



Who's Who of Ballooning

By Ecbert Eecks

WOLF, Constance USA (1905-1994) (HB/GB)
 See APPENDIX-BD/BE/BF. Sport balloonist; Aeronaut Extraordinaire.
 b: 16 July 1905, Canada.
 d: 14 Apr.1994 Blue Bell, PA (age 89); U.S.Citizen; Wife of retired General (Alfred L.) and Lawyer.
 e: Toronto University.
 p: Theatrical Agent, Retired.
 f: First B-flight Summer 1951 with Fred Forrer in Switzerland; First solo B-Flight 1956. Airplane pilot since 1928; FAA B-License #1360463 issued 26 Nov.1956.
 l: 1952, Participant in US-Nat. gas B-Race; 1955, Tech. advisor for film "Around the World in 80 Days"; 1961, Established woman's endurance record in yellow Wolf" (40 hours, 8 minutes from Big Springs, Texas); 1962, Crossed Swiss Alps by balloon on August 20th (Brissago to Lake Maggiore); 1987, Flew "Liberty Bell" over Philadelphia.
 m: Balloon Club of America (FM); 1952; BFA; Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assoc. (FM).
 h: BFA-Honorary Life Member; LTAS-Honorary Life Member; Montgolfier Diploma-1962. ***Epic flight 24 Oct.1954 (D.PICCARD & 6-pax) from Eastern PA. Balloon envelope ruptured in-flight at about 4200' and inverted in the net. all aeronauts survived, Connie & Piccard with minor injuries. ***Epic flight 10 Jan.1976 from (downtown) Philadelphia, PA. Flight in a gas balloon for the American Bicentennial commemoration of the 1896 flight made by J.BLANCHARD.
 a: Resident of Blue Bell, PA (airport).

r: BM-Sp. 1976 p54c6; NAA; Women in Aviation; Tel-Con.Dec.82,
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