

# AeroStats



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Willamette Aerostat Society  
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**October 2021**

**All our local balloon rallies are over for the year.  
We are back to Zoom meetings for the near future.**

**The October Zoom meeting is set for  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Pacific Time).**

**An email with links for the meeting will be sent out to all current WAS members.**



**Thank you Sallie Loflin  
for setting up the meeting.**

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# 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.

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

**WAS General Meeting via Zoom**

*A link will be sent to all current WAS members soon.*

**December 3-5, 2021  
Red Rock Balloon Rally**

Gallup, New Mexico

<http://redrockballoonrally.com>

## Change is in the Wind for the New FAA Flight Training Policy

An article in this newsletter last month discussed the new rule instituted by the FAA which would ban anyone using an experimental aircraft, such as a homebuilt hot air balloon, from doing flight training. Pilots were asked to call their representative in Congress to voice their opposition to this change.

According to AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association) more than 100,000 letters were sent to members of Congress. This action had results.

Recently, an amendment was included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which would reverse the FAA's sudden change in flight training policy for certain types of aircraft. It garnered approval from the House of Representatives on September 23, 2021.

Legislation awaiting approval by the U.S. Senate would reverse an FAA policy that disrupted flight training in experimental aircraft for thousands of pilots.

The bipartisan amendment put forward by Reps. Sam Graves (R-Mo.) and Kai Kahele (D-Hawaii) clarifies that a flight instructor providing student instruction, flight instruction, or flight training shall not be deemed to be operating an aircraft carrying persons or property for compensation or hire.



## Warning! Warning!

**It is time to renew your WAS membership.  
If you don't do it, the sharks will get you.**

**Send your check and a new application to club treasurer,  
Dale Justice. There's an application form on page 16.**

**You sure don't want those vicious sharks  
to go after you!**

# Meet Norma Ashley

By Norma Ashley



I was born and grew up in Centralia, Washington which is a small town halfway between Portland and Seattle. I have two brothers, Normand (yes I know it is weird to have a brother with a similar name) who was my half-brother, and Terry. Norm did not live with us, but lived in Idaho. Dad, Mom, Terry and I lived in town until I was 12 and then we moved to a farm. While I love living in the country, I am very aware of and to this day not that fond of the work part of living on a farm.

I went to Washington Grade School, Centralia Junior High and High School, Portland Community College for my Computer Science Associates Degree, and Oregon School of Massage to become a Licensed Massage Therapist.

I have always had a bit of an adventurous spirit which did not always manifest itself in a healthy way. Things were uncomfortable at home, so I ran away when I was 16. They brought me back a couple of

times but eventually I was put into a foster home. So, when my cousin, once again asked me to come to Anchorage, Alaska, I jumped on it and my parents agreed. I fell in love with the state and lived there for a couple of years before moving to Fayetteville, North Carolina. Just let me say that I do not recommend this in July!

In 1971 I took a keypunch course at the Centralia Community College. They really used a typewriter kind of machine to punch holes in cards (this is back in the dark ages of computers) which were then fed into another machine which would read the cards and convert the information into bits and bytes. The college had two programmable machines which would punch portions of the information automatically and I thought that was a lot of fun. Let me say that in a class of 25 women I was the only person who thought it was fun, the majority thought it was torture. The teacher encouraged me to take the computer science aptitude test and it turns out that while my math was deplorable, my logic was pretty good. In my research I found that the top two places on the west coast to get a degree in computer science were Stanford and Portland Community College. I moved to Portland, Oregon. After graduating I spent 23 years in the computer industry, at the first as an employee of corporations, and eventually as a consultant.

In 2001, after all the cleanup for the year 2000 project was done, the consultant industry on the west coast dried up and I was told that if I wanted to continue to consult I

would have to move to New York or New Jersey. This did not suit me, so I was laid off.

A couple of people suggested that I would be good at massage, and after checking with my massage therapist (who agreed), I went back to school and started a whole new career which was not at all related to computers. There came a time when I seriously considered going back into the computer world, but thankfully one of my daughters pointed out that I was happier doing massage than I had been at computer work and that there is more to life than money. How did this child of mine become so wise?

Always one that likes variety in life, I also house sit for people. I started doing it at a time when I was renting a place that did not allow pets and this seemed like a great way to get a pet fix now and then. It is fantastic, they pay for the pet, pay for all of the food bills, all of the supplement bills, all of the vet bills, and pay me to love on their animals. How great is that! And I get to stay in some very fantastic houses, too. About two times per year I also put goods into Bazaars. Usually in the spring and again in the fall. It is crazy busy for a week while moving things in and setting



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# Meet Norma Ashley

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up displays, then someone else runs it for a week or so, then one night of crazy busy tearing it down and putting it back into storage. At the end of every Bazaar I think, “why do I put myself through this?” And a couple of months later I am once again looking forward to it.

I have always wanted to help people in need and have a close friend who started a warming shelter in Newberg several years ago. They would open a local church for the homeless when the temperature dropped below 32 degrees. After a couple of years of seeing her posts on Facebook trying to get people to help and telling myself I really should help them, I finally caved in and tried it. It wasn't so bad. The people who come in are from all walks of life. Yes, there are some who obviously have substance abuse problems and others who have mental problems. But there are many who have just had some tough breaks in life. There are many who work, but still cannot afford rent. A minimum wage job does not pay the rent in Newberg. Actually, I recently heard that there are George Fox University Professors who cannot afford to live in Newberg.

That inclement weather shelter has now evolved into a year-round night time shelter that tries to be open seven days a week. We still struggle with having enough volunteers to keep it open but we do the best we can.

I am very proud of my family. My oldest daughter is Heather, who runs a mobile pet grooming business and the younger one is Jenn, who is an RN for Salem Hospital. Heather has 3 adult children, Bethany, Kearsten, and Jacob. Kearsten has two sons ages 3 and 2, and they are known as Irish twins since they were born on the same day a year apart. They all live close enough for me to

see them often.

In 1984, while pregnant with my younger daughter, my husband and I would drop the older daughter off at the church and then go out to breakfast together. This was in Anchorage, Alaska and the place we most often went was an old, converted Arby's restaurant which had the glassed-in section. I love the mountains up there and really liked to eat my breakfast while enjoying the view. One morning as we were eating, I saw the most magical site I had ever seen. Several hot air balloons floated by between us and the mountains. I fell in love with ballooning then and there.

It was many years later while consulting for First Interstate Bank that I met Neville Wallace. Our team was out socializing in the evening, and he apologized that he needed to leave early since he had to get up very early in the morning to fly balloons. I immediately wanted to know if I could go too and how to do this. He put me in touch with Roger and Catherine of Vista Balloon Adventures. I crewed 100 times that year, even though I was still working as a consultant.

I knew by my second ride in a balloon that I wanted to be a pilot. It took me a long time, but I did it. Because I still had my computer job, I couldn't always get away. Some clients were great about it and as long as I was willing to work until my time was in for the day, they did not care about what time I came into work. Other clients were not so accommodating. For several years it seemed like just as I was ready to solo, the weather changed. I bought my own balloon, Wanderer, and that made it a little easier, but still I was at the mercy of my employers. Finances got tough for my family, and I was faced with giving up our house or giving up the balloon. The family was really unreasonable about this! However, I knew that if I did not get my license I probably would never do so and made a deal



with the person buying Wanderer that he would see to it that I got my license. I thought that I would be able to rent my balloon back to me to fly but that did not happen. It was around that time that 9/11 happened and the insurance companies got tougher about people renting out their balloons. Many years later I was having a conversation with Dale Justice and he offered to let me fly his balloon occasionally and I offered to crew for him whenever I can. This has been such a blessing.

I love all parts of ballooning, well, OK, most parts of ballooning. When the landowner is yelling at me because I had the audacity to wake them up and didn't I know there was a dying person living there! OK I admit that isn't a part that I love. I most love being on the burner, and the camaraderie of ballooning. In all the years since 1994 I have never lost that magic feeling of watching a bag of fabric take shape, come alive and fly across the sky.

One of my favorite things about ballooning is my love of the friendships which have developed and been maintained over the many years.

A big thank you goes to Norma for volunteering to be a proof-reader for this newsletter. Her help is greatly appreciated!

Shari

# 2021 Albany Non-Event

August 26-29

by Shari Gale



*Photo by Barbara Duval*

Everything was looking like a go. The Albany Parks and Recreation Department had sent out flyers to everyone in town listing all the concerts, activities and even listing all the artists that were signed up to sell their creations at the annual Northwest Art and Air Festival. Then they had to make a very tough decision. Covid-19.20 was sweeping the state. The governor instituted a mask mandate that extended to all outdoor activities. That, of course, included the air part of the Art and Air Festival. The members of the Parks Department had a four and a half hour meeting on the Tuesday before the festival was to begin. They all went home to sleep on it, and sadly Wednesday morning (the day before the Media Flight was scheduled) they made the extremely hard decision to cancel the event. They did tell us the park would be open for fun flying all weekend.

The Parks Department honored their contracts with the balloon pilots. They went ahead and paid the agreed upon travel expenses, they

asked the motels in town to honor the discounts they had negotiated, and they asked Co-Energy to give the pilots a discount for all propane. They could have just canceled the rally and walked away, but they did not do it. They deserve our respect and continued support.

Tim and I came out for Media Day anyway. There were a total of four balloons in the air that morning: Chris Whitfield, the balloonmeister, Eric Reid and Tim Gale from Albany, and Rob Green from Escondido, CA. It was the first time in memory that all the balloons in the launch field had triangular baskets.

The winds took us all north, which is an unusual direction. Everyone reported good landing sites. We ended up in a harvested grass seed field. You can't ask for a better place than that.

Friday 10-12 balloons came out. The winds were a little sporty, and everyone who chose to fly headed south and ultimately had a high wind landing. Luckily, there are huge harvested fields in that direction.

Rob Green, Carmen Blakely and Tim all landed in the same field. That particular field was rock hard. Tim did not think it had been plowed in years. At least, recovery was easy. As I came to the entrance to the field I asked a guy who looked like he could be a farmer if he owned the land. He said no, but then started to profusely thank us for flying even if the festival had been canceled. Once again, I was reminded how much the people in this area love balloons. He also told me I could not possibly hurt anything by driving on the field. I agreed with him once I realized the field was just a giant patch of weeds.

Saturday a very special flight had been planned. It was the memorial flight for Kong (Jeff Shields) who unexpectedly died last June. A lot of the pilots showed up to make that flight. We had approximately 21 balloons that morning. Vic Johnson, a very close friend of Kong's, took up black streamers which had been signed by a lot of pilots and crew.

Vic was the first off. If the event had proceeded as originally planned an announcer would have spoken about Kong and his legacy. He had a lot of friends in the Pacific Northwest. It is impossible to step foot on a launch field without thinking of Kong. Stories about Kong floated around all weekend



*Vic Johnson, flying Apple Pie in the Sky, took up Kong's banners on Saturday morning.*

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# Albany Non-Event

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long. Once Vic was in the air, everyone else followed.

The winds were still a little sporty, but nothing like Friday. Both Jack Loflin and Chris Whitfield tried to do sedate splash 'n' dashes in the Freeway Lakes. The owners of the property that borders the lake always invite friends and family for the weekend to watch balloons majestically dropping into their lake. This time they got to watch splash 'n' dunks. They were still talking about it the next morning when I arrived to grab some photos.

Only about 13 or 14 balloons flew on Sunday. Several of them did entertain the spectators with majestic splash 'n' dashes. The people on shore cheered each time someone touched the water. It's a fun tradition for them and for the balloonists.

Tim, Dawn Rushkarski, and Koh Murai all landed in the same 67 acre harvested grass seed field. The owner, Bruce, came out to say "Hi." He loves balloons. He was very pleased we landed on his property. He even pointed out the other fields in the area that he owns. We have



*The rally could not honor paid ride reservations after it had been canceled. Larry Simburger gallantly agreed to take up an Albany native who is a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy and based in Washington, DC. Bales came out dressed as a pirate to honor her service. When he found out she was single, his pirate tendencies took over.*

permission to land there whenever the crops have been removed. He has received tethered rides several times, but Tim and I want to take him up for a real ride in the coming months.



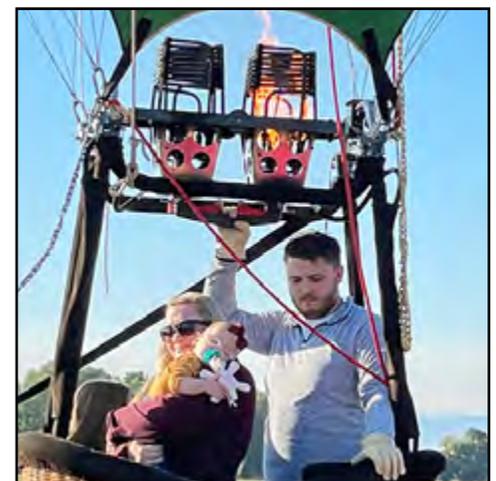
*In August, harvested grass seed fields are plentiful in the Willamette Valley.*



*A sedate splash 'n' dash by Koh Murai.*



*Photo by Dawne Rushkarski.*



*Dawne Rushkarski's student pilot, Jared, grew up chasing balloons. He is bringing up his own daughter in the same tradition. She doesn't seem to mind.*



# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic

by Shari Gale

The five-day event started on Wednesday, September 1 with Kid's Day. Eighteen balloons gave tether rides to any and all kids at Ann Morrison Park in Boise. Before we were even inflated, we had a line that snaked back from our basket to the trees behind us. Most of the kids were fairly young. Most wanted to go up, but a few were truly terrified. The parents were the ones who wanted them to get a balloon ride. We had two who flatly refused to climb in the basket. I advised the parents to wait a year or two rather than make it a traumatic event in their young lives. Having said that we had one 2 1/2-year-old who was all smiles and radiated happiness. The older kids were prompted to wave at their parents once they were off the ground. One girl gave her mom such a huge wave that she was moving her entire upper body back and forth. We heard "thank you" and



*Our first riders on Kid's Day.*

"awesome" over and over again. We tethered for about two hours and took up somewhere between 40 to 50 little ones. It was an exhausting morning, but it was sure worth the effort.

On Thursday our riders were a couple who had purchased the ride as a Christmas present. They got a fantastic ride. Almost all the balloons boxed back to the launch site. Flying close to approximately 40 balloons is a photographer's dream. Our rider produced an amazing video he posted to YouTube.

Tim landed in Val Favicchio's launch site. Val was flying the Spirit of Boise balloon. She'd been trying to make it back to her exact launch site, but when Tim grabbed her spot, she took our launch site instead. Fair is fair.

Friday morning was the tribute flight for Spirit of Boise organizer, Scott Spencer. The tribute had to wait for a year due to the pandemic. The wait made it no less touching. Steve Schmader read a heart-felt tribute to his long-time friend. Steve named his son after Scott, so you know his feelings for Scott run deep. He brought me to tears. I was not alone.

Curt Pengelly flew from the field during the tribute. He carried black banners in honor of Scott. The entire tribute was well done — as it should have been.

Tim took up our loyal crew member, Jim Churchill, that morning. It was the only morning Tim was able to do a splash 'n' dash. Jim seems to be his lucky charm.

They landed in the Saturday Market grounds in Garden City. It was a tight space, but Knight-N-Gale fit. The landing site came complete with a beer truck and a port-a-potty. Both were locked up tight, so I don't think Tim should get bonus points for choosing the site. We had a lot of locals come up to us as we took down the envelope. They asked a ton of questions, and several of them said they were coming out to the park in the next day or two.

That night was the night glow. The park was closed to all spectators. I did not think we'd have the huge crowd like we usually do. I was wrong. I think the crowd was as big as ever. The local Boise spectators are so devoted to this event they were willing to walk for blocks and blocks to see it.

Saturday's flight was again a great flight for everyone. The chase was not so great. I waited way too long to try to exit the field. By the time I tried to leave all the spectators were leaving. I ended up in a horrible traffic jam. My fate was sealed the moment I decided to leave the field from the south exit. That was the direction of flight, so it seemed logical. Luckily, we had crew in a separate vehicle that were parked near the north exit, so they went that way. Patti McCarter and her cousin, Ron, got to Knight-N-Gale as soon as it landed. I was still trying to get out of the park when they called to report where Tim had landed. During his entire flight I was more or less stopped in a line of traffic.

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# Spirit of Boise

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Koh Murai told his passengers to wave at me in the hopes I'd put them in the newsletter. Mission accomplished.

It was so bad I resorted to playing classical music in the chase vehicle. Kenny Wong eventually talked me into changing to the blues. He said it was more appropriate.

Tim, along with three other pilots, had landed in the Catholic school's nice big green yard. Once again, lots of local residents came over to talk and ask questions. So Tim and his passengers were well entertained while I kept running into road construction detours. (It just was not my morning!)

Sunday the weather granted us another perfect day.

A Grand Launch was planned if the weather cooperated. It did in spectacular form. The infamous Boise Box winds were back. All the balloons, except the special shapes, launch together at the same moment. They received verbal cues from Boise announcer, Jim Bock. Every one started their inflater fans at the same time, they inflated at the same time, and most importantly, they lifted off at the same moment. No one rocketed off the field. They stayed together in a clump. As Gail Simberger said, "It was like we were all enclosed

in a snow globe filled with hot air balloons." It was an awe-inspiring moment. Eventually, everyone split apart. Most of the pilots opted not to take long flights that morning.

Tim took up another of our loyal crew members, Kenny Wong. They lifted off, drifted north, sat down in the northern end of Ann Morrison Park, and then decided they'd just reverse course. The flight was short, but we had a long drive ahead of us. No one objected to getting on the road home sooner rather than later.

Laurie Spencer did a masterful job of keeping the rally running smoothly this year. She faced many bumps and roadblocks, but she got it done. Scott knew she could do it. He was right.

Kudos to you, Laurie!

We had a marvelous time at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic. That's a tradition that seems to be firmly in place. We look forward to next year. That's another tradition we happily maintain.



Jim Bock, the "voice" of the Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic. His corny jokes are legendary and much appreciated so early in the mornings.



Disneyland will now have a new window on Main Street. It has been dedicated to the memory of Scott Spencer. He would be extremely proud of this honor. He loved flying the Mickey Mouse balloon and interacting with kids everywhere they traveled. He was a true ambassador for the sport of hot air ballooning as well as Disney.



Curt Pengelly was first off the field on Friday when he flew the tribute banners in memory of rally organizer, Scott Spencer.

All photos by Shari Gale

# 30th Annual Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic — Photos by Cory Miller



*Dawn Patrol*



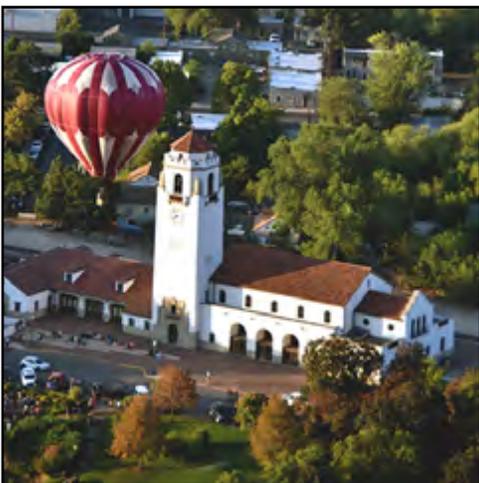
*Mickey flew each morning in Boise as a special tribute to Scott Spencer.*



*On Sunday every balloon, except the special shape balloons, launched at the same time. It created some marvelous photo opportunities.*



*Below left: Ingrid Martel visited the Boise train station. Center: spectators watched from up on the bench above the park.*



# 30th Annual Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic

Photos by Jim Churchill & Kenny Wong



Quinn's Pond, Boise, ID.

Photo by Jim Churchill



There are mornings like this. Shari Gale trying to sleep prior to launch.

Photo by Jim Churchill



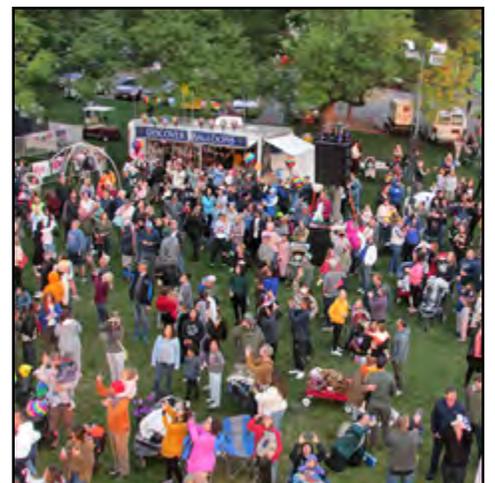
Knight-N-Gale casting a shadow on the Mickey Mouse balloon.

Photo by Jim Churchill



Grand Launch (the two photos above)

Photos by Kenny Wong



Spectators just as balloons lifted off during the Grand Launch.

Photo by Kenny Wong

# 40th Annual Great Reno Balloon Race

by Shari Gale



2021 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Great Reno Balloon Race. It started in 1982 with just 20 balloons. It has grown over the years. Some years there are up to 100 balloons. This year there were 60 balloons plus 8 special shape balloons.

The special shapes were: Smokey Bear, Billy the Kid, Kermie, Keystone Willy, Humpty Dumpty, Allycorn, Rocket Racoon and Con-Air.

Instead of night glow in Reno pilots put on a Glow Show beginning at 5:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. The rally organizers tried something new this year with something called a Super Glow Show on Friday at 5:15 am. Thirty-five balloons inflated and glowed and twinkled as music was played.

Dawn Patrol, which is a huge crowd favorite, is still going strong. Seven balloons participated each flyable day this year. As always, WAS member Jeanne Anson, was one of them. The seven pilots did a masterful job of staying close together as they flew over the crowd. The announcer had the crowd turn on their cell phone flashlights and

then all at the same time shine the lights up to the Dawn Patrol pilots in tribute to the beautiful show they were putting on for everyone. The photos taken from the DP baskets were amazing.

The main launch occurred at a much more civilized hour of 7:00 am. Kids swarmed the launch field in search of balloon trading cards. GRBR included a large box of individualized cards for each pilot in his/her welcoming pack. The kids loved collecting as many as they could.

This year GRBR along with the Sands Regency set up a First Responders VIP Tent to honor all the first responders to honor their service to the community. They were given a catered breakfast each morning, and there was a raffle drawing at 5:45 am for a free balloon ride for two. They only had to be present in the tent to be eligible to win. (They also needed to be dressed in “balloon riding apparel” — long pants and sturdy shoes.)

Friday everyone woke up to hard rain, thunder and lightning. It was an easy call to cancel the flight. Even

with the horrible weather a lot of spectators had come out to the field anyway.

Saturday there was a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. It was very moving.

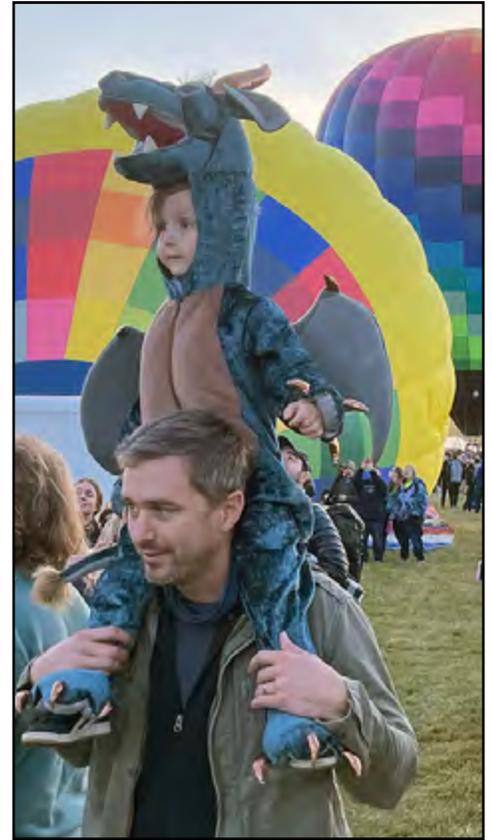
The weather for both Saturday and Sunday was perfect ballooning weather. It was the direct opposite of Friday morning’s weather. Many of the balloons boxed back into the launch field. In order to do that the pilot had to use an aircraft radio to ask permission to land back in near the crowd. The announcer did a great job of telling people to be aware of approaching balloons.

Another thing the Reno event does well is to keep dogs off the field. All rallies announce over and over again in both the media and during the event not to bring dogs onto the launch field. Many, many dog owners do not seem to feel those instructions apply to them. In Reno, the spectators have to come through a gate. If you’ve got a dog with you, they will deny you entrance. *[In this editor’s opinion, it is too bad **all** launch fields cannot be fenced off and entrances controlled by volunteers. There would be a lot of happier dogs in the community and a lot of happier pilots and crew.]*



*Fred Dinkler’s sponsor riders were part of the Marketing Department of the Grand Sierra Resort. They were so jazzed to be given a ride!*

# The Great Reno Balloon Race — Photos by Shari and Tim Gale



# A Small Rally Can Have a Big Impact

by Shari Gale



*Photo by Dawne Rushkarski*

In pre-Covid times the Great Prosser Balloon Rally often has about 20 to 24 participants. It's a small rally, but it has a huge impact on the economy on the small town of Prosser. It's always hard to find lodging. Motels are booked and RV parks are full. Most people book lodging months in advance. Restaurants are always full, too.

Photographers traditionally flock into town and station themselves on the bridge over the Yakima River hoping to get a perfect photo of a splash 'n' dash. Time and again they've been rewarded with amazing photos.

This year the rally was much smaller. There were only 14 balloons in town. Yet, it still had a big impact. Photographers were packing the bridge at least three people deep along the entire length on both sides. This year scores of kayakers, also, made their way to the river. A Pacific Northwest kayaker club listed this event as a place to have a truly unique experience. There were more

kayaks on the water than we've ever seen before.

At least one kayaker was local. Tim took up a 90-year-old on Saturday. This passenger knows everyone in town. As Tim dipped into the river one of his drinking buddies approached in his kayak. He had a water gun and used it to douse the basket. He didn't really get anyone wet, but our passenger and his friend had a good time verbally sparring with each other.

We were blessed with the best weather we've had in Prosser for years. The morning flights on Friday, and Saturday were perfect. The weather could not have been better. The night glow on Saturday night went off without any problems. However, Sunday the winds aloft were a little too brisk for comfort. At a few hundred feet the winds shot off to the south — a direction we never want to go. A storm was coming in. The question was how soon it would arrive. During the pilot briefing everyone was happy with the call to just inflate the balloons and either tether or do a "showboat." It actually gave

the public the opportunity to ask questions, and for kids to climb in the basket and operate the burner.

Everyone had missed being in Prosser last year. It felt good to be back among long-time friends this year. Here's hoping 2022 will work out as well as it did this year.



*We recruited a new crew member on Saturday morning. She came back out on Sunday to help us pack up the balloon and give us a lecture on how ballooning is a team sport!*

*Photo by Shari Gale*



*Photo by Diane Wright*

# Great Prosser Balloon Rally — Photos by Angela and Cory Miller



*It was dry where Laura Hancock landed. Honest!*



*Cory and Angela hired a helicopter to take them around the launch field on Sunday during the tether/standup display.*

# 2022 WAS Membership Application



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

Pilot  Crew  Interested in hot air ballooning

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Pilot/Crew Achievement Awards

BFA Crew Level: \_\_\_\_\_ BFA Pilot Level: \_\_\_\_\_

FAA Wings Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Member Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Pilot  Crew

## Membership Type

Charter (\$20)  Single or Family (\$20)  Newsletter Only (\$10 outside Oregon & SW Washington)

## Membership

The Willamette Aerostat Society communicates via e-mail, the WAS Facebook page and the website. We recognize and respect our member's privacy. If you do not wish personal information about you shared with other members, please indicate below. Your personal information will *never* be published on our website. It might be shared with other club members if a request is made unless you prefer to opt out.

- Do Not share name
- Do Not share address
- Do Not share phone number
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- Do Not share e-mail

Please use a 2nd page if there are two pilots in the family, or if you have family members with additional information such as cell phone # and/or BFA #'s.

**Mail completed form with fees to:**  
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c/o Dale Justice  
2902 E. 2nd St. Unit 76  
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# 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

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