

# Cliff Skocdopole

What started out as a father's day gift turned a busy oilfield pipeline construction company owner into a BALLOONATIC!!

Cliff Skocdopole and his wife of 28 years, Sheri, live in Condor, Alberta, Canada. They have a son and daughter in law Wes and Ashlyn, along with twin grandchildren Duncan and Georgia who LOVE Grandpa's balloons.

Cliff was born and raised in West Central Alberta and really appreciates being able to fly in a rural farm land setting where the landing spots are plentiful and the landowners are friendly.

After being a passenger in that first flight in May 2009, Cliff was hooked on ballooning and achieved his pilots' license by early 2010. He purchased his first balloon, "Mr. Smee" in 2009 and since has made a few more balloons to his collection. Cliff will be flying "Reddee N Willing" this year.

He has competed three times in the Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships and is in fact the current Canadian Champion. He is always up for a good competition in the balloon world.

Cliff enjoys being able to combine the peaceful times in the air, being at the mercy of the winds, putting smiles on children's faces, both big and small, as well as the opportunity to meet the great people that are involved in the ballooning community.

Being a balloon pilot has given opportunities to travel to new places and fly in festivals both in Canada and the U.S.A. and hopefully internationally in the future.