



Who's Who of Ballooning

By Ecbert Eecks

PETREHN, John USA (1940?1990) (HB/GB)

See APPENDIX-BC. Sport balloonist. (Bio-Data unavailable)

Father of eleven children.

d: 3 Mar.1990 Shawnee Mission, KS.

f: First B-Flight 1974.

h: Montgolfier Diploma; Harmon Trophy.

l: Founder of "Southern Hemisphere Aerostat Research Expedition." ***Epic flight 5 Sep.1982 from Prior Lake (WI). Established FAI AX-6 duration record of 13:24 (to raise money for charity). ***Epic flight 17 Sep.1984 from Middletown (IL). Established FAI duration (24:11:54, AX-6,7,8) and distance (851.32Km., for AX-6 and AX-7). ***Epic flight attempt March 1988 from Mendoza, Argentina. Flight was to circle the World (15,800 miles) on a research mission. Combination helium-hot air balloon was damaged by gusty winds before launch (Co-pilot was to be Towland Smith).

m: BFA-Life.

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r: Pilot News; NAA-files; B-Life Apr.1990 (T).