

The Quick Release

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BFA Board Elections are right around the corner. Are you interested in running for one of the many open positions?

Please contact Jill at the BFA office for more information. (515) 961-8809 or bfaoffice@bfa.net

BFA Board Positions Available

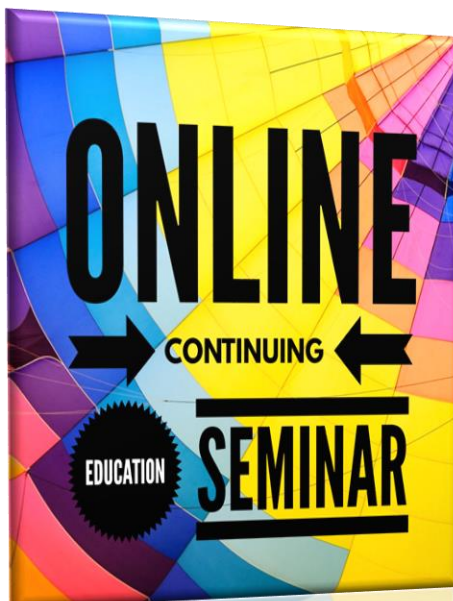
Southeast Region Director
North Central Region Director
At-Large Director

HACD Board

Southeast Region Director
North Central Region Director
At-Large Director

Gas Board

2 Positions open



**2021 BFA Online
Safety Seminar**

AVAILABLE NOW!

<https://bfa.net/education-training/online-seminar-reg-2021>



2021 BFA Youth Camps

High Sierra Balloon Camp Availability
Reno, NV - June 20-25, 2021

Southeastern Balloon Camp Availability
Gaffney, SC - June 22-27, 2021

Rio Grande Balloon Camp Availability
Albuquerque, NM - July 10-15, 2021

For more information:

<https://bfa.net/bfa-summer-camps>

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Albuquerque, NM camp will now be a day camp. Camp will start at 6am and be a day filled with balloon activities and learning and end for the day in the late afternoon. Please contact Katie Griggs at katiegriggslta@gmail.com or directly with the Rio Grande Balloon Camp for details.

The High Sierra Balloon Camp and Southeastern Balloon Camp will remain traditional overnight camps.



Are you an LTA pilot, 29 years old or younger? Interested in competition flying?
The Balloon Federation of America Junior Nationals and Young Gun National Championship is being held June 17 to 20, 2021 in Longview, Texas. <https://www.gtbr.net/>



WELCOME NEW BFA MEMBERS



Elizabeth McClurg
Tony Condon
Keary Hoff
Shari Adair
Zachary Weindel
Rex Smart
Anna Monroe
Michael Perkins
Bronson Kelly
Ryan Cooke

Ashland, OH
Wichita, KS
Bismarck, ND
Skillman, NJ
Providence, RI
Albuquerque, NM
Tulsa, OK
Las Vegas, NV
Alpine, UT
Heber City, UT

Ashley Buss
Edgar Newberg
Andrew Breffelh
Scott Schiffres
Ruth Austin
William Snipes
Elisa Smith
Raphael Hayes
Jim Harmer

Deer Trail, CO
Hector, MN
Jackson, WY
Vestal, NY
Raleigh, NC
Edmond, OK
Garland, TX
Portland, OR
St. George, UT



Submitted by Emily Moroney



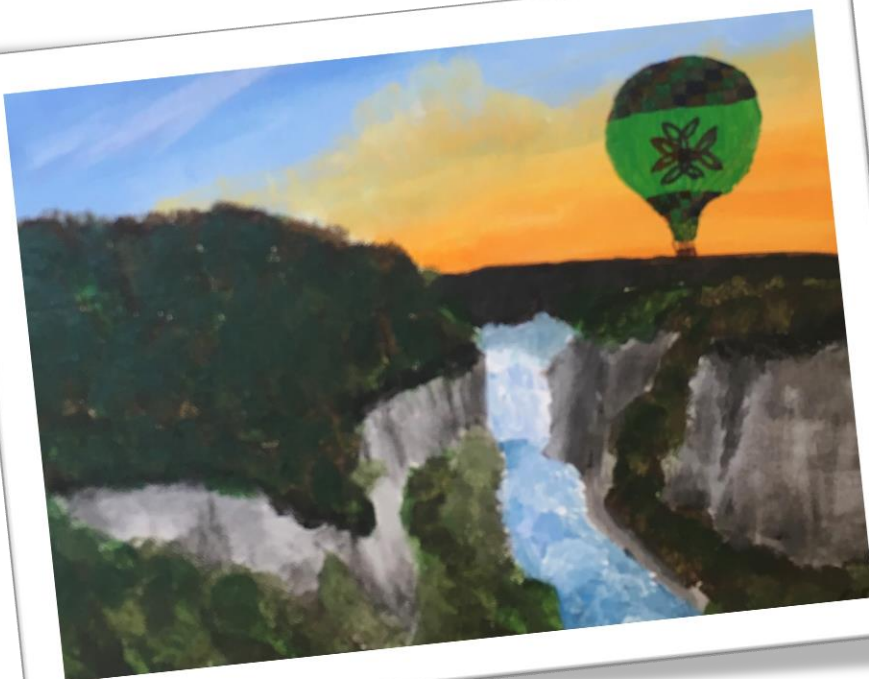
Submitted by Zoe Grant

2021 BFA Art Contest

Paint, draw, build, and create your hot air balloon themed art project! We cannot wait to see what you come up with this year.

Entries will be accepted until May 31st, 2021. There are 4 categories: Pre-K to 2nd grade, 3rd grade to 6th grade, 7th grade to 9th grade, and 10th grade to 12th grade. Each category will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize of Amazon gift cards. Email a photo of your entry to bfaballooning@gmail.com

Art projects pictured here are from the 2020 contest.



Submitted by Courtney Ellsworth



Submitted by Bella Norton

Looking for Resources to Help with Your Flying Proficiency?

By Kent Barnes

The FAA, you know the agency we love to hate, has developed their **WINGS Program** to address accident causal factors that plague the general aviation community. The Wings Program is not a simple “Award” program but is instead a true proficiency program, designed to help improve our skills and knowledge as pilots.

The **WINGS** - Pilot Proficiency Program is based on the premise that pilots who maintain currency and proficiency in the basics of flight will enjoy a safer and more stress-free flying experience. When joining the program, you select the category and class of aircraft in which you wish to receive training and in which you wish to demonstrate your flight proficiency.

The program encourages pilots to develop their own on-going training program that provides an opportunity to fly on a regular basis with an authorized flight instructor. The program is most effective if the training is accomplished regularly throughout the year, thus affording you the opportunity to fly in different seasons and in different flight conditions.

Reviewing and refreshing your knowledge is just as important as actual flying. To meet this goal, we provide you many opportunities to complete online courses, attend seminars and other events, and participate in webinars. While you will find courses and activities for all types of pilots, fixed wing, rotor, glider, and remote pilots, some of the knowledge courses and activities that are focused on the ballooning community include but are not limited to:

- Lighter than Air Outreach Series - Propane/Fire Safety
- Balloon Aeronautical Decision Making
- Lighter than Air Outreach Series - Airport Communications
- ADM for LTA Free Balloons
- Hot Air Balloon Maintenance for Pilots

Additionally, there are outlines for flight activities that can be used when conducting a flight review or proficiency check. These include but are not limited to:

- Flying Skills (Comm'I, PVT, Sport Pilot)
- Preflight Planning and Preparation (Pvt, Comm'I)
- Preflight Planning & Preparation & Launches & Landing (Comm'I, PVT, Sport Pilot)

It is important to note that completion of any Phase of WINGS (three knowledge activities and three flight activities) satisfies the requirement for a flight review. So not only will you complete a review of the most common weak areas that have led others to the accident site, but you end up with a flight review, as well!

Head on over to www.FAASafety.gov and look at the wealth of programs that are focused on keeping you proficient as a pilot.

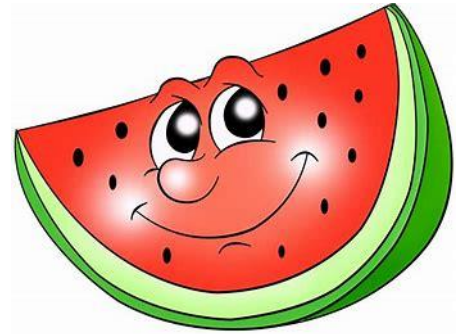
Photo Credit: Andrea Meyer

**Paul Olguin flying in Chandler, AZ in 2017
Paul has earned his Master Wings through
the WINGS program.**



JUNE EVENTS

6/8-13:	2021 BFA US Team National Championship	Shreveport, LA
6/10-12:	Springville Art City Days	Springville, UT
6/10-12:	Coshocton Hot Air Festival	Coshocton, OH
6/17-20:	Great Texas Balloon Race	Longview, TX
6/17-20:	US National Junior Championship & Young Guns	Longview, TX
6/18-20:	"Eyes to the Sky"	
6/18-20:	Watermelon Days Hot Air Balloon Festival	Cordele, GA
6/18-20:	Hudsonville Balloon Days	Hudsonville, MI
6/18-20:	The Bluff City Balloon Jamboree	Collierville, TN
6/25-27:	Panguitch Valley Balloon Rally	Panguitch, UT



A FAR Question

Right-of-way in an Overtaking aircraft situation? Who has right-of-way?

Hint: 91.113(f)

(Look for answer in June 2021 issue)

LAST MONTHS QUIZ & ANSWER

Question: When logging training time (in logbook) what must be included in the description of the training given?

Answer: 61.51h(ii) Include a description of the training given, the length of training lesson and the authorized instructor's signature, certificate number and expiration date.



NATIONAL
BALLOON
MUSEUM

US Ballooning Hall of Fame

Will be celebrated on Sunday, August 1, 2021
Noon to 3:00.

2020 Inductees

Mark Sullivan and Coy Foster

2021 Inductees

Bert Padelt, Richard Jaworski, and Julian Nott

Come help us honor these Ballooning Pioneers!!

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