

# The Quick Release

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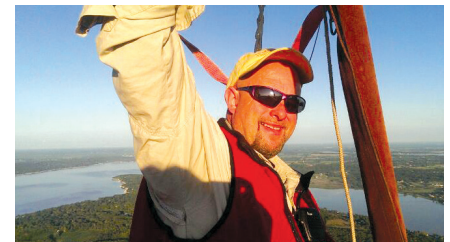
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11th Annual Gulf Coast Balloon Festival - Foley, AL

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## Quick Release has a new editor & look

*John C. Trione is the new editor of the BFA's newsletter, The Quick Release.*

*John is a full-time commercial pilot with 18 years and more than 1,000 flight hours of experience.*

*He has spent the majority of his non-ballooning career in the media, marketing and advertising business, including a 6-year run as the General Manager of a small community newspaper.*

Hi everyone, I'm honored to be asked to serve in the position of editor of "The Quick Release," the newsletter of The Balloon Federation of America.

In addition to the news coming out of the Board of Directors, I'd like to include the following information:

1) Club Updates: Send me photos and a little write up of something your club has done. Hopefully, we'll have a couple to feature each month.

2) MORE PHOTOS: Email your high resolution photos to me at [jtrione@lakegenevaballoon.com](mailto:jtrione@lakegenevaballoon.com). Make sure you note who took the photo, when, where, who is in the photo, what we're looking at and why. I love photos of balloons, but let's see some of your family and crew in the photos too!

3) I'm adding an "In Memoriam" section to honor ballooning enthusiasts who've passed away.

Please send me information and ideas to the following email address: [jtrione@lakegenevaballoon.com](mailto:jtrione@lakegenevaballoon.com).

## Board of Director elections to take place in August

*Cut-off for voter eligibility..... July 7, 2015*

*Nomination by petition ..... On or before July 10, 2015*

*Ballots mailed /emailed..... July 23, 2015*

*Ballots returned no later than..... August 22, 2015*

It is election time for the BFA Board and the Hot Air Competition Division Board. The following are the nominees for each of the open positions:

### North Central Region

Dave Bair  
Tim Cloyd

### Southeast Region:

Jeff Sweet  
Sam Parks

### At Large:

Scott Wooge  
John Trione

### HACD North Central Region:

Jason Jones  
Meg Skelton

### HACD Southeast Region:

There was only one nominee from the Southeast, Henry Rosenbaum, therefore no election in this Region.

### HACD Officials:

There was only one nominee for this board position, Mike Gilligan, therefore no election for this position.

### Gas Division:

Bert Padelt  
Louis Vitanza  
John Kugler



# Nominations sought for national crew person of the year award

I hope everyone is enjoying good weather and lots of flying this summer. We all know that Ballooning is a team sport that requires a Crew of family and friends to share in all of the fun. Without these dedicated, fun-loving, hard-working, ballooning enthusiasts, our sport would not grow and it would be a lot less enjoyable. Most of us started out as Chase Crew Members and we learned a lot about this sport while driving the retrieve vehicle.

All of us could (should) recognize the support Crew that help us enjoy this wonderful sport of Ballooning and the BFA is going to help you in that task.

Once a year the BFA presents an award to the National Crew Person at the Annual Meeting and Awards ceremony held at Fiesta. How about taking this opportunity to nominate someone for this prestigious award which recognizes a Crew Person who is diligent, reliable, organized, responsible and always puts safety first.

Deadline for nominations: August 15

## Criteria:

- Award is open to all BFA members, pilots, crew and others.
- Nominations can be up to, but not longer than one-page long.
- Nominations must include name, address, years of experience in ballooning, the candidates contributions to the sport of hot air ballooning while serving as a crew member and the reason why the candidate should get the award.

## Procedure:

- Written nominations must be sent to the BFA Office via e-mail or snail mail
- The BFA will then send all nominations to the Awards Chair.

The Award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony by the current BFA President.

Let's all show how much we appreciate the help we receive from our dedicated crews, send in those nominations today!

- Submitted by Sam Parks, BFA President

Photo submitted by John Ross

## White Sands Balloon Invitational Alamogordo, NM



**7/19/15 is the deadline for  
August 2015 Issue of  
"The Quick Release"**

**"Zulu" at the 2015 Sun n' Fun event  
in Lakeland, FL**



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## BFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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	- Katie Griggs
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*OMG, a Cameron A315, the largest in the Above It All Balloon Company fleet. Roaring Fork Valley of Colorado, near Aspen/ Snowmass Village.*

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## Ride operators approve name change, set election

It's official. The Balloon Ride Operators Division (BROD) has changed its name to the Professional Ride Operators Division AKA: PRO Division. The board decided that the new name was communicated a more positive reinforcement of the division's purpose.

In other division news, there are two (BROD) now known as the PRO Division, Board positions up for election in this year's BFA elections; North Central, currently held by Bruce Wood, and Southeast, currently being represented by Laurie Given. The PRO division is seeking nominations of

candidates for these two positions. If you currently reside within one of these regions, and would be interested in running for one of these two Board positions, please notify Bruce Wood at bwoodlta@gmail.com or Tony Sandlin at tony@midwestballoonrides.com no later than July 3rd.

## Ballooning HOF sets annual induction ceremony

The US Ballooning Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be at the National Balloon Museum in Indianola, Iowa on July 26th, 2015. Inductions are 1:00-3:00

with inductees being Gas Pilot, the late Connie Wolf, with Maureen Lynch introducing her. The late Dodds Meddock will be represented by his family.

Ken Walter will be the MC. Jim Neill will be receiving the Ed Yost Master Pilot Award for 40 years of safe flying at the ceremony. The public is welcome!



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1601 N. Jefferson Way, Indianola, IA  
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### NEW MEMBERS

- MICHAEL TOULSON - NZ
- CASEY HEUPEL - MT
- JESSE RAFN - OR
- MIKE HANSON - MS
- DAVID BUCKINGHAM - MA
- TJ OLSON - SD
- JASON BABCOCK - NM
- ROBERT BEAMAN - NC
- ALISTAIR CANDY - CA
- STEPHEN PINZINO - VT
- ANNICKA GUNDERSON - IA
- WILLIAM PITCHER - OH
- DOUGLAS SUHR - PA

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

- DEAN CARLTON, IL

### CAAP UPDATES

- MATTHEW KNOWLES, WA - LEVEL I, II, III
- SHARON BROOKS, WA - LEVEL I, II, III
- TYLER BROOKS, WA - LEVEL I, II, III
- CAROLYN BROOKS, WA - LEVEL I, II, III

Look for Andrew Baird's article on F.I.T. on page 34 of this month's Ballooning Magazine

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