



PASHA **SCHROEDER**
BALLOONS fire balloons

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SPRING 2026 – GROWTH, INNOVATION & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to the Pasha Balloons & Schroeder Fire Balloons Newsletter!

As we move further into 2026, we would like to sincerely thank all our clients, partners, operators, and friends for the trust and support you continue to place in our companies. Since the acquisition of Schroeder Fire Balloons, we have experienced a remarkable increase in interest and orders from all around the world. This positive response confirms the confidence the ballooning community has in the future of both brands and motivates us to continue investing in innovation, production quality, and customer support.

The integration process between Pasha Balloons and Schroeder Fire Balloons continues successfully. By combining decades of technical knowledge, engineering expertise, and operational experience, we are building a stronger foundation for the future while preserving the individual identity and heritage of each brand. Our production teams are working intensively to meet growing demand while maintaining the highest standards of craftsmanship, safety, and reliability.

Challenges in the Passenger Ballooning Industry

The global passenger ballooning industry continues to face significant challenges due to the ongoing geopolitical tensions and war-related uncertainties affecting tourism markets worldwide. Rising operational costs, fluctuations in travel demand, insurance pressures, and economic instability have impacted many operators across different regions.

Despite these difficulties, we remain confident in the resilience and long-term strength of the ballooning industry. Throughout these challenging times, we continue to support operators with dependable equipment, technical assistance, and practical solutions designed to help businesses operate safely and efficiently.

Progress with EASA Certification

One of the most important developments for our companies is the ongoing certification process with EASA. Our teams continue to work closely with the authorities and technical partners to expand our approvals and strengthen our position within the European market.

This process represents a major step forward for our long-term vision and demonstrates our commitment to meeting the highest international aviation standards. We are dedicated to ensuring that our products continue to offer operators the highest levels of safety, performance, and regulatory compliance.

New Products and Future Developments

Over the coming months, we are excited to introduce several new products and technical developments currently in preparation. These projects include improvements in fuel system technology, operational efficiency, durability, and pilot comfort, as well as new equipment solutions developed directly from operator feedback and field experience.

Our goal remains clear: to continue delivering innovative, practical, and high-quality products that support the future growth of ballooning worldwide.

Thank you once again for being part of our journey and for your continued confidence in Pasha Balloons & Schroeder Fire Balloons.

We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter!

M. Halis Aydoğan



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Schroeder News – In the picture

Luc Versporten – Belgian Representative



For more than 30 years and nearly 2,000 flight hours, Luc Versporten & his wife Martine have been respected names in Belgian ballooning.

From the start of his career, he chose to fly with Schroeder Fire Balloons, ordering eight balloons over the years – not only for himself, but also for sponsors and fellow pilots who relied on his experience.

As Schroeder's representative in Belgium, Luc was known for his honest advice and deep technical knowledge. He understood the balloons inside out and supported the brand with conviction from day one.

Now enjoying his retirement - but still heavily involved - Luc is passing his expertise to Emile Vermeulen, mentoring the next generation and ensuring continuity in the Belgian market.

After decades in the sky, Luc's legacy is clear: loyalty, professionalism, and a lifelong passion for ballooning.

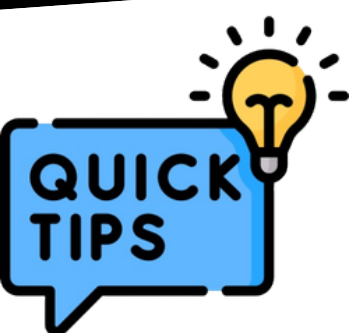
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Did you know a lot of pilots are using the quick release wrong?

Often the release system is connected to the V bridle, as actually it is much more comfortable AND safer to attach the release system to the burner frame karabiner. This way, the heavy release system and cord can not hit passengers or pilot during a windy take off!

NEW PASHA DELIVERIES - NEW PASHA DELIVERIES - NEW PASHA DELIVERIES



PH-300 - Egypt



PH-525 - Türkiye



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PH-75 S - Türkiye



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Record

ON THE 15TH OF FEBRUARY, OUR SALES
MANAGER PASCAL KREINS MADE A
RECORD FLIGHT WITH THE BRAND NEW
SCHROEDER DEMO 12/16 (AX5).

HE FLEW:

7 HOURS AND 23 MINUTES

AND SET A NEW AX-5 DURATION RECORD
FOR HOT AIR BALLOONS IN THE 900-1200
CBM CLASS. LAUNCHING AT SUNRISE FROM
HEILBURG, THURINGIA, PASCAL CROSSED
SOUTHERN GERMANY AT ALTITUDES UP TO
3,500 FT. WITH 5 TITANIUM CYLINDERS AND
PERFECT FLIGHT TACTICS, THE FLIGHT
SURPASSED THE PREVIOUS RECORD FROM
1995.

THIS RECORD FLIGHT SHOWCASES
THE EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY,
EFFICIENCY AND DURABILITY OF
SCHROEDER HOT AIR BALLOONS.
BUILT FOR PERFORMANCE AND
RELIABILITY, OUR BALLOONS ARE
DESIGNED TO PERFORM EVEN IN
THE MOST DEMANDING CONDITIONS.

CONGRATULATIONS PASCAL!





GOT A GREAT IDEA? SHARE IT WITH US!

YOUR IDEAS. OUR ENGINEERING. ONE SHARED PASSION FOR BETTER BALLOONING.

AT **PASHA & SCHROEDER FIRE BALLOONS**, INNOVATION DOESN'T START IN AN OFFICE – IT STARTS IN THE FIELD, IN THE BASKET, AND WITH THE PEOPLE WHO FLY. THAT'S WHY WE CREATED THE PASHA FIRE IDEA BOX.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A NEW PRODUCT? A SMART IMPROVEMENT TO AN EXISTING BALLOON, BURNER, BASKET, OR SYSTEM?

SOMETHING THAT COULD BE **SAFER, EASIER, LIGHTER, MORE ERGONOMIC – OR SIMPLY MORE FUN?**

SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS, SKETCHES, CONCEPTS, OR EVEN ROUGH IDEAS BY EMAIL. OUR DESIGNERS AND ENGINEERS WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW EVERY SUBMISSION AND EVALUATE ITS TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY, SAFETY, AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY. WHEN POSSIBLE, YOUR IDEA MAY BE REFINED, TESTED, AND BROUGHT TO LIFE IN PRODUCTION.

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PASHA & SCHROEDER FIRE BALLOONS – NOT JUST AS A PILOT OR OPERATOR, BUT AS A CO-CREATOR.

✉ SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US ON MAIL@SCHROEDERBALLON.DE OR INFO@PASHABALLOONS.COM.



Client Testimonials



IN THIS ISSUE: TORSTEN SPRENGER FROM WARSTEINER HAPPY BALLOONING

1. WHY SCHROEDER OR PASHA?

Over the years, we've also used balloons from several other manufacturers. Schroeder stands out for its quality, good solutions, and innovative ideas. Precision craftsmanship combined with a genuine understanding of day-to-day operations. It's not just about production – it's about partnership.

2. WHAT MAKES THESE BALLOONS IN YOUR FLEET SO SPECIAL?

The build quality and consistent performance. Gas consumption, durability, reliability. Reliability – flight after flight.

3. ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE YOUR FLYING EXPERIENCE?

Reliable.

4. WHAT DO YOUR PILOTS APPRECIATE MOST?

The predictable handling, well-thought-out technical details, and the confidence that comes from being able to rely on your equipment.

5. WHAT DO PASSENGERS NOTICE FIRST?

I don't think our guests notice any difference between the various balloon manufacturers. Passengers are simply overwhelmed by the sheer number of other impressions.

6. WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO INVEST AGAIN?

Because our initial experience confirmed the long-term benefits. If performance and support are right, reinvesting in the brand is the logical next step.

7. HOW IMPORTANT IS RELIABILITY IN YOUR DAILY OPERATIONS?

It's crucial. Reliability isn't an add-on – it's the foundation for safety, planning, and satisfaction.

8. WHAT ROLE DO DESIGN AND BRANDING PLAY FOR YOU?

We use design to make our sponsors' brands visible. This is how we reach sponsors who finance our balloons. It's a win-win situation.

9. WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER MANUFACTURERS?

We see the advantages in quality. Compared to our fleet, Schröder products stand out due to their durability, fabric longevity, gas consumption, burner noise level, weight, and overall high quality.

10. WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR FLEET?

We are in discussions with several sponsors. Two contracts have been signed and are being implemented by Schröder. We also recommended Schröder to these sponsors, emphasizing durability and top quality.





SELECTIONS FROM OUR DEAR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS



Spring has arrived and that means ballooning season is slowly awakening. The first post snowy winter flights have been done and some nice shots arrived in our mailbox and appeared online. Here a small selection from what we thought was worth sharing with you in case you missed them.

Also have a nice Pasha / Schroeder picture?
Send it to us for the next issue!



BALONFEST KAPADOKYA

06-09th of AUGUST 2026



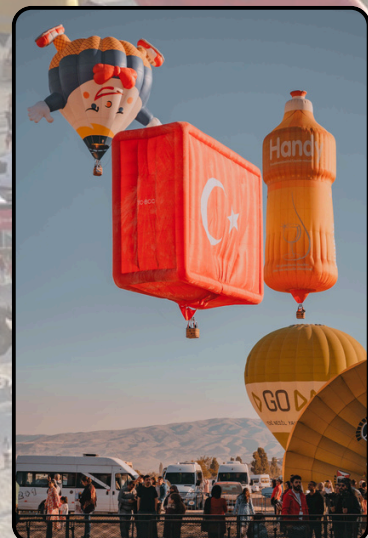
Your Invitation

Pilots Pre - inscription is for **Special Shapes**
and **Regular balloons** is open on

www.balonest.com

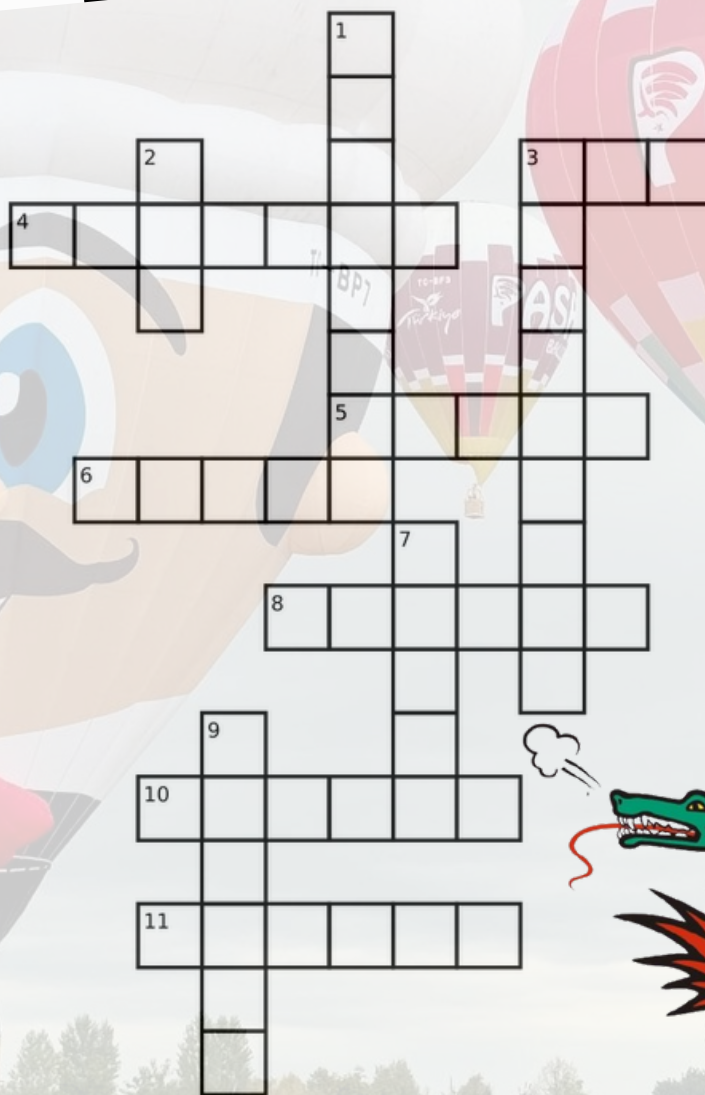
Included: 2 Flight tickets - Shipping of balloon -
Double room - Crew - Chase Vehicle - Gas - Food -
Gala Dinner Tickets - Goody bag - Excursions -
Pasha Factory Tour.

Special packages for REGULAR balloons!



Balloon crossword

Fun time for rainy spring days



Down:

1. What keeps you in the air
2. Gives you some fresh air
3. Quality from Germany
7. Our new Manager at Schroeder
9. Every pilots main priority

Across:

3. You have to stay away from its corners
4. You're happy when it arrives at your landing
5. He / She has the "how do you land this thing" handbook
6. A figure you will be happily surprised with!
8. Some pilots don't have it
10. Difficult to get in the bag
11. What a potential buyer likes to change 10 times

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Thank you for reading!