



FAI Awards for Ballooning 2017
Nomination Form
(one form per nomination)

Name of the Award:

- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Gas Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.1)
☒ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Hot Air Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.2)
☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Roziere Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.3)
☐ Montgolfier Diploma / contribution to development of ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.4)
☐ Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal (By-Law 7.2.2)

Submitted by:

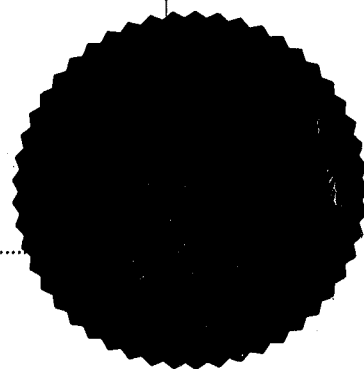
NAC : National Aeronautic Association of the USA

Name | Greg Principato

Position / Function : President

Date : 22 December 2016

Signature and stamp :



Nomination for:

Name | Rhett Heartsill

Birthdate :

E-mail address : rheartstill@gmail.com

Reasons for nomination (maximum 250 words, English only): See attached

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Please provide at least one high resolution picture of the nominated person, if possible taken while practicing his/her sport or beside his/her (model) aircraft.

All nominations must be received at the FAI Head Office by **15 January 2017** at the latest in electronic format (to members@fai.org) preferably or by fax or post.

To: FAI Ballooning Commission

From:

National Aeronautic Association of the USA
Balloon Federation of America

***Nomination for CIA Montgolfier Diploma for 2016 Sporting Year
For Best Sporting Performance in Hot Air Ballooning***

Nomination for:

Mr. Rhett Heartsill

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On November 7, 2016, in Saga, Japan, Rhett Heartsill was awarded the title of 2016/22nd World Hot Air Balloon Champion. At the conclusion of the Championship, with 9 flights and 31 tasks, Rhett had earned 26,160 points, 2253 over the closest competitor.

His 1st place finish at the World HABC, capped off a spectacular year of flying for Rhett. In July, in Shreveport, Louisiana, Rhett earned the title of 2016 US National HAB Champion. He also earned the titles of 2016 Texas State Champion and Balloon Federation of America/BFA 2016 Southwest Regional Champion.

As you will see with the following list of Rhett's placement at previous US National and at World Championships, Rhett is a balloon competitor who has consistently placed in the top since beginning his balloon competition flying in 2009.

U.S. National Championships:

- 2016 – 1st Place – Shreveport, LA
- 2015 – 2nd Place – Longview, TX
- 2014 – 3rd Place – Longview, TX
- 2013 – 2nd Place – Longview, TX
- 2010 – Rookie of the Year (6th Place) – Battle Creek, MI

World Championships:

- 2016 – 1st Place – Saga, Japan
- 2014 – 10th Place – Rio Claro, Brazil
- 2012 – 12th Place – Battle Creek, MI

So for 2016, Rhett earned State, Regional, National and World Champion titles. Definitely a “grand slam” of a year and deserving of the CIA Montgolfier Diploma for 2016 Best Sporting Performance in Hot Air Ballooning.