## **2021** America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race Team Bio

Team 3

Crew Nationality: USA

Balloon Name: Intrepid Balloon Registration: N526UP

## Pilots:

Name	Brenda Cowlishaw	Brian Duncan
Hometown	Bulverde, Texas	Spring, Texas
Occupation		
Aircraft ratings/flight hours	306 hours in hot air and gas balloon, with 132 of those being in gas balloons.	Rated in both hot air and gas balloons.
America's Challenge race history	1 (2019), finished 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 (2019), finished 4 <sup>th</sup>
Gordon Bennett history	None; qualified to compete in 2020 and 2021 but was unable to do so.	None; qualified to compete in 2020 and 2021 but was unable to do so.
Other notable flights/records		Was one of the participants in 2015 in setting a new Guinness World Record for the largest number of balloons inflated indoors; in AT&T Stadium just outside of Dallas Texas (where the Cowboys play).
Awards:		

Comments: As near-newcomers to gas ballooning, Brian Duncan and Brenda Cowlishaw had a most impressive America's Challenge debut in 2019. They were the highest-finishing US team, besting seasoned teams with multiple race wins. Both pilots are experienced hot air balloonists. Cowlishaw and Duncan acquired their balloon system from longtime America's Challenge competitor Phil Bryant, who has now retired from gas balloon competition.