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BFA U.S. Nationals

Congratulations to Rhett Heartsill, winner of the 2019 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship. This is his third time taking home the Piccard Memorial Trophy, having previously won the US Nationals in 2016 and 2018.

The top-10 finishers are listed below. The complete results for the 12-task event are available at <https://watchmefly.net/events/event.php?e=usa2019>



2019 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship

- 1st - Rhett Heartsill
- 2nd - Joe Heartsill
- 3rd - Todd Isley
- 4th - John Petrehn
- 5th - Brad Craig
- 6th - Andy Baird
- 7th - Joe Zvada
- 8th - Nick Donner
- 9th - Paul Petrehn
- 10th - Scott Armstrong



REFER A FRIEND



Are you BFA?

Now through December 31 for every new member a BFA member signs up they will receive \$10.00 in BFA Balloon Bucks. (\$50 maximum allowed credit) Rewards can be redeemed for cost reduction of: BFA Membership, BFA Convention Registration, and BFA Online Safety Seminar. Members must contact Jill with referral information in order to get credit.

bfaoffice@bfa.net or 515-961-8809

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Practice flight GTBR 2019

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

2019 BFA Election

Paper Ballots returned no later than

August 28, 2019

On-line 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

An email from the BFA was sent with voting instructions. Contact Jill at (515) 961-8809 for assistance.



Balloon Federation of America
PO Box 400
Indianola, Iowa

August 22, 2019

Dear Members,

In our monthly call with the FAA last Tuesday, we were informed that the FAA has started the rulemaking process to enact the "Commercial Balloon Pilot Safety Act of 2018". This Act was included in the FAA Reauthorization Act signed by the President on October 5th, 2018.

The rulemaking will go through the normal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) process so pilots and industry will have the opportunity to comment. Once the NPRM is released, we will send you the link so you may send a response to the FAA. At this point the exact language of the rule has not been determined, but we do know it is in keeping with the Commercial Balloon Pilot Safety Act of 2018. Once the language has been released, the BFA will be able to provide more specific comments.

While the timing is not certain, we anticipate the NPRM will be released by the end of this year or early in 2020 and will take much of the year to complete the comment period, subsequent review of comments, and then the release of the final rule language.

In the meantime, in addition to working on preparing our response to the NPRM, the BFA has formed a committee to produce various articles on Class II Medicals. We will also be setting up webinars to help answer member questions regarding medicals and procedures to procure an exemption. This will also be a topic at one of the AIBF mini seminars this year at Fiesta. John Dewitt will be presenting on "Airman Medicals" and "Disqualifying Medications" at the Balloon Discovery Center. We will keep all members informed as new information is available.

Sincerely,

Call to Action Committee

Andy Baird Co-Chairman, Past BFA President | Sam Parks, Co-Chairman and Past BFA President | Cheri White, BFA President and Southwest Director | Pat Cannon, BFA Government Relations / Mark West, BFA At Large Director | Tony Sandlin, BFA PRO Division President | Matt McClinton, BFA PRO Division Southeast Director



RECOGNITION



**Bill Smith of Simpsonville, KY
Achieved BFA PAAP Level 8**

Congratulations Bill!

Level 8 is the highest level to achieve in the Pilot Achievement Award Program.

For more information about the PAAP click here:

<https://bfa.net/education-training/achievement-programs>

New LTA Pilots

Sean Eakin of Cameron, NC
Cyndee Howard of Dubai, UAE
Brittany Campbell of Albuquerque, NM

New pilots are eligible for a one-year free electronic BFA membership. To receive this, please call the BFA office at (515) 961-8809 to set up your FREE membership. If your name does not appear here, please have your DPE contact the BFA office.



FAR/AIM QUIZ

Question: Where in the FAR/AIM 2019 would you find your basic VFR weather minimums?

(Look for answer in September's QR)

LAST MONTHS QUIZ & ANSWER

Question: If the FAA issues you a temporary certificate, how long is it valid for?

Answer: 61.17

A temporary pilot, flight instructor, or ground instructor certificate or rating is issued for up to 120 days, at which time a permanent certificate will be issued to a person whom the administrator finds qualified under this part.

See 61.17 for additional information



FAVIA 225 sponsored BFA Lifetime memberships to three outstanding young aeronauts for their contributions to the 2019 BFA Youth Camps. Your spirit and contribution to the BFA and ballooning are very admirable!



Duncan Duнавent
High Sierra Balloon Camp
Reno, NV



Jane Miller
Keystone State Balloon Camp
Factoryville, PA



Breezy Cannaday
Rio Grande Balloon Camp
Albuquerque, NM

September Events

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| 8/30-9/1: | Windsor Harvest Festival | Windsor, CO |
| 8/30-9/2: | 43 rd Great Pershing Balloon Derby | Brookfield, MO |
| 8/30-9/2: | 2019 Woman's Nationals | Brookfield, MO |
| 8/31-9/2: | Labor Day Lift Off | Colorado Springs, CO |
| 9/5-9/8: | The Great Reno Balloon Race | Reno, NV |
| 9/6-9/8: | Council Bluffs Field of Flight | Council Bluffs, IA |
| 9/6-9/9: | The Annual Arkansas Hot Air Balloon State Championship | Harrison, AR |
| 9/20-9/22: | Balloons Over Bay Harbor | Petoskey, MI |
| 9/20-9/22: | Intouch Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival & Run | Plano, TX |
| 9/22 | Top Gun Monthly Flying Event | Albuquerque, NM |
| 9/25-9/30: | Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival | High River, Alberta, Canada |

Having Trouble After a Mishap?

By Gordon Schwontkowski

Bad landing, passenger injury, power line strike – just SEEING one of these can rattle the best pilot or crew long-term. So how do you get back in the saddle? Check out the BFA website link below for an in-depth look at recovery, resilience, and reassurance to get you back in the air. We hope you never need this but want to make it available to anyone who might benefit from it. And watch for an upcoming article in Ballooning Magazine on the same topic. Stay safe and have an awesome flying season! <https://tinyurl.com/aftertheaccident>



WELCOME NEW BFA MEMBERS



Shawn Knickerbocker
Andrew Petrehn
Greg Logan
Sean Eakin
Carry McGill
Bruce Patterson
James Oliver
Karen Haynie
James Haynie
Cathy Dudgeon
Cyndee Howard

Clermont, FL
Eagle, Idaho
Topeka, KS
Cameron, NC
Tohatchi, NM
Las Vegas, NV
Canandaigua, NY
Mountain Home, TX
Mountain Home, TX
High River, Alberta, CA
Dubai, UAE

Glenn Thomas Crestview, FL
Scott Spencer Boise, ID
William Sterner Oxford, MI
David Spais Willingboro, NJ
Ryan Evans Sparks, NV
Ed Heltshe Conestoga, PA
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