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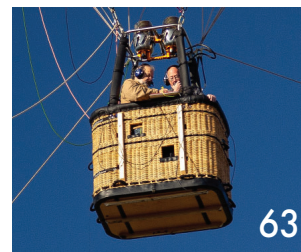
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Making POTA contacts from a beautiful hot-air balloon 75 feet in the air is one way to increase the excitement of a POTA activation! Members of the Macoupin County (Illinois) Amateur Radio Club, K9MCE, invited some ham friends to join them at Pere Marquette State Park (POTA designator US-1015), where three teams of two hams took turns being carried aloft with their gear. To learn more about their preparations and setup, as well as the contacts they made, read "POTA Hot-Air Ballooning over US-1015," by Ron Ochu, KO0Z. [John Nell, K9JDN, photo]



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