

Flag City Balloon Fest 2000

August 25-27

On August 25, 26, & 27th the skies over Findlay, Ohio will be filled with the brilliant colors of hot air balloons. Approximately 25 balloons will take to the air and compete for the title of Flag City Champion.

The Flag City Balloon Fest competition is sanctioned by the North American Balloon Association (NABA). Pilots will compete for over \$5000 in cash and prizes during this three day event.



This event is being put together through the generous contributions of time and financial resources of community leaders and area businesses. Admission to the event is free and will be held at Emory Adams Park.

Parking will be limited so plan to arrive early. We look forward to seeing you at the Flag City Balloon Fest!

Major Sponsor:



Thanks to the many businesses that supported the 2000 Flag City Balloon Fest

Event Sponsors:



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Balloons:

1 Phil Clinger
"The Jester"



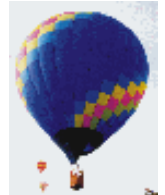
2 Chuck Walz
"Sunny Trails"



3 Dave Schaublin
"Gen-Air-Ic"



4 Chuck Owens
"Mo-Money"



5 Rick Cusick
"Arrhythmia"



6 Jody Leatherberry
"Phoenix"



7 Bob Zanella
"Pada"



Events:

Friday, August 25, 2000

6 pm Balloon Fly-In & Key Grab

Saturday, August 26, 2000

8 am Balloon Competition Flight
4 pm Powered Parachute Demonstration
6 pm Mass Balloon Launch
7 pm Fying Circuits R/C Airplane Show
8:30 pm Balloon Illumination

Sunday, August 27, 2000

8:00 am Balloon Competition Flight

**All events and activities
are weather permitting.
Schedule subject to
change.**

Photos:



*Congratulating the
Flag City Champion.*



*Local Balloon
Enthusiasm*



*Saturday evening
launch*



*Friday evening
flight*



*\$1000 Pole Grab
Winner*



*Ballooning - Hurry up
& wait!*



Ready to launch!



*Almost
Lighter-than-air*



Approaching Task #1



Approaching Task #2



Flight MC - Ted Watts



*Pre-flight Briefing for
Pilots & Crew Chiefs*



*Thursday evening
media flight*



Channel 13 Interview



*Proceeds benefited
Project H.A.P.P.Y.*



*Saturday afternoon
entertainment*



*Saturday evening
launch*



*Saturday evening
launch*

Competition Results:

The Friday evening “fun flight” involved three tasks for the pilots.

The first was a pilot / sponsor chipping contest in which the sponsors chipped a golf ball from the location of the pilots dropped marker and the closest to the signals point received prizes from Red Hawk Run Golf Course.

The second task was to attempt to remove a hoola-hoop from the top of the signals point pole and the spectators received a great show as Kaz Zanella approached the pole stole the hoop worth \$1000.

For the final task the pilot had to drop a marker on an “X” at the field and the closest three pilots received cash prizes.

Due to inclement weather the only NABA sanctioned competition flight was flown on Saturday morning and the Event Director called a Fly-In-Task and a Multiple Judge Declared Goal.

The pilots had to attempt to fly in to Emory Adams Park and drop a marker on the field as close as possible to the “X” and then fly to one of two targets approximately 3 miles away and again drop a marker as close to the “X” as possible.

There was some great piloting during this flight and Kaz Zanella finished with a perfect score of 2000 points.

Rank	Pilot	Total Score
1	Kaz Zanella	2000
2	Dick Rudlaff	1992
3	Phil Clinger	1856
4	David May	1801
5	Jim Birk	1690
6	Todd Fisher	1479
7	John Piper	1453
8	Fred Muffet	1312
9	Bob Zanella	1257
10	Chuck Walz	1236
11	Jerry Stephan	1217
12	Wayne Warren	1106
13	Woody Watson	1080
14	Ken Cramer	1016
15	John Burns	1002
16	Janet Lutkus	980
17	Jody Leatherberry	846
18	Chuck Ownes	826
19	Mike Emich	808
19	Roger Beebe	808
21	Rick Cusick	760
22	Dave Schaublin	731
23	Gene Planck	711
24	William Mason	404
25	Debby Young	250
25	Dick Sigler	250

Location:

The official location for the Flag City Balloon Fest is Emory Adams Park in Findlay, Ohio.

The balloons either launch from the Park or launch from the surrounding area and attempt to fly over the Park. See the Event Schedule for specific details.

Emory Adams Park is located on the South side of Findlay and can be easily reach from I-75.

Limited parking is available at the park so plan to arrive early. A basic map is shown below.

