

The Quick Release

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US National Championship



**Congratulations
Rhett Heartsill!**



2018 US National Champion!

US Women's National Championship



Unfortunately, the weather won in Wisconsin. With wind and rain dominating the central part of the country the entire weekend, the 2018 US Women's National Hot Air Balloon Championship was unable to crown a winner.

Thank you to Ken Walter and the entire team in Waterford for their tireless efforts in organizing and running the event. Our female pilots are excited to participate in future competitions, as well as work together to foster women in competition.



Elections Now Open!



Elections are now open for online voting!

All BFA members as of July 5, 2018 are eligible to vote *except* Associate members and Junior Balloonists. Visit <https://www.balloteer.com/bp/bfa> to place your votes today! See e-mail sent July 23 for more details.

**Voting will end on August 25, 2018 at 8:00pm
Central Standard Time.**

Youth Camps

The 2018 Balloon camps are in the books! 39 campers total attended, with all of them getting to inflate, tether and fly! Mother nature this year was very good to both the Rio Grande camp in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Great Lakes Balloon camp in Waupaca, Wisconsin held at Spencer Lake. Pilots, counselors and team leaders from across the USA all came together to give the experience of a lifetime and invest in the future of ballooning.

Keep an eye out for next year's camp dates and locations for the next opportunity to further our sport! If you wish to support the camps with donations, please go online to BFA.net and click on the site store to find the youth donation button. Donations can also be sent to P.O Box 400 Indianola Iowa 50125





August 2018 Events

- 8/3/18 – 8/5/18 Midland Balloon Festival
- 8/3/18 – 8/5/18 Suncook Valley Rotary
Hot Air Balloon Rally
- 8/10/18 – 8/11/18 Sandy City Balloon Festival
- 8/10/18 – 8/12/18 Flag City BalloonFest
- 8/17/18 – 8/19/18 Centralia Balloon Fest
- 8/18/18 – 8/19/18 Top Gun Monthly Flying Event
- 8/24/18 – 8/26/18 Kalamazoo Balloon Fest
- 8/25/18 – 8/26/18 Olympic-Peninsula Air Affaire
& Sequim Valley Fly-in
- 8/25/18 – 8/26/18 Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival
- 8/30/18 – 9/3/18 The Gatineau Hot Air Balloon Festival
- 8/31/18 – 9/3/18 42nd Great Pershing Balloon Derby



**Fly safe &
remember to
stay hydrated!**

Want more information on these events? Visit
<https://bfa.net/index.php/events5/all-event-list?limitstart=0>

Don't see your event listed? Visit
<https://bfa.net/index.php/events5/submit-a-calendar-event>

Welcome our newest BFA Members!



- Blake Aldridge (Longview, TX)
- COX USA (Corporate in Austin, TX)
- Daniel Schulz (Belen, NM)
- Dar Farzad (Endicott, NY)
- Erik Kiehle (Meridian, MS)
- Janet Brossett (Midland, GA)
- Mark Fox (Cocoa Beach, FL)
- Matt Torgerson (Louisville, KY)
- Paul Haynes (Bismarck, IL)
- Richard Locklin (Clovis, CA)
- Tim Matykiewicz (Phoenix, AZ)
- Uwe Goehl (Abu Dhabi)
- Yvonne Lydick (Lawrenceville, GA)

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