



Who's Who of Ballooning

By Ecbert Eecks

KRIEG, Peter USA (1937-2002) (SM/HB)

See Appendix-L/BH/BI/BK/BR/BX. Sport Balloonist.

b: 23 Feb. 1937, Indianapolis, IN.

e: Purdue Univ., ME 1959.

p: Sales Engineer, Semi-Prof.balloonist.

f: First B-flight 12 Jan. 1969 with Dave Thiel; First B-solo 24 Mar. 1969; FAA B-License 1969; First Smoke-Balloon flight/jump 1970; Sport parachutist.

l: Historian/Preservationist of the ancient art of Smoke-Ballooning. Has done extensive research on the subject and actively participates in demonstrations; 1969-1975 participant in US-Nat. B-Races.

m: BFA-Life Member since 1970, Treasurer 1970-73.

h: BFA-Lead Balloon Award, 1969. ***Epic flight 16 Nov.1969 (w/Pavey) from Indianapolis, IN. Flight of 40 minutes ended unglamorously impaled on a tree. Balloon suffered considerable damage, but only injured the pilot's ego. ***Epic flight 12 Jul.1975 Indianapolis, IN, in "Banana" to 31600'. ***Epic flight 15 Aug.1993 from Luxembourg in a Smoke balloon. Parachute collapsed on release, but miraculously popped open just as his feet landed on a tent roof.

r: Bio-Data-1983; BM-J/F-1977/22/3 (SM); Pers. interview.