

Flag City Balloon Fest 2001

August 24-26

On August 24, 25, & 26th the skies over Findlay, Ohio were filled with the brilliant colors of hot air balloons. A total of 30 balloons participated in the competition for the title of Flag City Champion.

The Flag City Balloon Fest competition is sanctioned by the North American Balloon Association (NABA). Pilots competed for over \$5000 in cash and prizes during this three day event with first place awarded to Maury Sullivan from Canton, Ohio.

This event, which is free to the public, can only happen through the generous contributions of time and financial resources of community leaders and area businesses. Special thanks to our event sponsors:

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Flag City Balloon Fest!**

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Flag City Balloon Fest
Battle Creek, MI 49015

Hancock County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Findlay, Ohio 45840
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Events:

Friday, August 24, 2001

1 pm Park / Food Vendors Open
5 pm Opening Cerremony
6 pm Balloon Fly In & Pole Grab
8:30 pm Balloon Illumination

Saturday, August 25, 2001

8 am NABA Competition Flight
1 pm Entertainment Begins / Vendors Open
6 pm Mass Balloon Launch & NABA comp.
8:30 pm Balloon Illumination

Sunday, August 26, 2001

8:00 am Balloon Competition Flight

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

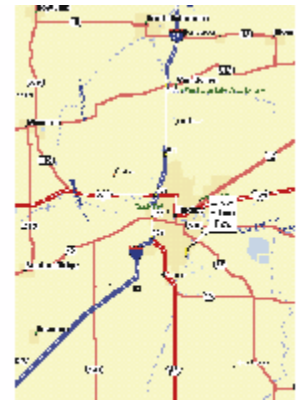
Location:

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.



[Click on map to enlarge.](#)



Balloons:

1 Donna Fox "Bubba" 2000 National Rank - 87



2 Dick Rudlaff "Cat's Meow" 2000 National Rank - 82



3 Phil Clinger "The Jester" 2000 National Rank - 107



4 David May "Calypso" 2000 National Rank - 33



5 Jim Birk "Palo Deimos" 2000 National Rank - 3



6 Todd Fisher "Northern Lights" 2000 National Rank - 131



7 John Derado "Night & Day" 2000 National Rank - 116



8 Fred Muffet "Togetherness" 2000 National Rank - 18



9 Robert Zanella "Pada" 2000 National Rank - 61



10 Chuck Walz "Sunny Trails" 2000 National Rank - 136



Official Rankings:

Rank	Pilot	Total Score
1	Maury Sullivan	2323
2	Mike Emich	2187
3	Todd Fisher	2146
4	Jim Birk	2114
5	Phil Clinger	2113
6	Ron Groce	2085
7	Jerry Stephan	2083
8	Roger Beebe	1843
9	Robert Zanella	1796
10	Donna Fox	1740
11	John Derado	1659
12	Rick Cusick	1546
13	Janet Lutkus	1483
14	Chuck Walz	1403
15	Debby Young	1368
16	Gene Planck	1171
16	Scott Strouse	1171
16	Ruben Stutzman	1171
16	Dennis Helmuth	1171
20	Bill Mason	1138
21	Jody Leatherberry	1069
22	David May	1000
23	Chuck Owens	966
24	Dave Schaublin	931
25	Fred Muffet	707
25	Wayne Warren	707
25	John Burns	707
25	Rob Mihaly	707

Photos:



Web Links:

Below are links to other web sites that we think might be of interest to you.

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Balloon Ride Information:
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Information about the location of the balloon fest.
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Coverage of all the NABA balloon events.
North American Balloon Association

NABA Sport Ballooning

Links to hundreds of other balloon related web sites.
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Want to learn about the details of a hot air balloon?
**Balloon Structure & Terms:
The Jester**

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