

66th Coupe Aéronautique
GORDON BENNETT
Albuquerque, NM - USA

General Briefing

Sandia Resort & Casino, 06.10.2023



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Welcome



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Roll Call



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Austria (AUT-1)

Gerald Stuerzlinger



Wolfgang Spät



D-ORZL (Nicaero Nautilo)



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Austria (AUT-2)

Christian (Wuzi) Wagner



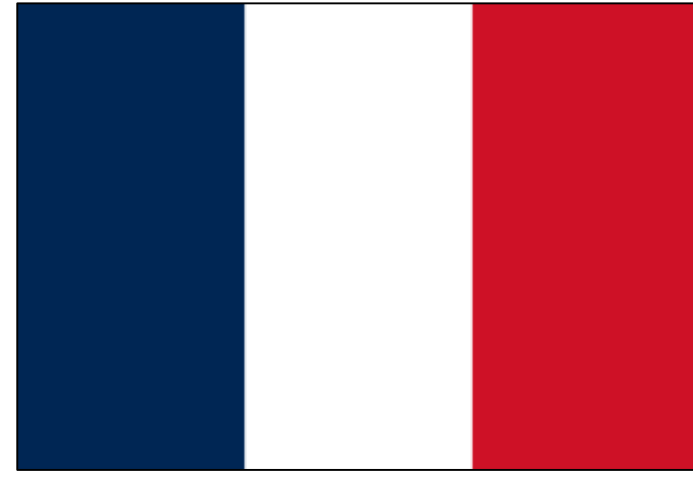
Stefanie Liller



OE-ZZM



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France (FRA-1)

Benoit Pelard



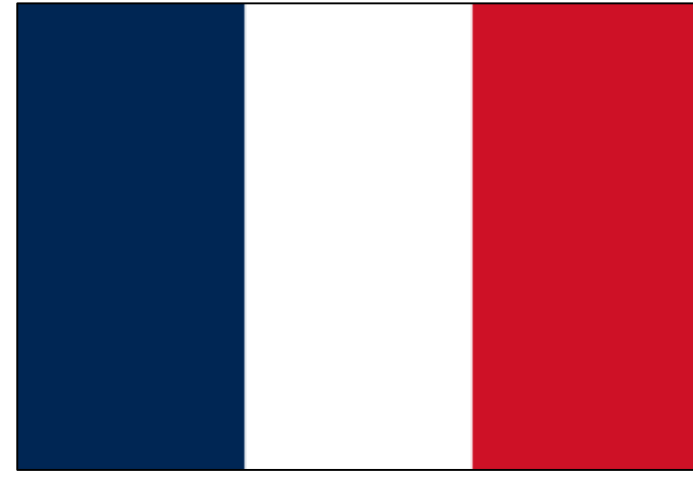
Benoit Peterle



F-PALL (MARIE MARVINGT)



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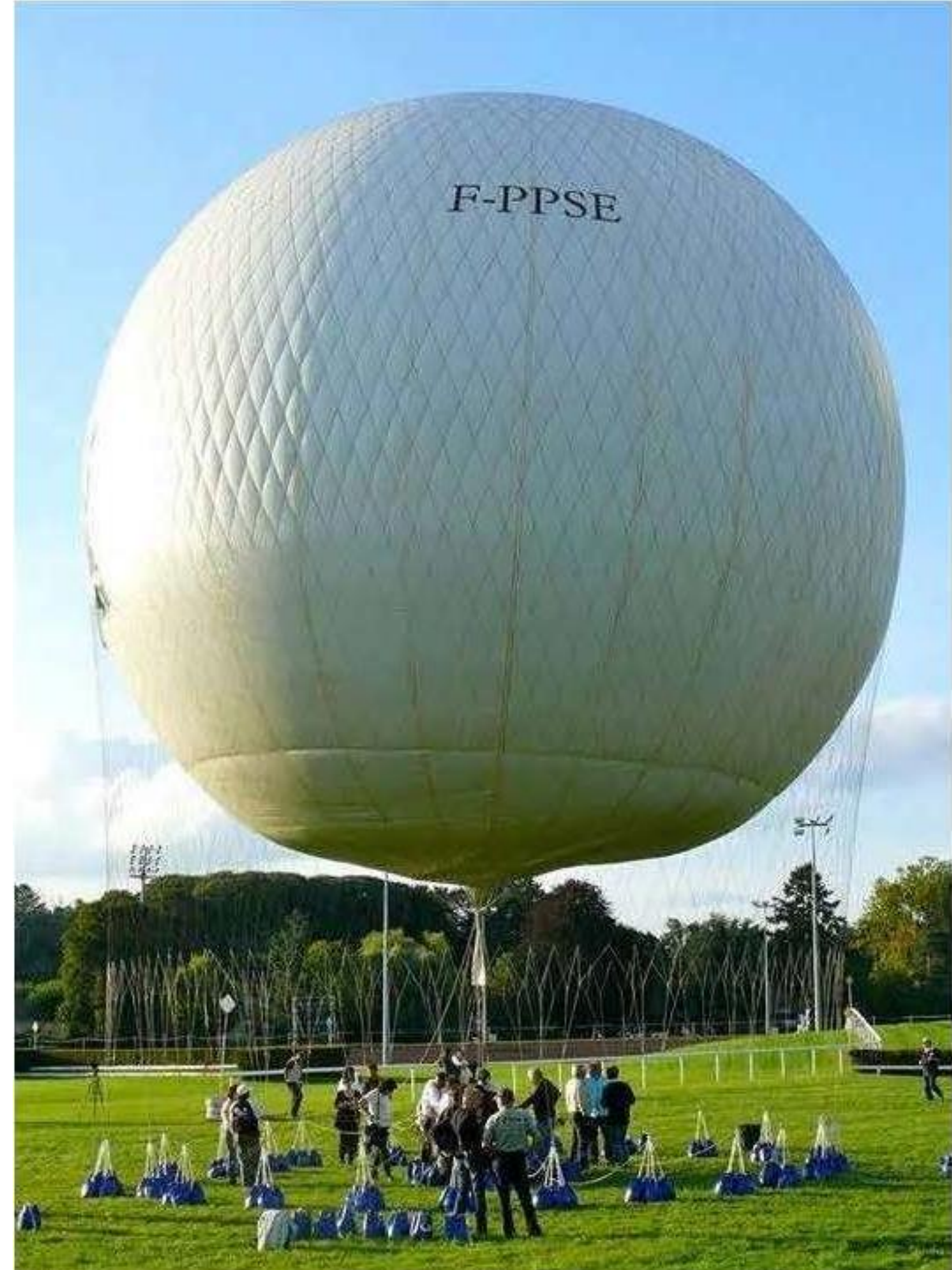


France (FRA-2)

Eric Decellieres



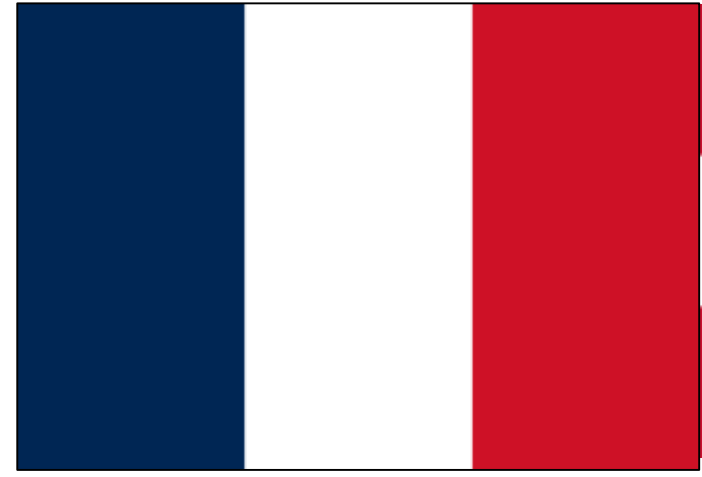
Benoit Havret



F-PPSE (LE PETIT PRINCE)



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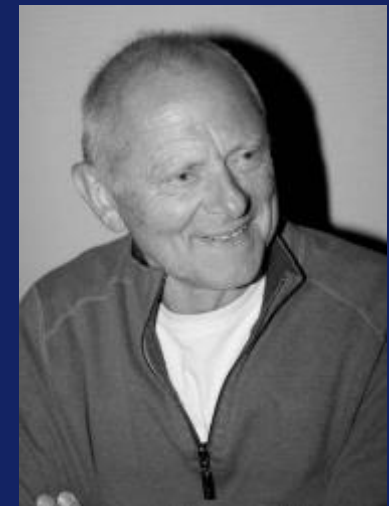


France (FRA-3)

Herve Moine



Christophe Blanchard



F-HMDE (Mobil 1)



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Germany (GER-1)

Wilhelm Eimers



Benjamin Elmers



D-OTLI (Leonid)



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Germany (GER-2)

Benedict Munz



Matthias Schlegel



D-OSTL (Stuttgarter Hofbräu)



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Germany (GER-3)

Max Michels



Andreas Michels



D-OASH (Sailer)



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Lithuania (LTU-1)

Robertas Komza



Romanas Mikelevicius



LY-OJU (Warsteiner)



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Poland (POL-1)

Krzysztof Zapart



Piotr Halas



D-OGYN (WHITE PIL)



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Poland (POL-2)

Jacek Bogdanski



Przemyslaw Moscicki



D-OBAD (WHITE EAGLE)



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SPAIN (ESP-1)

Anulfo Gonzales



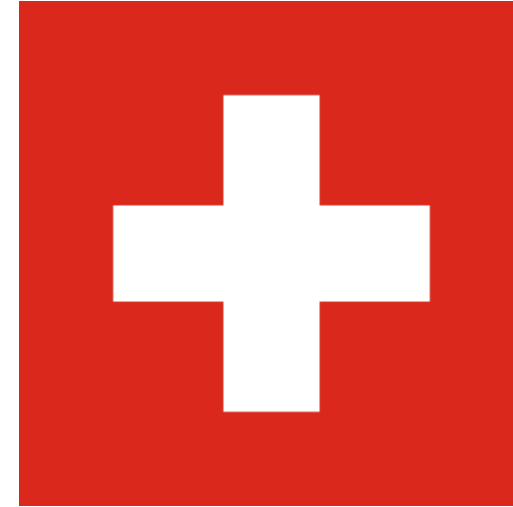
Angel Aguirre



EC-MAK (KAMAROTÍ)



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Switzerland (SUI-1)

Balthasar Wicki



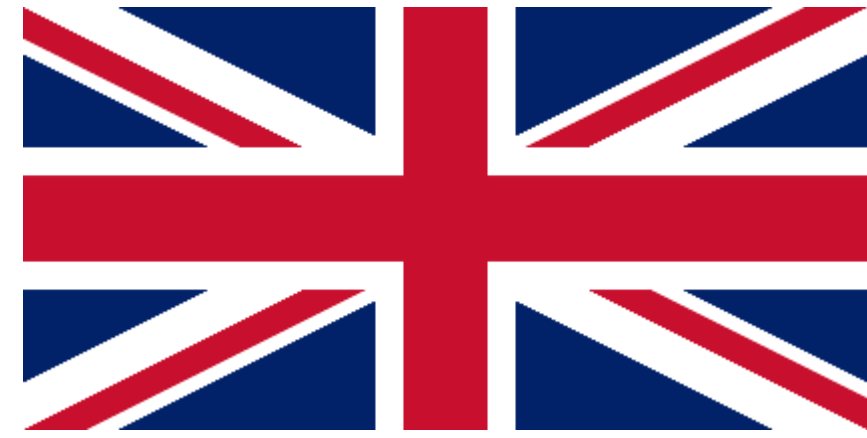
Rene Erni



HB-QWV (Pure White)



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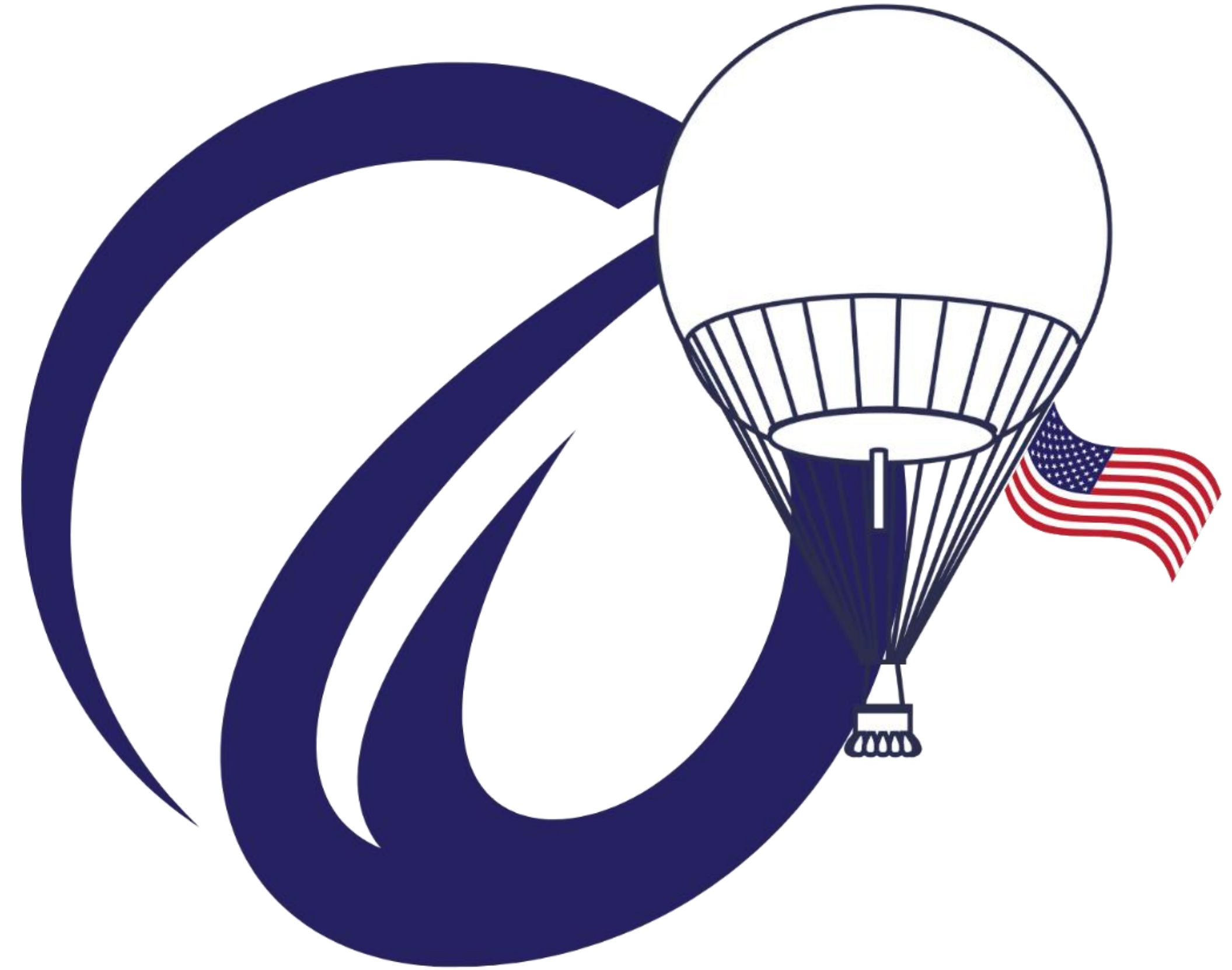


United Kingdom (GBR-1)

Deborah (Day) Scholes



John Rose



G- (Mike)



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United States (USA-1)

Noah Forden



Brenda Cowlshaw



N6395V (Across the Universe)



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United States (USA-2)

Barbara Fricke



Peter Cuneo



N505HY (Foxtrot Charlie)



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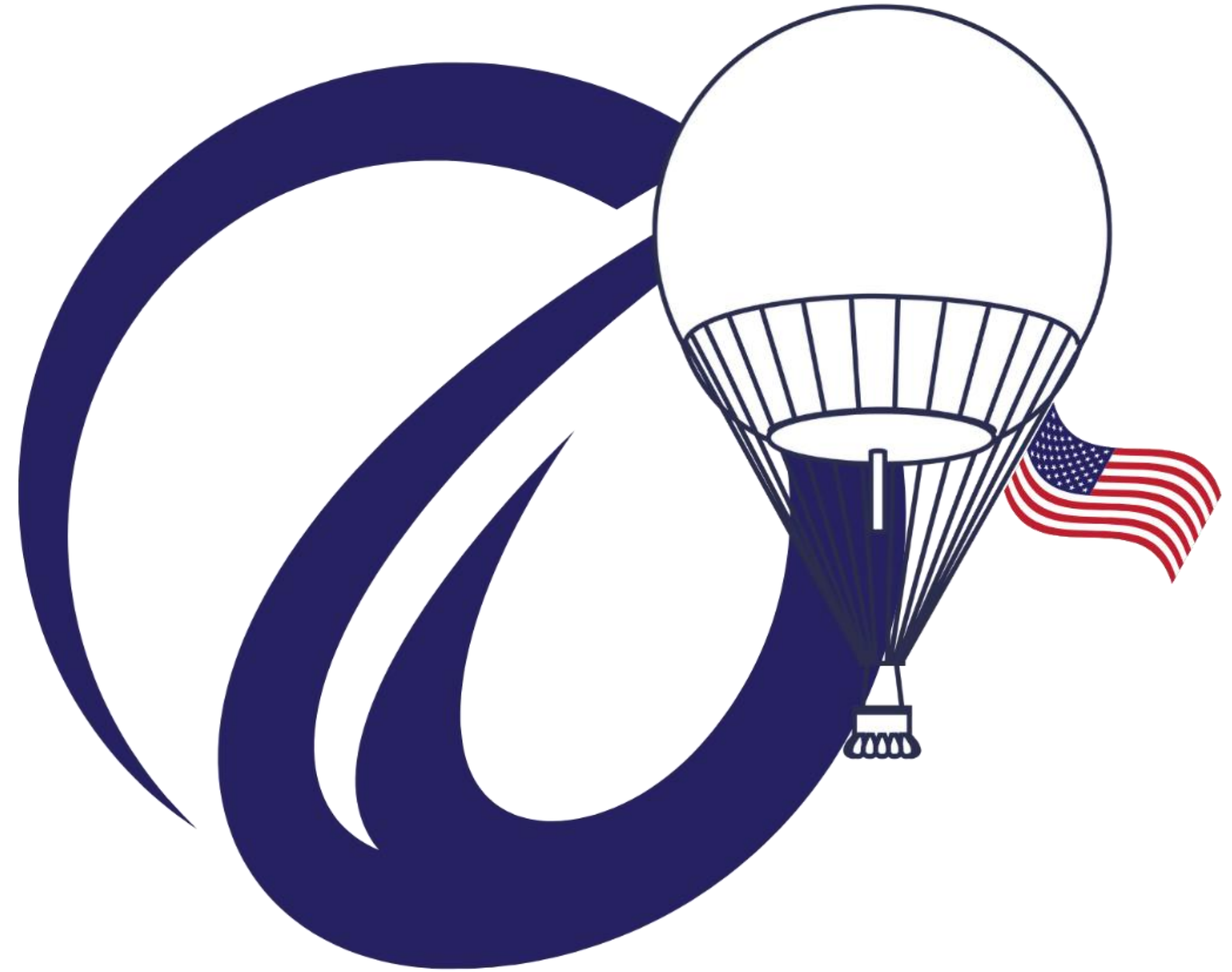


United States (USA-3)

Mark Sullivan



Cheri White



N9YN (Snowbird)



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Introduction



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Organization committee

- Jennifer Garcia, AIBF Event Director
- Mark Sullivan, Chairman Gas Committee
- Sam Parks, Executive Director AIBF
- Ken Draughn, Field Logistics Manager
- Tom Garrity, Media & Marketing
- Jim Smith, Hydrogen Operations
- Ben Anello, Airspace Coordinator



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International Jury

- Garry Lockyer (President, On-site) Canada
- John Davis (Member, On-site) USA
- Luc Van Geyte (Member, Remote) Belgium



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Event officials

- Tomas Hora, Germany - ED
- John Petrehn, USA – Deputy ED
- Marc Andre, Switzerland – Steward
- Wally Book, USA – Safety officer
- Chuck Raskob, USA – Deputy Safety officer
- Michael Garcia, USA – Deputy Safety officer
- Jim Byrd, USA – Scoring officer
- Sam Parks, USA – Launch Master
- Randy Lefevre, USA - Meteorologist



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Rules



*Fédération
Aéronautique
Internationale*

Event Rules

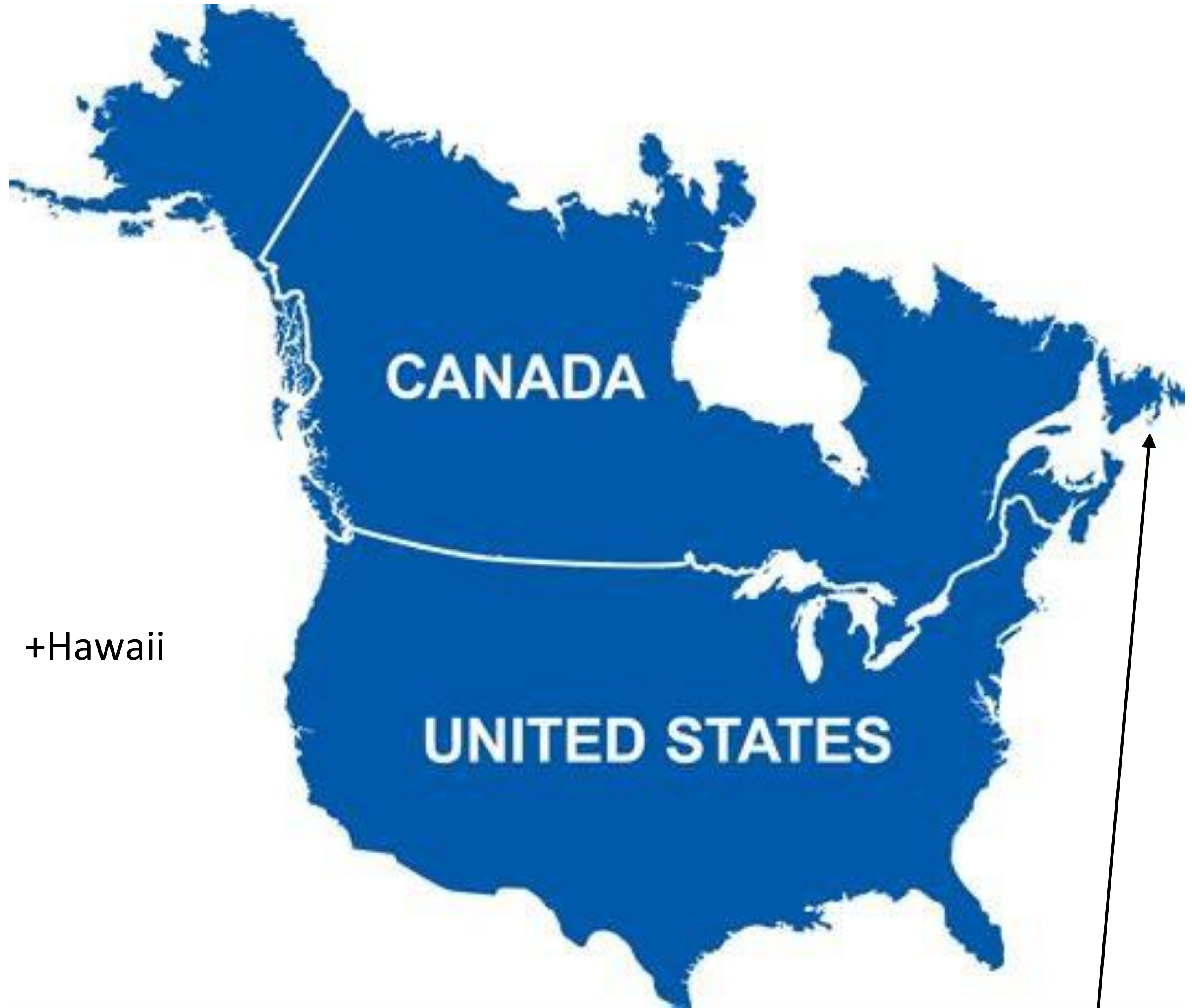
66th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship

Based on Model Event Rules Version 2023
17 March 2023

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+Hawaii

Competition Area

St Pierre and Miquelon excluded (France)



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Take-off
Coordinates

35° 11.735' N

106° 35.864' W



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Airspace Infringements

6.3 Airspace

A definition of the competition area must be published 30 days in advance of the event. The competition area may be reduced at the general briefing. The competition area must be open to all participating pilots and teams.

The Event Director should define other airspace limitations such as procedures for airspace over international waters prior to take-off.

Pilots must be familiar with and abide by the applicable aviation regulations of the countries. Pilots are required to log all ATC clearances (ATC log) given en route; these must be returned to the Event Director in a sealed envelope for investigation in case of suspected violations.

Infringements of Aviation regulations are in the first instance a matter between the pilot and the Aviation Authorities. If the Event Director receives information from an Aviation Authority that air law may have been violated, he should investigate and take action as appropriate. Pilots who are not able to comply with ATC instructions will be penalized under FAI Sporting Code Section 1 Aerostats, ANNEX 5.

6.4 Penalties

Penalties will be based on the FAI Sporting Code Section 1 Aerostats, ANNEX 5.

In a case where a technical infringement of the rules or failure to comply with requirements caused by mistake or inadvertence has occurred and no advantage has been attained, the competitor concerned will, as a guide, be penalized by a reduction of not less than 2% of the best distance.

Serious infringement, such as dangerous or hazardous actions or repetitions of lesser infringements will be penalized by a reduction of not less than 5% of the best distance.

Unsportsmanlike behaviour which includes deliberate attempts to deceive or mislead officials, intentional airspace violations, falsification of documents or repeated serious infringements of rules should, as a guide, result in disqualification. The pilot is also responsible for the actions of his ground crew and command center.



Airspace Infringements

US - Airspace



Class A Airspace is excluded from the competition. Competitors flying in Class A Airspace will receive “No Result”
The tracker GPS altitude will be used to determine the infringement.



Airspace Infringements

Canada - Airspace



Class B has typically a lower boundary at 12.500ft

Class A lower boundary is at 18.000ft.

Class B requires clearance. Flying into Class B without clearance may be considered as an intentional airspace violation and penalized accordingly

Competitors flying in Class A will receive “No Result”.



General Rules

- VFR day
- VFR night
- According to AIP
- Record clearances, see rule 6.3:

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- Excluded airspace “Alpha”



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Complaints and protests must be sent by email to

ed@gordonbennett.aero

**Complaints &
Protests**



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See information from Command Center

Entering
Canada



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Command Center

- Ben Anello
- Jon Ashworth
- Guy Feltman
- Chris LaFleur
- Richard D. Iverson
- Jeff Davis
- Carolyn Lilley
- Stasia Ruskie
- Cliff Tvede



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Command Center

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Email:
gbcommand2023@gmail.com



- Information Sheets
 - Confirm Existing Information
 - Fill-in Blank Information / Make Corrections
 - Special Attention to PLB / ELT / EPIRB
 - 15 digit number, registered with NOAA
 - Include Any Additional Notes

Please provide Completed Form ASAP

No later than start of Saturday Pilot Briefing

Team Information Sheet
9/15/2008 - 2:43 PM

Pilot Name Barbara Fricke	Team Number 11
Co-Pilot Name Peter Cuneo	Country USA
Balloon Name Foxtrot Charlie	Reg. Number N47FC
ELT or EPIRB Number EPRB: 2DCE47C852FFBFF	
Transponder Code 5015	Tracker Number K5GAS-4

Balloon Contact Information

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Inflation and Safety

RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- NO SMOKING or open fire
- No alcohol
- No plastic tarps during inflation
- Ensure cotton clothing when handling hydrogen
- No cellphones or cameras 10m around balloon when inflated
- No drones
- Avoid unnecessary crossing of active hoses
- H2 passes



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Emergency equipment check:

- According to rule

Safety check will be done during the inflation



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<https://balloonfiesta.com/Gordon-Bennett-Pilot-Notice-Board>

Notice Board



1. Pilot – Officials – Group



2. Teams, Officials etc Group (“General”)



Whatsapp Groups

Messages given through this channel have only advisory or organizational character – like calling a supplemental briefing etc.

This is not an official channel to file a complaint or protest – also no answer will be given.



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Media

Collaboration between:

- Gordon Bennett TV
- Balloon Fiesta Live
- Garrity Group -> PR

Tom Garrity

Jenna Simon

- Kim Vesely

Active distribution along the flight path

- Safety (difference to Spy balloons...)

media@balloonfiesta.com



<https://tv.gordonbennett.aero>
<https://www.youtube.com/gordonbennettv>

GB TV Show times:

	Local	UTC	Europe
Morning teaser with Balloon	06:15	12:15	14:15
Fiesta Live			
Morning show (9:00 on non-competition days, 9:30 on competition days)	9:00/9:30	15:00/15:30	17:00/17:30
Main update	13:00	19:00	21:00
Main update of the day			
Late show	20:00	02:00	04:00

Media



- Regan Tetlow
- Marc André
- Florian Michel
- Christian Michel



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Media Collaborate!

- Send short videos from the basket/HQ/... to Christian via WhatsApp
- Be available immediately after landing for an interview. Contact us via WhatsApp!
- Install Zoom App on your phone.
- The leading teams are required to contact us as soon as they have internet after landing for an interview -> TV news desks.
- Posting #gb2023 #gordonbennett #balloonfiesta
- Pictures after the General Briefing
- Be professional athletes.

Christian WhatsApp: +49 172 7310752



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YB Tracking Public

- <https://live.gordonbennett.aero>
- YB Races App

Private links (Teams, HQ only – no public posting!!!)

- <https://yb.tl/Simple/gb2023>
- <https://yb.tl/gb2023.kml>

Tracking



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Tracking & Scoring

- Call into command center asap with your approximate landing time and place.
- Rule applies
- Let tracker run for at least 30 minutes
- Arrange debriefing with Jim Byrd
- Disabling trackers will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct
- Return logger to Fiesta asap.
- Emergency button triggers SMS to command center staff only. Does not replace any other distress signal!



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Crisis Mangement

Only the following person shall
communicate with media:

- Tom Garrity

All incidents **MUST** be reported to the ED or
Deputy ED



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- John Petrehn +1(913)940-2020
- Jennifer Garcia +1(505)247-8096
- Wally Book +1(505)269-7910
- Marc Andre +1(669)946-0652
- Jim Byrd +1(505)259-8719
- Command Center +1(909)235-9427



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Schedule for
Saturday Oct. 7th
(subject to
change)

10:00 Briefing @ Sandia
12:00 Layout of balloons
13:00 Gas is flowing
17:00 End of inflation
18:00 Launch window opens
2 hours after launch of first balloon launch
window closes