

HILL, Edward J. USA #-1004 (1893-1958) (GB)

See APPENDIX-AA/AB/AC/AH/AI/AR/AX; Sport balloonist 1920-40 era.

b: 10 Mar.1891 Philadelphia, PA;

d: 3 Apr.1958 Detroit, MI.

e: Philadelphia Public Schools.

p: Engineer (Goodyear-1922); Pres. Procon Pump & Engineering Co.

f: Made 75 free flights in lifetime; Had numerous adventures & triumphs in sport ballooning; FAI-ACA B-License #1004 issued 18 May 1927.

I: Balloon Instructor to Jean & Jeanette PICCARD; Built balloon and served as technical advisor for 1934 flight of Jean & Jeannette PICCARD from Detroit Airport; Established many FAI-Balloon records; Participated in five U.S. Nat. B-Races; 1927, Winner (w/SCHLOSSER) of the G-Bennett B-Race.

h: Ed Hill Trophy established in his honor. ***Epic flight 1922 from Houston, TX. Landed in the Adirondack Mountains, wandered lost for 52 hours before rescue. ***Epic flight 4-5 Jul.1927 (w/SCHLOSSER) from Detroit, MI in the G-Bennett B-Race. Landed at Montvale and established FAI Records for A-3 and A4 Class balloons (1198 km).

r: NT-4 Apr.1958/24/1; BuA p69.