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SUMMER 2026 – GROWTH, INNOVATION & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

A Successful Summer of Ballooning

The summer of 2026 has once again demonstrated the international appeal and growing strength of ballooning, with a particularly successful season in Cappadocia. One of the highlights was the 7th edition of Balonfest Kapadokya, organised by Pasha Balloons together with the Directorate of Cappadocia. The festival brought together 20 balloon teams from 7 different countries, creating a truly international celebration of ballooning and aviation.

This year's festival welcomed more than 100,000 visitors, who enjoyed the spectacular sight of balloons filling the Cappadocian sky during the morning flights. A special highlight was the evening Night Glow, which was held at a new location this year. The new setting created an impressive atmosphere and offered visitors an even more memorable experience, with the illuminated balloons providing a spectacular backdrop against the unique landscape of Cappadocia.

The success of Balonfest Kapadokya once again underlines the importance of bringing balloonists, manufacturers, operators, and the public together. We are proud to contribute to the promotion and development of ballooning in Cappadocia and beyond, and we would like to thank all participating teams, partners, authorities, volunteers, and visitors who helped make this edition such a success.

Continuing the Renewal of Schroeder Fire Balloons

Behind the scenes, our work on the renewal and further development of Schroeder Fire Balloons continues. As part of the ongoing integration, we are not only preserving the heritage and proven engineering of the Schroeder brand, but also introducing new ideas, innovations, and production improvements internally.

Our teams are working continuously on updating designs, refining manufacturing processes, and incorporating new technical solutions while maintaining the quality and reliability for which Schroeder Fire Balloons is known. At the same time, we are working to make the transition as smooth as possible for our customers and operators.

One of the areas receiving particular attention is the regulatory and administrative process surrounding German aircraft and balloon documentation. We are actively working with the relevant authorities to address current Lufttüchtigkeitsanweisung (LTA) and paperwork-related challenges and to find practical solutions that can make the process clearer and easier for operators.

The objective is simple: to combine the strong heritage of Schroeder with the experience, resources, and innovation of Pasha Balloons, creating a modern and reliable future for the brand while continuing to support our customers throughout the process.

I wish you a lot of reading pleasure !



Mr. Halis Aydoğan

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Schroeder News – In the picture

Christophe LERAY — French Representative

Passionate about everything in the skies since childhood, **Christophe LERAY** is an accomplished aeronaut who has turned his passion into a career. A hot-air balloon pilot since 2013 and a gas balloon pilot since 2016, his high-level expertise also extends to his roles as Flight Instructor (FI), Flight Examiner (FE), Instructor Refresher Seminar/Flight Instructor Examiner (FiFi), and soon Senior Flight Examiner (SFE). Driven by an insatiable curiosity, he has explored other aviation horizons, also becoming an airplane and ULM (ultralight) pilot.

For him, every takeoff is a unique adventure. His logbook bears witness to extraordinary journeys around the world, whether flying over the frozen expanses of Lapland, the red soils of Madagascar, or the desert landscapes of Saudi Arabia and Qatar. In French skies, he shares the magic of flight most notably at the basket controls of his own 3400 m³ balloon, registered F-HECE – a Schroeder, of course.

Founder and manager of **Ciel-ÉVASION®**, Christophe LERAY puts his deep technical knowledge at the service of the aeronautical community. As a benchmark company in the industry, the structure is the official importer and dealer in France for prestigious, world-renowned brands such as Schroeder Fire Balloons and Pasha Balloons, complemented by specialized expertise in avionics with TQ Avionics, FUNKE Avionics, and Balloon Avionics.

Whether training future pilots, advising on high-tech equipment, or organizing major rallies like the Montgolfiades de Beauval-en-Caux or the Jules Verne meeting, his journey remains guided by the same core values: safety, excellence, and a lifelong passion for flight.

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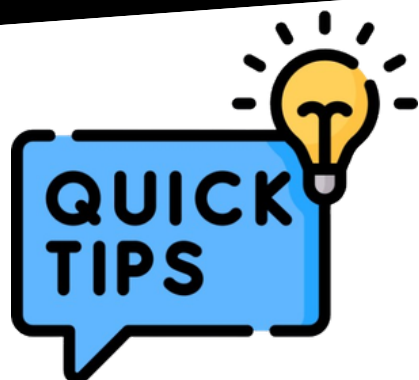
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TIPS & TRICKS – TIPS & TRICKS – TIPS & TRICKS – TIPS & TRICKS



Did you know that basket side runners are useful for **EVERY type of basket?**

Most people think they are only used for big passenger operation baskets, but also small baskets can have a lot of benefit from the extra protection on the side of the basket. Specially in regions with windy conditions, it can prevent a lot of damage to the cane and ropes. Think about it for your next basket!





PH-90 - Türkiye



PH-500 - Türkiye



PH-80 - Türkiye



PH-80 - Türkiye



PH-525 - Egypt



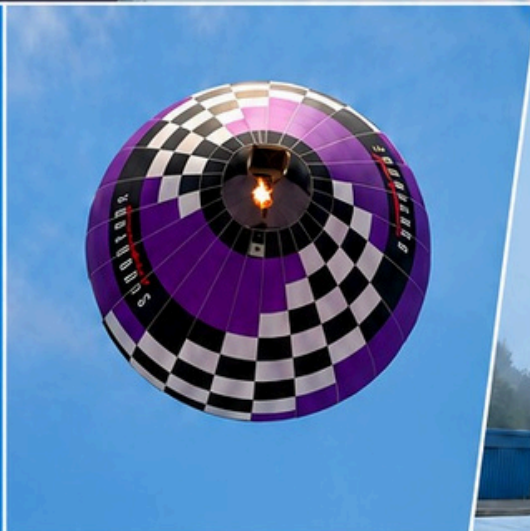
For Sale

MISTRAL 18/24

1.800 m³

A Mistral 18/24 with 1,800 m³ envelope volume, built in 2025, is for sale. The balloon is in excellent condition and has been flown exclusively solo by the pilot.

A well-maintained, modern balloon ready for its next adventure.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

 **Model:**
Mistral 18/24

 **Volume:**
1,800 m³

 **Year of manufacture:**
2025

 **Current flight hours:**
51:45 h

 **Estimated time until overhaul:**
approx. 75:00 h

 **Available from:**
September 2026

EQUIPMENT

- ✓ Parachute
- ✓ 4 gores Hyperlast envelope
- ✓ Standard parachute system
- ✓ Silver top

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Very low flight hours
- ★ Flown exclusively solo by the pilot
- ★ Excellent overall condition
- ★ Ideal for pilots looking for a nearly new balloon with modern equipment.

PRICE
€ 11,990.00

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INVITATION

Turkish Hot Air Balloon Championships 2026

Cappadocia
WHERE BALLOONS MEET THE WORLD



DATE:
4th till 7th of November



PLACE:
Cappadocia , Türkiye



CATEGORY:
FAI / CIA CAT2 Sporting Event



EVENT DIRECTOR:
Christoph Fraisl

Competitor Package — What's Included

Upon payment of the entry fee (300 euros), every competitor is entitled to the following benefits for the duration of the Championship:



INCLUDED



Propane



Accommodation
(Bed & Breakfast)



Light breakfast
at briefing



Airport shuttle



Gala dinner



EXCLUDED



Meals
(other than breakfast
and gala dinner)



Insurance



Activity (tour)
programmes



UPON REQUEST



Retrieve vehicle /
retrieve crew



Should you require any further information or supporting documentation, please do not hesitate to contact the Organising Committee using the details provided below.

Mr Hakan Ergüleç : info@turkishballoonchampionship.com

*See you in
Cappadocia!*



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: HAYRI ÖZARSLAN FROM
GÖREME BALLOONS & DELUXE BALLOONS**

1. WHY SCHROEDER OR PASHA?

Since many years we have used different balloons from different manufacturers. Every brand has its own quality. When it comes to Pasha you can say many things like good quality products, good relations with balloon companies, experienced team, rapid manufacturing process excellent after sales services.

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

They are special because they are the first balloons "Made in Türkiye". So it is also easy for us to follow the production process as they are made almost on our doorstep.

3. ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE YOUR FLYING EXPERIENCE?

Comfort of the balloons.

4. WHAT DO YOUR PILOTS APPRECIATE MOST?

Our pilots appreciate the fuel consumption, being easy to handle, cylinders and parachute systems.

5. WHAT DO PASSENGERS NOTICE FIRST?

The wide passenger compartments.

6. Why did you decide to invest again?

First of all the balloons are quality products, after sales support is really good, production and maintenance teams are always helpful.



7. HOW IMPORTANT IS RELIABILITY IN YOUR DAILY OPERATIONS?

Very important, it is good to know that pasha team is supporting us in any situation.

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

It gives us the chance to advertise our own brands or our customer providers brands to thousands of people from all over the world

9. WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER MANUFACTURERS?

Location and delivery times. Even we can check our orders while in production. And also rapid manufacturing process.

10. WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR FLEET?

We are currently renewing our fleet and of course our next balloon will be Pasha!





SELECTIONS FROM OUR DEAR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS



Summer is here and ballooning season is in full swing. From colorful morning flights to spectacular evening glows, we've seen plenty of beautiful moments shared by pilots and crews around the world. Many stunning photos have landed in our mailbox or appeared online, and we've selected a few favorites to share with you in case you missed them.

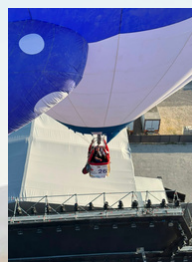
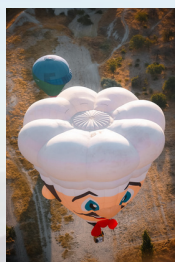
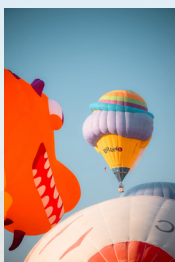
Do you also have a great Pasha / Schroeder photo? Send it to us and you might see it featured in our next issue!



**BALONFEST
KAPADOKYA**
06-09th of AUGUST 2026

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AVIATION

Festival Report





Open Factory Report

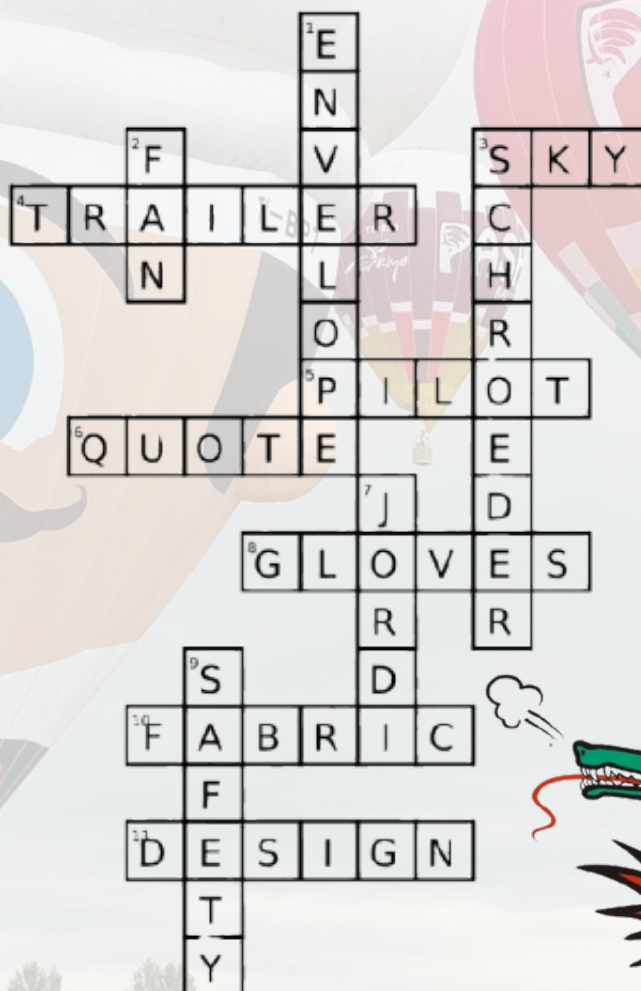


Fun, Food, Flying



Balloon crossword answer key

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!