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John Davis is a member of the Balloon Fiesta Heritage Committee, as well as a co-author of a recent award winning book. As a Balloon Fiesta participant for more than 40 years, he brings a wealth of ballooning knowledge and experience.

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**1. Give a brief overview of your background and how you became involved with Balloon Fiesta.**

I got involved in ballooning in the early '70s and then began participating in Balloon Fiesta in 1974.

**2. What do you enjoy most about being involved with Balloon Fiesta?**

Being part of it and watching it all come together on the first day.

**3. You recently co-authored an award winning book titled "Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta." What was your role and what is the book about?**

My role in this book was that of an author. The book featured Dick Brown, Charlotte Kinney, Tom McConnell, Dick Rice, John Sena and Kim Vesely as my co-authors and is about Balloon Fiesta. It showcases the transformation of ballooning in Albuquerque from the 1972 balloon rally to the international event that it is today.

**4. What was your favorite part about the authoring process?**

I enjoyed both the writing and choosing the pictures.

**5. The book was entered into the 2017 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards. What awards did it win?**

The book was entered into the 2017 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards. It was entered into the Art/Photography and the Sports/Recreation categories. It was a finalist in both categories, and won in the Sports/Recreation category.