



Who's Who of Ballooning

By Ecbert Eecks

SHOECRAFT, John A. USA (1944- (GB/HB)
 See APPENDIX-BF/BJ/BL/BN/BY. Sport balloonist.
 b: 1 Nov.1944, Indianapolis, IN.
 e: A.S.University, BBA-1966.
 p: Real Estate Developer.
 f: First B-Flight 1977 w/W.Perry from Albuquerque, NM; First B-Solo 1978 from Phoenix, AZ; FAA B-License 1978; More than 1000 TT (incl. 200 in HB, 30 GB flights) by 1983.
 m: BFA since 1978; Arizona B-Club since 1978.
 h: Montgolfier Award, FAI-1981. ***Epic series of Trans-USA flight attempts in "Super Chicken":
 #1, on 20 Sep.1980 (w/Ripps) from Oceanside, CA to Columbus, OH
 in 65:30. Forced down by severe thunderstorms.
 #2, on 4 Dec.1980 (w/Ripps) from Oceanside, CA to Liberal, KA
 in 30:00. Forced down by leaking envelope.
 #3, on 9 Oct.1981 (w/Gorrell) from Costa Mesa, CA. Successful
 flight of 55:25 ended at Blackbeard, GA. Reaching altitudes
 of 30,000' and temperatures of -40, the goal was reached.
 r: Bio-Data form.