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American balloonist who in 1978 participated in the first nonstop balloon journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Newman, Maxie Anderson, and Ben Abruzzo flew their balloon, the *Double Eagle II,* at a high altitude across the Atlantic in six days, taking advantage of decent weather and favorable winds to cross the Atlantic from west to east. Newman was added to the crew after the previous year's attempt had been forced down by a combination of poor weather and fatigue.