



# The Quick Release

## From Your President....

As your new president of the BFA, I would like to introduce myself to you and provide a little background. I have been in professional aviation for over 54 years and ballooning for over 41 years. Most of my experience surrounds certification of aircraft, test flight, training programs and working with aviation groups on safety culture programs. I have been a DPE for 49 of those years and have been involved in the FAASTeam programs for 48 years. I have worked on regulation and policy with the FAA for the last 30 years and continue to work with the FAA on behalf of the BFA regarding the current issues with the second class medical, FAA oversight and others.

I believe in communication and transparency and to that end the BFA will be communicating the activities of the board on a regular basis through the magazine, website, and social media. The BFA has so many great programs ranging from our youth programs, seminar, and training programs, to competition, record attempts, reward and recognition programs and many others. We will strive to keep you informed on all of them.

Currently we are concentrating on communication with the FAA and NTSB regarding pending rule making mandated by Congress and stemming from the Lockhart accident. These discussions have been ongoing since Lockhart and have been ramped up lately because of the more recent fatalities in Albuquerque. The BFA will be releasing a statement with the next few days regarding our communication with the FAA division responsible for the second-class medical requirement. Please rest assured that we are working with the FAA daily on your behalf and to retain the integrity of this incredible sport.

I look forward to working with you over this next couple of years.

Pat Cannon  
President



Photo Credit: Steve Lombardi  
Location: Plano, TX



# AWARDS



Every year at the BFA's Annual General Meeting numerous awards are presented to deserving balloonists. For a list of all the recipients and the awards presented along with more information on the awards and additional recipients please visit [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net)



Dr. Bill Bussey presented with the FAA's Wright Brother's Award.



Dave Sullivan presented with the Shields-Trauger awards.



Penny & Paul Suttle presented with the 2021 Bill Murtorff Spirit of Ballooning award.



Tamie Shrum presented with the President's award



Dale Axtell presented with the National Crew Person of the Year

# Introducing the BFA Board of Directors



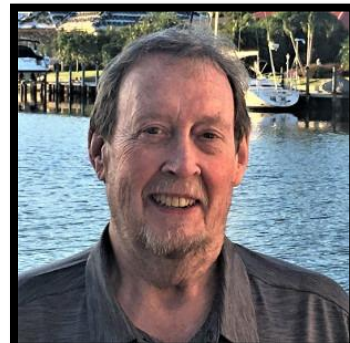
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President, At Large Director



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Secretary, North Central  
Director



Maury Sullivan  
Appointed Treasurer



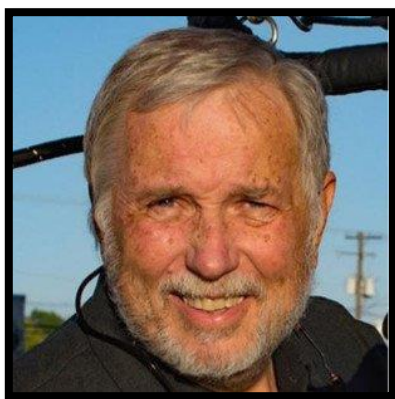
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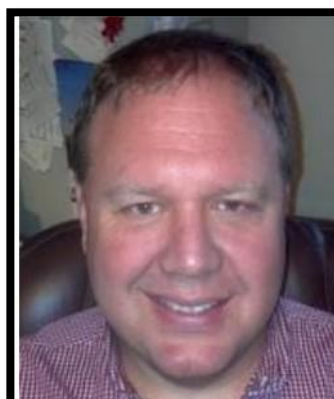
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Kent Barnes  
Western Region Director



Al Reusch  
Great Lakes Region Director



Tony Saxton  
Northeast Region Director



Tom Warren  
Southeast Region Director

**WINNER**

# WHAT'S THE WORD CONTEST

We have a Word (and a winner)!

Congratulations to Paul Dale with his submission of the word "**Release!**" Paul and the Committee encourage you to make Release! a common word with all of your crew once your balloon is standing up. Paul was chosen from a random drawing of all the people that submitted the word Release.



Photo credit: Paul D. deBerjeois  
Steamboat Springs, CO 2018

Paul D deBerjeois  
[www.ColorBandit.com](http://www.ColorBandit.com)

# WELCOME NEW BFA MEMBERS



Scott Adams  
Marissa Vereb  
Jim Kosinski  
William Caldwell  
Gabe Cook  
Landon Patty  
Domini Turner

Hudson, WI  
Tampa, FL  
Bosque Farms, NM  
Vernal, UT  
Vernal, UT  
Lapoint, UT  
Cottonwood, UT

Howard Miller  
Mark Yocom  
Kevin Palmer  
Emily Caldwell  
Tessah McKee  
Zachary Shiner

Atmore, AL  
New Mexico  
Reno, NV  
Vernal, UT  
Tridell, UT  
Vernal, UT



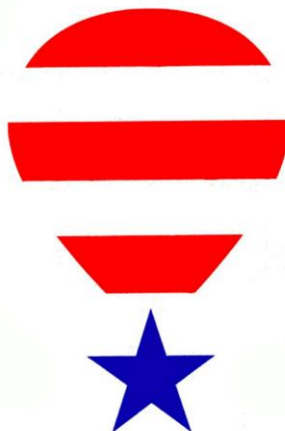
## Crew Achievement Award Program

Cassandra Schad  
Suzie Bledsoe  
Joy Sibayan

Crew Level I  
Crew Level I  
Crew Chief Level III

*For more information in participating in the PAAP or the CAAP please go to: [www.bfa.net](http://www.bfa.net) under the education tab.*

## HELP WANTED



### Proofreaders needed!

Glen Moyer, editor of *Ballooning* magazine, is seeking individuals interested in assisting him with proofreading the magazine prior to it going to print. This requires a solid knowledge of spelling, grammar, and punctuation with the time and ability to turn work around on tight deadlines. This is a volunteer position. If you are interested, please contact Glen at [editor@bfa.net](mailto:editor@bfa.net)

# Let's Fly!

After a year of uncertainty balloons are again taking to the sky and the BFA National Convention is ready to launch!

- Celebrate 60(+1) years of ballooning excellence
- Continuing Education
- Presentations by Industry Leaders
- Fun and Fellowship (remember that?)

**Join us!**  
**April 7-9, 2022**  
**Topeka, Kansas**

**Registration  
Re-opens  
OCTOBER 1ST!**

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## A FAR Question

**What is the penalty for drug or alcohol offenses?**

**Hint: 61.15**

*(Look for answer in November 2021 issue)*

**Last Month's Question & Answer: 91.151**

**Question:** How much fuel must you have on board to fly to the first point of intended landing, assuming normal cruising speed?

**Answer:** During the day, to fly after that for 30 minutes: At night to fly after that for 45 minutes.



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