Petit Jean Balloon Run

Petit Jean Aiport Altitude is 950 MSL. The Racetrack is 14 miles long Prox. (13.6)

Take off single ship in groups of 6 with 2 mile intervals. Climb to 1600 feet and maintain 120 MPH (2 Mile per minute)

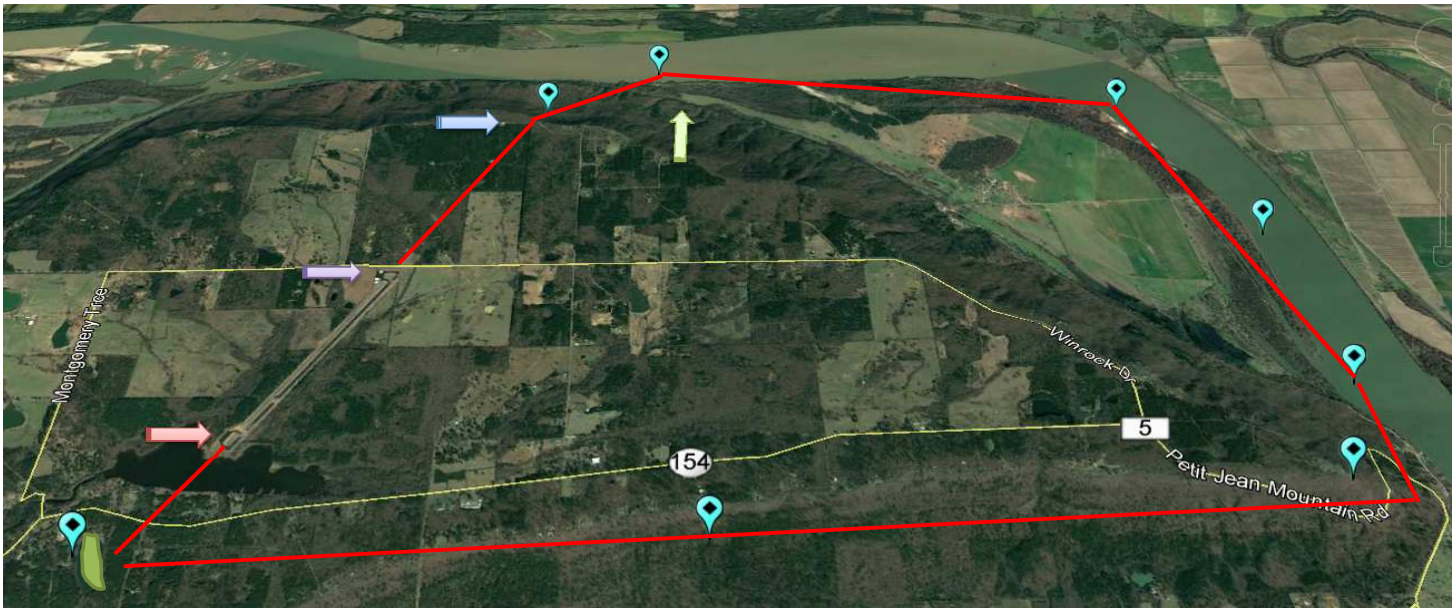
Fly constant airspeed 120 MPH. Maintain 2 mile visual separation. DO NOT CLOSE ON NEXT AIRCRAFT!

Make a normal straight in Approach but level 100 above the treeline. Approx 1,150 MSL Do not descend below the treeline.

CALL YOUR LOCATION AS YOU CROSS THE RIDGE ON THE INBOUND LEG. RED 1 IS ON THE APPROACH!

CALL FOR RELEASE AS YOU CROSS THE NUMBERS OR AS INSTRUCTED. (Cut the sucker loose)

Anticipate the balloon will be around your level. Scan straight ahead and 100 feet low to 100 feet high!
Balloon must be hit in a climbiing attitude under climb power!



Note Petit Jean Pond is south of Lake Bailey. After bursting/missing balloon, add power and climb straight ahead to 1600.
Initiate a left turn approximately center of Petit Jean Pond to the East and fly just south of the ridgeline directly around the point.
Think about a shallow turn around a point. You should be about 500 above the level of Petit Jean Observation Point.
Wave at the people watching you go around the point :--) They are very jealous!
Maitnain 1600 feet and 120 MPH while in the pattern. This is important for safety separation.
Fly the inside edge of the river until you make your approach turn beyond the river valley.

BE SAFE FIRST:

120 MPH in cruise for good separation
1600 MSL pattern altitude for ground clearance
No lower than 1150 until you have the balloon in sight
Balloon should be hit in a climb attitude with climb power.
Climb straight out after hit or miss and resume racetrack.