



Pat & Don Barz

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### Notable – BFA President, Shields Trauger Award

Pat Barz received the Balloon Federation of America highest award, the Shields Trauger Award. Following is a portion of the July 24, 1992 nomination letter from Jewel Cutter and the list of accomplishments that accompanied the nomination.

“... It is hard to summarize Pat’s contributions as they are considerable. I will try to highlight for you.

She has been active in ballooning for 19 years, participating in every phase possible from crewing to instructing. She has worked in one position or another at the Nationals for 17 years including observer, debriefer, assistant launch director, assistant competition task sitter, and chief debriefer.

Pat has served on the regular BFA Board of Directors for six years as Secretary of the BFA Board in 1982 and 1983 and President of the Board in 1984. Pat helped organize the first BFA Convention held in 1977 in Reno, Nevada.

Pat has also served at the international level at the 1<sup>st</sup> championships as a debriefer, North Americans as a debriefer and at Battle Creek, and on the jury at the US National level.

For the last five years Pat has served on the BFA CD Division Board. She has been Secretary for the last 4 years and editor of the CD newsletter.

This is a short summary, Please review her resume carefully. Never have I seen a resume of anyone who has been so willing to help from the smallest job to the most difficult ones. She has always been there for all of us with truly never a word of complaint. ...”

## Pat Barz Ballooning Resume

### List of Accomplishments

- 1974 Private, Commercial & Instructor – Hot air balloon ratings
- 1974 – 1977 Crew Chief at Nationals for four years
- 1975 Instructed students
- 1975 – 1976 AAAA Cloud Bouncer – Editor
- 1975 2<sup>nd</sup> World Hot Air Balloon Championships ... publicity and PR. In charge of all publicity from Sim’s field.
- 1976 Made Honorary lifetime member of AAAA
- 1976 – 1985 U.S. Nationals. 2 years as assistant launch director/observer/debriefer/PSLT task Balloonmeister on competition staff
- 1977 Helped organized and helped run 1<sup>st</sup> BFA convention in Reno ... seminar/Workshops/ profession show/350 pilots/100 balloons
- 1977 President’s Award for convention

- 1978 Planning and on-site inspection committee for 2<sup>nd</sup> convention in Knoxville
- 1978 Received Sid Cutter Award
- 1978 Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> overserve class in US
- 1979 – 1981 Elected to BFA Board for 3 year term
- 1982 Re-elected to BFA Board and elected Secretary
- 1983 Secretary to the BFA Board
- 1984 President of BFA
- 1985 Chief debriefer and scoring officer at Nationals
- 1985 Debriefers at Worlds at Battle Creel
- 1985 Balloonmeister Award and President's Award
- 1986 – 1987 Debriefers at Battle Creek
- 1987 U.S. Nationals Assistant Debriefers and Balloonmeister's Award
- 1988 Elected to BFA CD Board
- 1989 Debriefers at Baton Rouge
- 1989 Elected Secretary of BFA CD Board and CD Newsletter Editor
- 1989 Championship Director's Award/CD Chairman's Award
- 1990 Jury at U.S. Nationals at Baton Rouge/Championship Director's Award
- 1990 Secretary of CD and Newsletter Editor
- 1991 Jury at Baton Rouge/CD Secretary/CD Newsletter Editor/Championship Directors Award
- 1992 Debriefers at North Americans/CD Secretary/CD Newsletter Editor
- Misc. Contributions to: AAAA Cloud Bouncers, Colorado Hot Air Flyers and Ballooning Journal
- Class A Observer, voted Outstanding Observer at Nationals
- Taught observer class for 3 years
- Helped with South Valley Rally at Alamosa
- Balloonmeister at Grand Junction, Colorado Race
- Safety Officer for Pike's Peak Race
- NE Ohio Balloon Pilot's Association (Terry Mason)