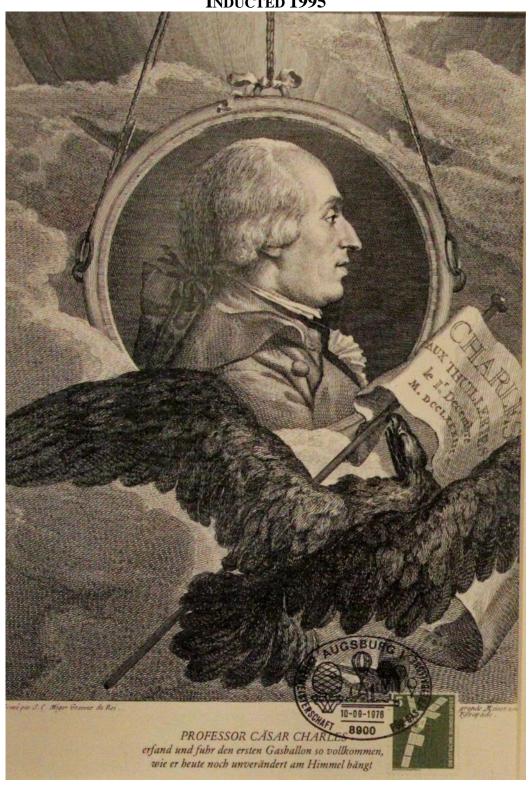


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PROFESSOR JACQUES ALEXANDRE CÉSAR CHARLES

France Inducted 1995 12 Nov 1746 – 7 Apr 1823

Professor Jacques A C Charles was a contemporary of the Montgolfier brothers. Whereas they used hot air to fly a balloon he used hydrogen as a lifting gas. He made the first-ever flight in a hydrogen balloon, along with Marie-Noël Robert, who had help him develop the balloon. Upon landing, Robert left the balloon and Charles ascended again, making the first-ever solo balloon flight. The gas balloon is called Charlière in his honor. He is credited with inventing much of the equipment that is used still today in gas balloons.

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