



# *AeroStats*

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Willamette Aerostat Society**

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# Elevate Your Spirits!

## Join Us for the November WAS meeting!



**Saturday,  
November 9th, 2024  
2:00 PM**

**Nut Tree Ranch Activity Building  
2902 E. 2nd Street  
Newberg, Oregon**

**See you there!**

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# Willamette Aerostat Society Secretary/Treasurer's Report

## WAS September 21, 2024 Meeting

<https://wasballoon.org/>

1. **Call to Order: 2:07pm**
2. **Approval of Minutes**  
(May 18, 2024 – in June newsletter)
3. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. 79 paid members
  - b. Bank balance \$2,550.81
4. **Correspondence**
  - a. Laura Hancock is selling her balloon
  - b. Jack and Sallie have been looking for system for students and community to rent
  - c. Discussion re: sharing ownership
5. **News, Regulatory**
  - a. BFA is working on a plan to approach the FAA to update Part 91.119
  - b. Sallie is now BFA Treasurer
  - c. Spotlight on Crew – Sallie – latest BFA magazine
6. **Upcoming Events**
  - a. November meeting – November 9 at 2pm in Newberg
  - b. December meeting – December 7, Loflin house
    - i. Details to follow
  - c. Balloon Fiesta – October 5-13
  - d. Safety Seminar
    - i. Tim has started planning – reach out to him if you want to help
    - ii. Pat Cannon from BFA will be in attendance
    - iii. Other topics discussed
7. **Old and New Business**
  - a. Bylaw amendment proposal – in latest edition of newsletter. Please read. If you have questions reach out to Larry Simburger
  - b. AOY and COY – please start thinking about your nominees and send nominations to Sallie by **December 1**
  - c. Executive Committee Elections – President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer
    - i. Please send your nominations to Sallie by **October 15**
  - d. Meeting topics for upcoming meetings
    - i. See May 2024 newsletter for topic ideas. If you want to speak on something, let Sallie know
    - ii. November meeting - Hidden costs of owning a balloon
    - iii. December meeting – flying a dawn patrol flight – Jack
    - iv. January meeting – Check ride debrief – Devin, Justin, Sherrie, Ryan/Jessica
    - v. February meeting – Retiring – Marianne
    - vi. April meeting – trailer setups – David
    - vii. May meeting – crew topics – Sallie and Joy
8. **Adjourn: 3:01pm**

## Help WAS Fly Higher: Volunteer for the Executive Committee



Send an email to [prez@wasballoon.org](mailto:prez@wasballoon.org)  
Tell Sallie you are willing to step up.



# Happenings

in the Pacific Northwest and beyond



Event information in this newsletter is *not* to be considered as an endorsement by WAS, its officers, or its members.

## Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, 2:00 PM WAS Meeting

Nut Tree Ranch Activity Building  
2902 E. 2nd Street,  
Newberg, Oregon  
(We will be voting on by-law changes at this meeting. You can only vote by being there in person or by logging into the online link.)

## WAS Annual Holiday Party! December 7, 2024

1:30 PM  
Loflin's Home  
Albany, Oregon  
Please RSVP to [prez@wasballoon.org](mailto:prez@wasballoon.org)

March 8, 2025  
2025 Pacific Northwest Safety Seminar  
ALC Bridge Building at 812 N. 2 Street, Jefferson, Oregon  
Contact: Tim Gale  
[habsafety@icloud.com](mailto:habsafety@icloud.com)

## Time for Executive Committee Elections

It's the time of year when Wilamette Aerostat Society is seeking new executive committee members. Do you know someone who will work to keep WAS strong? Please submit their name — *or your own name* — to Sallie Loflin at [prez@wasballoon.org](mailto:prez@wasballoon.org).

The slate needs to be set soon, so please contact Sallie right away. Ballots need to go out to all current members by **Friday, November 15th**.

## Discover The Updated WAS website

A few years ago, WAS was spending over \$250 per year to keep the website. We've been able to reduce that cost to less than \$10 per year by hosting it on a different server. We were also able to regain the [wasballoon.org](http://wasballoon.org) URL. The website contains a lot of useful information, some available to all, some only available to WAS members.

### Website information available to everyone:

- Red zone map
- Ground and crew safety information
- List of balloon events
- Information on learning to crew
- Information on learning to fly

### We've also tried to entice new members by making additional information available to WAS members only, such as:

- Aerostats Newsletters, including previous newsletters back to 2010
- Green zone maps - places where land owners welcome us!
- Detailed information for instructors
- Safety Seminar Presentations

The goal is to provide some incentive for people to join WAS. The newsletter is a great source of information and green zone maps are

extremely valuable when flying. In order to prevent non-WAS members from accessing those resources, we password protected certain areas of the website. This seems to have caused some confusion for folks, resulting in the password being removed at times to allow members easy access.

### Please keep in mind the following information regarding password protected areas of the website:

- The password, since inception, has not changed. It is currently the year WAS was founded, 1998. If prompted for a password, enter 1998 - no quotes, no spaces, nothing but the 4 characters that make up 1998.
- The password does not change on a monthly basis. The password will remain the same for the entire year, and only change on the 1st of the year when your WAS membership is renewed.
- The password will be sent to you via email when you join WAS or renew your membership.
- Please do not share the password with anyone that is not a WAS member.
- If the password is not working, try restarting your browser and clearing your cache.

# WAS Bylaws Proposal

## Subject: Proposal to add a Hall of Fame (HOF) Award to the WAS Club By-Laws

**Rationale:** *There are Balloonists and Balloon Supporters that have made amazing and enduring contributions to the sport of Ballooning. Their contributions, if not acknowledged and documented, will be lost in time. We are enjoying this sport today because of the many contributions, time, energy and sacrifices of those who went before us. It is my proposal to add a Willamette Aerostat Society Hall Of Fame section to our bylaws.*

### Award Criteria:

The WAS HOF candidate shall have:

Been a member of the WAS club for at least 5 years (see Honorable Mention proposal below).

Made significant contributions to the Sport of Ballooning, in the areas of (but not limited to); Safety, Ambassador of the sport of Ballooning, Pilot and Crew Training, Landowner Relations, Balloon Festival Planning, Home Building...

I believe the following people should be considered as charter or first year inductees:

- Bob LeDoux
- Mike Layman,
- Rod Purdum
- Brick Morgan
- Ted Wirch

Honorable Mention Category for those who may meet all the criteria above with the exception of having been a WAS club member for 5 years. The thinking is then we capture the balloon contributions and stories of those important influencers who also supported ballooning in the Pacific Northwest. Examples would include:

- Gladys Buroker - Aviation Pioneer  
- Balloon Pilot <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnDa-LxPTpE>
- Tim Moon - Portland FSDO Examiner
- Luana Sever - Balloon Pilot and repair station Auburn WA

### Nomination Process:

The WAS HOF award process will follow the award rules as other WAS Award candidates. Anyone who meets the above criteria can be nominated. The

Nomination must describe the contributions of the candidate so the WAS membership has enough information to make an informed decision. The WAS membership would then vote and a 2/3 majority would be required for the candidate to receive the award.

### WAS HOF Award:

A plaque will be created and granted to those WAS HOF Award winners who are still alive. The WAS website shall be updated to include a WAS HOF section which would list the HOF along with their biographies and photos/videos.

### Getting Started:

I propose the first year of WAS HOF be open to any number of candidates and subsequent years be limited to no more than 3 WAS HOF nominations. If there are more than 3 candidates submitted then the WAS Officers will down select to 3 for the WAS membership to vote on.

I hope you are open to this addition to our club. If you have any questions, please feel free to reply to this message or call me. THANKS!

*Blue Skies and Soft Landings*  
*Larry Simburger*  
425-879-6030

***By-law changes must be published in the WAS newsletter, AeroStats, two months in a row, before the proposal is voted on in a regular meeting. This was the first time this change has been put in the newsletter. The vote will happen at the November meeting.***

***Next WAS Meeting is set for Saturday,  
November 9, 2024, at 2:00 PM  
Nut Tree Ranch Activity Building  
2902 E. 2nd Street, Newberg, OR***

# HELLO!

Shari Gale twisted my arm and Sallie Loflin said it was all my fault... and so I am sitting here writing an article for the WAS club concerning news from the BFA.

The BFA appointed/elected new officers on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sallie was appointed as Treasurer — this was a promotion from her volunteer position as Accountant/Bookkeeper. I am getting blamed for this, but I had little to do with her much deserved appointment to the Treasurer position. It was her talent and executive skills that others also saw and asked her to serve as Treasurer. I was elected to the Vice President position. Both Sallie and I will be serving on the Executive Board with newly elected BFA President Jason Jones, from Overland Park, Kansas, and newly elected BFA Secretary, Elisa Talbert from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For the first time in several years we have an operating budget for the BFA. This is something I have been supporting but was mainly accomplished by Sallie. Thank you Sallie!

There have been several amazing donations in the last two years. Most notably, the Winker family and estate of Jim Winker donated a total of \$350,000 to the BFA this year. Jim Winker was an amazing person and pioneer in the modern hot air balloon revival, he was inducted into the National Balloon Museum Hall of Fame in 2009. (<https://www.nationalballoonmuseum.com/hall-of-fame/>) We will be working hard to make sure these endowments go as far as they can.

## From the BFA Office:

“We are so grateful to the

Winker family! Greg and Ted have gifted the Balloon Federation of America \$350,000 total with \$100,00 of this earmarked specifically for our Youth Program. Additionally, they have also gifted the National Balloon Museum \$250,000! Thank you so very much to the Winkers.”

The BFA Western Region awards were presented at the BFA General Meeting in Albuquerque. The Director’s award went to the High Sierra Balloon Camp Executive Team. And the Crew award went to Charlie Travis, from the Phoenix area.

I have been working with Glen Moyer for an ongoing BFA Magazine article focused on Balloon Crew. It is called Crew Spotlight. The first article was for John Nelson from Sandy, UT. The second was for Sallie Loflin from Albany, OR. I am hopeful to help create more products and services for our Balloon Crew and encourage them to join the BFA. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me.

I along with Kerry Speicher, Southwest Region Director, from Gilmer, TX are working to take over some of the BFA Website development activities from Fred Dinkler and Dean Carlton. This is a big project and will consume much time. Anyone wanting to help with updating and maintaining the BFA Website, please feel free to contact me.

## Other BFA News:

Mark West’s term as Vice President ended after a very long and generous tenure, serving the BFA board in many roles. Mark will continue to assist where he can and continue to work with the insurance

companies to ensure we continue to have insurance options available to us.

Pat Cannon will continue to be a BFA Board member, but is stepping down from the President position after several years at that position. Pat will continue to be our Government Liaison with the FAA for various issues, primarily focusing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Medical issues.

Dave Sullivan is our BFA Board member representing the ballooning community regarding drones.

Katie Griggs, repair station owner/operator, has authored and published a Hot Air Balloon Ground School training book. From what I understand she will be working with the BFA Online Store so you can purchase her training book and have it shipped directly to your house.

Neil Davidson, LTA DPE, from the Phoenix AZ area, along with Kay West, LTA DPE from South Dakota, and Dave Sullivan from Georgia will be creating an Instructor Led Private Ground School curriculum for use by the BFA Membership. I am supporting that effort and look forward to the training materials that will be created.

*Blue Skies and Soft Landings,*

*Larry Simburger*

WAS Member

BFA Vice President and Western Region Director

***Don't Let Your  
WAS Membership  
Drift Away –  
Renew and Soar!***

***Renew online at:  
<https://wasballoon.org>***

# Luke Cesnik Honored by FAA in Boise

Luke Cesnik was awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award during the recent Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic. This is a very prestigious honor. The following is a transcript of the speech given at the ceremony. He was totally surprised, yet his wife, Pam, managed to get a large number of their family to attend the rally. They all stood at the back of the pilot briefing tent cheering wildly for Luke, as did all the rally pilots.



“Dating back to 1962, the FAA recognizes the efforts of pilots who have followed and continue to follow the precaution and awareness of safe flight operations. Most of all, the FAA recognizes pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of safe flight operations with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Program.

“Luke, would you please join me up front?”

“Luke’s love for aviation started at a young age through his father and his brother. Both individuals were trained as pilots by his uncle, who is an inductee of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. Luke’s uncle was a WWII basic flight instructor and pilot for the governor of Wisconsin.

“Luke started his pilot training at the age of 16 and soon after flew solo. But that was interrupted by his service in the USAF during the Viet-Nam war. It was Luke’s commitment to his country and other service members that would be the source of power in his future aviation activities.

“After returning from his overseas tour of duty, Luke took the opportunities provided by the GI bill and completed his private pilot’s license, followed by his IFR/commercial rating, multi-engine rating and instructor rating.

“His association with flight took a dramatic turn when he was invited on his first balloon flight. That began a new love of flight that has spanned decades. He was soon flying

balloons across the country for the POW-MIA Balloon flight team “Freedom Flight.”

“Many weekends each summer are spent with his family bringing awareness to the plight of his fellow service members that had been or are Prisoners of War and had comrades or family members that were Missing in Action. He became the president of “Freedom Flight” and has held that position for many years.

“Thank you, Luke, for all you’ve done to represent and promote not only ballooning, but heading up the POW/MIA program to school new generations of Americans in the high

cost of the freedoms we enjoy at the expense of those willing to sacrifice themselves.

“Pamela, you and Luke have been married for 37 years and we all know that our love of ballooning wouldn’t be as fulfilling and joyful unless we had someone by our side to support us. Pam, you’ve put up with a lot and I commend you for still being married to this guy!

“After saying all that... Luke, congratulations on winning the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.”

**It is Time To Renew Your WAS Membership for 2025**

Please renew online at <http://wasballoon.org> or there is an application on page 13

# The Great Prosser Balloon Rally

## It Never Gets Old!

by Shari Gale

This year there was a slight change or two in the organizing of the Great Prosser Balloon Rally in Prosser, Washington. For the first time balloons were assigned to launch sites. Buckets were used to designate each launch area. (No buckets were harmed in this exercise.) The bigger change was bringing a coffee cart to the launch field. It was placed right in front of our launch site. We can confirm it was a success from the very first day. The line of customers was very long. It stretched out beyond our trailer, our chase vehicle, the basket and half way down the envelope. On Saturday we decided to not even try to drive out through the entrance when it came time to chase. We would have had to move lot of people, so we just drove forward and bumped over the curb. It was a lot easier!

Another change was dictated by Mother Nature. On Friday the winds took all the balloons west, away from the river. That meant all the photographers camped on the bridge and all the kayakers in the river were disappointed. The pilots and crews got to scout out unfamiliar territory. There were a lot of places to land, but everyone tried to target Hot Air Acres where Vic and Mandy Johnson live. As far as I know, no one actually managed to land there.

Friday night the winds did not cooperate for the night glow. They did a candle stick burner demonstration instead. The good thing about the Prosser audience is that the locals are all aware of the limitations we must deal with, and

they appreciate what we can give them.

Saturday the winds reversed and took everyone back along the familiar route over the forebay in the Yakima River. A lot of the pilots ended their flights out by the Tree Top factory area. Tim Gale and Kim Whiteman ended up close to the main railroad tracks. Not long after they landed a freight train came zooming past them both. That provided some unusual photo opportunities. The video was quite dramatic.

Sunday was one of those mornings when rally organizers grind their teeth. The winds aloft were not at all friendly. The question was how soon those fast winds would mix down. Landing sites in

Prosser can be fairly tight, so high wind landings are not encouraged. Instead of free flying Tim Gale and Justin Anderson inflated their balloons to please the crowd. They encouraged spectators to climb in their baskets so photos could be taken. Luke Cesnik set up his basket and Stephanie Hughes set up her “enhanced chair” in order to let kids have a chance to feel what is it like to operate the burner.

As always, the Prosser area is very welcoming to balloonists. I read one comment by a local resident on Facebook that said, “I’ve been going to this event every year for my entire life. It never gets old.” I think it is safe to say that the participating pilots and crew share that feeling.



*Photo by Quentin Wright*



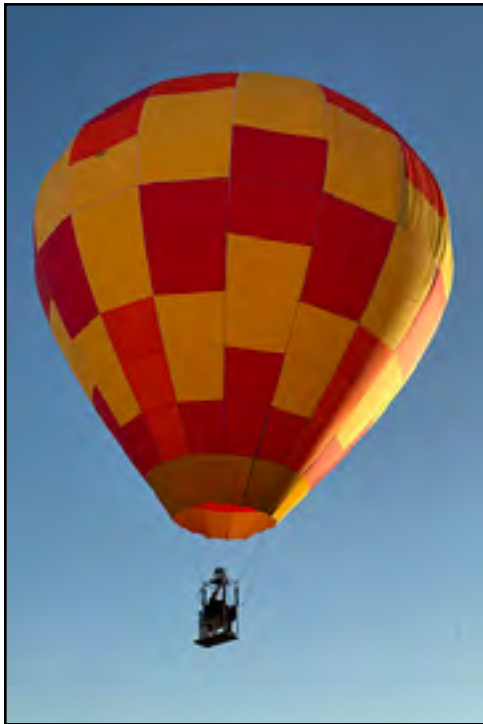
# 2024 Great Prosser Balloon Rally

Photos by Shari Gale



*As you can see, especially in the photo below, this small rally attracts a lot of spectators.*

*Sherry White, Walla Walla, WA just received her new Kubichek balloon system. She, also, just received her commercial LTA pilot certificate. She had a lot to celebrate over the weekend.*



*Stephanie Hughes taking off in Chair Force One Friday morning.*



*Center photo: Monic Cretu brought a young friend into our basket on Sunday. That opened the floodgates. In no time there was a long line of people hoping to climb in so they could pose for photos. Right photo: One of the long time pilots, Tim Gale, and the very newest pilot, Justin Anderson, inflated on Sunday for the crowd.*



## The Great Prosser Balloon Rally

# The Local Perspective On the Rally

by Mandy Johnson

The Thursday before the Great Prosser Balloon Rally we were pleased to visit the Patterson School and do a school program for all grades, preschool through 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Ohana came together and Andrew set up his Champagne Sunrise balloon, standing it up to show off the full operation. He started with the bigger kids, bringing them in close and answering questions. We inflated Phoggs Pholly on her side and let all the classes walk inside so they could see just how big balloons really are. A couple of the preschool kids gave us pictures they drew when they found out the balloons were coming. It was a great way to kick off a rally weekend!

Friday morning in Prosser we had several balloons launching for the media flight from the airport and some of us from Hot Air Acres. It was a rare opportunity to fly west, which doesn't happen very often in the morning. This meant many of the balloons from the airport landed in our neighborhood (much to the delight of our neighbors who are so used to us flying away instead of to them. Those of us leaving from Hot Air Acres got to meet some new people!

Ohana, Monica Cretu, and I had a fun training lesson landing next to a neighbor who brought their horses out to get them better used to the balloons. Vic got to fly with his sister Rhonda and her bestie, Rucey. He beached his balloon at the boat ramp after sailing in.

Saturday at Great Prosser Balloon Rally was busy! We were in second wave and I took a few pictures before take-off. The flights from the airport awarded many the opportunity to head to the river. Opting for a lesser congested area

downstream, Monica and I sailed in the current awhile to allow our crew time to fight their way off the field and through traffic to catch us at Tree Top across from the super tall stacks of apple boxes.

After the flight we all gathered to toast and celebrate newly minted pilot Justin Anderson in true renegade style with a sparkly twist (some of Justin's own making). Time constraints and his traveling to Oregon for his check ride had not allowed us to celebrate properly until now. Late to the celebration Tim and Shari Gale had to use the purpose bought sparkly bottle of "I Love You More" to douse him yet again and finish off this bubble of fun.

Sunday morning Mother Nature had other ideas with quick winds aloft closing the field at the airport. We had a fantastic weekend with laughs, fun, great food and stellar flights! Thanks to all who participated and we look forward to more fun soon!



*Phoggs Pholly was cold packed as a demonstration at the Patterson School.*



*Photo left: Vic Johson flew over the Yakima River. Photo above: One of the preschool children at Patterson School drew this thank you picture.*

# A Heartfelt Welcome to Our Newest Pilot — Justin Anderson!

About one year ago Justin Anderson of Walla Walla, Washington bought a balloon. He was not a stranger to the sport. He has crewed for years, and he has built multiple remote-controlled balloons. The next logical step was to buy a full-sized balloon. He bought Cheryl Isaac's balloon, La Brisa Del Mar, and renamed it Sea Breeze.

Once the balloon and a trailer were purchased, he needed to get training and then his pilot certificate. He came to Albany, Oregon to get his check ride done by Jack Loflin. On September 9<sup>th</sup> he accomplished that step.

He entered the Great Prosser Balloon Rally as a Fun Flyer. He was so excited to be able to fly in a local rally, his enthusiasm was infectious to us all.

Justin did a great job flying in his first rally. He took up his crew and a few of the people who supported his efforts to get his certificate. It was the best thank you gift he could give anyone.

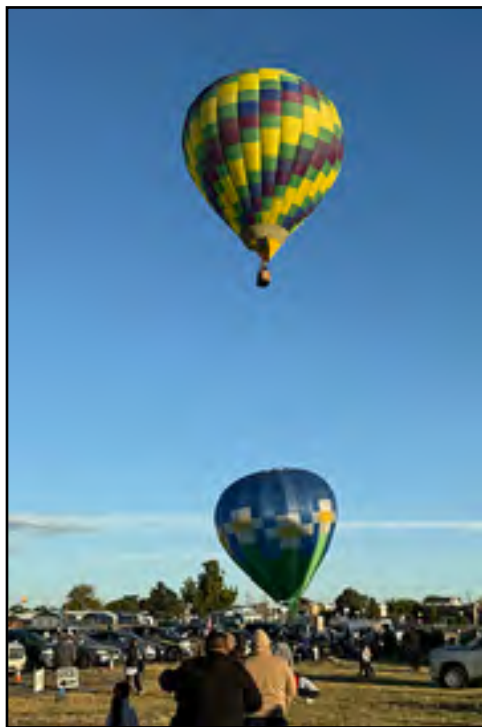
However, the ballooning community was not done with him. Oh, no. Not even close. He was invited to a potluck Saturday afternoon at Hot Air Acres. Little did he know that he would get initiated into the LTA piloting family in the old-fashioned method with a few sparkling add-ons. Not only did he get sprayed with several bottles of champagne, but he got sprinkled with glitter while several confetti bombs were detonated in his direction.

***Welcome to the family, Justin!***

*Shari Gale and Mandy Johnson contributed photos for this article.*



*Jack Loflin, left, issued a temporary pilot certificate to Justin on September 9th.*



*Justin's first flight during a balloon rally was a total success.*



*Mandy Johnson deserved this hug for helping during Justin's training, and for not only organizing this initiation but also cutting off the tail of his shirt.*



*Justin was a good sport to go through a second initiation by Tim Gale. A bottle of champagne in a bottle with a sparkling cover seemed appropriate for the occasion.*

# The Safety Seminar is Coming Back

Be sure to set aside March 8th on your 2025 calendar!

The 2025 edition of the Pacific Northwest Safety Seminar is already starting to come together. Tim Gale is once again putting in the time and floating the finances to set up this learning opportunity for members of our ballooning community — pilots and crew members alike.

***The date is set. It will be held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>,***

The venue is set. The seminar will be held at the same location as last year, the ALC Bridge Building at 812 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Jefferson, Oregon.

Some of the speakers are even in place. As usual, Tim started hunting for a date by first contacting our own weather guru, John Saltenberger, to see when he will be available. John loves sharing his weather knowledge with our group, but he is a busy man. It's important to get the seminar dates on his calendar early.

Next, Tim invited Balloon Federation of America (BFA) president, Pat Cannon, to fly out here to join us. Pat will talk on at least two topics. His insights on recent accidents will be most welcome.

Jack Loflin will be discussing pilot decision making.

Tim is working on finding a qualified instructor for a first aid session. This was a topic several crew members suggested at the last WAS meeting. If you know anyone who would be willing to come to Jefferson to talk to the group, please contact Tim.

[\(habsafety@icloud.com\)](mailto:habsafety@icloud.com)

For that matter, if you have more suggestions for topics to be covered at the seminar, please give Tim a shout. He'd love to chat with you.



# From Ground to Sky: Recognizing Exceptional Contributions!

It's time to let *that special* pilot or crew person know their actions this last flying season are appreciated.

***The Willamette Aeronaut Society's Aeronaut Of The Year Award and Crew Of The Year are annual awards presented to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Sport of Ballooning during the past year.*** The award process is as follows:

- Nominations, complete with a description of why the Award should be given, are received from the General Club Membership by the Executive Committee;
- Nominations are reviewed for appropriateness as defined in the Aeronaut/Crew Of The Year Procedures.
- The Award is presented during a General Meeting, or other appropriate occasion.

It is time to make nominations for the WAS 2024 awards.

Please consider accomplishments of your fellow Aeronauts (Pilots and Crew) made during the year 2024 and nominate those you feel have made a significant contribution to the sport of ballooning.

***Any WAS Member is eligible for nomination. In addition, when significant contributions by others have been made, they may also be considered.***

Nominations should include a description of the Nominee's accomplishments. Nominations should be sent to Sallie Loflin at [prez@wasballoon.org](mailto:prez@wasballoon.org) no later than Sunday, December 1, 2024 in order to be considered.

## Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024: Complete Aircraft Lineup

[https://msfsaddons.com/2024/09/19/microsoft-flight-simulator-2024-complete-aircraft-lineup/?fbclid=IwY2xjaw-Fu7uVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHe0QU80Si-M0aX3mpGIWV3\\_LvlbMqYcWxpjK-439HK31zLiQfVBwW6Yinnw\\_aem\\_VElpvCw8ee6KBga7o93eKQ](https://msfsaddons.com/2024/09/19/microsoft-flight-simulator-2024-complete-aircraft-lineup/?fbclid=IwY2xjaw-Fu7uVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHe0QU80Si-M0aX3mpGIWV3_LvlbMqYcWxpjK-439HK31zLiQfVBwW6Yinnw_aem_VElpvCw8ee6KBga7o93eKQ)

While the Microsoft flight simulator website lists airplane model after airplane model, such as Airbus A400M Atlas, it simply lists "(NEW) Hot Air Balloon: A classic hot air balloon for serene flying experiences." The other LTA listing says, "(NEW) Hot Air Balloon: Another variant of hot air balloon."

Well, at least they acknowledge hot air balloons exist in the world of aviation.

## 2024 Montague Rotary Balloon Faire



Light winds all weekend allowed WAS member, Carrie Thacker, to land on the airport runway three days in a row. She was proud to have landed so close to the "X."

# 2025 WAS Membership Application



Single \$20     Family (\$30 — applicant plus 3 family members, all in the same household)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot     Crew     Interested in hot air ballooning

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Crew Level: \_\_\_\_\_ BFA Pilot Level: \_\_\_\_\_ FAA Wings Level: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot     Crew     Interested in hot air ballooning

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Crew Level: \_\_\_\_\_ BFA Pilot Level: \_\_\_\_\_ FAA Wings Level: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot     Crew     Interested in hot air ballooning

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Crew Level: \_\_\_\_\_ BFA Pilot Level: \_\_\_\_\_ FAA Wings Level: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family #3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot     Crew     Interested in hot air ballooning

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

BFA Crew Level: \_\_\_\_\_ BFA Pilot Level: \_\_\_\_\_ FAA Wings Level: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership

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- Do Not share name
- Do Not share address
- Do Not share phone number
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### Mail completed form with fees to:

**Willamette Aerostat Society**  
c/o Joy Sibayan  
22834 SW Forest Crk Dr, Unit 202  
Sherwood OR 97140

### Electronic Payment Option:

<https://wasballoon.org/membership/>



# Willamette Aerostat Society

## Willamette Aerostat Society Mission Statement

- ➔ To promote the sport of Hot Air Ballooning
- ➔ To educate new balloonists and the public
- ➔ To embody safety in all aspects of Ballooning
- ➔ To do all we can to support and encourage land owner relations
- ➔ To support our fellow balloonists and crews personally and in our sport

## To obtain Member Contact information, send an e-mail to the Secretary/Treasurer.

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