

- 1200-0400 **Earliest mythical manned flight**
Antarqui (small boy) Nazca
 Said to have been sent up in the air to spy on the enemy
- 1625 **First description of hydrogen, first to use the word "gas". Founder of pneumatic chemistry.**
Johann Baptista van Helmont¹
 Investigated and categorized hydrogen and several other gases.
- 1709-08-08 **Earliest recorded model balloon flight**
Bartholomeu Lourenço de Gusmão¹ Gusmão
- 1731-11-17 **First manned balloon flight according to Russian claims.**
Mr. Kriakoutny Balloon made of Ox-hides
 Flew from Ryazan town square.
- 1782-11-25/ **First experiment by Montgolfier.**
Joseph-Michel Montgolfier¹ Montgolfière No 1. Silk cube.
 At 18, rue Saint-Etienne, Avignon
- 1782-12- **First outdoor flight.**
Joseph & Étienne Montgolfier¹ Montgolfière No 2. Cylinder.
 Paper factory garden in Vidalon-les-Annonay
- 1782-12-14 **First free flight with a model balloon**
Joseph & Étienne Montgolfier¹ Montgolfière No 3. Silk sphere.
- 1783-04-25 **First free flight at night.**
Joseph & Étienne Montgolfier¹ Montgolfière No 4. Linen & paper sphere.
 Château du Colombier, Annonay.
- 1783-06-04 **First public demonstration, free flight.**
Joseph & Étienne Montgolfier¹ Montgolfière No 4. Linen & paper sphere.
 Place des Cordeliers, Annonay.
- 1783-08-27 **First Free flight by gas balloon.**
Jacques Alexandre César Charlière No 1. Rubberized silk sphere. Hydrogen.
Charles & Robert brothers¹
 Public demonstration. Champ de Mars, Paris - Gonesse 15 km NE Paris.
- 1783-08-30 **First aviation Royal decision**
Louis XVI King of France¹
 King Louis XVI agreed that first aeronauts be prisoners
- 1783-09-19 **First free flight with animals.**
Jacques-Étienne Montgolfier¹ Montgolfière No 6. Painted cotton
 From the Royal Court at Versailles to Vaucresson
- 1783-10-12 **First tethered human flight.**
Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier Montgolfière No 7. Painted fire resistant cotton.
 Reveillon, Paris

- 1783-10-14 **First tethered passenger flight.**
Jacques-Étienne Montgolfier Montgolfière No 7. Painted fire resistant cotton.
 Reveillon, Paris
- 1783-11-21 **First recorded manned flight.**
Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier Montgolfière No 7. Painted fire resistant cotton.
 From Château de la Muette to la Butte aux Cailles, Paris, France.
- 1783-12-01 **First human flight in a gas balloon.**
Jacques Alexandre César Charles Charlière No 2. Varnished silk. Hydrogen
 From "Le jardin des Tuileries", Paris to Nesle-La-Vallée.
- 1783-12-01 **First human solo flight in a gas balloon.**
Jacques Alexandre César Charles Charlière No 2. Varnished silk. Hydrogen
 Nesle-La-Vallée to Tour du Lay, Hedouville.
- 1784-01-19 **First flight with more than 2 people**
Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier Montgolfière No 8, "Le Fleselles". Paper btwn 2 layers of
 linen
 First stowaway (Fontaine). Airborne heater fired with wood, coal and alcohol.
- 1784-03-02 **First trial with a dirigible balloon.**
Jean-Pierre Blanchard Blanchard No 1. Hydrogen.
 Champ de Mars, Paris to Billancourt
- 1784-04-23 **First aviation law**
 Requirement that balloons carrying fire aloft must be inspected before flight
- 1784-06-04 **First flight with a female passenger. Mme Elisabeth Thible**
Mr. Fleurant Laurencin/Fleurant, "Le Gustave". Linen & paper.
 Lyon.
- 1784-06-14 **First attempt to make scientific observations.**
Coustard de Massy de Massy, "Le Suffren". Hydrogen.
 Nantes.
- 1784-06-23 **First flight over 50 km distance.**
Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier Montgolfière "La Marie Antionette". Cotton and sheep
 skins.
 Versailles to Chantilly
- 1784-07-15 **First flight with an elongated balloon with ballonet.**
Marie-Noël Robert, (the younger) Hydrogen. "La Caroline"
 Trials to control direction. St. Cloud to Meudon
- 1784-09-19 **First flight over 100 km (186 km straight line).**
Marie-Noël Robert, (the younger) Hydrogen balloon.
 Paris to Beuvry near Bethune

- 1785-01-07 **First crossing of the Channel. First international air letter.**
Jean-Pierre Blanchard Blanchard. Hydrogen balloon.
 Dover to Forêt de Guines, Calais
- 1785-06-15 **First fatality.**
Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier Rozière. Hydrogen and hot air.
 First attempt to cross from France to England
- 1785-06-29 **First English woman to ascend. Passenger Mrs Letitia A. Sage**
George Biggin Hydrogen balloon
 London (Saint George's field) to Harrow Common
- 1785-08-26 **First flight over 200 km distance.**
Jean-Pierre Blanchard Blanchard. Hydrogen balloon.
 Lille to Servon (St-Menehould or Melun)
- 1785-09-08 **First Aerial view published, trail rope first described**
Thomas Baldwin Lunardi
 Solo flight by Thomas Baldwin.
- 1786-06-18 **First night ascent.**
Pierre Testu-Brissy Hydrogen balloon
 Paris to Breteuil
- 1794-06-02 **First use of balloons in war.**
Jean-Marie-Joseph Coutelle "Entreprenant", hydrogen.
 Siege of Maubeuge
- 1794-06-23 **First use of balloons in war.**
Jean-Marie-Joseph Coutelle "Entreprenant", hydrogen.
 Siege of Charleroi
- 1794-06-26 **First use of balloons in war.**
Jean-Marie-Joseph Coutelle "Entreprenant", hydrogen.
 Battle of Fleurus
- 1797-10-22 **First parachute descent from a balloon.**
André Jacques Garnerin Hydrogen balloon
- 1798-10-16 **First ascent with a horse.**
Pierre Testu-Brissy Hydrogen balloon
 At Monceau
- 1798-11-10 **First all female crew. Paris**
Jeanne Geneviève Garnerin Hydrogen balloon
(Miss Labrosse)
 Also claimed to have been first woman to parachute (1802-09, England. Rechts)
- 1799-07-18 **First balloon flight north of the arctic circle**
Edward Daniel Clarke¹ Hot air balloon
 Enontekiö, northern Finland. (N68.23, E23.38). Until 1809 a part of Sweden
- 1803-07-18 **First expressly scientific ascent.**
Etienne Gaspar Robertson "Entreprenant", hydrogen.
 Hamburg to Hannover

- 1803-10-04 **First flight in Russia, first over 300 km.**
André Jacques Garnerin Hydrogen balloon
 Moscow to Polova
- 1804-04-24 **First verified flight over 3000 meters.**
Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac Hydrogen balloon
- 1804-07-24 **First pilot to save his life by parachute.**
Jordaki Kuparentko
 Balloon caught fire over Warsaw.
- 1804-09-19 **First verified flight over 7000 meters.**
Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac Hydrogen balloon
- 1807-09-23 **First flight over 200 miles.**
André Jacques Garnerin Hydrogen balloon
 Reims to Clausen (Germany)
- 1808-06-02 **First domestic air mail service starts in Denmark.**
Johann Peter Colding¹ Colding. Hydrogen balloon. Unmanned
 Ends after four unmanned flights
- 1808-08 **First flight over 7 500 meters.**
Pascal Andreoli Hydrogen/Hot Air balloon
 Rolt: Altitude doubtful but world record for a balloon catching fire
- 1809-02/03 **First international mail balloons.**
Johann Peter Colding¹ Colding. Hydrogen balloon. Unmanned
 Denmark to Sweden with pamphlets against the Swedish King
- 1810-06-21 **First woman to die in a balloon accident.**
Marie Madeleine Sophie Armant Blanchard
 Fireworks under basket set balloon on fire
- 1815-08-25 **First woman parachutist, Elisa Garnerin**
Elisabeth Garnerin Hydrogen balloon
 Elisa Garnerin, ascends at Champ de Mars, Paris
- 1821-07-19 **First use of coal gas.**
Charles Green Green, "George IV", Coal gas.
 Royal Coronation balloon
- 1822-04-27 **First Certificate of Airworthiness**

 Authorities in Paris require inspections of hot air balloons.
- 1835-04-08 **First flight over 500 km.**
Richard Clayton "Star of the West"
 Cincinnati to Monroe County, Virginia
- 1835-07-04 **First mail carried in an American balloon.**
Richard Clayton "Star of the West"
 From Cincinnati to Waverly, Ohio.

- 1836-10-06 **First flight with 10 passengers**
Charles Green "Royal Vauxhall", Coal gas
Green's 224th ascent
- 1836-11-08 **First flight over 600 km. First use of drag rope.**
Charles Green "Royal Vauxhall", Coal gas
From London to Weilburg, Nassau, Germany.
- 1839-04-27 **First use of Rip Panel**
John Wise
- 1849-09-03 **First Alpine crossing.**
François Arban
Marseilles to Stubini (Stupinigi) near Turin
- 1852-06-10 **First discovery of ancient structures by aerial observation.**
John Wise
Chillicothe, Ohio.
- 1852-09-13 **First pilot to make 500 ascents**
Charles Green
First ascent July 19th, 1821. Total number of flights 526-527. (Some sources say over 1400)
- 1852-09-24 **First successful airship flight.**
Henri Giffard Giffard. Coal gas.
Hippodrome, Paris to Elancourt, near Trappes
- 1858- **First aerial photograph.**
Gaspard-Félix Tournachon
("Nadar")
Petit-Bicêtre, Paris
- 1858- **First documented Hot Air Balloon competition**
Eugène Godard
Duel between Eugène Godard and Mr Steiner, USA
- 1859-07-02 **First flight over 1 000 km.**
John Wise "The Atlantic"
St. Louis to Henderson, New York.
- 1861-04-20 **First flight over 1 000 miles. (False claim)**
Thaddeus Sobieski "Enterprise"
Constantine Lowe
Cincinnati to Pea Ridge, S Carolina. To prove possibility of Atlantic flight.
- 1861-06-18 **First telegraph message from the air.**
Thaddeus Sobieski "Enterprise"
Constantine Lowe
To President Lincoln
- 1861-07-16 **First military aircraft.**
John Wise Wise
John Wise builds basket with sheet-iron floor.

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- 1862-09-05 **First flight over 9 000 meters.**
James Glashier "Mammoth". Coal gas.
 From Wolverhampton
- 1865-11-08 **First balloon honeymoon.**
Thaddeus Sobieski "United States"
Constantine Lowe
 Manhattan to Mt Vernon. NY
- 1870-09-23 **First balloon to leave Paris during the siege**
Claude-Jules Durouf (Dufour) "Le Neptune"
 125 kg mail
- 1872-12-13 **First use of internal gas combustion engine for dirigible**
Paul Hänlein Hänlein
- 1874-10-19 **First aerial Wedding.**
Washington Harrison "P. T. Barnum"
Donaldson
 Cincinnati Hippodrome
- 1884-08-09 **First controlled airship flight.**
Charles Renard Renard-Krebs "La France"
 Chalais-Meudon to Villacoublay and return
- 1886-09-13 **First flight over 24 hours.**
Henry Hervé
 Boulogne to Yarmouth
- 1897-07-11 **First manned arctic flight, first aerial exploration.**
Salomon August Andrée Lachambre. "Örnen", hydrogen.
 From Danskön, Svalbard to 82.55,7N 29.32E.
- 1897-11-03 **First flight of a rigid (metal outer cover) airship.**
Ernst Jaegels David Schwartz No 2
 Unsuccessful flight, transmission failure
- 1898-10-03 **First flight over the Swiss Alps**
Eduard Spelterini (Schweizer) "Wega"
 Sion, Switzerland to Rivière-le-Bois (56 km NE Dijon), France
- 1899-06-12 **First modern ballooning competition. Coupe des Aéronautes**

 Organised by the newspaper "France-Automobile"
- 1900-07-02 **First successful flight of a rigid airship**
Ferdinand Adolf August von Zeppelin LZ 1. Hydrogen.
Zeppelin, Count
- 1901-07-31 **First flight over 10 000 meters.**
Arthur Joseph Berson "Preussen", hydrogen

- 1902- **First women balloon competition. Winner: Miss Magdeleine Savalle**
Women's Aeronauts Challenge. Distance flights from Paris. 15 women participated
- 1902-07-01 **Winner of first Women's Aeronauts Challenge**
Magdeleine Savalle Balloon "Eden"
First women balloon competition. Distance flights from Paris. 15 women participated
- 1906-10-01 **1st Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, 1st place**
Frank P. Lahm "United States"
Paris (Jardin des Tuileries), France, to Fylingdales, Yorkshire, UK
- 1907-09-02 **First Airship Polar Expedition**
Walter Wellman Godard "America"
Volume doubtful. Dimensions given indicate about 3000m³
- 1909- **First women aeroclub founded by Mrs Surcouf**
Mrs Surcouf
Aeroclub "La Stella"
- 1909-10-26 **First flight from the continent to England by a woman**
Marie Marvingt "L'Etoile Filant"
Nancy, France to Southwold, Suffolk
- 1910-06-28 **First Zeppelin passenger flight.**
Capt. Kahlenberg Zeppelin LZ 7, "Deutschland". Hydrogen.
DELAG operated between June 1910 and July 1914
- 1910-10-15 **First North Atlantic attempt by airship.**
Walter Wellman Verman "America" enlarged
First radio distress call from aircraft
- 1911-10-29 **Charles Dollfus first balloon flight.**
Albert Omer-Decugis "Salamambo"
- 1912-10-29 **7th Gordon Bennett race, 1st place. First over 2000 km. World record, (AA 7)**
Maurice Bienaimé "La Picardie", coal gas
Stuttgart (Cannstatter Wasen), Germany to Rybnoje, Ryazan, 150km SE Moscow, Russia
- 1912-12-11 **First Swiss woman pilot**
Marie Rudolf "Helvetia", coal gas
Mrs Rudolfs first flight
- 1913-10-12 **First woman in Gordon Bennett**
René Rumpelmayer "Picardie"
8th Gordon Bennett race 1913. 6th place
- 1914-02-10 **First flight over 3000 km. World record (AA 8)**
Hans Rudolf Berliner Siemens-Schuckert, hydrogen
Bitterfeld to Kirgischan, Ural
- 1915-06-15 **First Zeppelin to complete 1 000 flights.**
Eberhard Lempertz, Dr Zeppelin LZ 11, "Victoria Luise", Hydrogen.

- 1916-06-24 **First flight across the Andes**
Eduardo Bradley "Edoardo Newbery" hydrogen
 Santiago de Chile to Uspallata, Mendoza, Argentina
- 1917-11-25 **First Zeppelin flight south of the Tropic of Cancer.**
Ludwig Bockholt Zeppelin LZ 104 (Navy L59). Hydrogen
 Jamboli (Bulgaria) November 21st - Karthoum (East Africa) - Jamboli November 25th.
- 1919-07-06 **First Atlantic crossing by airship (1st east-west by any aircraft).**
George Herbert Scott, Major Beardmore HMA R34. Hydrogen
 East Fortune (UK) July 2nd - Mineola, Long Island, NY, July 6th.
- 1919-07-13 **First West-East North Atlantic crossing by airship.**
George Herbert Scott, Major Beardmore HMA R34. Hydrogen
 Mineola, Long Island, NY, July 9th to Pulham (UK) July 13th.
- 1921-12-01 **First airship to fly filled with helium**
 US Navy C-7
 Hampton, Va to Washington D.C. and back
- 1926-01-01 **Claimed to be first flight over 12 000 m.**
Jean Callizo
 False claim. Flew low in an aircraft and drew the barogram himself.
- 1926-05-14 **First flight over the North Pole.**
Umberto Nobile Nobile N-1, "Norge". Hydrogen
 Kings Bay, Svalbard 11/5 to Teller, Alaska 14/5
- 1928-10-16 **First commercial transatlantic flight.**
Hugo Eckener Zeppelin LZ 127, "Graf Zeppelin". Hydrogen/blaugas (fuel).
 Friedrichshafen, Germany, October 11th - Lakehurst, N Jersey, USA, October 16th.
- 1931-05-27 **First flight over 15 000 meters. World record. (AA 14)**
Auguste Piccard OO-BFH. "F.N.R.S. I". Hydrogen
 World Record
- 1932-08-18 **First flight over 16 000 meters. World record (AA 14)**
Auguste Piccard OO-BFH. "F.N.R.S. I". Hydrogen
 Rapperswil 05:07-Wallenstadt-Sargans-Coire-Bernina-Lake Garda
- 1933-09-30 **First flight over 18 000 meters. World record. (AA 15)**
G. A. Prokofiev "Osso-Aviachim". Hydrogen
- 1934-10-23 **First woman in the stratosphere**
Jeanette Ridlon Piccard "Century of Progress". Hydrogen
 Altitude research flight
- 1934-12-19 **First airship to fly more than 1 million km.**
Hans Flemming Zeppelin LZ 127, "Graf Zeppelin". Hydrogen/blaugas (fuel).
 First flight 18 Sep 1928, last flight 19 June 1937
- 1935-11-11 **First flight over 22 000 meters. World record (AA 15)**
Orvil A. Anderson "Explorer II". Helium
 Launch at Stratobowl, Rapid City

- 1958-12-12 **Atlantic attempt. First East-west.**
Arnold Eiloart "Small World". Hydrogen
Tenerife - 2400 km east of Caribbean islands
- 1960-10-22 **First modern Hot air Balloon prototype**
Edward Yost Raven Mark 1, Vulcoon
Bruning, Nebraska
- 1962-08-20 **First International High Alpine Ballooning Week. Mürren, Switzerland**
Six hydrogen balloons
Initiated by Mürren tourist office, Switzerland
- 1963-03-25 **First crossing of English Channel by Hot Air Balloon.**
Edward Yost Raven "Channel Champ"
Rye, England to Dunquerque, France
- 1966-08-20 **First modern European Hot Air Balloon**
Veikko Kaseva Homebuilt. OH-XVK
- 1972-08-20 **First flight over the Alps in Hot Air Balloon**
Donald A. Cameron Cameron A140, "Cumulo Nimbus",
From Zermatt, Switzerland to Biella, Italy over Mt. Rosa
- 1973-01-04 **First successful flight of a Hot Air Airship, Bristol.**
Donald A. Cameron Cameron D96.
Bristol.
- 1973-01-07 **First public demonstration of a Hot Air Airship, Newbury.**
Donald A. Cameron Cameron D96.
Newbury.
- 1973-02-17 **Winner of the First World Hot Air Balloon Championships**
Dennis Floden
Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. Feb 10-17, 1973
- 1973-05-01 **First flight on pure solar heat**
Tracy Barnes Barnes, "Solar Firefly". Tetrahedron.
- 1973-06-18 **First Hot Air Balloon flight at Spitsbergen**
Björn Hansen Cameron O-84, SE-ZZT, "Andrea"
Longyearbyen, tethered flights
- 1974-01-01 **First European solar powered balloon**
Dominic Michaelis Cameron
Double envelope
- 1974-03-09 **Flight with manned paper balloon. Kerosene burner, net by household strings**
Jan Fröjdman Homebuilt. "Jan2"
Flown tethered several times. Montgolfier manned balloons were made by paper AND cotton or silk
- 1974-04-20 **First crossing of the Alps in a Hot Air Balloon**
Josef Starkbaum Cameron O-77 "Pofel". G-BAMA
Salzburg, Austria to Tenetise, Yugoslavia

- 1975-04-20 **First baptism in Hot Air Balloon**
Sten-Åke Björnstedt Cameron O-84
- 1976-04-18 **First European Hot Air Balloon Championships, 1st place**
Simon Faithfull
 Skövde, Sweden. 14-18 April 1976. Only 2 flights, no championship. ED: John Grubbström
- 1976-09-14 **Winner of the First World Gas Balloon Championships**
Peter Peterka
 Augsburg, Germany, 11-14 September 1976
- 1977-05-08 **First night flight by Hot Air Airship.**
Hans Åkerstedt Cameron DS-140 "Hammlätt".
 Arc-et-Senans, France
- 1978-01-27 **First hot air balloon flight over the Andes**
Kingswood Sprott JR "Quo Vadis"
 From Rio Blanco, Chile to Gualdallary, Tupungato, Argentina
- 1978-08-17 **First successful Atlantic flight by balloon.**
Maxie Leroy Anderson Yost, "Double Eagle II". N50DE
 Presque Isle to Miserey, France
- 1980-04-11 **First flight over the Geographical North Pole by Hot Air Balloon**
Sid Conn Barnes FireFly 7
- 1980-05-12 **First North America coast to coast flight.**
Maxie Leroy Anderson Yost polyester, "Kitty Hawk"
 Fort Baker, CA to Ste Félicité, Quebec.
- 1981-01-11 **First Round-the-World Attempt.**
Maxie Leroy Anderson Raven polyester. "Jules Verne"
 Luxor, Egypt to Hansa, India
- 1981-10-11 **First US coast to coast flight.**
John Shoecraft Raven polyester. "Super Chicken III"
 Costa Mesa, CA to Blackbeard Island, GA
- 1981-11-12 **First Pacific crossing by Balloon.**
Ben L. Abruzzo Raven Experimental. "Double Eagle V". N4008A. Helium
 Nagashima, Japan, November 10 - Covelo, California, November 12.
- 1982 **Winner of first North American Hot Air Balloon Championships**
Owen Keown
 Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- 1983-06-25 **First female pilot in "modern" Gordon Bennett**
Nini Boesman Gas Balloon
 Place de la Concorde, Paris to Orly. 8th place
- 1984-09-18 **First solo Atlantic crossing by balloon.**
Joseph W. Kittinger Yost GB-55. "Rosie O'Grady", Helium.
 Caribou, Maine, Sept 15 - Cairo Montenotte, Italy, Sept 18.

- 1984-10-13 **First all female crew in Gordon Bennett**
Nikki Caplan N-63SP "Emil Messner"
 Airport Kloten, Zürich to Villefrance. 11th place
- 1986-08-29 **First solo crossing of the Channel by a woman**
Jacqueline Sax-Van Havere "Planta 1", OO-BLA
 Capel-le-Ferme, Folkstone, Kent, UK to Oye Plage, Calais, France
- 1986-09-02 **First successful Atlantic crossing by Rozière balloon.**
Henk Brink Cameron R-255, "Dutch Viking". Helium.
 St. Johns, Aug 31 - Almere, Netherlands, Sep 2
- 1987-07-03 **First Atlantic crossing by Hot Air Balloon. Distance record AX-15**
Per Axel Lindstrand Colt 2500A. "Virgin Atlantic Flyer", G-USUK
 Sugar Loaf Mountain, Maine, July 2nd - Linavady, Ireland - Irish Sea, July 3rd.
- 1988-07-02 **First pilot to fly more than 100 000 km in gas balloons.**
Franz Josef "Jojo" Maes
 Jojo Maes flight no 782.
- 1988-08-07 **Winner of the First World Hot Air Airship Championships**
Oscar Lindström
 Walferdange, Luxembourg July 29 - 7 August 1988
- 1989-09-18 **Winner of first European Hot Air Airship Championships**
Mats Bäcklin
 Besancon, France. 14-18 September 1989
- 1989-10-18 **First pilot to fly more than 5 000 hours in gas balloons.**
Franz Josef "Jojo" Maes
 Jojo Maes flight no 856.
- 1989-12-20 **First night parachute drop from a balloon**
Ruth Wilson VH-JLX
 Bex Hill, near Lismore, New South Wales, Australia
- 1990-09-21 **First all female crew in Gas Balloon World Championships**
Jana Vodsedalkova Gas Balloon
 Tyndall, South Dakota, USA. 11th place
- 1990-09-30 **Winner of the First World Rozière Balloon Championships**
Nick Saum Rozière balloon
 Tyndall, South Dakota, USA. 21-30 September 1990
- 1990-10-03 **First flight United Kingdom to USSR. (Ledurga, Latvia)**
Donald A. Cameron Cameron R60, G-BRGU, "Doctus"
- 1990-11 **Winner first Pacific Hot Air Balloon Championships**
Owen Keown
 Saga, Japan
- 1991-01-17 **First Pacific crossing by Hot Air Balloon, AX-15**
Per Axel Lindstrand Colt 2500A. "Pacific Flyer". G-OWWF
 Miyakonojo, Japan, Jan 16 - Yellowknife, Canada, Jan 17

- 1991-10-21 **First flight by balloon over Mount Everest.**
Chris Dewhirst Star Flyer I.
 From Gokyo, Nepal.
- 1991-10-21 **First flight by balloon over Mount Everest.**
Andrew Charles (Andy) Elson Star Flyer II.
 From Gokyo, Nepal.
- 1992-02-14 **First successful East-West Atlantic crossing. AM 7distance record**
Thomas Feliu Cameron R-60, "La Ciudad de Huelva". 1 699 m3 helium.
 Hierro, Canary Islands to La Speranza, Venezuela
- 1992-04-23 **First balloon flight from Russia to USA across Bering Strait**
Masahiko Fujita Cameron A-300. "The Earth We Love". JAA-664
 Uelen, Russia to Wales, Alaska.
- 1992-09-21 **Winner of first Transatlantic Balloon Race. Bangor, Maine Sep 16**
Wim Verstraeten Cameron R-77. "Chrysler 1", G-BUFA, 2 180 m3 helium.
 Landed Peque, Spain, Sep 21.
- 1993-02-09 **First balloon flight from China to Japan across China Sea**
Michio Kanda Cameron O-105, JA-A677
 From Juegang Rudong, Jiansu (120km NNE Shanghai) 10:09 JST, China
- 1993-06-18 **First flight across Australia.**
Richard Smith Cameron R-77 " Australian Geographic Flyer"
 Carnarvon to Tabulam.
- 1993-10-13 **First female pilot to make over 1 000 flights in gas balloons.**
Helma Sjuts
- 1995-02-22 **First solo flight across the Pacific.**
Steve Fossett Cameron R-150. G-BVUO, 4 248 m3 helium (5 440 total).
 Seoul, Korea, February 17th - Mendham, Canada, February 21st.
- 1995-03-01 **Awarded first CIA Gold Badge with three diamonds**
Josef Starkbaum
 Distance: 1 832 km Duration 59:33
- 1995-10-10 **1st America's Challenge 1995, 1st place**
Richard Abruzzo Gas Balloon, Helium
 Albuquerque, New Mexico to Caretta, West Virginia
- 1995-12-12 **First free balloon flight on the Antarctic continent**
Bill Arras "Jimi" N51158
 Patriot Hills camp
- 1996-04-21 **First solo flight at the Geographical North Pole by Hot Air Balloon**
Ivan André Trifonov Thunder&Colt 21A
- 1997-01-20 **Around the World attempt. First over 3 continents. First to make 2 Atlantic crossings.**
Steve Fossett Cameron R-210, 5947 cu m helium
 St Louis, USA to Varanasi, India. Lost time avoiding Libyan airspace.

- 1997-05-22 **First wedding in a Hot Air Balloon performed by the balloon pilot**
Eduardo Vaqués Correa Cameron. LV-WCY
Pilot authorised by law 17.285
- 1997-09-19 **1st World Air Games. Hot Air Balloon Event. 1st place**
Uwe Schneider
Kapadokya, Turkey
- 1998-01-05 **Fastest Atlantic crossing. First to make 3 Atlantic crossings.**
Steve Fossett Cameron R-210
St. Louis, USA to Krasnodar, Russia. RTW attempt no 11 but landed after attempts 12 & 13
- 1998-08-16 **Around the World attempt. First South Atlantic crossing, first Indian ocean crossing.**
Steve Fossett Cameron R-450
Mendoza, Argentina 7 Aug to Chesterfield Reef, Coral sea 16 Aug.
- 1998-12-25 **Around the World attempt. First flight across Asia**
Per Axel Lindstrand LBL AM-25000, "ICO Global Challenge"
Marrakesh, Morocco to near Honolulu. 21 countries overflown.
- 1999-03-04 **First Hot Air Balloon flight in Myanmar (Burma)**
Peter Blaser
Vangon, Mandalay, Bagan
- 1999-03-21 **First Around-the-World Flight.**
Bertrand Piccard Cameron R-650, "Breitling Orbiter 3", HB-BRA
Château d'Oex, Switzerland to Dakhla, Egypt.
- 1999-May **First flight across the North West Passage**
David Hempleman-Adams Thunder&Colt A120, G-BYDJ. "Typhoo Challenger"
Polaris off Milne Island N75.23 W96.52 to off Somerset Island, N74.05 W95.13
- 2000-01-01 **First flight of the new Millennium, at least in Finland**
Olli Louma Cameron A-140, OH-IDA. "IDA"
Lappajärvi at 23:55, 31st December 1999 to Seinäjoki 1st January 2000 at 09:00
- 2000-01-08 **First flight at the South Pole**
Anulfo Gonzalez Cameron C-60, EC-HDB
Geographic South Pole
- 2000-06-03 **First flight to the North Pole (and back)**
David Hempleman-Adams Cameron R-90, G-BYZX "Britannic Challenge"
Took off Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen May 28 at 16:05.
- 2001-06-30 **2nd World Air Games. First WAG Gas balloon event. 1st place**
Klaus Weisgerber
First female pilot (copilot) to win a major (World) event
- 2001-08-17 **First South Pacific crossing, first solo flight over 300 hours. Duration record AM 14**
Steve Fossett Cameron R-550, N277SF
Northam airport, West Australia to Bagé, Brazil
- 2002-07-03 **Second Around-the-World Flight. First solo flight Around-the-World**
Steve Fossett Cameron R-600, "Bud Light Spirit of Freedom"
Northam airport, West Australia to the Blue Hills, Queensland, Australia. Total track dist. 34 242 km

- 2002-09-19 **First flight over Mount Rainer, WA (4 392 m, 14 410 ft). Project Tahoma**
Vic Johnson AX-10
Johnsons Corner, WA (elev 223 m) to Glead, WA
- 2003-02-05 **First North American transcontinental solo flight. Distance record AA 6**
Richard Abruzzo Abruzzo GROM-1, "Zero Gravity" N96YD
San Diego, CA to Waverly, GA
- 2003-09-29 **First transatlantic flight in an open wicker basket**
David Hempleman-Adams Cameron R-90, G-BYZX. "Pinneys Smoked Salmon"
Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada to Grange Lane, Stalmine, Hambleton near Blackpool, UK
- 2004-08-22 **First pilot to fly more than 10 000 hours in gas balloons**
Franz Josef "Jojo" Maes D-OBKA "Columbus"
Marl, Germany to Rorup, Germany
- 2004-08-31 **48th Gordon Bennett race 2004. 1st place. First female copilot winner.**
Richard Abruzzo N96YD, helium
Thionville, France to Vännäs, Sweden
- 2009-09-07 **First flight Europe to Africa, 53rd Gordo Bennett Race**
Olli Louma Hydrogen, OH-ENI
Geneva, Switzerland to Azzefoune, Algeria
- 2009-09-07 **Flight Europe to Africa, 53rd Gordon Bennett Race**
Gerald Stürzlinger Hydrogen, D-OZRL
Geneva, Switzerland to Tigzirt-sur-Mer, N Tizi Ouzou, Algeria
- 2009-09-07 **Flight Europe o Africa, 53rd Gordon Bennett Race**
Ronny van Havere Hydrogen, D-OCOX
Geneva, Switzerland to East of Tazaghart
- 2010-02-03 **First flight over Aconcagua, Chile. 6 961 m**
Josep-Maria Llado Hot Air, UM-N180, EC-LDV
Take off: Illapel, Chile. Landing: Ugarteche, Argentina