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## Aviation and Space: Diary-notifications and anniversaries for 2019

Lausanne, Switzerland, 21 January 2019 – **Circumnavigating the globe, crossing continents, setting foot on the moon... There are many significant aviation and space achievements to celebrate in 2019, with the help of records held by the World Air Sports Federation.**

From the earliest days of human flight to the most recent extreme air sports records, all the anniversaries being marked by the Federation in 2019 have one thing in common: they represent the innovation, skill and courage of air sports amateurs and professionals throughout modern history.

Having ratified over 18,000 air sports records since its foundation in 1905, the FAI – the World Air Sports Federation – is the world governing body for air sports activities and the global authority on the many thousands of space and aviation achievements that have changed the course of history.

The stories of these heroes of aviation and air sports are shared by the FAI via a series of online articles and social media messages, and offer public access to the most valuable, interesting and exclusive documents and pictures from the Federation's archives.

The list of records and achievements in aviation and space flight that the FAI plans to mark during 2019 includes:

- 50 years since the Apollo 11 moon landings
- The first airplane flight across the English Channel in 1909 by France's Louis Bleriot
- Piccard and Jones' first non-stop round-the-world balloon flight in 1999
- First woman to set an aviation record: Maryse Bastié in 1929
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Below is a full list of all the notable anniversaries this year:

Date	Name	Country	Category	Description	Record(s)
26.02-2.03.1949	GALLAGHER James	USA	Powered airplane	1st nonstop round-the-world flight	-
<b>1-21.03.1999*</b>	<b>PICCARD Bertrand, JONES Brian</b>	<b>SUI/GBR</b>	<b>Balloons</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> nonstop round-the-world balloon flight</b>	<b>7 records, <a href="#">incl. 5961</a></b>
14-15.06.1919	ALCOCK John, BROWN Arthur Whitten	GBR	Powered airplane	1 <sup>st</sup> nonstop transatlantic flight	-
<b>25.07.1909*</b>	<b>BLERIOT Louis</b>	<b>France</b>	<b>Powered airplane</b>	<b>1st airplane flight across the English Channel</b>	-
<b>16-24.07.1969*</b>	<b>ARMSTRONG Neil, ALDRIN Edwin, COLLINS Michael</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>Space</b>	<b>Apollo 11 - 1st man on the moon</b>	<b>5 records, <a href="#">incl. 2324</a></b>
23.07.1999	COLLINS Eileen	USA	Space	1st woman to command a Space Shuttle Mission	-
<b>28.07.1929*</b>	<b>BASTIE Maryse</b>	<b>France</b>	<b>Powered airplane</b>	<b>1st woman to set a world record</b>	<b><a href="#">Superseded</a></b>
August 1899	WRIGHT Wilbur and Orville	USA	Aircraft	1st flight of the Wright Aircraft	-
<b>8-29.08.1929*</b>	<b>ECKENER Hugo (Dr)</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>Airship</b>	<b>1st round-the-world airship flight</b>	-

02.09.2018*	<b>GARDNER Timothy, PAYNE James</b>	USA	Gliding	Highest gliding flight	<a href="#">Pending ratification</a>
26.09.2009	Jump for the Cause	AUS	Parachuting	Largest skydiving formation (Female)	<a href="#">Current record</a>

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

### Editor's note

FAI records: [www.fai.org/records](http://www.fai.org/records)

### About FAI

FAI, 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).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic activities and Space records.

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