

# 2026 Alabama Jubilee Hot-Air Balloon Classic

MAY 23 - 24 • POINT MALLARD PARK, DECATUR, AL

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**Frank Anger**  
Belden, Miss.  
America



**Zach Brandon**  
Winneconne, Wis.  
Sundae Aloft



**John Cavin**  
Indialantic, Fla.  
Yellow Bird



**Chris Christopher**  
Morgantown, West Va.  
Mountain Mama



**Roger Clark**  
Greer, S.C.  
Flip Flop Fantasies in Flight



**Dustin Cole**  
Town Creek, Ala.  
Celebration



**Joseph Cole**  
Town Creek, Ala.  
Engagement



**Melissa Cowan**  
Nicholasville, Ky.  
Lite-N-Up



**Patrick Dailey**  
Bardstown, Ky.  
Window World



**Marian Deeney**  
Monticello, Fla.  
Hemisphere Dancer



**Danielle DePrimo**  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Dense Fog



**Brian Dial**  
Decatur, Ala.  
Bandit



**Skip Durham**  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Mischief



**Pat Fogue**  
Columbia, Mo.  
Pepsi



**Mark Fox**  
Cocoa Beach, Fla.  
ALF



**Dave Fuller**  
St. Augustine, Fla.  
S.O.B.



**Ken Garner**  
Decatur, Ala.  
River City Drifter



**John Good**  
Prairieville, La.  
Wisdom Racer



**Marshall Gower**  
Town Creek, Ala.  
Stained Horizon



**Matthew "Perry" Hasson**  
Meridian, Miss.  
Miss Baby II



**Eric Hiben**  
LaGrange, Ga.  
Police Dog



**John Hitron**  
Louisville, Ky.  
Ole



**James Art Hodge**  
The Villages, Fla.  
Star Rider



**Jonathan Hodge**  
Madison Heights, Mich.  
Disco Lemonade



**Justin Hoffmann**  
Sandoval, IL.  
Ohana



**Timothy Hoffman**  
Englewood, Tenn.  
Attack At Dawn



**Kaden Hunter**  
Menasha, Wis.  
Somebody Knows



**Gary Jones**  
Diamondhead, Miss.  
Windwalker



**Geoffrey Jones**  
Meridian, Miss.  
Gravity's Rainbow



**Jason Jones**  
Overland Park, Kan.  
Re/Max



**Joel Jones**  
Seale, Ala.  
Redeemed



**Ron Joray**  
Fort Myers, Fla.  
Puddy Cat



**Karen Kent**  
Port Allen, La.  
Karen's Dream II



**Karen Kent**  
Port Allen, La.  
Louisiana Bayou Dream



**Kimann Kingsley**  
Miller, Mo.  
Juici Frute



**Kimann Kingsley**  
Miller, Mo.  
Pixel Perfect



**Paul Knuth**  
Louisville, Ky.  
Prismatic



**David Koenig**  
Menasha, Wis.  
Hossanna PinWheel



**Philip MacNutt**  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
Walter



**Jeff Maddox**  
Toney, Ala.  
Heaven Bound



**Rusty Miller**  
Atmore, Ala.  
Twisted Spirit



**Fred Poole**  
Meridian, Miss.  
Journey



**James Regan**  
Kensington, Ct.  
Double Take



**Molly Richardson**  
Brandon, S.D.  
Hot Ta Molly



**Anthony Seeger**  
Travelers Rest, S.C.  
Carolina Twist



**Eddie Stanton**  
Fulton, Miss.  
Itawambie



**Tom Steinbock**  
Crestwood, Ky.  
Fire Dog



**Laura Stewart**  
Decatur, Ala.  
Dreamweaver



**Dave Sullivan**  
Fayetteville, Ga.  
Amaluna



**Denis Sutter**  
Hallsville, Mo.  
Black Cherry



**Matt Torgerson**  
Anchorage, Ky.  
Direction



**Clay Turner**  
Decatur, Ala.  
Flight 847 The Misfit



**Stephen Turner**  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Diamond-Aire



**Mike Wahl**  
Decatur, Ala.  
Daikin America



**Rob Wahl**  
Hoover, Ala.  
Party On



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### PARK AND RIDE

Remote parking is available at the entrance of GE Appliances, a Division of Haier, 2328 Point Mallard Drive, on Saturday and Sunday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Shuttle buses will run continuously. **Parking is free. Shuttle rides are \$5.00 per person, round trip.**

### GET YOUR JUBILEE BUCKS!

Grab your Alabama Jubilee Tshirt and pin! Our food vendors **ONLY** take Jubilee Bucks in payment for food. Exchange cash for Jubilee Bucks at the ticket trailer in the middle of Vendor Row. **CASH ONLY**, no credit cards, please! ATMs are available. Opposite the ticket trailer is our T shirt and pin booth. Purchase your souvenirs and be in fashion for the rest of 2026!

### 2026 ALABAMA JUBILEE SPONSORS

#### EVENT SPONSORS



#### GOLD SPONSORS



#### SILVER SPONSORS

Ascend Performance Materials • Chick-Fil-A Decatur • Big Red Rental CraneWorks and Rental Works • Daikin America • Decatur Family Eyecare • Decatur Morgan Hospital • Eva Bank • Hyosung USA Inc. Jimmy Smith Jewelers • Madison Mobile Storage/White Oak Transportation • Peck Funeral Home • REMAX Platinum • Roselawn Funeral Home • Stovall Marks Insurance • Suburban Propane Wear, Howell, Strickland, Quinn & Law, CPAs • Whitt's Barbecue Window World of Huntsville

#### BRONZE SPONSORS

Gobble-Fite Lumber • Johnston RV Center of Decatur Leaf Filter Gutter Protection • Regions Bank Renewal by Andersen • United Community Bank Wiregrass Construction - North Division • WZDX 54 • WZYP

### "Thank You!" from the Alabama Jubilee

Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association  
Becca Gressman  
Frank Blackwell  
Chick-fil-A Restaurants  
Chicken Salad Chick  
Civil Air Patrol, Hartselle Wing AL 134  
Cook Museum of Natural Science  
Culver's  
Domino's Pizza  
Decatur Animal Services  
Decatur Mayor Kent Lawrence  
Decatur Morgan County Chamber of Commerce  
Decatur Morgan County Tourism  
Decatur Fire and Rescue Department  
Junior Fire Academy  
Decatur Parks and Recreation Department  
Decatur Police Department  
Decatur Utilities  
G.E. Appliances, a Haier Company  
Halsey Foods  
Jack's Family Restaurant  
Johnston RV Center of Decatur  
KMay Donuts and Coffee House  
Mellow Mushroom  
Moe's Original Bar-B-Q  
Morgan County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments  
Morgan County 911  
Morgan County Commission  
Morgan County Commission Chairman Ray Long  
Morgan County District 1 Commissioner Jeff Clark  
Morgan County Sheriff Ron Puckett  
Morgan County Sheriff's Department  
North Alabama Pepsi  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Panera Bread  
Perry Electric Co.  
Pugh, Wright, McNally Civil Engineers  
Meteorologist James Spann  
Marc Stewart  
Wiregrass Construction  
XPO Logistics  
Zaxby's Fingerz & Wingz

### 2026 Alabama Jubilee Schedule - All events at Point Mallard Park

Aviation events are dependent on weather. Cancellations may occur.

Want to crew for a hot air balloon? Just report to the stage at the beginning of each pilot briefing. Ages 18 and up only, please. At the end of each briefing, the balloonmeister will call for pilots needing crew to come to the stage to meet volunteer crew people.

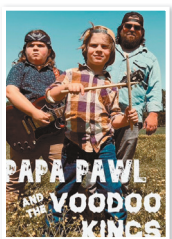
Event announcer: Chris Weaver

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

- 6:00 a.m. - Pilot Briefing - Stage
- 6:30 a.m. - Hound and Hare Balloon Race
- 8:00 a.m. - Registration for 52nd Annual Point Mallard Auto Expo, behind Spirit of America Stage
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Decatur Chess Club demonstrations
- 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Decatur Animal Shelter Adoption Event
- 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Junior Fire Academy by the Decatur Fire Department (Jubilee Field)
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - James Spann, famous weatherman (Vendor Row)
- 2:00 p.m. - 52nd Point Mallard Auto Expo ends
- 5:00 p.m. - Pilot Briefing - Stage
- 5:00 p.m. - James Spann weather briefing - Stage
- 5:30 p.m. - Balloon Fun Flight
- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. - Papa Pawl and the Voodoo Kings - Stage
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Rocket City Starlets - Stage
- 6:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Jed Eye - Stage
- 8:15 p.m. - Balloon Glow



Jed Eye



Papa Pawl and the Voodoo Kings

### Southland Flywheelers Tractor Show located near soccer fields

- 8:00 a.m. - Display area opens to the public
- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Demonstration of how a tractor is built (continuous)
- 10:00 a.m. - Tractor Parade of Power (around the Jubilee Field)
- 11:00 a.m. - Tractor Games
- 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Pedal Tractor Park (6 years old and under)
- 2:00 p.m. - Pedal Tractor Park (6 years old and under)



Rocket City Starlets

Pedal Tractor Park Open to Public All Day - No Charge

Hands-On Historical Tool Area Open To The Public All Day - No Charge

### Decatur Art Guild

Arts and Crafts Show

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Point Mallard Event Center (inside and outside the former Ice Rink)

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 6:00 a.m. - Pilot Briefing - Stage
- 6:30 a.m. - Lynn Layton Chevrolet Key Grab Balloon Race
- Approx. 7:00 a.m. - Balloons begin arriving on field
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Decatur Chess Club demonstrations
- 12 Noon - 3:00 p.m. - Touch a Truck! Big trucks on display for kids to see and touch! An 18-wheeler and more, from Thompson Tractor, XPO Trucking, Big Red Rentals, Decatur Utilities and Decatur Pepsi-Cola Bottling
- 12 Noon - 3:00 p.m. - Walk-through balloon envelope. Get an up-close look at a hot air balloon
- 5:00 p.m. - Pilot Briefing - Stage
- 5:30 p.m. - Balloon Fun Flight
- 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Austin Bohannon - Stage
- 6:30 p.m. - Balloon tethers
- 9:30 p.m. - Alabama Jubilee Fireworks Spectacular by presented by Thompson Rents



Austin Bohannon

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Arts and Crafts Show

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Point Mallard Event Center (inside and outside the former Ice Rink)

### 2026 ALABAMA JUBILEE HOT-AIR BALLOON CLASSIC COMMITTEE

All committee members are volunteer - no one is paid. We invite anyone interested to join us! Meetings are the first Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur-Morgan County Visitors Bureau.

#### 2026 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Ken Garner, Vice-president: Brian Dial, Recording secretary: Lynn H. Gentry, Corresponding secretary: Shelley Sedlak, Treasurer: John Barnette, Sergeant-at-arms: Brady Dial, Additional board members: Seth Campbell, Marshall Gower, Lucas Roberts, Tommy Odell, Mike Wahl, Deb Miller, past president

Arts & Crafts - Connie Hulsey, Announcer - Chris Weaver, Balloonmeister - Kathy Weaver, Assistant balloonmeister - Laura Stewart, Communications - Brian Dial, Transportation - Lucas Roberts, Volunteers - Daytime Activities - Tiana Miller, Banners and Signs - Shelley Sedlak, Entertainment - Rhonda Blackwell, Field Operations - Tommy Odell, Food & Merchandise Vendors - Devon Richardson, Ramona Evans, Hospitality - Sissy Odell, Judges - Sonny Wright, Program - Cathy D. Wahl, Public safety - Lucas Roberts, Sponsorships - Seth Campbell, T-shirts, Promo Items - Stephanie Barnette and Amanda Lindsey, Webmaster - Brian Dial

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#### 2026 JUDGES

Tammy Bell, Frank Blackwell, Michael Buchanan, Briar Duff (honorary), John Glasscock, Jack Gressman, Becca Gressman, Richard Humphrey, Jennifer Wright, Sonny Wright, head judge

Hot-air balloon insurance companies require **ALL** passengers to sign waivers. You will be asked to read and sign a document before entering any balloon basket for any flight operation, whether a tethered ride or a free flight. You **MUST SIGN** before being allowed to ride. Children under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

### Ride in a balloon?

A few generous Alabama Jubilee balloon pilots may offer tethered rides to the public, if the weather allows.

Rides are free! First come, first served.

Please stand quietly in line while waiting to board the balloon. **OBEY ALL PILOT COMMANDS.** Please thank your pilot when exiting!

Pilots want to share the experience with as many people as possible, but fuel and FAA regulations may cause rides to cease.



### Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic is a NO DRONE ZONE!

To keep spectators safe, drones may not be operated from or over the Alabama Jubilee Field during the event. Only law enforcement drones may be operated during the Alabama Jubilee Hot-Air Balloon Classic.