

# The Quick Release

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## ***Congratulations to the BFA's elected Board of Directors***

At-Large Director - Scott McClinton  
Southwest Region Director - Ron Behrmann  
Great Lakes Region Director - Penny Suttle

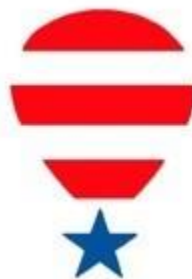
Hot Air Competition Division (HACD)  
Pilot At Large - Nick Donner  
Western Region - Jonathan Wright  
Northeast Region - To be appointed by HACD BOD

Gas Division  
Ken Draughn  
Cheri White

Professional Ride Operators Division (PRO)  
No Candidates - will be selected by PRO Board



*The newly elected directors will officially join the board at the BFA Board Meeting in ABQ on Thursday September 29, 2022*



## **BFA Annual General Meeting**

- Join us for the General Meeting on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am MDT in the Sid Cutter Pavilion, Fiesta Field, and Live on Facebook.

Awards presentation, information on a new education initiative, news about FAR 91.119 and much more.

# DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Tony Saxton  
Northeast Region Director

## Team USA-2, Padelt and Forden Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett

I would like to extend congratulations to Bert Padelt and Noah Forden on their epic flight from St. Gallen, Switzerland across Europe and into Bulgaria. If you have not seen some of the pictures of their journey during this month's Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, I encourage you to view them. Even though they placed 9<sup>th</sup> they are still winners in all our hearts. If you have not had the opportunity to follow their adventure, see some breathtaking pictures and video clips go to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PadeltForden> I am sure all of us across the country are looking forward to hearing their story.

65th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett 2022 FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship							FINAL RESULTS		
Rank	Team	Pilots	Take-Off Time (UTC)	Landing Time (UTC)	Coordinate	Location	Performance Distance (km)	Result (km)	Duration
1	GER-3	EMERS, Wilhelm EMERS, Benjamin	02.09.2022 14:45	05.09.2022 03:30	42° 09'07" N / 27° 51'22" E	Zarow (BUL)	1572.36 0.00	1572.36	60h 45m
2	SUI-1	WITTMACHTIGER, Pascal	02.09.2022 14:21	05.09.2022 02:25	42° 17'51" N / 27° 39'85" E	Jasna Poljana (BUL)	1550.38 0.00	1550.38	60h 04m
3	GER-2	ZUMROD, Andreas HUNNEKUH, Axel	02.09.2022 14:33	05.09.2022 06:06	41° 23'78" N / 26° 26'736" E	Karoti (GRE)	1512.20 0.00	1512.20	63h 33m
4	SUI-2	TIECHE, Nicolas SCIBOZ, Laurent	02.09.2022 14:36	04.09.2022 21:10	42° 20'016" N / 27° 01'954" E	Bistret (BUL)	1502.20 0.00	1502.20	54h 34m
5	FRA-2	DECELLIERES, Eric HAVRET, Benoit	02.09.2022 14:31	04.09.2022 17:45	43° 49'397" N / 26° 44'862" E	Vesetits (BUL)	1410.05 0.00	1410.05	51h 14m
6	FRA-1	LEYS, Vincent HOUIVER, Christophe	02.09.2022 14:41	05.09.2022 06:05	43° 29'408" N / 26° 31'339" E	Razgrad (BUL)	1406.23 0.00	1406.23	63h 24m
7	AUT-2	WAGNER, Christian LILLER, Sébastien	02.09.2022 14:23	05.09.2022 00:15	42° 20'484" N / 24° 43'968" E	Kalojanovo (BUL)	1336.22 0.00	1336.22	57h 52m
8	SUI-3	GSCHEWENDTNER, Walter WICKI, Barthasar	02.09.2022 14:00	04.09.2022 17:45	42° 58'226" N / 24° 50'573" E	Debrevo (BUL)	1310.99 0.00	1310.99	51h 45m
9	USA-2	FORDEN, Noah PADEL, Bert	02.09.2022 14:25	04.09.2022 17:00	43° 26'681" N / 24° 54'487" E	Totleben (BUL)	1291.66 0.00	1291.66	50h 35m
10	POL-1	ZAPART, Krzysztof GIMALSKI, Adam	02.09.2022 14:38	05.09.2022 01:35	43° 00'839" N / 24° 36'869" E	Lometa (BUL)	1291.63 0.00	1291.63	58h 57m
11	GER-1	MUNZ, Benedict SCHLEGEL, Matthias	02.09.2022 14:07	04.09.2022 16:25	43° 04'274" N / 24° 11'149" E	Brestitisa (BUL)	1257.74 0.00	1257.74	50h 18m
12	FRA-3	MOWE, Herve BLANCHARD, Christophe	02.09.2022 14:13	04.09.2022 15:15	44° 51'069" N / 21° 15'383" E	Kajlasovo (SRB)	962.20 0.00	962.20	49h 02m
13	POL-2	REKAS, Mateusz BOSZAK, Jacek	02.09.2022 14:10	04.09.2022 03:50	45° 12'599" N / 18° 53'941" E	Novi Jankovci (CRO)	774.08 0.00	774.08	37h 40m
14	LTU-1	KOMZA, Robertas MKELEVICIUS, Romanas	02.09.2022 14:04	03.09.2022 16:45	45° 38'956" N / 18° 25'067" E	Valpovo (CRO)	721.71 0.00	721.71	26h 41m
15	AUT-1	STIERZLINGER, Gerald SPAET, Wolfgang	02.09.2022 14:06	03.09.2022 16:45	45° 15'941" N / 17° 20'950" E	Nova Gradiska (CRO)	659.61 0.00	659.61	28h 39m
16	AUS-1	BRZDOWSKI, Dariusz SALINSKI, Christopher Philip	02.09.2022 14:20	03.09.2022 15:40	46° 22'789" N / 17° 43'370" E	Kaposvar (HUN)	647.29 0.00	647.29	25h 20m
17	POL-3	OLSEWSKI, Andrzej-Rogdan CIESLAK, Jaroslaw	02.09.2022 14:28	03.09.2022 16:25	46° 05'498" N / 17° 35'262" E	Patosaj (HUN)	645.37 0.00	645.37	25h 57m
18	USA-1	WHITE, Cheryl SULLIVAN, Mark	no take-off				-	0.00	0

\*1) Rule 5.1 Result: ...The distance will be measured by determination of the arc on the great circle on the WGS84 ellipsoid... The reference point is the coordinate of the launch platform.  
\*2) UTC is Central European Summer Time (CEST) minus two hours.

*Eric Saxton*  
Eric Saxton 09/05/2022

*Alison*  
ALISON PASSED AWAY

Final Results above

**Forden - Padelt Team 2022 Gordon Bennett Race**  
Jason Fischer, Wendy Curtis, Hella Turoczy, Michael Kuehlmuss, Kevin Stass, Noah Forden, Rick Piendel, Rita Piendel, Cal Hale, Karl Stefan Jr, Bert Padelt, Joanie Padelt, Randy Jester, Lynn Brownell, David Strasmann. Not present but certainly part of the team: Don Day, Stefan Handl



## A Reminder...

I look forward to seeing many of you at Fiesta this year. For some, this may be your first trip to Albuquerque and have not flown in this high-altitude, high-density traffic environment before. Before you arrive, please make sure you review your performance chart and weight and balance procedures. Last year, there were several ramp checks done by the FAA monitors on site and one thing that they were asking questions about was whether you know how to calculate your weight charts. While most were able to work their way through it, some did not know, or could not calculate their weight. Some of those were scrutinized more closely by the FAA. So, don't let yourself get caught in that situation. Review your performance charts, which essentially are your lift charts for your balloon. Make sure that the equipment listed on the weight and balance form in your AFM or POH are what you have connected to your balloon. For you first timers, take into consideration that you are departing a field at about 5000 feet MSL. It takes more heat and/or less weight to achieve the same performance you might have at sea level. Hope to see you all there and please, let's make this a very safe Fiesta.



**Pat Cannon, BFA President**

*An additional tool from Fiesta and Beth  
Wright-Smith*

[Flying Fiesta 2022 - YouTube](#)

<https://youtu.be/GBZO9kd2P4Y>

**AERONAUT**  
AEROstatic NAVigators Under Thirty



**Are you under 30?**  
**Are you interested or involved with ballooning?**

**Join us Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Immediately following the BFA Annual General Meeting**  
**Sid Cutter Pavilion, Fiest Park**

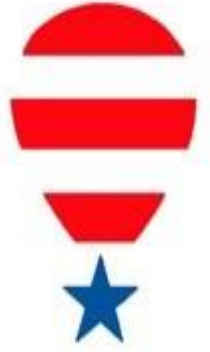
We want your input on what you want out of the Aeronauts and how we can help you in your balloon journey.

We can't wait to meet you!





# HACD 2022 Results



Congratulations to the top three finishers at the **2022 US National Championship.**

1. Rhett Heartsill (14,127 pts)
2. Joe Heartsill (14,117 pts)
3. Johnny Petrehn (14,077 pts)

Photo courtesy of Tanessa Burns

Congratulations to the top three finishers at the **US Woman National Balloon Championship**

- 1st place - Holly Jean Pfeifer
- 2nd place - Kelli Eilerts Keller
- 3rd place - Cheri Edwards White



Congratulations!!  
**Rookie of the Year**

Kasey Schwemmer

Photo courtesy of Tony Condon.

# World Hot Air Balloon Championships In Slovenia

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

Gold Medal – Stefan Zeberli (SUI)

Silver Medal – Yudai Fujita (JPN)

Bronze Medal – Nicolas Schwartz (FRA)



## USA Pilot Final Standings 2022

### World Hot Air Balloon Championship

9 <sup>th</sup>	Rhett Heartsill
14 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Zvada
17 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Heartsill
19 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Isley
25 <sup>th</sup>	Johnny Petrehn
61 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Baird
67 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Nels
81 <sup>st</sup>	Jeremy Rubin



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