



# Who's Who of Ballooning

By Robert Eeckels

**WALIGUNDA, Robert Leroy**      USA      (1945?      (HB)  
See APPENDIX-BI/BL.      Professional balloonist. (Bio-data unknown)

e: University unknown, Springfield. MA.

p: Owner of B-Enterprises, Princeton, NJ; Raven / Aerostar Balloon dealer;  
Repair Station.

f: First B-Flight 1965 (date & w/who unknown).

l: Co-Author (w/L.Sheehan) of: "Great American Balloon Book"; Director of  
"Great American B-Races (Philadelphia); Staged balloon portions of Woody  
Allen movies.

m: BFA Life member since 1970. \*\*\*Epic flight early 1970's from a barge off  
San Francisco (CA) over the Golden Gate Bridge. \*\*\*Epic flight early 1970s  
from the North Rim. FIRST to cross the Grand Canyon by balloon. Flew from  
the North to South rim. NOTE: see J.Wingad-1978 for first crossing South to  
North. \*\*\*Epic flight early 1970s (details unknown). Landed in the Gulf of  
Mexico. \*\*\*Epic flight early 1970s (details unknown) Experienced burner  
flame-out in flight. Lost 3 fingers in the superpressure fan while trying to relight  
the burner.

a: Sky Manor Airport Box-54, Pittstown, NJ 08867.

r: Publishers Weekly 9 Oct.1981p6.