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- 1783-08-30**    **First aviation Royal decision**  
**Louis XVI King of France<sup>1</sup>**  
King Louis XVI agreed that first aeronauts be prisoners
- 1784-01-19**    **First flight with more than 2 people**  
**Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier**  
First stowaway (Fontaine). Airborne heater fired with wood, coal and alcohol.
- 1784-04-23**    **First aviation law**  
Requirement that balloons carrying fire aloft must be inspected before flight
- 1798-10-16**    **First ascent with a horse.**  
**Pierre Testu-Brissy**  
At Monceau
- 1802-06-28**    **High speed flight. Average speed over 100 km/h.**  
**André Jacques Garnerin**  
London to Colchester. 110 km/h
- 1804-12-06**    **Unmanned balloons released to celebrate Napoleon's coronation.**  
**André Jacques Garnerin<sup>1</sup>**  
One lands in Rome on Nero's grave.
- 1811-10-07**    **High speed flight. Average speed 135 km/h.**  
**James Gross Sadler**  
Average speed 135 km/h. From Birmingham
- 1822-04-27**    **First Certificate of Airworthiness**  
Authorities in Paris require inspections of hot air balloons.
- 1822-05-05**    **Balloons banned to fly over Durham, UK**  
Aviation law holds that those who set things into the air are liable when those things come down on the heads of others
- 1836-10-06**    **First flight with 10 passengers**  
**Charles Green**  
Green's 224th ascent
- 1859-**            **Earliest known photo of an aerostat.**  
Industry exhibition, Paris.
- 1865-11-08**    **First balloon honeymoon.**  
**Thaddeus Sobieski Constantine Lowe**  
Manhattan to Mt Vernon. NY

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- 1874-10-19**    **First aerial Wedding.**  
**Washington Harrison Donaldson**  
Cincinnati Hippodrome
- 1889-11-17**    **Twenty persons in a free balloon**  
**Louis Godard**  
Free flight after tether at Place Trocadero, Paris
- 1909-xx-xx**    **Radio-controlled airship model demonstration**  
**Mark O. Anthony**
- 1910-08-22**    **Radio-controlled airship model demonstration.**  
**Raymond Phillips**  
Empire theatre, Cardiff
- 1911-10-29**    **Charles Dollfus first balloon flight.**  
**Albert Omer-Decugis**
- 1913-03-xx**    **High speed flight. Average speed 148 km/h**  
**Ferdinand Eimermacher**  
Münster to East Preussia, Germany
- 1929-03-25**    **Lowest altitude reached by a Zeppelin.**  
**Hugo Eckener**  
Dead Sea, Palestine
- 1935-11-27**    **Longest holding - 3 days. Outbreak of revolution in Pernambuco.**  
**Ernst Lehmann**  
After flight Bathurst, Gambia to Recife de Pernambuco.
- 1975-04-20**    **First baptism in Hot Air Balloon**  
**Sten-Åke Björnstedt**
- 1977-05-08**    **First night flight by Hot Air Airship.**  
**Hans Åkerstedt**  
Arc-et-Senans, France
- 1977-09-13**    **Charles Dollfus last flight. 66 years after his first**  
**Tom Sage**  
From Castle Howard, England, during 3rd World Hot Air Balloon Championships
- 1979-09-16**    **Escaped from East Germany in a homebuilt hot air balloon**  
**Hans-Peter Strelzyk**  
Oberlennitz, DDR to 5 km S Lichtenberg, West Germany

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- 1983-06-25**    **First female pilot in "modern" Gordon Bennett**  
**Nini Boesman**  
Place de la Concorde, Paris to Orly. 8th place
- 1984-10-13**    **First all female crew in Gordon Bennett**  
**Nikki Caplan**  
Airport Kloten, Zürich to Villefrance. 11th place
- 1988-08-18**    **Flight with 50 people in a Hot Air Balloon.**  
**Henk Brink**  
Lelystad airport, Holland
- 1990-09-21**    **First all female crew in Gas Balloon World Championships**  
**Jana Vodsedalkova**  
Tyndall, South Dakota, USA. 11th place
- 1992-12-29**    **Jojo Maes gas balloon flight no 1 000**  
**Franz Josef "Jojo" Maes**
- 1994-08-27**    **World record toy balloon launch.**  
**Lucius Peart<sup>1</sup>**  
1 592 744 balloons released.
- 1996-04-21**    **Jojo Maes gas balloon flight no 1 111**  
**Franz Josef "Jojo" Maes**  
Also 1075 hot air balloon flights
- 1997-02-01**    **Free Balloon Pilot licence holder during 50 years**  
**Don Piccard**
- 1997-05-22**    **First wedding in a Hot Air Balloon performed by the balloon pilot**  
**Eduardo Vaqués Correa**  
Pilot authorised by law 17.285
- 1999-12-31**    **Last flight of the twentieth century, at least in Finland**  
**Olli Louma**  
Lappajärvi at 23:55, 31st December to Seinäjoki next Millenium at 09:00
- 2000-01-01**    **First flight of the new Millennium, at least in Finland**  
**Olli Louma**  
Lappajärvi at 23:55, 31st December 1999 to Seinäjoki 1st January 2000 at 09:00
- 2001-11-03**    **Jojo Maes gas balloon flight no 1 300**  
**Franz Josef "Jojo" Maes**  
Marl, Germany to Laage-Lippe

**2004-08-22**    **First pilot to fly more than 10 000 hours in gas balloons**  
**Franz Josef "Jojo" Maes**  
Marl, Germany to Rorup, Germany