

# The Quick Release

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## Nominations for Board Positions Due June 10th

SUBMITTED BY  
TIM CLOYD, BFA SECRETARY

Every Spring the BFA solicits members to run for BFA director positions. These directors are elected to a three year term, and every year the BFA elects 3 directors on a rotating basis. Member of our divisions (Hot Air Competition, Gas, Professional Ride Operators) will also elect directors.

If you have an interest in serving on the board of the BFA or its divisions, please contact the respective chairs of the nominating committees listed below. **Committee chairs must submit candidates by June 10, 2016.**



### 2016 BFA Board Positions open for nomination

#### Great Lakes Region Director

(Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Nominating Chair:

Andy Baird (734)-426-5525 • [baird@cameronballoons.com](mailto:baird@cameronballoons.com)

#### Southwest Region Director

(New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

Nominating Chair:

Troy Bradley (505)-899-7292 • [tbradley@nmia.com](mailto:tbradley@nmia.com)

#### One At Large Director

(all members are eligible)

Nominating Chair:

Scott Wooge (314)-422-5873 • [scott.wooge@gmail.com](mailto:scott.wooge@gmail.com)

#### Gas Division

(must be a gas division member)

Nominating Committee:

Peter Cuneo (505) 401-0985 and Bert Padelt (610) 845-7857

#### Professional Ride Operators

(must be a PRO member)

Nominating Chair:

Bruce Wood (970) 309-3366 • [bwoodlta@gmail.com](mailto:bwoodlta@gmail.com)

**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS 6/10/16**

# Barnes to chair BFA instructor programs

SUBMITTED BY KATIE GRIGGS  
BFA BOARD

Many, if not most, BFA members may not be aware of the BFA's Instructor and Master Instructor Program. Historically it has not been used to its full advantage for the BFA and its members. At this time we would like to review the status and purpose of the program and expand on its mission to increase its value to the BFA membership.

We envision reviewing the programs current status and solicit input from the BFA members, active instructors, our partners in the insurance industry as well as strengthening the relationships with the FAA and the FAASafety program. We want to re-vitalize the program into one that will be a resource to our members who are actively instructing as well as BFA members that would like to have a body of resources on how to become an effective instructor. Additionally, we would like to encourage potential new pilots by providing them resources how to get

started and connect with qualified resources to help them meet their goals of becoming a pilot.

Kent Barnes has agreed to Chair this Program to foster the re-vitalization. He brings a lot of experience as an instructor with him. He is currently teaching students in both Part 141 and Part 61 settings. As we move forward he is looking to build a cadre of BFA member and schools to participate in the re-vitalization of a program that will help schools, instructors and students achieve growth in new pilots in our sport.

If you have participated in this program in the past or have an interest in participation in it in the future we would love to get your input. If you would like to contribute, get involved, or just to make a comment please contact Kent Barnes at [kjbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:kjbarnes@gmail.com), or Katie Griggs at [katiegriggs1ta@gmail.com](mailto:katiegriggs1ta@gmail.com)

## 2015-16 Long jump results announced

SUBMITTED BY TIM CLOYD  
BFA LONG JUMP CHAIRMAN

Here are the qualifying results for the the 2015-16 long jump season. The BFA encourages pilots to fly a flight that is 10 miles farther than they flown

before. Set a personal best flight.

### AX-7 Category

Paul Felty & Ted Gransbury (team)  
14 miles

### AX-8 Category

Bill Smith (solo)  
690 miles

### AX-9 Category

Tim Cloyd & Aimee Luhrs (team)  
105 miles

Tim Cloyd & Alyssa Stephens (team)  
5.7 miles

Tim Cloyd & Alyssa Stephens (team)  
5.2 miles

It is important to know that Bill flew an incredible distance. But Paul was the only one to fly in an AX7 and it is important to realize that he was first place with a 14 mile flight because no one else attempted a long jump in an AX7 (team jump).

Think about flying a long jump next winter. It will be an accomplishment you will be happy to remember.

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# Congratulations!

JUNE 2016

### NEW MEMBERS

Joshua Thurman  
Dustin Hansen  
Richard Moormann  
Aaron Gauger  
Gabrielle Gauger  
Sandy Bendy  
Charles Bolin

### CAAP PROMOTIONS

Ed DeVore - Level 1  
Brian Serge - Level 1



## New pilots with balloon rating as of 5/3/16

**Brad Burdue**  
Toledo, OH  
Commercial Pilot

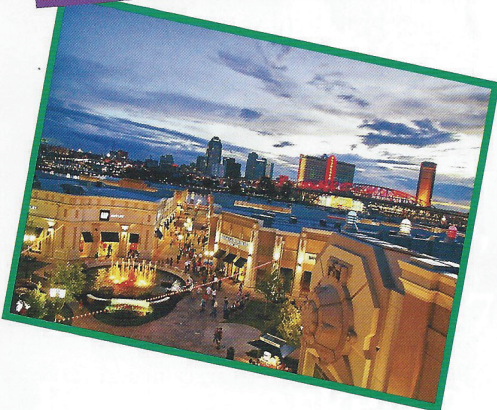
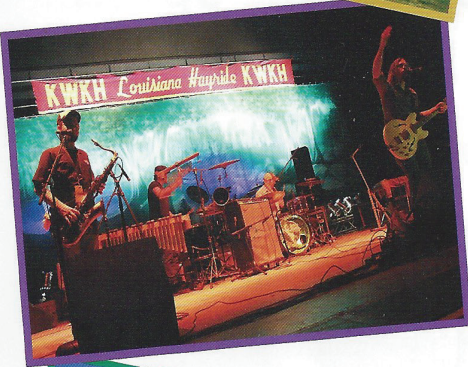
**Scott Strouse**  
Midland, MI  
Commercial Pilot



Coming to Shreveport - Bossier

# Louisiana's Other Side!

July 14-20, 2016



## 2016 Red River Balloon Rally



U.S. National Hot Air  
Balloon Championship

Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana

*O'Nealgas*



[www.redriverballoonrally.com](http://www.redriverballoonrally.com)

# Ground schools taking flight in Albuquerque

SUBMITTED BY DON BOYER  
CHAIRMAN, AAAA EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Each year the Albuquerque Aerostat Ascension Association and the AAAA Education Foundation conduct private and commercial pilot ground schools. These schools are geared toward students working toward a new pilot certificate or anyone just wanting to improve their ballooning knowledge. This year we have been overwhelmed with students taking these courses. The Private Pilot Ground School in February over enrolled early and, for the first time in many years, we offered a second private course in June to accommodate the overflow. As of May 28th, this class also filled up. With this ground school in June, AAAA has provided ground instruction to over 80 students this year.

The Commercial Pilot Ground School was held in April. This class had twenty-six students which is one more than our desired maximum enrollment. This is the largest commercial class we have had in decades.

These ground schools are not just for local students. We attract students from all over the country and internationally. The last private school had students from Brazil, Oklahoma City, OK; Las Vegas, NV; Colorado Springs, CO; Alamogordo, NM and of course the Albuquerque/Rio Rancho area.

The commercial school had students from Frederick and Niwot, CO; Lorenzo, TX; Las Vegas, NV; Naples, FL; Los Alamos, Alamogordo, Albuquerque and Rio Rancho, NM.

The schools run over three days starting Friday evening and two long days on Saturday and Sunday.



J.D. Huss (Retired FAA SafetyTeam Manager) teaching FARs at the April commercial ground school.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DON BOYER

Subjects include navigation, charts, airspace, FARs, balloon systems, performance and instruments, weather theory, weather services, airport operations, ADM, propane, and a storyboard flight. The storyboard flight is a scenario based session which incorporates all the subject matter to plan and perform a balloon flight. In the commercial school the storyboard also includes how to present a scenario based lesson to a student. Each class ends with a discussion with the local Designated and FAA Pilot Examiners. All students get the endorsement for the FAA written exam.

While not all students who take our courses are actually seeking a pilot

rating, many of our students have gone on to earn their LTA private or commercial pilot certificate. We are seeing an increase in balloonists taking the courses as crew members to enhance their ballooning knowledge and current pilots wanting a good refresher. Both of these are great reasons to go attend a ground school.

We are excited about this increased interest in balloon training. It has been said that ballooning is dying, but not in Albuquerque! We are seeing a wonderful new interest in people of all ages taking balloon training and educational classes. We are enjoying every minute of it!

Fly safe and never stop learning.





# Upcoming U.S. Balloon Events

## June 8 - July 10, 2016

### **My Waterloo Days**

6/8/16 - 6/12/16  
Waterloo, IA

### **Thunder on the Water Festival**

6/8/16 - 6/12/16  
Grenada, MS

### **Balloon Dayz in Joplin**

6/10/16 - 6/12/16  
Joplin, MO

### **Hopkins County Dairy Festival**

6/10/16 - 6/12/16  
Sulphur Springs, TX

### **Springville Balloon Fest**

6/11/16 - 6/12/16  
Springville, UT

### **Thurston Classic**

6/16/16 - 6/18/16  
Meadville, PA

### **37th Annual Quechee Hot Air Balloon Craft and Music Festival**

6/17/16 - 6/19/16  
Quechee VT

### **Balloons Over Angel Fire**

6/17/16 - 6/19/16  
Angel Fire, NM

### **Great Galena Balloon Race**

6/17/16 - 6/19/16  
Galena, IL

### **Saratoga Balloon and Craft Festival**

6/17/16 - 6/19/16  
Ballston Spa, NY

### **Sevier County's Eyes to the Sky Balloon Festival**

6/17/16 - 6/19/16  
Salina, UT

### **Monroe Balloon & Blues Festival**

6/17/16 - 6/19/16  
Monroe, WI

### **16th Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic**

6/18/16 - 6/19/16  
Windsor, CA

### **Allstate Festival of Balloons in Tigard**

6/24/16 - 6/26/16  
Tigard, OR

### **Chester County Balloon Festival**

6/24/16 - 6/26/16  
Toughkenamon, PA

### **Jamesville Balloon Fest**

6/24/16 - 6/26/16  
Jamesville, NY

### **Michigan Challenge Balloonfest**

6/24/16 - 6/26/16  
Howell, MI

### **Frederick in Flight**

6/24/16 - 6/26/16  
Frederick, CO

### **Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival**

6/29/16 - 7/4/16  
Battle Creek, MI

### **Ashland BalloonFest**

6/30/16 - 7/3/16  
Ashland, OH

### **America's Freedom Festival**

7/1/16 - 7/4/16  
Provo, UT

### **Teton Valley Balloon Rally**

7/1/16 - 7/4/16  
Driggs, ID

### **Lisle Eyes to the Skies Festival**

7/1/16 - 7/3/16  
Lisle, IL

### **2016 International Bank Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally**

7/2/16 - 7/4/16  
Raton, NM

### **Wausau Balloon Rally and Glow**

7/7/16 - 7/10/16  
Wausau, WI

### **Hillsborough Balloon Festival**

7/7/16 - 7/10/16  
Hillsboro, NH

### **26th Annual Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival**

7/8/16 - 7/10/16  
Wappingers Falls, NY

### **Green River Festival**

7/8/16 - 7/10/16  
Greenfield, MA

### **Stoweflake's Annual Balloon Festival**

7/8/16 - 7/10/16  
Stowe, VT

### **Angola Balloons Aloft**

7/8/16 - 7/9/16  
Angola, Indiana

### **The Ohio Challenge**

7/8/16 - 7/9/16  
Middletown, OH

### **35th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rodeo**

7/9/16 - 7/10/16  
Steamboat Springs, CO





## BFA Membership Application for Mailing



WRITTEN BY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Join or renew your membership here or online at: [BFA Online Shop](#)

New Membership ( ) Renew My Membership ( )

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### Flying Status (choose one for all personal memberships)

( ) Commerical Pilot ( ) Private Pilot ( ) Student Pilot ( ) Crew ( ) Observer

### Personal Memberships (all voting except Juniors)

- ( ) With US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) ( ) With Int'l delivered magazine (\$65/yr)
- ( ) With Digital Magazine (\$35/yr) ( ) Life membership with magazine (\$1000 once)
- ( ) Family membership for two or more memberships in one family (Digital) (\$20/yr)
- ( ) Junior Balloonist (aged 5-18 with Digital Magazine) (\$15/yr)

### Non-Personal Memberships

- ( ) Corporate (\$250/yr) -Send business name/address/contact person/email logo to: [bfaoffice@bfa.net](mailto:bfaoffice@bfa.net)
- Associate Member (non-voting, for balloon clubs, libraries, balloon event organizations)
  - ( ) US delivered magazine (\$55/yr) ( ) Int'l with magazine (\$65/yr)
  - ( ) With Digital Magazine (\$35/yr)
- Professional Ride Operator Companies
  - ( ) Large Operator (4 pilots-\$250/yr) ( ) Small Operator (2 pilots-\$125/yr)

*PAYMENT INFORMATION - All International memberships & subscriptions must be in US funds.*

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check - Master Card - VISA - Discover - AMEX  
CC Account# \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_/\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please print application, complete and mail with payment to this address:

Balloon Federation of America  
P.O. Box 400, Indianola, IA. 50125 e-mail [bfaoffice@bfa.net](mailto:bfaoffice@bfa.net)

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