

The Quick Release

MACY'S DAY PARADE 2018

Balloons of a different kind, these filled with helium! Many individuals involved with the parade are also involved in LTA, BFA members, pilots, and crew. They are on the inflation teams, pilots, captains, and handlers of the balloons for Macy's Parade. This year's parade was the coldest on record, yet once it began, the walking, running, and handling the balloons warmed you up quickly! These balloons have numerous "crew", depending on the size of the balloon, a few people to more than 90 per balloon to keep the balloon and crowd safe.



Peter Kagey, Pilot at Macy's Parade, BFA & GEBA Member



Inflation Team, almost ready for the parade!



Ronald waiting his turn



Where is your elf?



Balloon Federation Of America



FAA Releases New Policy for Waivered Balloon Events

After over a year of work, the FAA is publishing revised policy for aviation events, **including balloon events**. The new guidance makes significant changes for event organizers and provides new guidance on subjects that have often troubled balloon events.

Read the full document here:

<https://bfa.net/index.php/evo-news/88888979-news/1720-new-faa-policy-for-waivered-balloon-events>

Frequently asked questions can be found here:

<https://bfa.net/index.php/evo-news/88888979-news/1721-faq-on-fsims>



BFA Balloon Event Guidelines

The BFA's Balloon Event Guidelines were developed to assist event coordinators. The Mission of The Balloon Event Guidelines Committee was to update, develop and publish a comprehensive reference source containing detailed information enabling Event Organizers and Officials to properly organize, plan and execute a balloon event with the safety of pilots, sponsors and the general public as the top priority.

Read the guidelines in full here:

<https://www.bfa.net/images/documents/ballooneventguidelines.pdf>



Have you registered yet?

The BFA is hosting its first ever Balloon Event Symposium, in order to assist manage all the changes, 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



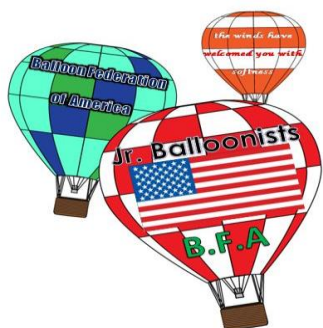
FAVIA 225 SUPPORTS FUTURE LIGHTER THAN AIR EDUCATION

FAVIA 225 (First Air Voyage in America). FAVIA 225 was the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the First Air Voyage in America.

FAVIA 225 has graciously donated to the continuing education of our younger generations, the donations to the Balloon Federation of America were presented by the FAVIA 225 Board of Directors, during the GEBA annual meeting.

Donations made are:

- \$2000.00 to the BFA 18 to 30-year-old program, The Aeronauts for continuing education.
- \$1500.00 to the Future Fliers program for use at the 2021 BFA Convention in Kansas.
- \$1500.00 to the BFA Youth Camps, One \$500.00 sponsorship each year for the next three years.



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December Events

December 1st: Balloons Over Christmas in the Ville in Fowlerville, MI
December 2nd & 3rd: Red Rocks Balloon Rally in Gallup, NM
December 16th: Top Gun Monthly Flying Event in Albuquerque, NM



FAR QUIZ

91.155 Basic VFR Weather Minimums

Question: What are the VFR minimums for CLASS E airspace, less than 10,000 ft MSL?
(Look for the answer in January 2019 Quick Release)

Welcome New Members to the Balloon Federation of America

Dan Gerbus Jr.
Alexa Szabo
Thomas Morris
Susan Rauch

Mary Schell
Suzanne Seiler
Cindy Wall
Ferral Gray

Carl Kershaw
Tim Feeley
Robert Grassbaugh
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