



When: Saturday, September 26th – 6 am

Where: Clovis Rodeo Grounds Parking Lot

Best Parking Options

- **Clovis Avenue Lot:** Free parking is located right off Clovis Avenue near the rodeo grounds. Arrive by 6:00 AM to secure a spot before the morning balloon launch
- **Water Tower Parking:** Located directly next to the Clovis Rodeo Grounds for close access to the launch site.
- **Shaded Public Lot:** Veterans District building on 3rd Street.
- **Old Town Side Streets:** Street parking fills up fast due to festival closures along Pollasky Avenue, look slightly outside the immediate core.

Quick Tips

- **Arrive Early:** Get there by 6:00 AM for the best view and parking before the balloons launch around sunrise (7:00 AM – 8:00 AM, weather permitting).
- **Street Closures:** Expect heavy traffic and detours around Pollasky Avenue as [ClovisFest](#) gets underway.

What to Bring:

- Leave the tripod at home
- Telephoto lens if you have one

Things to watch out for:

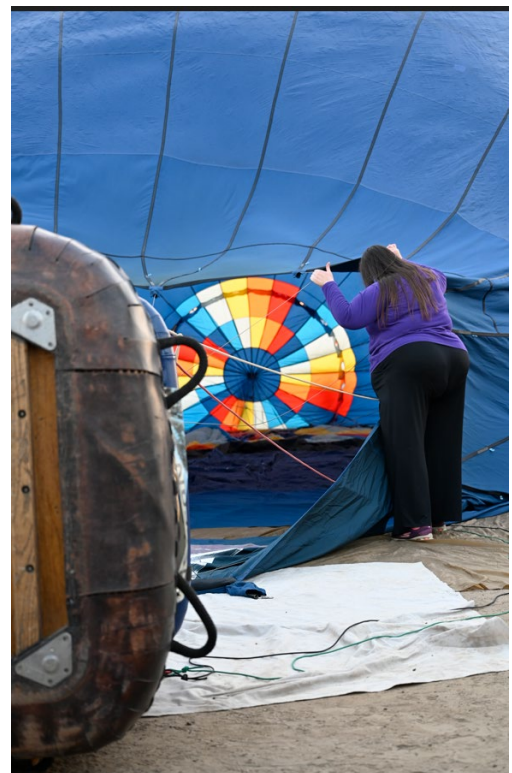
- Be aware of the ropes around the balloons, Do not stand over them.
- When the balloons are on the tarp, don't walk on or over them

Move around, these shots are from the “top” of the balloon away from the basket



Shots from the basket end

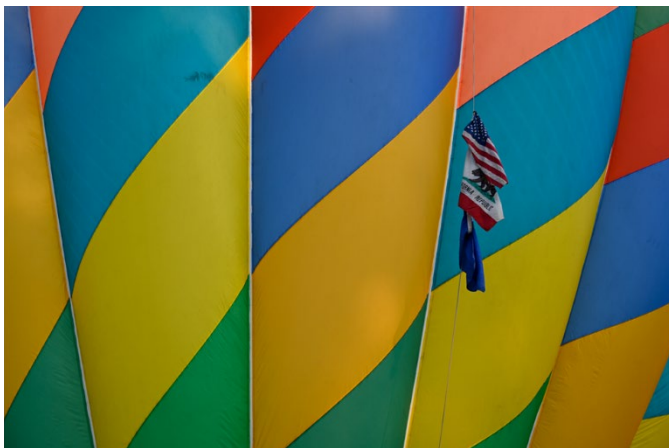
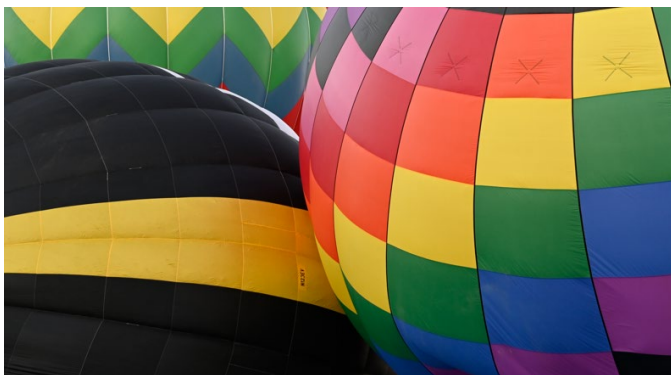
Look for silhouettes



Fire shots are fun



So are close up shots and far away



Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 748 Rodeo Drive in Clovis

