



**FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE
INTERNATIONALE
Ballooning Commission**

Hall of Fame

Troy Bradley Inducted 2016



Nationality: USA

Date and place of Birth: 1964 / August /15. Denver, Colorado

Troy Bradley's passion for ballooning began in 1976 when his grandparents purchased their first hot air balloon in Denver, Colorado. He soloed at age 14, and went on to earn his private license at 16, commercial at 18 and gas rating at age 21. He has logged 6,000 plus hours aloft having spent his lifetime in the air. He has a love for all aspects of the sport from flying, building balloons and keeping the history alive.

Troy's experiences in ballooning cover all aspects of hot air and gas ballooning, including sport flying, competitive flying, instruction, commercial contracts, paid rides, and record-setting, with 58 world records set in hot air, gas, and Rozière balloons.

Troy's desire to share the sport and help it grow is evident in the countless numbers of students he has trained in his own businesses and as Part 141 school flight instructor, as well as in the time he devotes to public service with his volunteerism to the sport. He has served as past president of the Balloon Federation of America, including serving two terms on board of directors as director at large and Gas Division Board. He currently serves as Vice President of Albuquerque Anderson/Abruzzo International Balloon Museum Foundation.

Achievements, honors and awards:

YEAR	CLASS	SUB	CLASS	TYPE	RECORD
1992	Rozier	AM8	15	Distance	3,318.23 miles
1992	Rozier	AM8	15	Duration	144 hr. 16 min
1992	Rozier	AM8	15	Altitude	17,998.6 feet
1994	Rozier	AM1		Distance	197.38 miles
1994	Rozier	AM1		Duration	10 hr. 1 min.
1994	Rozier	AM1	7	Altitude	18,143 feet
1999	Rozier	AM1	6	Distance	353.33 miles
1999	Rozier	AM1	6	Duration	27 hr. 25 min
2002	Gas	AA3	5	Distance	1,225.23 miles
2003	Hot Air	AX-9		Distance	1,017.09 miles
2005	Gas	AA3		Duration	46 hr. 50 min
2007	Rozier	AM3	6	Distance	824 miles
2007	Rozier	AM3	6	Duration	41 hr. 23 min

Honors:

First person to set world records in the AA, AX, and AM categories

Flown in 45 of the States and 13 countries

Flown over 20,000 passengers

Competed in 14 New Mexico State Balloon Championships

Competed in 12 US Hot Air Balloon National Championships

Competed in 2 North American Championships

Competed in 2 US Hot Air Balloon Team Nationals

Competed in 8 America's Challenge Gas Races

Competed in 7 Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett records

1985 New Mexico State Hot Air Balloon Champion

1992 New Mexico State Hot Air Balloon Champion

1992 flew the first ammonia flight in New Mexico

1992 first USA to Africa balloon flight during Chrysler Transatlantic Challenge

1993 In Château de Balleroy, a flight lesson to Walter Cronkite
1994 World Gas Championships
1995 US Hot Air Team Nationals, 1st place (Sid Cutter and Mark Sullivan)
1996 St. Louis National Gas Race, 1st place (co-pilot Shane Robinson)
1998 Spirit of Peace Flight Director
1998 America's Challenge Gas Race, 1st place (co-pilot Tami Bradley)
1999 RE-Max Balloon Cup
2001 New Mexico State Hot Air Balloon Champion
2002 broke the oldest standing aviation record previous record was set in 1922
2003 New Mexico State Hot Air Balloon Champion
2003 Greatest distance for a solo hot air balloon flight
2005 Broke a gas balloon duration record set in 1941
2008 Duration Record for the America's Challenge Gas Race: 68.8 hours
2011 Flew a house to replicate Disney/Pixar's movie "UP" ("cluster balloons")

Awards:

1992 FAI's De La Vaulx Medal for an Absolute World Record
1993 Balloon Federation of America's Shields-Trauger Award
1994 Sid Cutter Award for Outstanding Contribution to Ballooning
1995 NAA Certificate of Honor
2003 FAI's Montgolfier Diploma for Performance in a Hot Air Balloon
2007 FAI's Montgolfier Diploma for Performance in a Rozier Balloon
2008 Governor of New Mexico's Certificate of Recognition
2012 Balloon Federation of America's Level 8 Distinguished Aeronaut

Additional photos and information can be found on the Balloon Federation of America's National Balloon Museum Website: <http://www.nationalballoonmuseum.com/HallofFame>