

Hospitality, Crew & Maps

Room Accommodations - All registered pilots receive one (1) complimentary room at the Courtyard by Marriott Canton. The Courtyard is located across the street from the primary launch field and Kent State University at Stark Campus. Propane refueling and scheduled meals are all located within a one mile radius of the hotel and primary launch field.

The complimentary pilot's room is available for Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21, with check-out being Sunday, July 22. Any additional rooms for crew, family, etc. must be reserved in advance and guaranteed with a credit card through Laura Perry at 330.458.2054.

Hotel Information:
Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720
(330) 494-6494

Social Events - Five (5) complimentary tickets (one pilot and four crew) are provided for each of our continental breakfasts and evening socials: Friday and Saturday meal and Sunday Awards Brunch.

Additional Crew - We make every effort to provide local crew should you need such. It is imperative that you indicate on the Pilot Application the number of crew members you would like us to provide for each scheduled flight. If you are provided local crew, we ask that you provide them with the complimentary meal tickets that are given to you or purchase additional tickets as needed.

Maps - Each participating pilot is provided one official full color competition map. Once finalized, a digital version (jpg file) of the competition map will be posted to the Festival web site and available for downloading.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT FESTIVAL

IT'S A ONE OF A KIND CELEBRATION!

Balloon Classic
Viewed by Over 130,000 Spectators



July 20 - 22 2012

**Kent State University
at Stark Campus
Canton, Ohio**

Scheduled Flight Activity

Dawn Patrol / Sunrise Mini Glow - This will run in conjunction with the Media Flight. We will have a maximum of six (6) balloons inflated and glowing by 5:00 AM, and they will launch after a very short glow demonstration and patrol the skies in search of a beautiful summer sunrise. Participants must indicate interest in advance on the Pilot Application Form and have the required equipment and balloon log book endorsements.

Media Flight - A Media Flight is planned for the morning of Friday, July 20. There are a limited number of sponsored spaces available and priority will be given to special shape and commercial balloons. Sponsored participants receive propane and a complimentary room for Thursday evening (if traveling more than 50 miles). Participants are expected to fly local media representatives and VIP guests. Non-sponsored media flight positions are available and propane will be provided but the participating pilot will be responsible for the cost of their hotel room, if needed. Whether sponsored or not, there are a limited number of rooms held for Thursday so if you wish to book a room at your cost for Thursday you must inform Laura Perry by June 15, 2012.

Media flight participants will be selected and confirmed based on applications received by the application deadline, March 31, 2012.

Night Glow - A Night Glow is planned for 9:30 PM Friday evening with space limited to fifteen (15) participants. Priority for Glow participation will be given to corporate and special shape balloons. Should space be available for sport balloons, they will be paid a \$50 stipend. If you are interested in participating, please indicate on the Pilot Application Form. This is an extremely well attended and photographed event and one that Corporate and Special Shape entrants will not want to miss.

Sponsor Flight - Friday evening's flight is a fun flight with the sponsor. There is a \$3,000 cash grab available to the fly-in pilots and a hare and hound race. All team competitors are expected to fly in and all Fiestas will fly out.

Pilots are expected to carry their assigned passenger and come prepared with an envelope of adequate size to carry a 180 pound passenger. If passenger weight becomes an issue, we will work with you to find a solution. All sponsor flights will occur on Friday evening and the pilot's obligation to provide that ride ends on Friday.

Competitive Flights - Team competitive flights are scheduled for Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning. As in the past, team competitors will be flying under HOF Enshrinement Festival team competition rules sanctioned by the BFA. Tasks qualifying for individual inclusion in the National Ranking System will be submitted to the BFA. **All team competitors are required to have an HACD competition card (see below).**

We Will Fill Up Quickly

Selection Criteria - We are likely to receive more applications than we are able to accept. Pilot registrations are **limited to a maximum of sixty-five (65)** and, based on available sponsors, that number may be reduced. Those participating in prior years' events, demonstrating experience with congested flying, more than 100 PIC hours, and early registrants are given priority. Flying in this event involves some congested areas, and pilots registering should be comfortable with this type of flying. This event is an invitational, and decisions of the Committee relative to participants are final.

Sanctioning— Pilots registering to compete as part of a Team must hold a BFA/HACD competition card. Cost of a card for a first-time holder is just \$25 while renewal cards for previous holders is \$55. Our Event Director feels that it is appropriate that all competitive pilots benefiting from the organization, rule and sport development, and equipment provided by the HACD participate in the cost.

Most competitive events over the years had a similar requirement and in an effort to support this concept the **Balloon Classic will reimburse each Team Competitor \$25 toward the cost of this card.** Pilots will receive this reimbursement at on-site registration. Fiesta pilots are not required to hold an HACD competition card.

Registration Deadline March 31, 2012

Pilot Application Fee—Our event has been blessed with a great group of participating pilots who have proven to be reliable when registering to attend our event. We do not require a pilot entry fee. If your plans change and you are unable to attend our event after registering and receiving a confirmation of your acceptance, please notify us as soon as possible providing us time to find a replacement pilot for your sponsor.

Application - Application forms are available in printed or digital format. Please call or email Laura Perry, Event Manager at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce (laurap@cantonchamber.org) if you would like a digitally formatted application. In addition, you may also download or complete application forms at www.profootballhofef.com. Pilots may apply either as Team Competitors or Fiesta Flyers. **Team competitors are required to have a BFA/HACD competition card and will be reimbursed \$25 towards its cost.**

Prize Money - The prize fund in excess of \$17,000 includes a \$3,000 cash grab and a cash purse of \$14,225. There are cash prizes available for both competitors and Fiesta pilots. If there is only one competitive flight, awards to the top five teams and Fiesta pilots will be reduced by one-half. In the event all flights are cancelled, all pilots will receive \$50 as a travel stipend. If the only flight is the Friday Sponsor Flight, all pilots will receive \$75.

	Teams	Fiesta
1st	\$3000	\$500
2nd	\$2400	\$400
3rd	\$1800	\$300
4th	\$1200	\$200
5th	\$900	\$150
6th-17th	\$225	---
6th-	---	\$75

Event Officials

Event Director	Maury Sullivan
Asst. Director	Todd Fisher
Event Manager	Laura Perry
Staff Coordinator	Lynn Sullivan
Safety Officer	Paul Suttle
Chief Meteorologist	Brad Temeyer
Scoring Officer	Jim Dieball
Chief Measurer	Dave Lee
Landowner Relations	Paul Dale

Race Format - This is a Team Competition and will be scored using Team Scoring software. Each team is comprised of three pilots and balloons. If you wish to fly the event and don't have a Team, we will assist in arranging one for you. Each Team consists of "A", "B", and "C" ranked pilots. Pilots are ranked as follows:

- "A" Any past US National or World Champion; those finishing in the top 15 in any of the last five (2007-2011) BFA Nationals; or finishing in the top ten of the BFA National Ranking System in any 3 of the last 5 years.
- "B" Those not meeting the criteria for "A" and finishing in the top 25 of the BFA National Ranking System in any 2 of the past 5 years.
- "C" Any pilot not qualifying as an "A" or "B".

A team may not have more than one A-ranked pilot.

The 2012 event **will not** utilize a handicap system. The Event Director will carefully screen team applications to avoid any effort to stack a team with all highly skilled competitors. Recognizing that a primary purpose of team competition is to encourage new pilots and promote the educational and development benefits of combining pilots of various skill levels on teams, team composition should strive to include one or two newer or less experienced competitors with an experienced seasoned competitor.

On-site Registration - Registration for all pilots will be held on Friday, July 20, 2012 from 2:00 to 5:15 p.m. at The University Center at Kent State University at Stark Campus. All pilot packs, tickets, maps, banners, etc. will be distributed at that time. If you find that you will be unable to make registration by 5:15 p.m., you must make alternate arrangements by calling Lynn Sullivan at (330) 323-4673.

It will be necessary for you to produce the following at registration:

- ◆ Pilot Log Book and Certificate,
- ◆ Certificate of Registration,
- ◆ Balloon Log Book.

These documents will be inspected by our personnel and may be spot checked by FAA personnel.

Insurance - Every pilot is required to have a minimum of \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage, \$100,000 minimum property damage, and \$100,000 minimum passenger liability for each passenger.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival requires that each participating pilot name the sponsoring organization as additionally insured on their policy. Details of the additional insured endorsements are contained in the Pilot Application package. The Festival will reimburse you for this cost at the Friday registration. The Festival carries liability insurance covering all of its Festival activities.

Corporate Balloons - A Corporate Balloon is a balloon which carries advertising for a particular product, company, service, or identifiable artwork, logos, etc. Commercial entries are broken down into two categories: national and local. "National" commercial entry fee is \$1,700 and "local" commercial entry fee is \$1,200.

Entry fees for commercial special shape balloons are negotiable. Please contact Maury Sullivan at (330) 323-4455 for details concerning commercial special shape entries. E-mail may be addressed to Maury at tequilatom@aol.com.

Sponsor Rides - All pilots are required to give one (1) sponsor or VIP ride. Sponsors are advised that this ride must be taken on Friday evening. Failure to provide the Sponsor Ride may result in forfeiture of any prize money. Self-sponsored corporate pilots are not required to carry Festival sponsors. All pilots will be matched up with their sponsor during the Friday pilot briefing at The University Center. Friday evening is the only time sponsor riders may receive their ride. If weather causes the flight to be cancelled, your sponsor ride obligation is considered complete.

Passengers - Absolutely no paid passenger rides are permitted during the event. We are flying all flights under a standard FAA waiver and it specifically prohibits paid passenger rides.

Event Classification - The Balloon Federation of America (BFA) has published *Balloon Event Guidelines*. We intend to adhere to the principles and safety issues outlined in that publication. In evaluating our event regarding the event classification system provided by this publication, the Event Director and Safety Officer are in agreement that this event would be classified as Advanced (Level 3). Pilot applicants should become familiar with this BFA publication and be comfortable with the suggested pilot skill set required for this type of event.

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