

William E Bussey, DDS

Education

- University of Texas - Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- University of Tennessee College of Dentistry - Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Academy of General Dentistry - Fellowship (FAGD)

Organizations/Honors

- National Honor Society' Sigma Chi Fraternity
- Significant Sig - Alumni whose achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi
- Life-Long Sig
- President - Student American Dental Society Dean's Honor Society
- Zi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity
- American Academy of Oral Roentgenology Award
- International College of Dentistry, Outstanding Dental Student Award Captain, United States Army Dental Corps
- Graduate, US Army Medical Field Service School President, Kiwanis Club
- President, Ducks Unlimited Board of Directors, United Way Gregg County Dental Society East Texas Dental Society
- Texas Dental Society, Life Member American Dental Society, Life Member
- Emeritus Fellow of The Academy of General Dentistry American Academy of Implant Dentistry
- Quest Dental Study Group
- Chairman & Board of Directors, The Great Texas Balloon Race Balloon Federation of America
- Texas Aviation Hall of Fame (Only balloon pilot) Gregg County Historical Museum
- Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History-100 years of Texas Aviation 2011Longview Tourism Partner of the Year
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, Longview High School, 2012

Aviation/Fixed Wing

- Commercial Rating Instrument Rating
- Airplane Single Engine Airplane Multi Engine
- Aviation/Balloon
- Commercial Rating FAA Examiner
- 35 Years Experience, over 3,000 hours Safety Seminar Instructor
- Level VIII Pilot Achievement Award Distinguished Aeronaut
- Safety Officer, United States National Championship
- Asst. Championship Director, United States National Championship,
- Championship Director, 22 Events

- Organizer of The Great Texas Balloon Race, now 34 years old Originator of the Balloon Glow, now copied around the world 29 United States National Records for Distance and Duration
- 14 World Records for Distance and Duration
- Spirit of Ballooning Award, Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta 1988 - Ranked No. 1 in the National Balloon Racing Association
- 1989 - Ranked No. 1 in the Balloon Federation of America 1990 - North American Championship, Bronze Medal
- "The Ernie" - a one-time award given to the competition pilot over a three year period who most emulates the true spirit of ballooning in his relationship with competition, sponsors, media, public, and fellow balloon pilots.
- Shields-Trauger Award - Most significant flight in a hot air balloon Euro-American Circle of Champions
- NAA Award - One of Ten Most Memorable Flights in Aviation Al Desmond Award - Contribution to Competitive Ballooning
- Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, 2007 - Only balloonist in Hall of Fame Most Improved Pilot Balloon Federation of America-2009
- Successful in obtaining the United States National Hot Air Balloon Championships in Longview, 2012 through 2014
- Balloon Federation of America, Director's Award, 2012
- Balloon Federation of America Competition Division, BFA Kool Pro Balloon Tour
- Balloon Tour America
- North American Balloon Association National Aviation Association
- United States National Competition
- 35 Championships
- 100 + Silver and Bronze finishes
- Consistent top 10 at United States National Championships
- 29 United States National Records
- World Competition
- United States World Team -1985, 1989, 1995
- 6 World Records - Distance 8 World Records - Duration
- Trans-Pacific Recovery Team from Japan to Northwest Territories -1991
- Guest of King Hussein of Jordan - Champion of Champions Race Guest of Sultan of Malaysia - First Ever Balloon Flights in Malaysia

International Awards

- Silver Badge
- Gold Badge with Two Diamonds
- Montgolfier Diploma - Highest International Award in Ballooning
- Organized and Flew in the First Underground Balloon Glow and the First Underground Competition at Marvel Cave in Branson, MO
- "Wind and Fire"

- Host of Six One-hour TV Specials for The Travel Channel and Outdoor Life Network featuring the Sport of Hot Air Ballooning

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Other Activities

- Mountain Climbing
 - Mount Rainier---4 times The Grand Teton
 - Many Colorado Fourteeners
- Race Cars
 - Since 1992 has instructed in NASCAR style cars at 24 NASCAR tracks across the nation, with Team Texas High Performance Driving, The California Racing Experience, Skip Barber Racing Adventure, Dale Jarrett Racing Adventure, and The Racing Experience.

Personal Interests

- Mountain Climbing
- Harley Davidson
- SCUBA
- NASCAR
- Snow Skiing
- Non-fiction True Adventure Books