



Who's Who of Ballooning

By Eckert Eecks

BRADLEY, Troy USA (1964- (HB/GB)

See APPENDIX-BJ/BG/BV/BY. Professional balloonist.

b: 15 Aug.1964 Denver, CO.

e: Golden (CO) High School.

p: Worked for World-Balloons 1984-93, Albuquerque, NM; Partner in Adventure Balloons, and Odyssey project.

l: Skydiving

f: Hot-Air & Gas balloon qualified; First HB-Flight 1976 W/J.Dutro (grandfather); First Gas B-Flight; 1986; First B-Solo Jul.1979 from Frederick, CO; FAA B-License #524239781 issued 23 Aug.1980, Commercial-1982;.

l: 1981, Participant at the U.S.Nat.HB-Champion-ships; 1985, N.Mexico State B-Champion; 1986, Organized a 19 B-Event to 24,000'; 1987, Participated in the G-Bennett B-Races; More than 2300 B-Hours (24 gas ascents) by 1994.1988, Competitor in N.American champion-ships at St.Jean Canada; 1990, Placed 4th in N.American Championships at San Antonio,TX; 1991, Built & flew his own Anhydrous Ammonia Gas balloon; 1991, Placed 8th in U.S.Nat.GB-Championships; 1992, N.Mexico State B-Champion; 1993, Participated in the G-Bennett B-Races; 1994, Established World Duration record (10:01) in AM-1 Class; Established World Distance record (197sm) in AM-1 Class; Established World Altitude record (5614m) in AM1-7 Class. 2003, Awarded Montgolfier Diploma for HB flight of 1017 miles.

m: AAAA; BFA, Gas Balloon Committee, AM-class subcommittee; Colorado Balloon Club.

h: Shields-Trauger Memorial Award; Sid Cutter Award; LTA-Society

Achievement Award; De La VAULX Medal. ***Epic flight 16 Sep.1992 (W/R.ABRUZZO) from Bangor Maine and landed east of Casablanca, Morocco. Established World records for AM-7 thru 9 class (heated helium) balloons. It also established an absolute endurance (144:23) record. Set a total of 46 world records by 2004.

r: Pers. interview-1992; Skylines Aug.94p7, Dec.04p4; Bio-form Oct./94.