

Alabama's Original
Hot Air Balloon Festival



Memorial Day Weekend
Decatur, Alabama

Greetings Pilots

The 49th Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic invites you to participate May 23rd – 24th, 2026, in the longest running free balloon event in the South. Race events will include some old favorites like the Hare and Hound, the Lynn Layton Chevrolet Key Grab, and balloon glows. Come see old friends and make new ones in a fun-filled weekend in Decatur Alabama!

The Jubilee will provide ONE hotel room per pilot for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, high-grade propane (come full, leave full), \$150 show-up money, pilot gift pack, crew competitions and cash prizes.

To be one of our pilots, please:

1. Fill out the attached application
2. Complete the attached Pilot Statement of Responsibility
3. **Due to new FAA guidelines**, we are required to receive with your application: photocopies of your photo ID, pilot certificate, aircraft operating limitations, airworthiness and registration certificates, current inspections (annual), and insurance.
4. For non-commercial balloons send a \$50.00 entry fee check made payable to "Alabama Jubilee".
The commercial balloon fee is \$1300.00 and includes other benefits.
5. E-mail or mail a good picture (.jpg if e-mailed) for our event program.
6. Mail to: Alabama Jubilee
c/o Balloonmeister
P.O. Box 2601
Decatur AL 35602-2601

You can e-mail the application and supporting documents to balloonmeister@alabamajubilee.net, but you will still need to snail-mail the entry fee and the signed Pilot Statement of Responsibility.

If you would like to be one of the 60 pilots joining us for a weekend of friends, fun and flying, make sure that your documentation is mailed in time for us to receive it prior to our March 1st deadline.

Any questions? Please contact us at:

Kathy Weaver
2025 Balloonmeister

Laura Stewart
Pilot applications and registrations

e-mail: balloonmeister@alabamajubilee.net

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Alabama Jubilee Pilot Application

Pilot Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Mobile #: _____
Email: _____

Pilot License # _____ ☐ Private ☐ Commercial

Total PIC Hours: _____ Last Flight Review: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ Jacket Size: _____

Aircraft Information

Balloon Name: _____

Registered Owner Same as Pilot OR Different: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

N-Number: _____

Category: AX- _____ ☐ Standard ☐ Experimental

Total Hours: _____ Date of Last Inspection: _____

Description: _____

The Alabama Jubilee is funded by sponsors; we ask each pilot to carry a Sponsor during at least one flight and to carry a basket banner.

Is this OK with you? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Pilot Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Pilots Statement of Responsibility

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic, I hereby certify that I am aware of and agree with the responsibility legally transferred to me under the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) as regard to my personal decision to fly my balloon, and any bodily injury or damage resultant where from is solely my liability. I further agree that none of the flights are mandatory and that I will make all flights my option and that my decision as pilot-in-command may not affect my placement in this event if I choose not to fly.

I further certify that I have, and will keep in force a balloon insurance policy with the minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit, bodily injury, property damage and a passenger limit of \$100,000 per passenger for each of the passengers in the balloon during this event.

I agree that the organizers and sponsors of this event are providing me with the facilities and means for my participation in this event and that in no way do they supersede the responsibility of the pilot-in-command as shown in the FARs. Thus, I release the aforementioned from liability for their actions in relation to the Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic.

I hereby declare that I am participating in said competition of my own free volition and that I accept the rules and regulations and all appurtenances thereto which have been provided by the Festival.

It is my understanding that the pilot of each balloon is in full and complete charge and control of said balloon and is responsible for all decisions to be made concerning the same and all things and persons in or connected with said balloon on the ground or in the air. Officials understand that I act or rely on all such information at my own peril and said officials assume no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of such information.

It is my understanding that the organizers and the Federal Aviation Administration may inspect all balloons entered in the event but such inspections are only for the purpose of determining whether the aircraft complies with all rules of eligibility of said competition. The approval of the balloon by said officials does not constitute a representation or warranty of any kind or character whatsoever concerning the mechanical conditions of the aircraft or whether or not it is airworthy.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Pilot-in-Command

Witness Signature

Pilot Certificate Number

Witness Name Printed

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Crew T-Shirt Order Form

Pilot Information

Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Official Use Only

Pilot #: _____

Crew Shirts

Size	Number of Shirts
Youth – S	_____
Youth – M	_____
Youth – L	_____
Adult – S	_____
Adult – M	_____
Adult – L	_____
Adult – XL	_____
Adult – XXL	_____
Other:	_____

SHIRTS MUST BE ORDERED NO-LATER THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE EVENT

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Pilot Application Check List

Due to new FAA procedures for hot air balloon events, your application **will not be accepted** without all the following items:

- ☐ Application
- ☐ \$50.00 Fee
- ☐ Copy of Insurance
- ☐ Responsibility Statement
- ☐ Balloon Photo (Or send via email)
- ☐ Copy of Photo ID
- ☐ Copy of Pilot Certificate
- ☐ Copy of Airworthiness Certificate
- ☐ Copy of Aircraft Operating Limitations (From flight manual)
- ☐ Copy of Aircraft Registration
- ☐ Proof of current inspection