smith of the Louisville, Kentucky area was presented a 2017 Shields-Trauger Memorial Award at the Derby Festival on April 29.

The Shields-Trauger Memorial Award is a special award and therefore does not have to be awarded annually.

The BFA Shields-Trauger Award is the BFA's highest honor and is presented to an active balloonist for special contribution to Aerostatics including:

- **Notable flight**
- **Worthwhile contribution to science of aviation**
- **Important contribution to ballooning safety**
- **Exemplary service to BFA**

Bill's incredible record-breaking long

jump of over 750 miles, combined with Bill's efforts to support, train, and encourage new balloonists were all considerations in this great honor. From all of the Balloon Federation of America members, we congratulate Bill on this significant award. Bill's efforts to support, train, and encourage new balloonists were all considerations in this great honor.

Normally the Shields-Trauger Memorial Award is presented at Fiesta in October. But since Bill doesn't usually attend Fiesta, the BFA Board of Directors made a special



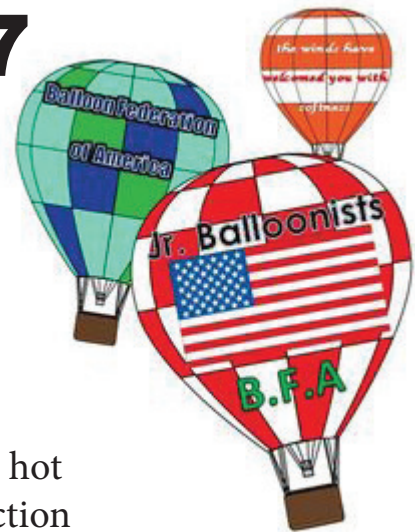
Registration is still open for 2 camps!

## Camps for 2017

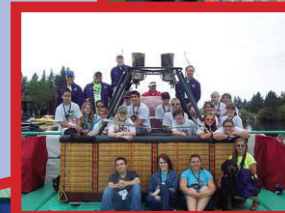
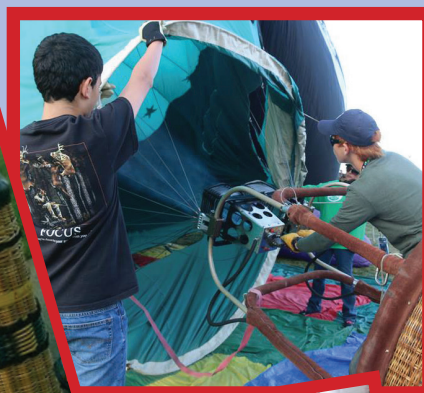


Oshkosh, WI (June 10-14)\*  
Reno, NV (June 17-22)\*  
Albuquerque, NM (July 8-13)

\* Still accepting registrations



Are you a teen (or know of one) aged 13-18, interested in hot air ballooning and willing to join us for a few fun filled action packed days/evenings? Come and share part of your summer with up to 20 teens living and breathing 'ballooning'. PREVIOUS BALLOONING EXPERIENCE is NOT REQUIRED as our campers will be joining a volunteer staff of FAA certified pilots and experienced crew who will be acting as their mentors and counselors – making sure everyone benefits. Enjoy the company of others sharing a passion for ballooning, in this unique and different camp experience!



*The Balloon Federation of America's Youth Program benefits the youth of ballooning and ensures the future of ballooning. Through education, summer camps, training, and mentorship, we provide youth the ability to discover and grow in the sport of ballooning. Our volunteers mentor youth helping them achieve their goals.*

# Board of Directors meet in Shreveport

On Saturday, April 22, 2017 the Balloon Federation of America held its Spring face to face board meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana. All the members of the board were there in person with the exception of Northeast Director David Tanzer who joined the meeting via Skype.

It was a long but productive day, starting at 8:00am and ending after 6:00pm with a working lunch. The meeting opened with routine activities such as the approval of the prior minutes and our monthly financial report. Treasurer Maury Sullivan reports that the financial condition of the organization is quite good.

Membership Chair Cheri White led a good discussion regarding membership. Several good ideas were presented such as expanding the social media reach, increased communications to balloon clubs, development of a BFA "App", crew outreach, possible awards for younger members, and more. Look to see a survey related to membership in the coming weeks.

Maury Sullivan led a review and update of the Board Policies and Procedures manual. This document had not been updated in many years, and needed quite a bit of refinement.

Long Jump Chair Tim Cloyd updated the group on the 2017 Long Jump season. Kent Barnes joined us electronically to discuss updating the BFA Instructor Program. We had reports from the Hot Air Competition Division, the Gas Division, and the PRO Division.

Mike Shrum joined us and provided information on the Junior Balloonist Program, specifically updates on the 3 summer camps for 2017 (Albuquerque, Reno, and Oshkosh). The Albuquerque camp is full, but there are still spots available in the other camps for now.

Dean Carlton gave a report on the 2017 BFA Online Webinar. He indicated that we had significant technological difficulties, but most registrants were able to complete the course via video. He stated that a new idea for the 2018 webinar is under development that would reduce the tech risk. Nearly 400 people attended the online seminar.

Katie Griggs reported on the progress of the 2018 FAVIA 225/BFA Convention scheduled for next March in Philadelphia. She also indicated that she was finishing a request for proposal document to be used to find a 2021 convention location.

The group was also updated on progress with the BFA interaction with the FAASTeam, the Safety Education committee, and the election process for this summer. Glen Moyer gave an update on the status of the Journal publications, and indicated he has several good stories in the pipeline for future issues.

A special treat of the day was meeting a young lady named Emilie, who has a parent that works for Louisiana State University Shreveport (the host location for the 2017 US Nationals). She shared with us some

health challenges she has, and how by being strong she is making great progress toward her recovery. She is very excited to see balloons in her town this July, and now has some 'balloon bling' to use during that week.

Our local hosts made us feel very welcome. A big "Thank You" goes out to our Friday night hosts Phillip, Angie, and Michael Gullo of Gullo's Market in Bossier City, and our Saturday night hosts Kelly Wells, Ken Wojcik, and Pat and Susan Harwell who made sure we ate very well this weekend. And kudos to "Ballooning" magazine editor and Shreveport local Glen Moyer who helped make our visit in his town a memorable one.



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# Showcase your balloon in the FAVIA Program

The FAVIA 225/2018 BFA Convention Commemorative Program Book will feature a Gallery of 225 Balloons to honor of the 225th Anniversary of the First Air Voyage in America. Will yours be one of the 225 balloons? For just \$25 your balloon can be part of aviation history in this commemorative program book. Photos in the Gallery of 225 Balloons will be displayed full color and approximately 1.25" x 1.5" in size. And yes, if you have more than one balloon, you can have all of your balloons become part of the Gallery!



## Specifications

- The Gallery will be limited to 225 balloons. Balloon photos will be accepted on a first- received basis according to order date.
- All orders and payments must be received no later than December 31, 2017.
- Balloon photos must be portrait orientation, in color, and in JPG (minimum 300DPI at 100%) format, maximum 10MB.
- Balloon photo files must be named with the pilot's last name followed by the name of the balloon (i.e. Doerer Dream Chaser.jpg)

Click here to order and submit your photo for the Gallery of 225 Balloons. Your balloon photo that meets the specifications must be submitted at the time your order is placed. You can submit up to three photos per order and you can order as many times as you like. Payment is available by check, credit card, or PayPal.

Those who register for FAVIA 225/2018 BFA Convention will receive a free copy of the Commemorative Program Book. Additional copies will be available for sale at FAVIA 225/2018 BFA Convention and online after March 30, 2018, while supplies last.

For more information about the Program Book, contact Joyce Lang at [joyce@favia225.com](mailto:joyce@favia225.com).

## 2017 BFA Board Election Nominating Committees

### At Large Seat (currently Ted Watts)

*Drew Egerton, NC (Chair)*  
[slowburnballoon@gmail.com](mailto:slowburnballoon@gmail.com)  
*Paul Dale, OH*  
*Elisa Trillanes, NM*

### North East Region (currently David Tanzer)

*Bob Dicks, PA (Chair)*  
[fleckfolly@verizon.net](mailto:fleckfolly@verizon.net)  
*William Hughes, NY*  
*Mick Murphy, CT*

### Western Region (currently Katie Griggs)

*Sheldon Grauberger, NV (Chair)*  
[balloonpilotlv@gmail.com](mailto:balloonpilotlv@gmail.com)  
*Maria Chieruzzi, CA*  
*Peggy Watson-Meinke, CA*

## 2017 HACD Board Election Nominating Committees

**Great Lakes**  
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*Dean Carlton*  
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*Scott Wooge*  
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## 2017 Gas Division Nominating Committee

**Gas Board seats up for election  
(currently Andy Baird & Troy Bradley)**

*Louis Vitanza*  
[louisvitanza@hotmail.com](mailto:louisvitanza@hotmail.com)  
*Bert Padelt*  
[bestavi@aol.com](mailto:bestavi@aol.com)

*Gas Board members are elected to a 3-year term.*

# FAVIA 225

*First Air Voyage in America & The 2018 BFA Convention*

**MARCH 22-25, 2018**

**Visit:**  
[www.FAVIA225.com](http://www.FAVIA225.com)

for the latest information about this can't miss event for every balloon enthusiast!

Please contact one of the members of the Nomination Committees to nominate a candidate for one of the positions listed on Page 4

# 2017 BFA Election Timeline

**Appointment of nominating committees by President or Division Chair on or before May 1, 2017**

Each nominating committee needs a chair and 2 committee members

**Report of nominating committee –To Board On or before June 10, 2017**

Each committee must provide 2-3 candidates for each open seat

**Cut-off for voter eligibility July 3, 2017**

Office to download available member information on that date

**Nomination by petition On or before July 10, 2017**

See by-laws for details

**Ballots mailed July 21, 2017**

Office to mail to all valid voters without email

**Ballots returned no later than August 19, 2017**

Office will coordinate a review committee of all paper ballots

**Announce results of election by email and website by August 31, 2017**

## Congratulations!

3/26/17-4/28/17

### NEW MEMBERS

**Jaden Roddewig**  
California - West

**Madison Duplichan**  
California - West

**John Sullivan**  
California - West

**Shari Vines**  
Colorado - North Central

**Brian Nilson**  
Connecticut - Northeast

**Guy Minor**  
District of Columbia Southeast

**James Van Meter**  
Georgia - Southeast

**Kenneth Wong**  
Idaho - West

**Laurie Acuff**  
Illinois - Great Lakes

**Kendra Slayton**  
Kentucky - Southeast

**Luana Mari Noda**  
Massachusetts - Northeast

**Jacob Godfrey**  
Massachusetts - Northeast

**Eric Horton**  
Michigan - Great Lakes

**Robert Kerr**  
Michigan - Great Lakes

**Layne Wolters**  
Missouri - North Central

**Steven Mezzancello**  
New Mexico - Southwest

**Patrick Chando**  
New Mexico - Southwest

**Annette Thorne**  
New York - Northeast

**Kym Butler**  
New York - Northeast

**Lance Teitsworth**  
New York - Northeast

**Jeremiah Fox**  
Ohio - Great Lakes

**Jane Pietro**  
Ohio - Great Lakes

**Cynthia Bitzel**  
Ohio - Great Lakes

**Chet Davis**  
Ohio - Great Lakes

**Doug Davis**  
Ohio - Great Lakes

**Dennis Short**  
Oklahoma - Southwest

**Jacob Frame**  
Pennsylvania - Northeast

**Kyle Laxton**  
Pennsylvania - Northeast

**Ed LaMontagne**  
Rhode Island - Northeast

**William McManus**  
Tennessee - Southeast

**Bruce Dodson**  
Texas - Southwest

**Rocky Neal**  
Utah - West

**Richard Douglass**  
Washington - West

**Dane Mattes**  
Wisconsin - Great Lakes

**Samuel Johnson**  
Wisconsin - Great Lakes

**Lau Laursen**  
Denmark - Foreign

### CAAP UPDATES

**Brian Serge**  
Indiana –Level 3, Crew Chief

**Gary Brossett**  
Georgia – Level 3, Crew Chief

**Janna Ingram**  
Oregon – Level 1, Crew

**Grace Ingram**  
Oregon – Level 1, Crew



**JOIN US TODAY!**

**BFA Membership Application for Mailing**

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Join or renew your membership here or online at: [BFA Online Shop](#)

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

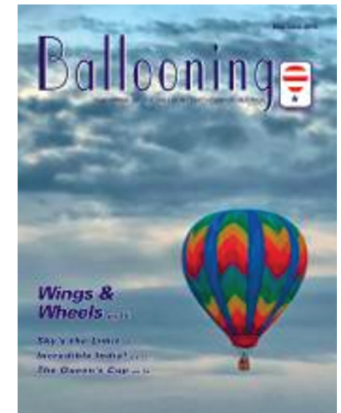
- ( ) Corporate (\$250/yr) -Send business name/address/contact person/email logo to: [bfaoffice@bfa.net](mailto:bfaoffice@bfa.net)
- Associate Member (non-voting, for balloon clubs, libraries, balloon event organizations)
- ( ) US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) ( ) Int'l with magazine (\$65/yr)
- ( ) With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

Balloon Federation of America  
P.O. Box 400, Indianola, IA. 50125 e-mail [bfaoffice@bfa.net](mailto:bfaoffice@bfa.net)



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