

**Balloon Name:**        **Dulcinea**  
Pilot:                    Debby Young  
Address:                 Newbury, Ohio.

Debby's interest in ballooning dates back to 1987 when she was invited to the largest hot air balloon rally held every October in Albuquerque, NM. She became involved in national competitions as a scoring official from 1993 through 2000. She trained in Nevada, receiving her private pilot's license in 1997 and her commercial rating in 1999. She currently has over 550 hours in balloons as the Pilot in Charge (PIC). In February 2001 in collaboration with Bill Cloninger, she flew from Ottumwa Iowa to Ottowa, Illinois setting two AX5 Feminine World Records for distance and duration, traveling a distance of 180 miles in 9 ½ hours. Although Debby is involved with commercial rides as well as instruction, her main focus in ballooning is competition. She spends much of the summer and fall traveling to events throughout the USA and Mexico.

