

STOKES, George Albert USA (1937- (HB)

b: 16 Aug.1937 San Francisco, CA; Father of balloonist David.

e: Long Beach (CA) Public Schools; Brigham Young University.

p: Professional B-Pilot, Balloon & Airship maker; Designer of 3-dimensional inflatables.

f: Self taught balloonist 1966 in a SEMCO one-man balloon; FAA B-License 25 Feb.1971; Est. 1000 B-hours by 1985. \*\*\*Epic series of five tethered ascents Sep.1975 from Kaneohe Hawaii. Successfully disembarked a passenger (cable rigger) onto a antenna cable 1000' above the valley floor (see S. CUTTER, W.BERRY, E.YOST). \*\*\*Epic flight 1977. Launched 8 hang-gliders from a 525,000 cf.balloon (see P.ANDERSON).

r: Bio-data 1985; BM-J/F 1977 p5; BM-J/A 1977 p27.