



# FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION

## Hall of Fame Nomination Form

First Name: **Wilhelm** (Willi)

Last Name: **Eimers**

Nationality: German

Date and place of Birth: (Year/Month/Day): 1950-02-03, Duisburg, Germany

Only a handful of pilots have made more than 1000 gas balloon flights. Willi Eimers is in the top of those with about 1400 flights since he received his license in 1979. He has spent about 10 000 hours in the air. He is also a very active instructor and has trained pilots from 13 nations including USA, Canada and Russia. Among those were teams from Belgium and Poland who later became Gordon Bennett winners and pilots from USA, Luxembourg, Canada, Great Britain and Lithuania who also flew Gordon Bennett races..

Willi Eimers is probably best known as a Coupe Gordon Bennett pilot. He has participated 27 times, more than anybody else. In those races he has flown 30 551 km in 1270 hrs 33 minutes. In 25 flights that is an average of 1222 km and 50 hours 49 minutes (2 days 2 hrs 49 min). Willi Eimers was the winner 4 times and placed second 9 times.

In addition he has flown 9 times in the America's Challenge/Remax long distance competitions, where he won second place twice. In these two events (GB and AC) he has flown almost 42 000 km with a total duration of 1630 hours or 66 days, 45 minutes, 40 seconds.

12 of those flights have covered more than 1500 km, 6 have been over 2000 km. 13 flights have lasted more than 50 hours.

In all this is an outstanding achievement.

Achievements, honors and awards:

27 Gordon Bennett competitions 1985-2019. Winner 4 times (1995, 1996, 2000 and 2014)

9 Americas Challenge/Remax competitions

World record AA07 duration 92h 11min 1995

World record AA02 duration, 23h 18min 05sec 2011

FAI Montgolfier diploma for year 1993. Performance gas balloons

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Willi Eimers



Willi Eimers. Gladbeck 60<sup>th</sup> GB 2016