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Aviation and Space: Diary-notifications and anniversaries for 2018

Lausanne, Switzerland, 19 January 2018 – **The first transatlantic crossing in a gas balloon, two of the longest human-powered flights ever recorded, and an over-6000 km airship flight completed in 1928: just three of the incredible, record-breaking feats the anniversaries of which will be celebrated by the FAI in 2018.**

Dating back to the early 1900s, each one still stands as a record in the air sports field, and represents the triumph of human determination, bravery and skill when pitted against often seemingly insurmountable odds.

As the world governing body for air sports activities, the FAI is the global authority on the many thousands of space and aviation records created and ratified by the Federation since its foundation in 1905.

It shares the achievements of air sports pioneers via a series of articles and social media messages, offering access to the most valuable, interesting and exclusive documents and pictures from the Federation's archives to the public and the media.

The list of records and achievements in aviation and Space flight that the FAI plans to mark during 2018 includes:

- The 30th anniversary of cyclist Kanellos Kanellopoulos' close to four-hour flight between the Greek islands of Crete and Santorini in a human-powered aeroplane (April 1988)
- The 40th anniversary of Americans Ben Abruzzo, Larry Newman and Maxie Anderson's historic, five-day transatlantic crossing in a gas balloon (August 1978)
- The 90th anniversary of German pilot Dr. Hugo Eckener's 71-hour airship flight between the United States and Germany, which remains the longest and furthest journey ever completed in an airship (November 1928)
- The 5th anniversary of Alexis Reichert's 53-second flight in Aerovelo's enormous, prize-winning human-powered helicopter, Atlas (September 2013)

Below is a full list of all the notable anniversaries this year:

Date	Name	Country	Category	Description	Performance	Record status
24.01.2008	BAKER Pauline	IRL	Hot Air Balloons - 400 to 600 m ³	Altitude	4272m	Current
22.02.2013	ANANOV Sergey	RUS	Helicopters	Distance without landing	1232km	Current
12-13. 04.1928	KÖEHL Hermann, VON HÜNEFELD Baron, FITZMAURICE James	GER / IRL	Powered Aeroplanes	First transatlantic nonstop flight from east to west		Not a record

23.04.1988*	KANELLOPOULOS Kanellos	GRE	Human-powered aeroplanes	Duration	3h 54m 59s	Current
27.04.2013	BILQUEY Bernard	FRA	Aeromodelling – Hot air balloons	Stationary flight duration	1h 49m 41s	Current
17.08.1978*	ABRUZZO Ben, NEWMAN Larry and ANDERSON Maxie	USA	Balloons	Distance – First balloon transatlantic crossing (5 days)	5001.22 km	Superseded
18.08.2008	KASPROWICZ Edward and SHEIK Steven	USA	Helicopter	Speed around the world. Eastbound	136.7 km/h	Current
02.09.2008	MORILLAS SALMERON Ramon	ESP	Paramotors	Time to climb to a height of 6000m	1h 12m 32s	Current
14.09.2008	BEM Jan and ZALUSKA Olga	CZE	Microlights	Time to climb to a height of 3000m	7m 20s	Current
24.09.2013*	REICHERT Alexis	CAN	Human- powered rotorcraft	Duration	53 sec	Current
30.10.1968	TIMOFEEVITCH Georgy	URS	Space	Greatest mass lifted to altitude	6575kg	Current
01.11.1928*	ECKENER Hugo	GER	Airship	Distance	6384.50km	Current

* Press releases will be sent out ahead of each anniversary.

About FAI

The [Fédération Aéronautique Internationale \(FAI\)](#), also known as the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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