



## FAI Awards for Ballooning 2013

### Nomination Form

**Name of Award:**

Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Hot Air Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.2)

**Submitted By:**

**NAC:** Aero Club of Canada

**Name:** Mary Anne Stevens

**Position:** President

*Suzanne P. Carter*



**Signature and stamp:**

**Suzanne P. Carter**

**Secretary General, Aero Club of Canada**

**Nomination for:**

**Name:** Sandra ROLFE (CAN)

**Birthdate:** 1974.12.20

**E-mail address:** rolfe\_blue\_sky@hotmail.com

**Reasons for nomination:**

On 2014.02.09 Ms. Sandra ROLFE (CAN) set the Female Duration Record for AX-03 balloons. The new (and still current) record of 4h 17min 42sec exceeded the previous record (3h 35min, set in 2007) by almost 20%!

Ms. Rolfe has been a hot air balloon pilot since 1995 and is actively involved in the Canadian Balloon Association. She has participated in the Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championship on several occasions, and attends events internationally. She is the current President of the Canadian Balloon Association, a position she has held since 2012.

Beginning in 2001, Ms. Rolfe consciously set out to increase the participation of women in ballooning and specifically in record setting activities. Ms. Rolfe is much more than just a pilot - she is the leader in all phases of each record attempt, including the design and construction of many of the aerostats used for her record attempts. Her team includes women in all aspects of record flight attempts - from construction of her balloons, through flight planning, observation and retrieve.

In addition to the above record, Ms. Rolfe holds the World Female Distance Record for AX-04 balloons (117.84 km, set in 2012) and several Canadian hot air balloon records (in both the Female and General categories). Ms. Rolfe is currently preparing for additional record flight attempts in 2015.

The Aero Club of Canada and the Canadian Balloon Association strongly believe that setting the 2014 AX-03 World Female Duration Record is worthy of "best sporting performance Hot Air Balloon (2014)." The award of a Montgolfier Diploma for Ms. Rolfe's 2014 accomplishments will also encourage other pilots, around the world and of both genders, to attempt record flights.

**Pictures:**



