



AOKI, Rocky USA (1938- (HB/GB)

See APPENDIX-AB/BJ/BL/BN/BQ. Sport balloonist.

b: 9 Oct.1938, Nakano, Japan. Immigrated to the USA 1959; Resident of New Jersey.

e: Keio University, Tokyo;

p: Businessman; Restaurant owner (owner of 54 Benihana restaurants by 1983.

f: First B-Flight 1978; First B-Solo 1980 from Miami, FL; FAA B-License 1980; More than 250 B-Hours, incl.15 gas flights.

l: Sports enthusiast, Wrestling, balloons, offshore powerboats; Undersea exploration, race cars & motorcycles; 1981, Assistant on Trans Pacific flight of 10-13 November; Participant on many National and International Balloon events.

h: Picture on cover of Newsweek (In'tl) Magazine, 1981. ***Epic flight 24 Apr.1982 (W/ABRUZZO) from Palm Springs, CA. Flight in the Modern G-Bennett B-Race crossed the Rocky Mountains, landing in North Dakota after 1346 miles.

r: Telcon interview Aug.83; Miami Herald, 27 Feb.1989/p18.