

The Quick Release

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In Memory of Don Piccard

With great respect, admiration and love, the LTA world honors a Pioneer on the modern Hot Air Balloon.

A great video to learn more of Don Piccard,

<https://tinyurl.com/y5yl7qeu>



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.

Click the following link to access the full guideline report:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6qyz7yd>



ELECTION RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECTED DIRECTORS!



BFA Board

At Large Director - [Ted Watts](#)

Western Region Director - [Kent Barnes](#)

Northeast Region Director - [Tony Saxton](#)

All BFA Board By-Law Changes were approved.

Hot Air Competition Division (HACD)

At Large - [Joe Zvada](#)

Great Lakes Region - [Aaron Foelske](#)

Southwest Region - [Jeff Ashworth](#)

Gas Division

[Andrew Baird](#)

[Andrew \(AJ\) Nels](#)

Proposed Gas By-Law Changes were approved

Thank you to all our members that took the time to vote in our election. Our Boards do much of the work of our Federation and our success on your behalf rides on their dedication to this elected position.

In addition, thank you to all that were willing to raise their hands and run for our open positions. We had a great slate of candidates from which to choose.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be conducted via Zoom meeting this year, with Fiesta postponed for this October. Please watch for more details to be made available about this event.

For Election details click [HERE](#)



Photo Credit: Eric Bannon
Ludwig's Corner, PA
September 11 Memorial Flight



WELCOME NEW BFA MEMBERS



Thomas Carter
David Barger
Thomas McBroom
Kimberly Keating
Andy Sizemore
James Borchert
Ed Owen
Joseph Browning
Debbie Fowler
Glenn Reed
Alexandria Klepsteen
Kylie Cone
Carolanne Walter

Sedona, AZ
Trinidad, CO
Senoia, GA
McHenry, IL
Crown Point, IN
Bloomington, MN
Meridian, MS
Rio Rancho, NM
Rio Rancho, NM
Reno, NV
Brandon, SD
Salt Lake City, UT
Bellevue, WA

Logan Holcomb
Timothy Cole II
Scott Edgerton
Michael Steinle
Rachel Deoki
Carol Sherman
Ashley Eastburn
Larry Skerker
Kylee Reeder
Baylor Rodden
John Nelson
John Snead
Mark Proud

Tracy, CA
Greeley, CO
Indianola, IA
Lake Village, IN
Louisville, KY
Kansas City, MO
South Hampton, NJ
Eggertsville, NM
Logandale, NV
Owasso, OK
Sandy, UT
Midlothain, VA
Everett, WA

A FAR Question

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

Hint: 61.53

(Look for answer in October's QR)

LAST MONTHS QUIZ & ANSWER

Question: How long must a flight instructor retain their student records?

Answer: 61.189 C: Each flight instructor must retain the records required by this section, for at least three (3) years.

**Balloon Federation of America
National Convention
April 8-10th, 2021**

Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas
60 Years of Ballooning Excellence
Join us in Kansas

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- * Presentations by Industry Leaders
- * Fun & Fellowship

<https://www.bfa.net/convention-2021>
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Crew Achievement Award Program

2020 Participants



Bryan Kelly
Alicia Green
John Nelson
Kelley Colburn
John Colburn

II Senior Crew
I Crew Level
IV Master Crew Chief
I Crew Level
I Crew Level

Connecticut
Alabama
Utah
Connecticut
Connecticut

For more information in participating in the PAAP or the CAAP please go to: www.bfa.net under the education tab.

AWARDS

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](#)



Learn more about the Siesta Edition of Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta here:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6js3m6k>

Propane Refueling Safety Procedures

No more than two (2) people per vehicle/balloon in the refueling area.

Nobody in the vehicle.

No smoking or vaping.

No children or animals in refueling area.

No nylon jackets.

All radios and cell phones are turned off, strikers out of the gondola and left in the vehicle.

When approaching the refueling area, whether it is at an event or refueling station, familiarize yourself with:

Escape routes, for yourself and your vehicle

Where fire extinguishers are located, other than the ones in your vehicle and balloon.

Where is main Emergency Shut-off?

When refueling wear gloves. (Leather is preferred)

Try not to move around unnecessarily. Be sure to pick up your feet when moving them. Do Not shuffle as this could cause static.

Ground yourself out against a metal object to help discharge any static electricity before beginning the refueling process.

Refueling in bed of the truck:

Make sure the tailgate or lift gate is lowered (this allows the vapor to escape and not pool in the bed of the truck)

Stand only on the bed rails of the truck and not in the actual bed. This is especially important if the truck has a plastic bedliner.

Never stand in the gondola during refueling.

Refueling in an enclosed trailer:

All doors and vents are open. If no side door, pull gondola completely out to ensure cross ventilation, (this helps to eliminate the pooling of propane vapor in the trailer).

It is ideal to pull the gondola out of trailer in all instances.

Only fuel one tank at a time, in the event of an emergency, you only need to worry about shutting off one tank.

If there happens to be a flash, fire, or explosion, **IMMEDIATELY HOLD YOUR BREATH** and escape the area! This helps protect your airway, one can survive surface burns but if your airway becomes compromised, it will more than likely be fatal.

When you are done refueling, secure all connections, make sure tank and spitter valves are completely closed to help prevent any leaks.

Secure tailgate or trailer doors and drive away from the refueling station.

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