

Paul Dale, Alliance, OH

Paul Dale is a 38-year-old father of 3, machinist by trade, and lover of animals aside from his obsession with hot air balloons. Paul currently resides in Alliance, Ohio. Going on his 19th year as a loyal employee at National Feedscrew Machine in Massillon, Ohio, Paul runs a CNC G&L horizontal boring mill. When he is not in the shop, he and his wife/crew chief, Melissa, are running their 3 children (9,8, and 5) to various activities and taking care of their pets and country home in Alliance. In this and the surrounding areas, Paul does most of his flying around home. He's very familiar with this area as this is where his father and former pilot, Steve Dale, also flew during his career. Paul was an integral member of his father's crew and was exposed to ballooning at the young age of 8. From then on, Paul has had the fever for ballooning and the aspiration to become a pilot to follow in his father's footsteps.

Paul has been an active member of the ballooning community for 30(+) years with his experience including crewing for various pilots, and being on staff at events around the country. Staff positions have included being part of the weather team with reading theodolite, part of scoring teams, acting safety officer and as landowner relations. Paul lived out his dream and became a balloon pilot 4 years ago. Locally, Paul has organized competitive flights with NOBPA over the past several years to encourage competitive flying amongst the local pilots in the north-east Ohio region. With his diverse experience and knowledge due to his extensive involvement for a number of years within the sport, Paul has the ability to view the sport from all points of view. Some of his goals and aspirations if he were to be elected as an HACD board member for the BFA from the Great Lakes Region, include increasing participation in the HACD by members of the BFA, improving the reward system for those that do compete, a plethora of ideas for promoting safety in competition, and ideas for inspiring youth to become involved and educated on the sport. Please consider Paul for this position when voting in this upcoming election. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Soft landings
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