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2019 BFA Election Timeline

Appointment of nominating committees by
President of Division Chair on or before
May 1, 2019

Report of nominating committee to the Board
on or before
June 10, 2019

Cut-off for voter eligibility
July 8, 2019

Nomination by petition on or before
July 10, 2019

Ballots mailed
July 26, 2019

Online Ballot opens
July 29 at 6 a.m. CST

Paper Ballots returned no later than
August 28, 2019
Closes at 10 p.m. CST

Count ballots on August 30, 2019

Notify candidates of results
September 6, 2019

Announce results by email and website by
September 9, 2018



2019 BFA Board Election Nominating Committees

Great Lakes Region Director

Dean Carlton (chair) dean@heritagedevelop.com
Tony Sandlin tony@midwestballoonrides.com
Penny Suttle suttlep@roadrunner.com

Southwest Region

Cheri White (chair) cheri.white@usa.net
Bill Broker wbballooning@yahoo.com
Caryn Welz carynwelz@gmail.com

At Large

Maury Sullivan (chair) tequilatom@aol.com
Dawn Chase dawnchase5683@gmail.com
Sam Parks sparks@balloonfiesta.com

2019 BFA HACD Election Committees

Western Region Director

Jeff Giles (chair) gobuoyant@gmail.com
Michael Glen mglen42@rollingpilot.com
Katie Griggs katiegriggs1ta@gmail.com

HACD At Large

Brad Craig (chair) bcraig75@hotmail.com
Leroy Clair lclair@abcelectric.com
Tim Cloyd tecvisions@hotmail.com

HACD NE Region

Ted Watts (chair) tedwatts72@gmail.com
Mark MacSkimming eagle7@aol.com

2019 Gas Division Nominating Committee

Mike Emich (chair) emichmike@aol.com
Andy Baird baird@cameronballoons.com
Louis Vitanza louisvitanza@hotmail.com



Letter from the President...



Dear Members,

A number of members have called asking about the FAA's regulatory action now that we have passed the 180-day deadline specified in the Reauthorization Act.

As previously reported, the FAA goes through a thorough risk assessment in order to prioritize all of its activities. New regulations regarding medicals for ballooning are not the lowest priority, but also not the highest, therefore there are other regulatory projects that are ahead of us in the queue.

It appears that none of the regulatory projects currently in the works are at or very near completion and knowing that each project typically takes many months to complete, it is reasonable to estimate that we will not see regulatory changes this summer.

It's impossible to estimate what will happen after that time frame because the FAA constantly re-evaluates its priorities according to safety impact.

We continue to have regular meeting with the FAA to discuss this and other balloon-related topics and will keep the balloon community informed as new information is available.

Best regards,
Cheri White
BFA President
president@bfa.net

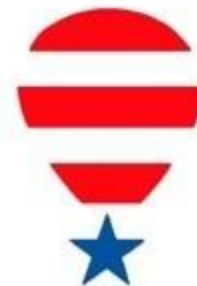


Balloons over Horseshoe Bay Resort, Texas





WELCOME NEW BFA MEMBERS



Megan Ulbricht	Peoria Heights, IL
Josephy Rhamey	Twin Lakes, WI
Michael Nienow	Rochester, MN
Mehmet Atar	Vernon Rockville, CT
Randall Bost	Arkadelphia, AR
Richard Davenport	Longwood, FL
Benjamin Drennan	Cordele, GA
Randall Fisher	Shepherdsville, KY
Kristie Darling	Cleveland, NC
Lynne Blevins	Hutto, TX
Chris Winn	Newberg, OR

Daniel Keith	Hamilton, OH
Audra Pedersen	Twin Lakes, WI
Sophia Gwin	Hot Springs, SD
Mark Woodard	Hookstown, PA
Charles Blair Sr.	Neward, DE
Clovis Junior Kerber	Saint Cloud, FL
William Lambert	Louisville, KY
Michael Teis	Candler, NC
Howard Morgenstern	Albuquerque, NM
Scott Ashby	Meridian, ID
Colby Gibson	Highland, UT

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating a Life

Tracy Barnes

February 21, 1939 ~ January 20, 2019

June 22, 2019
Statesville, NC
...details to follow...



AWARDS

Ed Yost Master Pilot Award 40 years of Balloon Flying Recipient, David Tanzer

At the 2019 NYSBA Safety Seminar

Mick Murphy presented David Tanzer with the BFA Ed Yost Award. The BFA's Ed Yost Master Pilot Award recognizes lighter than air (LTA) pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 40 or more consecutive years as active pilots. www.bfa.net



May 2019 Events

May 3-5
May 10-12
May 17-19
May 17-19
May 24-27
May 25-26
May 25-27
May 30- Jun 1
May 31-Jun 2
May 31-Jun 2

Annual Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival
Vernal DinaSOAR Balloon Festival
Tailwind Regional Balloon Fest
Winnemucca Balloon Festival
Balloons Over Bavarian Inn
Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic
Rio Grande Classic
Helen to the Atlantic Balloon Race
Grants Pass Hot Air Balloon & Kite Festival
Carson City Frontier Days Hot Air Balloon Shoot Out

Foley, AL
Vernal, UT
Canton, TX
Winnemucca, NV
Frankenmuth, MI
Decatur, AL
Albuquerque, NM
Helen, GA
Grant Pass, OR
Carson City, MI

FAR/AIM QUIZ

Question: Do you know what the regulations are for flying different Airspaces?
Class C is a regularly flown Airspace for LTA, what are the regulations?

Find answer at: FAR/AIM 2019

(Look for answer in May's QR)

LAST MONTHS QUIZ & ANSWER

Question: What are the criteria to be nominated for the National Crew Person award?

Answer: at www.bfa.net



2019 Camps Scheduled

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!!

Register NOW!!

High Sierra Camp - Reno, NV June 23 -28th, 2019

Keystone State Camp-Factoryville, Pennsylvania July 6th - 11th, 2019

FULL! Rio Grande Camp-Albuquerque, New Mexico July 13th - 18th, 2019 **FULL!**



BFA Members flying Vernal, Utah



Anthony Seeger, Anderson, SC



Jenn Korchmar-Podruski, High River, Alberta, CA



The BFA's annual
Online Seminar
will be available for
viewing starting
Saturday, April 27, 2019

Register Today www.bfa.net/2019-online-seminar

By request from many previous seminar attendees, we are providing the 2019 Online Seminar in Video format. Starting April 27th, viewers will be able to watch pre-recorded video segments at their own pace and in their own time zone (*no more waking up at 4:30am on the west coast!*).

Of course, the BFA highly recommends that balloonists attend their local face-to-face seminar if possible. We try to schedule the online seminar later in the Spring to allow those who missed a local seminar to be able to complete a course.

We also recommend watching the seminar in groups if possible. The interaction with others often enhances the experience. We know of several balloon clubs and groups that meet somewhere with a big screen and share the experience together.

Once all 7 videos have been watched; the participants will take a short test to verify attendance. Don't worry, if you are paying attention you will do just fine. Once completed the attendance information will be sent to the registered person's insurance company.

Speaker List:

- Sam Parks - Albuquerque, NM - Aeronautical Decision Making
- Bill Smith - Louisville, KY - Flight Operations
- Tamie Folley - Salt Lake, UT - Ground & Crew Safety
- Ryan Carlton - Danville, IL - Weather on the Web
- Scott Wooge - St. Louis, MO - Maintenance & Repair Jeopardy
- Tony Sandlin - Fishers, IN - Commercial Lessons for Regular Flights
- Dean Carlton - Danville, IL - Accident Review and Analysis

**Zechariah Hargrave, receiving an instruction
flight from Paul Olguin, Casa Grande, AZ**



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