

Last America's Challenge Balloon Lands: Sullivan/White Unofficial Winners

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The Gas Command Center at Balloon Fiesta Park has just received word that Mark Sullivan from Albuquerque and Cheri White from Austin, TX have landed safely north of Iowa Falls, IA. They are the unofficial winners of the 13th America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race.

Sullivan and White's flight took them 882 miles (1,419 km) in about 68 1/2 hours. Mark Sullivan is the founder of the America's Challenge race, which

began in 1995. This is the first time he has won.

The apparent second place finishers are Albuquerque's Troy Bradley and Jonathan Trappe from Raleigh, NC. According to the unofficial standings, Bradley and Trappe flew nine minutes longer than Sullivan and White, and therefore established a new [duration record](#) for the America's Challenge race. The old record of 67.25 hours was set by Sullivan and White in 2002.

Phil McNutt and Phil Bryant provisionally are third, Mike Wallace and Kevin Brielmann are fourth, and Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis finished fifth after landing very early on in the race.

Four balloons are still aloft in the 52nd Gordon Bennett: David Hempleman-Adams and Jonathan Mason of Britain, Gerald Sturzlinger and Helmut Meierhofer of Austria, and two American teams: Barbara Fricke and Peter Cuneo, and Andy Cayton and Stuart Enloe.

The computers are still crunching all of the data and displaying it for you via live tracking at www.balloonfiesta.com.