



***Up in the Air!***  
***2017 Calendar***  
***Photos by John Krout***



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# January 2017

Balloons: Fired up at Chester PA, 6/2016, and Firefly at Flying Circus, Bealton VA, 8/2014; Golden Knights parachutist, Martinsburg Air show, 9/2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<b>2</b> New Years Day observed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	<b>16</b> Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	<b>28</b> Dad's birthday
29	30	31	1	2	December 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28



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# February 2017

Arlington County Fair carnival rides:  
 Super Shot and Cliff Hanger, both 2011, and  
 swings in front of Ferris wheel, 2016

*Sunday*      *Monday*      *Tuesday*      *Wednesday*      *Thursday*      *Friday*      *Saturday*

January 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	March 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	<b>20</b> Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4



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# March 2017

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Delaware, April 2017: The heron and egret were dogfighting each other over the marsh.

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

February 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	April 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	28	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Olivia's birthday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



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# April 2017

Virginia State Fair 2014: Dog leaps for frisbee over water tank, stunt cyclist leaps for applause

*Sunday*      *Monday*      *Tuesday*      *Wednesday*      *Thursday*      *Friday*      *Saturday*

<b>March</b> <small>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</small>	<b>May</b> <small>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</small>	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Easter</b> 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



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# May 2017

Olivia on carnival ride, Garrett County MD Fair, August 2015; Cam and Megan on Timberline zipline, Canaan Valley WV, July 2014

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	<b>29</b> Memorial Day	30	31	1	April	June
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A top-down view of a hot air balloon basket. The basket is a dark, rectangular wicker structure with a handle, suspended from a large, circular canopy. The canopy is composed of numerous segments in a vibrant, multi-colored pattern of blue, red, yellow, green, and purple. The entire scene is set against a clear, bright blue sky.

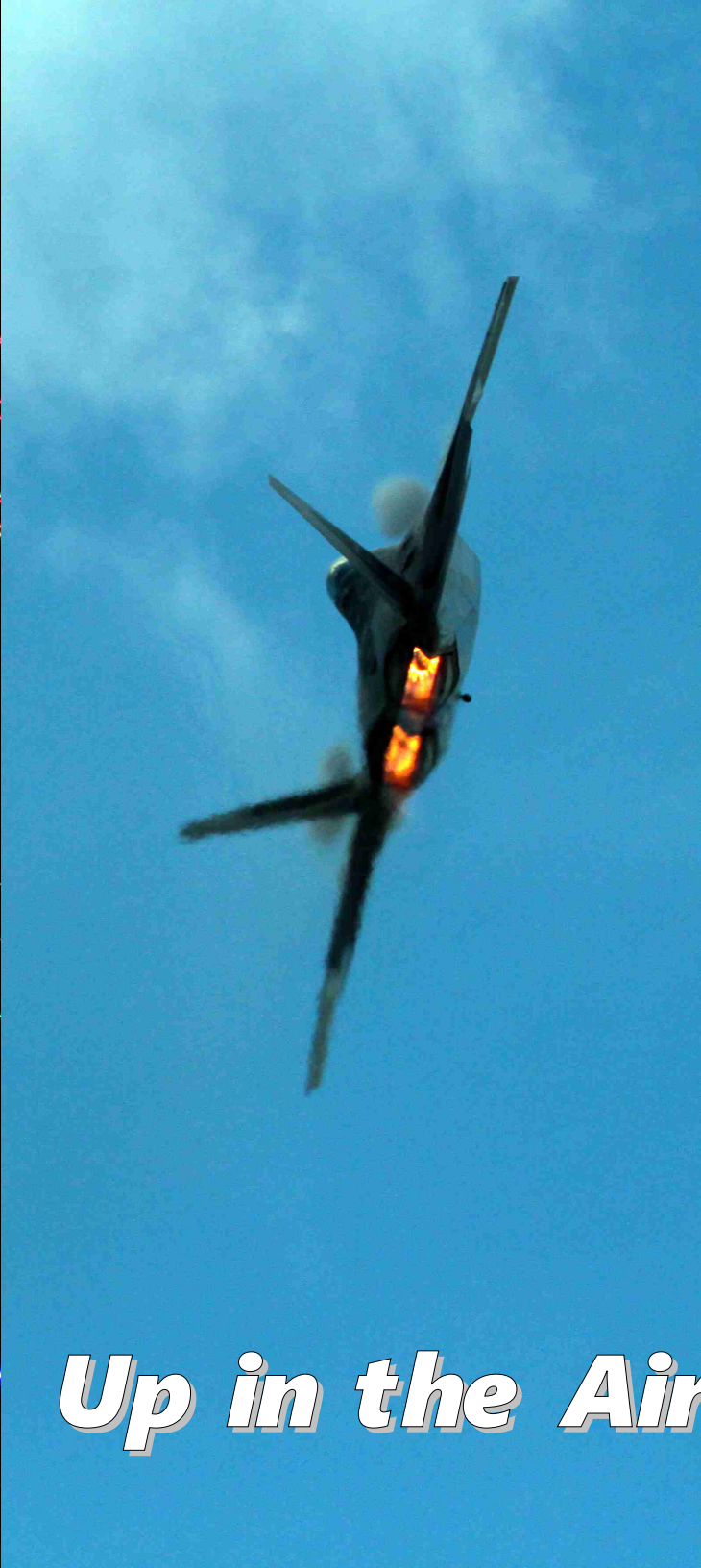
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# June 2017

Balloon directly overhead, Chester PA hot air balloon festival, June 2016

*Sunday*      *Monday*      *Tuesday*      *Wednesday*      *Thursday*      *Friday*      *Saturday*

<b>May</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>July</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



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# July 2017

Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks, April 2015; F-22 makes clouds  
 while moving through moist air, September 2015; Lava Luau at  
 Timberline, Canaan Valley WV, March 2014.

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

June 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	August 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	<b>4</b> Independence Day <i>Olivia's wedding          day</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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# August 2017

Warblers at Joint Base Andrews Open House,  
September 2015

*Sunday*      *Monday*      *Tuesday*      *Wednesday*      *Thursday*      *Friday*      *Saturday*

July 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2



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# September 2017

St. Louis MO, seen from the Gateway Arch, looking west, May 2014. The courthouse in the center is the site of the Dred Scott trial.

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

August 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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# October 2017

Fire in the Sky over the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, sunset  
 seen from Maine Avenue at 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW,  
 Washington DC, October 2014

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	September	November
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# November 2017

F-22 at left, F-16 at right, both at Andrews open house September 2015. USMC Harrier hovering in center, Ocean City MD, June 2014.

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

October 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	<b>10</b> Veterans Day	11
12	13	14 Cameron's birthday	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



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# December 2017

Pinney, VA, from commercial aircraft while returning from Orlando, April 2011

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

November 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						

I was considering several themes for the 2016 calendar. It was December 2015 and time was short. I had plenty of animal photos selected, and very few for each of the other possible themes, so I went with animals for 2016. Even before I finished designing that calendar, it hit me: I could combine various aerial subjects into Up In the Air! And here you have it.

Carnival rides, air shows, hot air balloons, birds aloft, fireworks displays, even shots of cities from the air. I pursue photos of a great variety of aerial subjects each year. You will see many examples in this calendar.

I owe my enduring enthusiasm for fireworks photos to Jack Rottier, the National Park Service photographer who, in the summer of 1974, taught me how to do it right. Jack was bored silly by fireworks and wanted to stay home on Independence Day for once, so I took his place that year. In 1976, my photo store told me I had shot the best photos out of over 100 rolls they processed depicting the 2-hour bicentennial fireworks show. In 1994 I won a Grand Prize at the Arlington County Fair for a photo of National Mall fireworks behind the Iwo Jima statue in Rosslyn, shot in 1986.

Nowadays I get three opportunities per year to take photos of aerial fireworks: the annual Lava Luau at Timberline in Canaan Valley, WV in March, the Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks in April, and the National Mall fireworks in July. In July 2017 it will be the Garrett County fireworks in McHenry MD, the same day that Olivia and Derek get married there.

Like fireworks photos, carnival rides at night require very long exposures. I often wander through county fairgrounds with a tripod to stabilize the camera. The results are worth the effort.

For birds and aircraft, the technique is, usually, precisely the opposite. Rapid response is a must, because the subjects move whenever they wish. I use a very short exposure to freeze the action. I have had great luck in recent years with both. I make a day trip to the Eastern Shore in April each year for shorebird photos, and in June each year for the annual Ocean City airshow, featuring the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds in alternate years.

As always, my wonderful kids make an appearance. This is the first of my calendars to include all three of them.

**On the cover, left to right:**

Super Shot carnival ride, Arlington County Fair, August 2011; Hot air balloons, Chester PA annual festival, June 2016; Thunderbirds, Martinsburg WV air show, September 2010; No Room at the Landing Zone, Cape May-Lewes Ferry, July 2003