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Aviation and Space: Diary-notifications and anniversaries for 2017

Lausanne, Switzerland, 30 December 2016 – **Throughout 2017 the FAI will mark some important anniversaries in aviation and space flight.**

These will include:

- The 90th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's historic New York to Paris flight (May 1927)
- The 80th anniversary of the disappearance of pioneering aviator Amelia Earhart (July 1937)
- The 220th anniversary of the first parachuting jump (October 1797)
- The 40th anniversary of Alexandr Fedotov's absolute altitude record on an aircraft (August 1977)

A full list of records and achievements in aviation and Space flight that the FAI plan to mark throughout 2017 include:

Date	Name	Country	Category	Description	Performance	Record status
06.01.2015	SCHMELZER Tijn	BEL	Gliding - Africa Record	Speed over a triangular course of 100 km - First to pass the 200km/h barrier using thermals rather than mountain waves	179.00 km/h	Current
21.01.1987	MCCALLIN Lois *	USA	Human-Powered Aeroplane - Female category	Duration	37mn 38sec	Current
17.02.2012	SINGH Parmjit	IND	Microlights	Distance in a straight line without landing	5313.13 km	Current
21.05.1927	LINDBERGH Charles *	USA	Powered Aeroplanes	Distance in a straight line without landing - First solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean (New York-Paris)	5809 km	Superseded
30.05.2012	BOTT Jacques	FRA	Hang Gliding	Out-and-return distance	366.4 km	Current

23.06.2016	PICCARD Bertrand	SUI	Powered Aeroplanes - Electric	Distance - First solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean aboard a solar-powered aircraft (New York- Seville)	176.35 km/h	Current
02.07.1937	EARHART Amelia	USA		Disappearance		Not a record
09.07.2012	DANJO Akihiro	JPN	Aeromodelling - Free flight	Duration	19 min 40 sec	Current
23.07.2016	KONYUKHOV Fedor	RUS	Ballooning - Absolute record	Shortest time around the world	268 h 20 min	Current
08.08.1997	MURRAY Jennifer *	GBR	Rotorcraft	Speed around the world. Eastbound	22.44 km/h	Current
23.08.1977	ALLEN Bryan	USA	Human- Powered Aircraft	First human- powered aircraft capable of controlled and sustained flight aboard the MacCready Gossamer Condor		Not a record
31.08.1977	FEDOTOV Alexandr *	RUS	Powered Aeroplanes - Absolute Record	Altitude	37'650 m	Current
04.10.1957			Astronautics	Sputnik 1: first artificial Earth satellite		Not a record
14.10.2012	BAUMGARTNER Felix *	AUT	Parachuting	Vertical Speed Records without a Drogue - First person to break the sound barrier without vehicular power	1'357.6 km/h	Current
14.10.1947	YEAGER Chuck	USA		First to break the sound barrier		Not a record
15.10.1927	COSTES Dieudonné/LE BRIX Joseph	FRA	Powered Airplanes	First nonstop flight across the South Atlantic Ocean (Senegal-Brazil)		Not a record
22.10.1797	GARNERIN André-Jacques *	FRA	Parachuting	First parachuting jump		Not a record
03.11.1957	Laika (dog)		Astronautics	First animal in orbit (aboard Sputnik 2)		Not a record
13.11.1907	CORNU Paul *	FRA	Helicopters	First well documented helicopter flight		Not a record
16.12.2012	UEYAMA Kenichi	JPN	Aeromodelling - Radio Control Flight	Speed in a closed circuit	219.85 km/h	Current

19.12.2007	DUVOISIN Pierrick	SUI	Hot-Air Balloons - 250 m3 and less	Duration - Very small balloon	6 h 20 min 38 sec	Current
1937	BATTEN Jean *	NZL		First woman to receive the FAI Gold Air Medal		Not a record

* Press releases will be sent out ahead of these anniversaries.

About FAI

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