



**BATTLE CREEK** FIELD OF FLIGHT  
**AIR SHOW & BALLOON**  
FESTIVAL

February 2022

**Dear Balloonists:**

Let's get ready to "rock & fly" as the plans for this summer's Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival June 30 through July 4, 2022, are strongly underway.... and, we so hope you can be a part of the excitement!

It is truly going to be five (5) crazy days! Just look at the Schedule of Events! With 50 plus Hot-Air Balloons, a five hour plus Air Show featuring the US Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Team, the F-35 Lighting Bolt and the F-18 Super Hornet Rhino, Skerbeck Carnival, two Fireworks Shows, Twilight/Night Air Show, two Balloon Night Illumes, Great Bands and the list goes on, it can't be anything but pure fun and excitement!

With that being said, we do know it is hard for you to come to the event grounds to enjoy all the activities because of the flying schedule you have. However, you are welcome to come out to the event grounds as we have a designated area for you to park your rigs. All Pilot Badges and Crew Badges allow free admission every day. There will be more details in the Info Packet you receive at Registration with a map, directions, etc. and we are working on an off-site parking location where you can hang out together, watch the airshow, and grab a bite to eat. There will be more information on this at the first Mandatory Briefing 😊

Now for the schedule, we will begin with Registration on Thursday, June 30, followed by the first Mandatory Briefing and Flight Briefing. Therefore, you will need to plan to arrive no later than Thursday, June 30! That night will be a practice flight with prize money. The competition will then begin on Friday, July 1 in the am and conclude on Monday, July 4 am. Those that are willing to stay and fly on Monday evening will be competing for \$1,000.00 in Prize Money!

Hotel accommodations will be covered beginning on Thursday, June 30 and through the night of Sunday, July 3. As you complete the Hotel Accommodations Form, be sure to indicate which Hotel is your first choice by putting #1. I will do everything I can to fulfill everyone's request!

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Just a reminder we will cover the cost of one room so if you need extra for your crew, it will be your responsibility. Now, should you opt to stay and Fly on July 4 pm; we will extend your hotel stay through that night. You will need to confirm your participation for the July 4 pm flight at the am Briefing or at the Awards Banquet.

Now, that we have been through a couple of years with the new FAA requirements, we are not requiring you to submit all the documentation to us with your Application. **Instead, you will just need to make sure you bring all the documentation with you for Registration.** The FAA will review all those documents and if you do not have all they are requiring, you will not be permitted to fly until everything has been satisfied. The Documentation the FAA is requiring you to have at registration is listed on our Official Entry Form.

Our deadline for Registration is May 1, 2022. Please send, fax or email me the Registration Form, Hotel Accommodation Form and Pilot Information Form. You can then just put the check for \$75 in the mail. If it is easier for you to just snail mail it all at one time, feel free to do so!

We are again thrilled to have Phil Clinger as our Championship Director!! Phil has put together a great Operations Staff! Phil and his staff will keep the flying very competitive, fun and safe for all participants. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing group of professionals on our team! 😊

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you this summer!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me [barb@bcballoons.com](mailto:barb@bcballoons.com) or the Office at 269-962-0592

Sincerely,

**Barbara A Haluszka**  
**Executive Director**

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# BATTLE CREEK FIELD OF FLIGHT AIR SHOW & BALLOON FESTIVAL

## BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN USA

### 2022 OFFICIAL PILOT FACT SHEET

#### PILOT PARTICIPATION DEADLINE

*This event is by Invitation and referral. We currently have over 100 pilots that will be receiving this invitation and we will accept a total of 60. So, please get your application in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE but no later than March 20, 2022, to secure your spot! First, feel free to just send me a quick reply that you are planning to attend. Then, email me your paperwork and send me your check.*

#### OFFICIAL ENTRY FEE

ALL balloonists must submit, with their application, a \$75.00 (U.S. Dollars) non-refundable entry fee. Please make all checks, Traveler's Checks and Money Orders payable to: B.C.H.A.B.C., Inc. If you will be flying an "Advertising/Commercial Balloon" and need us to invoice a particular company for the "Commercial Fee," please provide us with the billing information.

#### BALLOONIST PICTURES

Basically, we will need a Picture of you, as the Pilot, and a Picture of the Hot-Air Balloon you will be flying. For those that participated last year (and submitted photos), we will be using those same photos unless you send us updated and or new photos. Please send your photos directly to the Field of Flight Office via email [barb@bcballoons.com](mailto:barb@bcballoons.com) or you may send them directly to Barb Coppins [coppins@NetMagikPros.com](mailto:coppins@NetMagikPros.com). Pictures will be used on our website and in publications for the promotion of our event.

#### ARRIVAL IN BATTLE CREEK

You will need to plan to arrive NO LATER THAN Thursday, June 30 for registration, which will be from 2:30 – 4:30 PM at the Field of Flight Office. The first Mandatory Briefing will be from 5:15 – 6:30 PM at the Field of Flight Office/Briefing Room that same day.

#### PARTICIPATION

To participate/fly in Battle Creek Field of Flight Festival, everyone must bring all documents as outlined on the Official Pilot Entry Form; must have 50 pilot-in-command hours no later than May 1, 2022; and must attend the Mandatory Briefing On Thursday, June 30, 2022. You will also be required to excute the following:

- \*Attend all Briefings
- \* Must Participate in at least one of the Balloon Illumes
- \* Carry an Event issued GPS
- \* Fly up to two (2) basket banners
- \* Place two (2) vehicle banners or stickers IN TACT "On YOUR DESIGNATED Chase Vehicle" or vehicle carrying the balloon
- \* Have Proof of Insurance on File with the Field of Flight Office
- \*Have all documentation as requested by the Organizers and the FAA by Registration on June 30, 2021.

#### PASSENGERS

Absolutely NO Paid Passenger Rides during this event. Anyone found to be soliciting or giving such rides will be removed from the event and will forfeit any gratuities given.

#### INSURANCE

Every pilot will be required to have a minimum of \$500,000 combined single limit. If you intend to carry passengers, such as crew members, media, or sponsors, you must carry \$100,000 passenger legal liability for each passenger. If a current insurance certificate is not available at this time, send it to us as soon as it is available or fax it to 269-962-8687. The officials will check this certificate at registration. If you cannot show proof of insurance, you will not be permitted to fly until you can do so and will forfit all gratuities.

#### PROPANE

ALL REGISTERED PILOTS flying in the event will receive "FREE" propane from June 30 (pm) – July 4 (am)/(pm), in accordance with the Propane Refueling hours. Please plan to arrive full and you will be fueled after the last scheduled flight you participate in.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

ONE (1) COMPLIMENTARY room will be provided to those living outside a 35 mile radius of Battle Creek. This room will be complimentary with check in on Thursday, June 30 and check out on Monday, July 4 after the AM Competitive Flight. HOWEVER, if you plan to stay on July 4 and fly the PM Fun Flight, with \$1,000 Prize Money, your room will indeed be covered. Please confirm your participation to the Operation Staff at the AM Briefing on Monday, July 4, or the Awards Banquet. The

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Cond't...Battle Creek Field of Flight Office will contact the hotel to give authorization to extend your stay at no charge. Those wishing to reserve extra rooms will need to do so on the Official Hotel Accommodations Form and will be responsible to cover all fees associated with this room.

## RECOVERY CREW

The Championship Organizers will do our best to find crew members to assist pilots who may need additional crew. However, we strongly suggest you bring your own crew and/or reach out via social media to arrange for additional crew/help. Unfortunately, there just are not enough people available or willing to give up their holiday weekend. The total number of recovery crew members that have accessibility to the launch field is four (4).

## VEHICLE STICKERS WILL BE PROVIDED

All pilots participating in the event must attach our recovery vehicle/chase crew vehicle stickers to the vehicle that is carrying your balloon. These banners/stickers are essential, as they will identify you as being apart of the Field of Flight and help grant you access to the designated launch field gates at the Battle Creek Executive Airport. Understand that **ONLY** the vehicle carrying the Balloon will be permitted on the Airport Launch Field. Both must remain in tact and must be on each side of the vehicle carrying the balloon. If they are not, entry through the launch field gates and to the Launch Field will be denied. Please understand that these stickers are part of a sponsor's contract, as well as, they are for your safety and identification when out in the countryside.

## BASKET BANNERS

All pilots participating in the event are required to carry up to two (2) basket banners. One of these banners has your "pilot number" with Sponsor logos. The second banner is solely for the promotion of one of our sponsors. No other banners may be flown from the basket unless prior permission is received from the Battle Creek Field of Flight Office.

## CANCELLATIONS

Written notification must reach the Balloon Championship Office by May 1, 2022, to receive a refund.

## COMMERCIAL/CORPORATE BALLOONS

A Commercial/Corporate Balloon is a balloon that carries advertising for a particular product, service, identifiable artwork, lettering, city or state names, etc. The Commercial Entry Fee is \$2,200.00 plus, the \$75.00 pilot entry fee. If you would like us to invoice you or your sponsor, simply submit the information with your registration form. Some wording or letters on your envelope may or may not be considered "Commercial." If there is a question, please contact the Field of Flight Office or email a photo of your balloon for verification as it could result in a lesser commercial entry fee or a complete waiver of such.

## PILOT AND CREW CHIEF BRIEFINGS

All Pilots and Crew Chiefs must attend each of the pilot briefings. The first mandatory briefing is Thursday, June 30, from 5:15 – 6:30 PM. All briefings will be held at the Field of Flight Office Warehouse except for the Balloon Illumes. Those Briefings will take place on the Launch Field unless otherwise directed by Championship Director Clinger.

## OFFICIAL MAP & ELECTRONICAL DOWNLOAD

ALL pilots will receive one (1) complimentary map which will be given at Registration. This map is produced by Todd Fisher and contains all the PZ information we currently have. Extra maps can be purchased for \$10.00 each, if ordered in advance. The electronic version will be made available to all accepted Pilots prior to the event. You will receive the electronic version via email as soon as it becomes available.

## PILOT STIPENDS

Each pilot (one per balloon) will receive a \$50.00 cash stipend. The stipend money will be given to each pilot at Registration on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

## PRIZE MONEY PAYOUTS

The prize money will be paid in "cash" and or "check," and paid out at the evening briefings or as soon as the Operation Staff has the tasks totaled and the period of protest is complete. The overall winners for the event will be paid out at the Awards Lunch on Monday, July 4. There will also be a \$1,000.00 Prize Purse for those Pilots that Fly the July 4 PM FLIGHT. We are also planning on creating a "pot of gold" which would be an accumulation of prize money not awarded because of cancelled flights. More details will be given at the First Manadatory Briefing on how the "Pot of Gold" will work.

## AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be on Monday, July 4, after the AM Flight which is the conclusion of the Competition. Each Pilot will be granted a max of five (5) tickets to the Awards of which you pay for inadvance to secure your reservation. We will hold the money in an envelope and return the money to you upon admission to the Awards Banquet. Please make sure you have everyone with you upon check in/admission to the Awards. If you need more than five (5) tickets you are welcome to purchase them, however, you only get reimbursed for up to five (5).

**2022 Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival  
Registration Schedule & Briefings (NOTE: AM Flights 6:45 and PM Flight 7 PM)**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	GATE
Thursday, June 30	Registration	BALLOON OFFICE	2:30 – 4:30 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	1 <sup>st</sup> Master/Mandatory Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	5:15 – 6:30 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	PM Flight		7 PM	
Thursday, June 30	PM Illume Briefing (Even # Balloonist)	LAUNCH FIELD	8:15 PM	#6 OR #20
Friday, July 1	AM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	AM Flight		6:45 AM	
Friday, July 1	PM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> Ave
	PM Flight		7 PM	
Saturday, July 2	AM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	AM Flight		6:45 AM	
Saturday, July 2	PM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> Ave
	PM Flight		7 PM	
Sunday, July 3	AM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	AM Flight		6:45 AM	
Sunday, July 3	PM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> Ave
	PM Flight		7 PM	
Sunday, July 3	PM Illume Briefing (Odd # Balloonists)	LAUNCH FIELD	8:15 PM	#6 or #20
Monday, July 4	AM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	AM Flight/Competition Ends		6:45 AM	
Monday, July 4	PM Briefing	BALLOON OFFICE	6:15 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
	PM Flight with \$1,000 Prize Mo		7 PM	

**Please Note: July 4 AM Flight will End the Competition. However, July 4 PM flight will have \$1,000 in Prize Money for those that are willing to fly – Refueling will take place after the Flight and hotel will be paid for.**

**DIRECTIONS FOR “AM” & “PM” BRIEFINGS and REGISTRATION:**

FOR AM BRIEFINGS I-94 TO HELMER ROAD AND GO NORTH; YOU WILL PASS COLUMBIA AVENUE AND CONTINUE PAST WMU COLLEGE OF AVIATION TO 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (WEST). THIS IS THE NORMAL FIELD OF FLIGHT OFFICE AND IS WHERE CLINGER’S OPERATION STAFF FUNCTION OUT OF AND AT GATE #32. PARK IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS AND YOU WILL ENTER THE BUILDING AT THE FAR WEST END. PORTA JONS WILL BE AT THE END OF THE BUILDING. THEY WILL BE LOCKED, SO PLEASE ASK THE OPERATION STAFF FOR THE KEY.

FOR PM BRIEFINGS YOU WILL TAKE COLUMBIA AVENUE WEST TO 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET; GO NORTH ON 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET; AT THE SECOND TRAFFIC LIGHT GOGUAC STREET – YOU WILL GO WEST, THIS WILL DEADEND INTO HELMER ROAD; TURN NORTH AND PROCEED TO THE BALLOON OFFICE located on the WEST Side of Helmer Road. Goguac Street will have a Road Closure Sign; however, you may proceed as directed above.

THESE DIRECTIONS WILL BE THE SAME DIRECTIONS YOU WILL NEED TO FOLLOW TO GET BACK TO THE BALLOON OFFICE WHERE REFUELING WILL TAKE PLACE.

CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR PHIL CLINGER WILL BRIEF EVERYONE AS TO WHICH GATE TO ENTER THE LAUNCH FIELD ON THE BALLOON ILLUME NIGHTS. IT WILL BE EITHER GATE #20 OFF HELMER ROAD OR GATE #6 OFF SOUTH AIRPORT ROAD.



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**2022 BALLOONIST'S PRIZE MONEY PAYOUT SCHEDULE**

**\$620.00 PAYOUT - PER DAILY OVERALL COMPETITION FLIGHTS**  
**FOR**  
**SUNDAY, 7/4 AM FLIGHT ENDS COMPETITION**  
 (There will be \$1,000.00 for 7/4 PM FIESTA Flight)

**Daily Task Payout**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 65.00</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

**Field of Flight Champion 1<sup>ST</sup> Place      \$1,500.00**

<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 170.00</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>

# BATTLE CREEK'S FIELD OF FLIGHTAIR SHOW & BALLOON FESTIVAL

## JUNE 30 - JULY 4, 2022

### PROPANE REFUELING SCHEDULE ~ RULES & HOURS

**NO MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE FROM EACH BALLOON MAY BE IN THE REFUELING STATION AREA.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pilots are responsible for proper filling of tanks.</li> <li>2. Disarm strikers and remove from basket.</li> <li>3. No nylon jackets in refueling area.</li> <li>4. Only tanks used in flight will be refueled.</li> <li>5. Pilot lights in campers must be turned off.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. All vehicles must be turned off.</li> <li>7. Do not enter refueling area when gates are closed.</li> <li>8. No refueling of tanks in enclosed trailers or vans.</li> <li>9. No standing inside of balloon gondola when refueling tanks.</li> <li><b>10. ABSOLUTELY, NO SMOKING IN AREA.</b></li> </ol> |
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REFUELING WILL BE INSIDE GATE #32 WHICH IS LOCATED BEHIND THE FIELD OF FLIGHT "NORMAL" OFFICE AND, IS WHERE THE DAILY BRIEFINGS WILL TAKE PLACE; AND, IS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR CLINGER'S OPERATION STAFF. THIS OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 3140 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, BATTLE CREEK, MI 49037. THIS IS JUST OFF HELMER ROAD ON THE WEST SIDE AND JUST NORTH OF WMU COLLEGE OF AVIATION. PORTA JONS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE OFFICE.

AFTER EACH FLIGHT, PLEASE DROP YOUR GPS BOX AT THE OFFICE FOR THE OPERATIONS STAFF AND THEN PROCEED AHEAD TO GATE #32 TO REFUEL. ON ILLUME NIGHTS, WE WILL ESCORT YOU DOWN THE TAXIWAY TO THE LAUNCH/ILLUME FIELD IF YOU NEED TO REFUEL PRIOR TO THE ILLUME. OTHERWISE, WE WILL BE USING GATE #6 OR GATE #20 for entrance.

Day/Date	Location	Approx Time	Gate
Thur. 6/30 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 PM	32
Thur. 6/30 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	9:30 PM Illume	32
Fri. 7/1 AM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 AM	32
Fri. 7/1 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 PM	32
Sat. 7/2 AM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 AM	32
Sat. 7/2 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 PM	32
Sun. 7/3 AM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 AM	32
Sun. 7/3 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 PM	32
Sun. 7/3 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	9:30 PM Illume	32
Mon. 7/4 AM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 AM	32
Mon. 7/4 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, Airport	8:30 PM	32

**If you cannot make refueling by the hours listed, please contact the Operation Staff Safety Officer. THERE WILL BE NO REFUELING PRIOR TO THE THURSDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> FLIGHT! Come Full and leave Full! Thank you!**