

Introducing the 2019 Board of Directors



(Left to Right) Katie Griggs, Western Region Director; Tim Cloyd, Secretary/North Central Director; Cheri White, President; Troy Bradley, NAA Representative Director; Ted Watts, At Large Director; Jetta Schantz, Southeast Region Director; Mark MacSkimming, Vice President/Northeast Director; Dean Carlton, Great Lakes Region Director; Mark West, At Large Director; Maury Sullivan, Treasurer/At Large Director

November Events

November 17, 2018	Top Gun Monthly Flying Event	Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 22, 2018	Les Nessman Memorial Turkey Drop	Carlton Farms, Danville, IL

More information on these events, visit <https://bfa.net/index.php/events5/all-event-list?limitstart=0>
Want your event listed? Visit <https://bfa.net/index.php/events5/submit-a-calendar-event>



The Gordon Bennett Race was a great success, well done by both USA teams! USA-2 (Blue) for finishing in 2nd place with a result of 882.37 kilometers after 56 hours and 20 minutes aloft, USA-1 (Red) finished in 12th place!

USA-1 Mark Sullivan and Cheri White crew: Frans van Hooft and Hans van Bommel USA-2 Andy Cayton and Bill Smith crew: Patrick Hendriks, Julie Milani, Toon Verhagen



Balloon Event Symposium



The BFA is hosting its first ever Balloon Event Symposium the weekend of **January 11-13, 2019 in Plano, TX**. It is designed specifically for balloon event organizers and officials with an emphasis on how to run a safe and successful hot air balloon event. The Symposium is designed for the following individuals.

- Balloon event organizers, Chambers of Commerce and Convention and Visitor's Bureaus
- Communities looking to add and exciting element to their already existing outdoor event
- Individuals serving as event officials including Balloonmeisters, Event Directors, Safety, Weather and Scoring Officers.

Visit www.ballooneventsymposium.com for all the particulars and links to register for the event



2018 BFA Award Winners

BFA Shields-Trauger Memorial Award - Fred Dinkler

Bill Murtorff Spirit of Ballooning Award - Eddie Clements & Don Boyer

National Crew Person Award - Ed DeVore

President's Award – Bob & Marie Dicks and the FAVIA 225 Board of Directors

Directors Awards - Tony Sandlin, Neida Courtney Bueno & Kelli Ballengee (Rio Grande Balloon Camp), Jeff Trzebiatowski (Great Lakes Balloon Camp), Todd Fisher, Tony Saxton, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, Jim Fromm, Kimberly Magee

National Points Leader 2017 - Chris Smart

Highest Ranking Rookie 2017 - Mike Bertetto

Highest Ranking Female 2017 - Sandra Barlett

Most Improved Pilot 2017 - Jeff Pestun

Highest Ranking Senior 2017 - Al Nels

Highest Ranking Junior 2017 - Branden Bloom

Ed Yost Master Pilot Awards for 2018 - Beth Davidson, Guy Gauthier, Thomas H Smith, Roy Caton, Bill Hughes, Carroll Teitsworth, Rudolph Schwenker, Paul S Stumpf, Katherine E Wadsworth, Russ Barber, Ronald D Thornton, Robert Waligunda, Rick Behr, Aaron Brody, Annie Laurie Points, Larry Salters, Elizabeth Wright-Smith, Kong 'Jeff' Shields, Phil A Thompson, Thomas Stodolski, Kevin Thompson



AERONAUT

AEROstatic NAVigators Under Thirty



The Aeronauts is a group of the BFA for 18-30 year old pilots, crew, scorers, and enthusiasts to connect and together continue the sport of ballooning! Whether that's meeting up at events, flying competition together, starting clubs and buying balloons as groups, or just getting to know each other and forming the next generation of our 'ballooning family'...the Aeronauts group is here to support!

There was a kick-off party at AIBF including games, door prizes, and getting to know each other. We are excited for more Aeronauts events across the country and appreciate your support in spreading the word to the young balloonists in your life!

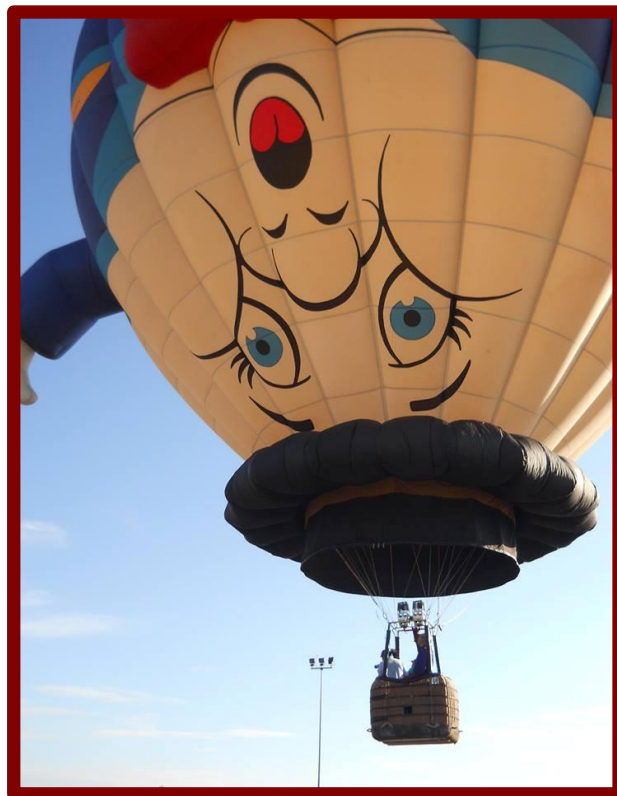
Big thanks to Kim and Adam Magee for putting a great deal of effort into getting the Aeronauts going. We can't wait to see what they do with this awesome group!
For more information please contact Kim Magee at bfaballooning@gmail.com



Welcome New BFA Members

Paul McDonald (Pleasanton, CA)
Joe Lamberti (Stockton, CA)
Russell Grant (DeLand, FL)
Mike Comerford (Polk City, FL)
Debra & Scott Cox (Warner Robins, GA)
Joseph Burger (Danville, IN)
Betty Martin (Gallup, NM)

Randy Rodgers (Albuquerque, NM)
Joy Sibayan (Sherwood, OR)
Dan Kirby Kopp (Ephrata, PA)
Luiz Assis (Sao Paulo, Brazil)



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