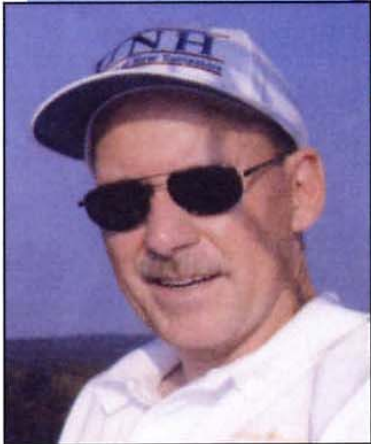




"SECOND WIND"

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Mike is a Lieutenant in the Akron Fire Dept. His balloon "Second Wind" is constructed from used parts and surplus fabric and is black, royal, red, orange, yellow and white vertical off-set blocks. In February 1998, Emich set a new world distance record for category AX-5 hot-air balloons in a 270 mile flight using a balloon of his own design and construction. Not content with one world record, Emich designed and built a category AX-4 hot-air balloon for an assault on the distance record for that size balloon. Another new world record was established on a 184 mile flight in February 1999. He also enjoys sailing and scuba diving. He's been a familiar face at all Classics.



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