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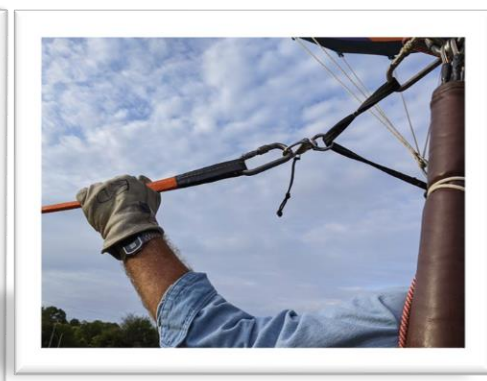
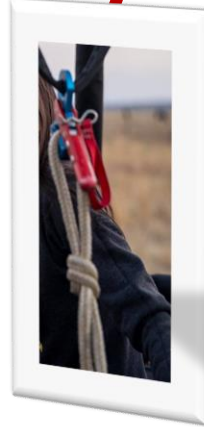
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Tie-Off Safety



There are a variety of different type of tie-offs and quick release techniques. But some general rules can apply to most tie-off situations.

- Never tie-off to a trailer or trailer hitch. Use the heaviest end of your vehicle if possible.
- If the tie-off attachment area of the vehicle is not a rounded area, use a carabiner so the rope is not sliced through due to rubbing or a large amount of pressure.
- If using carabiners, only use 'load rated' connectors. No hardware store connectors, please.
- After laying the basket over for cold inflation, move the vehicle to 'snug-up' the tie-off to reduce possible acceleration of the system due to slack rope/strap.
- Be aware of recoil on a tight quick release. Warn crew before releasing. Push basket back before release if possible.
- If you don't plan to fly, use 2 identical length tie-offs connected to the burner/basket, not a quick release.
- Know the rating on your rope or strap. A couple tons of force can break weaker items.
- Check your tie-off for damage often. Any damage (tears, abrasions, stitching issues) is cause to replace it.

❖ **There is NEVER a reason NOT to tie-off.**

For more tie-off information watch the below link.
<https://player.vimeo.com/video/418839482>

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*Pictures are only a few positive examples, there are other quality tie-off systems.





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A FAR Question

Question: What is the required content of a Pre-solo Flight Test?

Hint: 61.87

(Look for answer in November's QR)

LAST MONTHS QUIZ & ANSWER

Question: Under what circumstances is flight operations prohibited for medical reasons, when a *medical certificate* is *NOT* required?

Answer: 61.53 (b) A person shall not act as PIC or any other capacity as a required pilot flight crew member, while that person knows or has reason to know of ANY medical condition that would make that person unable to operate the aircraft in a safe manner.

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AWARDS

Editor's Award

Presented by Glen Moyer

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Congratulations

To all of the BFA Director's Award Winners!

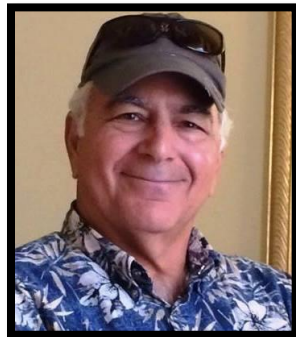
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Glen Moyer by Katie Griggs from the Western Region

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President's Award

Presented to **Jason Jones** by BFA President, Mark West



AWARDS EXTENSIONS



The Balloon Federation of America's Board of Directors have agreed to extend the deadline for submissions for the **Shields-Trauger Award**, the **National Crew Person Award**, and the **Bill Murtorff Spirit of Ballooning Award**. Submissions will be accepted for these national awards until **November 15, 2020**. This change will only affect the 2020 Award Season.

Learn more about these awards by following these links:

[Shields-Trauger Award](#)

[National Crew Person Award](#)

[Bill Murtorff Spirit of Ballooning Award](#)



2021 Camps Announced

Southeastern Balloon Camp - Gaffney, SC - June 22, 2021

High Sierra Balloon Camp – Reno, NV - June 20, 2021

Rio Grande Balloon Camp - Albuquerque, NM - July 10, 2021

For more information: <https://bfa.net/bfa-summer-camps>



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