



Dear Balloon Pilot:

Invitation

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to Canton, Ohio, on July 31 – August 2, 2009 for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Invitational/Jackson-Belden Food Fest & Fireworks. You will be warmly welcomed by more than 100,000 enthusiastic spectators throughout the weekend activities.

Background

The Enshrinement Festival activities run from July 31 through August 9 and are viewed by hundreds of thousands in person and millions more through national television coverage. Highlights of the week's activities include the Balloon Classic Invitational, Ribs Burnoff, Concert and Fireworks, Timken Grand Parade, Enshrinement Ceremonies, and Pre-Season, Pro Football Hall of Fame Game. All of these festivities are for the purpose of celebrating the enshrinement of a new class into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

We Will Fill Up Fast

Participation in this year's event is limited to a maximum of seventy-five balloons and in these difficult economic times we must keep our pilot acceptances in line with signed sponsors. We will be strictly adhering to this limitation and we will be sending acknowledgement letters to accepted pilots by May 1, 2009. You will be notified at this time if you have been accepted into the event as a participating pilot as well as a Dawn Patrol, Media, or Glow Pilot should you have registered for those events. Although applications are accepted based on a number of criteria, we encourage you to submit your application early as pilot demand for the Balloon Classic has been growing each year. We will maintain a waiting list once we have reached our limit. **Competitive Team Registrations will not be considered complete until all team members' applications have been received.**

If you are interested in participating in the 2009 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Invitational, **PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION BY MARCH 31, 2009.** This is a priority mailing and lack of an early response could prohibit your participation. Confirmation and further information will follow. If you prefer to register electronically through an e-mail process, please contact Chris Gump and she will e-mail you the registration packet in digital format or just visit our web site at www.profootballhoffestival.com and you can download a pilot application there.

Insurance and Other Matters

Due to the high public exposure of this event, the Enshrinement Festival requires that each participating pilot name the Enshrinement Festival as additionally insured on their policy (see Insurance Authorization section enclosed). We ask that you pay your insurance carrier and you will be reimbursed at Friday registration for this cost.

We have enclosed a brochure that fully explains our event. Please note that Friday registration as well as all pilot briefings will be held at Kent State University Stark Professional Education and Conference Center. Our race format will again be a Team format and our Competition Director assures participants the event will be a fun-filled weekend designed with both recreational and competitive pilots in mind. The prize fund is \$19,000 and includes separate prize funds for team competitors and Fiesta flyers. If you have any questions, please call Maury Sullivan, Competition Director, at (330) 323-4455 or Chris Gump at the Pro Football Hall of

Fame Enshrinement Festival office at (330) 458-2054 or 1-800-533-4302 or email at chrisg@cantonchamber.org.

Enshrinement Festival and Balloon Classic sponsors provide an outstanding venue, accommodations, prize funds, and many amenities for participating pilots and crews. For many of our sponsors, the Friday Sponsor Flight is a critical element in their sponsorship package. We also understand that asking competing pilots to carry a sponsor rider during a competitive flight may not be in everyone's best interest. After many years of always allowing the sponsor to "make up" their cancelled Friday evening sponsor ride on the next available flight, we have changed our sponsorship agreements for 2009. If the flight is cancelled for any reason, pilots have no further obligation to provide a sponsor ride. In fact, we ask that you do not provide a ride in this case as it will only cause problems for us.

We look forward to seeing you in Canton.

Sincerely,

Maury Sullivan, Competition Director
Balloon Classic Invitational

Steve Fricke, Chairman
Balloon Classic Invitational

Enclosures: Pilot Application, Insurance Authorization, Entry Agreement, Pilot Biography,
Balloon Classic Facts



PILOT APPLICATION

Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic
 Invitational/Jackson-Belden Food Fest & Fireworks
 July 31 - August 2, 2009

PILOT INFORMATION				
Name Last		First		Middle
Street				
City		State	Zip	
E-mail Address		BFA/HACD Competition # (Required if you want individual scores submitted)		
Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone
Pilot Certificate No.	<input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	Total PIC Hours	Hours Last 12 Months	Date of Last BFR
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 pilot entry fee enclosed – refundable at Friday registration				
PARTICIPATION INFORMATION				
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Competitor <input type="checkbox"/> I have a team – Captain Name _____ Team Members _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Please place me with a team			<input type="checkbox"/> "A" Ranked <input type="checkbox"/> "B" Ranked <input type="checkbox"/> "C" Ranked No more than one "A" player per team. See brochure for complete team composition rules	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiesta				
OTHER FLIGHT ACTIVITIES				
Please answer each of the three questions.				
Dawn Patrol/Morning Mini Glow To be run in conjunction with the Friday morning Media Flight, we are looking for no more than six pilots with proper lighting equipment and endorsements to do a ten-minute glow and launch about 5:20 AM (sunrise 6:21 AM). Participants may also be expected to carry one media passenger. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to participate in the Dawn Patrol/Morning Mini Glow <input type="checkbox"/> No, I'll be in bed				
Media Flight (Limited space available, priority given to special shapes, commercial pilots and pilots living within a 50 mile radius). You will receive written confirmation of Media Flight acceptance by May 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to participate in the Friday AM Media Flight. Please answer questions below. 1. How many media passengers will you take? _____ One _____ Two 2. Do you need a hotel room for Thursday evening? Only provided to pilots traveling more than 50 miles. Yes _____ No _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to participate in the Friday AM Media Flight				
Night Glow (\$50 stipend) – I wish to participate in the Friday evening Night Glow (limited to eighteen) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
BALLOON INFORMATION				
Balloon Category		<input type="checkbox"/> Sport Balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> National Commercial Logo - \$1700 <input type="checkbox"/> Local Commercial Logo - \$1200	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Shape – call for pricing information
Balloon Name		N Number	Owner	Hours
Manufacturer		Year	Model	Size

LOCAL CREW NEEDS						
<input type="checkbox"/> Please provide me with local crew	How many?	Fri AM	Fri PM	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM
INSURANCE AUTHORIZATION						
Name and Address of Insured			Name and Address of Pilot			
I authorize _____ to add “Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival” as an additional insured for the purpose of my participation in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Invitational to be held in Canton, Ohio, July 31 – August 2, 2009. I will pay the cost of this endorsement directly to my insurance carrier understanding that I will be reimbursed for this expenditure at Friday Registration upon showing a copy of the premium payment or make arrangements for the insurance company to invoice the Canton Chamber directly.						
Required Minimum Coverage						
Every participating 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 carried. In the event of policy cancellation prior to July 31, 2009, ten (10) days written notice will be given to Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival, 222 Market Ave. North, Canton, Ohio 44702						
Signature			Date			
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS						
Pilots receive one (1) room free for Friday and Saturday evening. Please complete the following so that we may make a reservation for you. All pilots and crew will be hosted at the Courtyard by Marriott Canton (formerly Four Points Sheraton). This first-class, totally remodeled facility is located across the street from the Kent State University Stark Campus and primary launch field.						
Arrival Date	Departure Date	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking			
Crew Accommodations						
Additional crew rooms are available at a cost of \$104 per night. Please complete the following so that reservations can be made for you. Include credit card information to guarantee your reservation. Your credit card information will be submitted to the hotel and will serve as a guarantee for your first night's room. Cancellations will need to be made directly with your hotel.						
Crew Room 1	Arrival Date	Departure date	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking		
Crew Room 2	Arrival Date	Departure date	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking		
Crew Room 3	Arrival Date	Departure date	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking		
Name on Credit Card	Credit Card Number	Exp date	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> Discover		
REGISTRATION CHECKLIST						
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Pilot Entry Fee enclosed – refundable at Friday registration <input type="checkbox"/> Signature on Insurance Authorization section above <input type="checkbox"/> Signature on Entry Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card information provided for additional hotel accommodation request <input type="checkbox"/> Completed “fresh” Pilot Biography enclosed. PLEASE take the time to complete all information requested. <input type="checkbox"/> Color photo of balloon provided. See details of how to provide this on form enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail address is complete and legible. You will be kept up to date on Balloon Classic information.						

ENTRY AGREEMENT

2009 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT FESTIVAL BALLOON CLASSIC INVITATIONAL

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Hot Air Balloon Classic Invitational Race on July 31 – August 2, 2009, I hereby certify that I am aware of and agree with the responsibility legally transferred to me under the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's) as regards my personal decision to fly my balloon, and any bodily injury or property damage resulting therefrom is solely my liability. I further agree that none of the flights are mandatory, that I will make all flights at my option, and that my decision as pilot in command may affect my placement in this event if I choose not to fly. I further certify that I have in force a balloon insurance policy with minimum liability limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage, including passengers, but not more than \$100,000 each passenger, or \$300,000 all passengers.

I agree that the organizers and sponsors of this event (including the Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival, Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce, Jackson Township, Kent State Stark Campus, Stark State College of Technology, event race officials, your sponsor or any employees, officers, trustees, agents and/or members of the above mentioned entities) are providing me with the facilities and means for my participation in this event and in no way do they supersede the responsibility of the pilot-in-command as stated in the FAR's, or otherwise. Thus, I release the aforementioned from liability for their actions in relation to the 2009 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Invitational.

It is my understanding that the pilot of each balloon is in full and complete charge and control of said balloon and is responsible for all decisions made concerning all things or persons in or connected with said balloon on the ground or in the air. Officials of said competitions may supply information, guidance, or data, but I understand that I act or rely on all such information at my own peril, and said officials assume no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of such information.

I hereby give permission to, without any restriction, The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival or its assigns, to use still and motion pictures and sound recordings of me, my balloon, equipment, chase crew members, employees and agents for news, advertising, promotional media and commercial uses.

It is my understanding that the organizers may inspect all balloons entered in the event; but that such inspection is only for the purpose of determining whether the aircraft complies with all rules of eligibility of said competition. The approval of the balloon by said officials does not constitute a representation or warranty of any kind or character whatsoever concerning the mechanical condition of the aircraft, or whether or not it is airworthy.

It is my understanding that I must take one (1) person for a balloon ride on Friday evening as coordinated by the Balloon Classic Committee. I understand that sponsor rides lost due to cancellation of the flight by the Competition Director due to unsuitable weather conditions or failure to show on the sponsor's behalf will end my responsibility to provide said ride. I also understand that I am not able to sell rides during the event, nor carry passengers for hire on any of the flights during the event.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE REGISTRATION IS ACCURATE AND I ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AGREEMENT ABOVE.

Pilot Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
Additional Pilot Name	Signature	Date



PILOT BIOGRAPHY & BALLOON PHOTO

Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival

Balloon Classic Invitational

July 31 – August 2, 2009

In an effort to update old and outdated biographical information contained in our event program, we are asking every participant to **submit a new personal biography and COLOR photo** of their balloon. The photo can be a standard glossy version or digital. You may email your digital photo and biography in a separate Word document to Chris Gump chrisg@cantonchamber.org with a copy to our field announcer Bill Smith bsmith26@raex.com.

- Color glossy photo enclosed**
- Digital color photo to be sent by e-mail**

Please return **NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2009** Registrations will not be considered complete without photo and bio. Thank you!

NAME: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Commercial Occupation: _____

Private Years / Hours PIC: ____/____ Highest Altitude / Longest Distance ____/____

National Sanction Ranking (BFA or NABA): 2008 ____ 2007 ____ 2006 ____ 2005 ____ 2004 ____

List any top five finishes in any US or International Championship races: _____

Any "unique" competitive experiences: _____

Countries flown in other than United States: _____

List any ballooning (hot air or gas) records currently or previously held: _____

List any other aircraft ratings that you hold: _____

Most memorable flight: _____

Have you attended every HOFEF Balloon Classic since 1986? _____

Other hobbies: _____

Any other "claims to fame"? _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2009 TO:

Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival, 222 Market Avenue, North ~ Canton, OH 44702