



Barbara Fricke and Peter Cuneo

## Peter Cuneo

### Notable – Accomplishments/Contributions

Born April 10, 1951, Chicago, IL

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Received his Private Pilot Certificate in September, 1989, his LTA Commercial Certificate in 1992 and his Gas Pilot Certificate in 1995.

- Peter served as Co-editor (with Barbara Fricke) of the *BFA Gas Division Newsletter* from 2000 to present. He authored (with Astrid Gerhardt, Walter Muller and Gerhard Hurck) the Second Edition of *Gone with the Wind – The Gas Balloon*; 2016.
- Peter has teamed with Barbara Fricke to win the America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race wins: 2001, 2010, 2013, 2016 and finish second three times. The pair also has a third place finish in the Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett.
- 2006 Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett: 72 hours from Waasmunster Belgium to Finland – 7<sup>th</sup> place.
- Research gas balloon flight carrying 10 geese attempting to re-establish migration route – featured on ABC's 20/20 March/April 2003
  - A smoke balloon flight over the Nazca Lines of Peru with Julian Nott, April, 1998 was featured in *Ballooning*
  - He has logged a gas balloon flight with Julian Nott from Otis, KS to Aurora, MO using liquid helium instead of sand ballast to maintain altitude control. Duration 21.30 hours – ref *Balloon Life*
  - Peter & Barbara have organized two seminars on gas ballooning.
  - Peter has been part of a team that has built a gas envelope and basket.
  - He has flown helium, hydrogen and anhydrous ammonia gas balloons
- He has recently teamed with Bert Padelt to produce an experimental hydrogen-safe gas balloon envelope.