

Maury Sullivan

Pilot Background

Private pilot certificate 1982
Commercial pilot certificate 1984
900 hours PIC

Flying Experience

Owned and operated commercial ride business and commercial contracts
Participated as competitive pilot in US Team Nationals 1995 – 2002
Participated as competitive pilot in US NABA Nationals 2000 and 2005

Balloon Event

Officiating Experience

Event Director

- The Great Wadsworth Balloon Festival, Wadsworth, OH 2001 – 2002
- Honda Grand Prix, Monroe, WI 2006
- New York State Festival of Balloons, Dansville, NY 2006 – 2007
- Ashland BalloonFest, Ashland, OH 2008 - 2009
- Bluegrass Balloon Festival, Louisville, KY 2008 - 2010
- Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival Balloon Classic, Canton, OH 1986–1988 and 1993–2019
- Ohio Challenge, Middletown, OH 2003 – 2017
- Great Lakes Regional Championship, Frankenmuth, MI 2007 - 2008
- Thurston Classic, Meadville, PA 2011 – 2019
- ↪ 1st Mexico National Championship 2011
- ↪ Southwest Regional Championship, Albuquerque, NM 2013 – 2017
- ↪ US Women's National Championship, Albuquerque, NM 2016
- ↪ US National Championship, Battle Creek, MI 2009 – 2010
- ↪ US National Championship, Shreveport, LA 2016 – 2018
- ↪ Brazil National Championship, Casa Branca, SP 2018

Assistant Director

- Battle Creek's Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival 2003 – 2004
- ↪ BFA US Nationals and International Challenge (Pre-Worlds) 2011
- ↪ 20th FAI World Championship 2012
- ↪ US National Championship, Longview, TX 2012 - 2015

Weather Officer

- Blossom Time Balloon Festival 1987 – 2005
- Thurston Balloon Classic 1989 – 2005, 2007-2010
- Coshocton Hot Air Balloon Races 2001 – 2011
- New York State Festival of Balloons 2001 – 2005

Safety Officer

- Battle Creek's Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival 2005
- Blossom Time Balloon Festival 2006 – 2008
- ↪ BFA US Nationals, Anderson SC 2008
- Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, 2013 - 2019

JURY MEMBER 2022 WORLD HOT AIR CHAMPIONSHIP MURSKA SOBOTA

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Event Organization Experience

Organized and initiated the Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival Balloon Classic in 1986 and served as its chairman 1986-1989. Have served in an advisory capacity to the Canton Chamber of Commerce on this event since inception.

Chaired the 20th FAI World Championship Planning Committee

Chaired the 2011 committee to write *Balloon Event Guidelines* – the first comprehensive guide to organizing and implementing safe balloon events. Served as the publication's editor in 2011 and again for Volume 2 published in 2018.

Assisted US National Organizers in Shreveport, LA and Scotts Bluff, NE in the organization and implementation of the US National Championships.

US and International Balloon Affiliations

BFA member since 1980
BFA Board member and Treasurer for two terms, 2014-2019. Appointed Treasurer to the Board in 2020.
HACD Board member 2010-2019 serving as an elected Board member and US National Championship Director.
NOBPA: served as Treasurer 1997-1998; President 2000; Safety Seminar Chairman 2001-2004

At-Large Director BFA Hot Air Competition Division 2009 – 2017. Served as Division Treasurer since first elected to the Board.

Member of CIA sub committees: Rules, Event Development and Competitors

Chairman BFA Investment Committee

Chairman BFA ad hoc Committee to review FAA's rewrite of Order 8900.1 (FSIMS) 2018

NOBPA Club competition champion 1994, 1996, 2001-2002, 2005

NABA US Nationals Rookie of the Year 2000

NOBPA's 2008 Gayle Meyers Founders Award for sustained contributions

BFA's 2009 Spirit of Annie Award for contributions to competitive ballooning

BFA's 2010 President's Award

BFA Shields Trauger Award 2012

**Awards and
Recognition**

NOBPA Safety Seminar presenter on various topics from 1998 – 2006, 2009-10

Served as chairman of Balloonowledge '02, '03, and '04

Chaired safety and programming portion of BFA National Convention, Louisville, KY 2008

Authored text *On Target – A Competitor's Guide* and presented topic at Balloonowledge '04, Indianapolis 2005, and Louisville, KY 2007

Served as Chairman of BFA's *Balloon Event Guidelines* published in 2011 and 2nd Edition published in 2018

**Safety Seminar
Participation**

Flew hot air balloon at 300' AGL over Soviet MIG air force base during May, 1990 first Russian balloon Festival in Leningrad.

In August 1993, flew over the horseshoe falls at Niagara Falls, Canada.

Winter long-jump flights including one of 3+ hours and 180 miles and one with my wife Lynn as a passenger in which she quoted, "This was really fun now that I know I'm not going to die!"

**Most Memorable
Flights**