

1785-01-07	First crossing of the Channel. First international air letter. Jean-Pierre Blanchard	France	Dr John Jeffries Blanchard. Hydrogen balloon.
1817-07-22	First crossing of the Irish Sea William Windham Sadler	Great Britain	Hydrogen balloon
1849-09-03	First Alpine crossing. François Arban	France	Flown distance about 644 km - 400 miles. Pilot later disappeared over the Mediterreanean 1849-10-07
1852-06-10	First discovery of ancient structures by aerial observation. John Wise	United States	
1870-11-24	First North Sea crossing. Paul Rolier	France	Léonard Bézier "La Ville d'Orleans"
1875-03-25	First crossing of the Pyrénée Mountains Eugène Godard	France	
1897-07-11	First manned arctic flight, first aerial exploration. Salomon August Andrée	Sweden	Nils Strindberg, Knut Fraenkel Lachambre. "Örnen", hydrogen.
1898-10-03	First flight over the Swiss Alps Eduard Spelterini (Schweizer)	Switzerland	Albert Heim, Julius Maurer, Dr. Bie "Wega"
1900-09-20	First flight from France to Russia. Henri de La Vaulx, Count	France	Count de la Vaulx was founder of FAI
1906-11-11	First crossing of the Alps from Italy to France Mr. Usuelli	Italy	Crespi "Citta di Milano". Coal gas
1907-09-02	First Airship Polar Expedition Walter Wellman	United States	Vaniman, Felix Reisenberg Godard "America"

1907-10-13	First West-East North Sea crossing. Augustus E. Gaudron	Great Britain	J L Tannar, C C Turner "Mammouth". Coal gas
1908-06-30	Alpine crossing Victor de Beauclair	Brazil	Konrad Falke "Cognac"
1909-10-26	First flight from the continent to England by a woman Marie Marvingt	France	First crossing of the English Channel/North Sea by a woman pilot "L'Etoile Filant"
1910-10-16	First Airship flight France to Britain Alphonse Clement	France	Baudry, Leprince, Sabitier, Dilasser Clement-Bayard II. "Daily Mail"
1910-11-04	First flight Britain to France. Ernest Thompson Willows	Great Britain	Frank Widdenham Goodden, 1889- Willows III. 35 hp JAP
1916-06-24	First flight across the Andes Eduardo Bradley	Argentina	Angel Maria Zuloaga "Edoardo Newbery" hydrogen
1917-07-31	Around the Baltic in 101 hours without refuelling Ernst Lehmann	Germany	German Army Zeppelin LZ 90 (Army LZ120). Hydrogen
1917-11-25	First Zeppelin flight south of the Tropic of Cancer. Ludwig Bockholt	Germany	German Navy Zeppelin LZ 104 (Navy L59). Hydrogen
1919-07-06	First Atlantic crossing by airship (1st east-west by any aircraft). George Herbert Scott, Major	Great Britain	29, one (Mj Pritchard) arriving USA Beardmore HMA R34. Hydrogen
1919-07-13	First West-East North Atlantic crossing by airship. George Herbert Scott, Major	Great Britain	29 Beardmore HMA R34. Hydrogen
1926-05-14	First flight over the North Pole. Umberto Nobile	Italy	Amundsen, Ellsworth, 6 Italians, 5 Nobile N-1, "Norge". Hydrogen

1929-08-19	Around-the-world Flight, leg 2. First flight Germany to Japan		
	Hugo Eckener	Germany	
	Distance is the total ground distance covered		Zeppelin LZ 127, "Graf Zeppelin". Hydrogen/blaugas (fuel).
1929-08-26	Around-the-world Flight, leg 3. First Pacific Ocean crossing		
	Hugo Eckener	Germany	
	Distance is the total ground distance covered		Zeppelin LZ 127, "Graf Zeppelin". Hydrogen/blaugas (fuel).
1929-08-29	Around-the-world Flight, leg 4. First flight across USA		
	Hugo Eckener	Germany	
	Distance is the total ground distance covered		Zeppelin LZ 127, "Graf Zeppelin". Hydrogen/blaugas (fuel).
1963-03-25	First crossing of English Channel by Hot Air Balloon.		
	Edward Yost	United States	Don Piccard
			Raven "Channel Champ"
1972-08-20	First flight over the Alps in Hot Air Balloon		
	Donald A. Cameron	Great Britain	Mark Yarry
			Cameron A140, "Cumulo Nimbus",
1973-10-30	First Hot Air Balloon flight in Turkey		
	Jan Balkedal	Sweden	Roland Moberg
	Takeoff 10.45 on Asian side, crossed the bridge and landed on Asian side		Cameron O-84. "Gabriella", SE-ZZX
1974-04-20	First crossing of the Alps in a Hot Air Balloon		
	Josef Starkbaum	Austria	
	First complete crossing of the Alps		Cameron O-77 "Poferl". G-BAMA
1976-07-25	First flight over Mt. Fuji by Hot Air Balloon		
	Saburo Ichiyoshi	Japan	
	Two balloons simultaneously		Cameron O-77. JAA-006
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	Geoff Green	Hongkong	
	Two balloons simultaneously		Cameron O-77. G-BCNS
1978-01-27	First hot air balloon flight over the Andes		
	Kingswood Sprott JR	United States	Bill Spohrer
			"Quo Vadis"
1978-08-17	First successful Atlantic flight by balloon.		
	Maxie Leroy Anderson	United States	Ben Abruzzo, Larry Newman
	August 12. 0042 UTC to August 17, 1748		Yost, "Double Eagle II". N50DE

1979-09-16	Escaped from East Germany in a homebuilt hot air balloon	Hans-Peter Strelzyk	East Germany	Günter Wetzel
	Doris, Frank & Andreas Strelzyk. Petra, Andreas & Peter Wetzel.			Homebuilt
1980-04-11	First flight over the Geographical North Pole by Hot Air Balloon	Sid Conn	United States	Eleanor Conn, Dodds Meddock, Da Barnes FireFly 7
1980-05-12	First North America coast to coast flight.	Maxie Leroy Anderson	United States	Kristian Anderson
	May 8, 00:32 PDT to May 12, 7:26 EDT			Yost polyester, "Kitty Hawk"
1980-09-20	US coast to coast attempt.	John Shoecraft	United States	Ron Ripps
	20 September to ----			Raven polyester. "Super Chicken I"
1981-10-11	First US coast to coast flight.	John Shoecraft	United States	Fred Gorrell
	October 9 to 11			Raven polyester. "Super Chicken III"
1981-10-20	Flight from Sado Island (Sea of Japan) to mainland Japan	Mutsuo Inoh	Japan	Homebuilt. JAA-107
1984-02-05	First flight across Sea of Japan	Michio Kanda	Japan	Cameron O-56. JAA 116
1988-08-06	First crossing of the North Sea by Hot Air Balloon.	Oliver Holmes	Great Britain	Richard Barr, John Derricott
				Colt A300, G-RAPE
1990-05-09	First Japanese balloon over Himalaya	Michio Kanda	Japan	Sabu Ichiyoshi
				Cameron A-250. JAA-456
1990-10-03	First flight United Kingdom to USSR. (Ledurga, Latvia)	Donald A. Cameron	Great Britain	Gennadi Oparin
				Cameron R60, G-BRGU, "Doctus"
1991-10-21	First flight by balloon over Mount Everest.	Chris Dewhirst	Australia	Leo Dickinson, GBR
				Star Flyer I.
1991-10-21	First flight by balloon over Mount Everest.	Andrew Charles (Andy) Elson	Great Britain	Eric Jones
				Star Flyer II.

1992-04-23	First balloon flight from Russia to USA across Bering Strait		
	Masahiko Fujita	Japan	Tony Chase, Hiroshuke Takezawa Cameron A-300. "The Earth We Love". JAA-664
1993-02-09	First balloon flight from China to Japan across China Sea		
	Michio Kanda	Japan	
	To Ubuyamamura Aso-Gun, Kumamoto-ken (16km NE Mount Aso) 18:05 JST, Japan		Cameron O-105, JA-A677
1993-06-18	First flight across Australia.		
	Richard Smith	Australia	John Wallington Cameron R-77 " Australian Geographic Flyer"
	World Altitude Record. AM		
1994-09-25	First flight from Korea to Japan		
	Sabu Ichiyoshi	Japan	Maco Oiwa, Masao Masuda, Susum Cameron N-210, "Mambo". JAA-757
1995-09-27	First crossing of the Baltic in a Hot Air Balloon.		
	Gintaras Surkus	Lithuania	Valery Machornilov Cameron A-120. "Avia Baltica"
1995-12-12	First free balloon flight on the Antarctic continent		
	Bill Arras	United States	Geoff Sommers "Jimi" N51158
1996-04-21	First solo flight at the Geographical North Pole by Hot Air Balloon		
	Ivan André Trifonov	Austria	Thunder&Colt 21A
1997-04-20	First flight across Gulf of Finland with hot air balloon		
	Jan Fröjdman	Finland	Timo Sulin-Saaristo Thunder&Colt 77A, OH-TPM. "3M" Custom officers welcomed the aeronauts. Return by ferry 18:30
1998-12-11	Flight over the Andes in a hot air balloon		
	David Hempleman-Adams	Great Britain	Solo Thunder&Colt A120, G-BYDJ. "Typhoo Challenger"
1998-12-25	Around the World attempt. First flight across Asia		
	Per Axel Lindstrand	Sweden	Richard Branson, Steve Fossett LBL AM-25000, "ICO Global Challenge" RTW flight attempt no 16. Landed due unfavourable weather. Total track distance flown: 21 500 km

1999-May	First flight across the North West Passage David Hempleman-Adams	Great Britain	Phil Dunnington Thunder&Colt A120, G-BYDJ. "Typhoo Challenger"
2000-02-04	First flight across Tasman Sea Dick Smith	Australia	John Wallington Cameron R-77 " Australian Geographic Flyer"
2000-06-03	First flight to the North Pole (and back) David Hempleman-Adams	Great Britain	Solo flight Cameron R-90, G-BYZX "Britannic Challenge"
2000-10-14	First flight over Mt. Nangaparbat, Pakistan Michio Kanda	Japan	Cameron N-210, "Mambo". JAA-757
2001-08-17	First South Pacific crossing, first solo flight over 300 hours. Duration record AM 14 Steve Fossett	United States	Solo flight Cameron R-550, N277SF
2002-07-03	Second Around-the-World Flight. First solo flight Around-the-World Steve Fossett	United States	Solo flight Cameron R-600, "Bud Light Spirit of Freedom"
2002-09-19	First flight over Mount Rainer, WA (4 392 m, 14 410 ft). Project Tahoma Vic Johnson	United States	Larry Simburger AX-10 The flight crossed the mountain at 6 157 m. Altitude gain 5 931 m, 19 460 ft.
2003-02-05	First North American transcontinental solo flight. Distance record AA 6 Richard Abruzzo	United States	Solo fight Abruzzo GROM-1, "Zero Gravity" N96YD
2009-09-07	First flight Europe to Africa, 53rd Gordo Bennett Race Olli Louma	Finland	Ben Mattsson Hydrogen, OH-ENI
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2009-09-07	Flight Europe o Africa, 53rd Gordon Bennett Race Ronny van Havere	Belgium	Luc van Geyte Hydrogen, D-OCOX

2010-02-03	First flight over Aconcagua, Chile. 6 961 m Josep-Maria Llado Spain Flight passed 2.9 km from peak at 9 233m	Uwe Schneider Hot Air, UM-N180, EC-LDV
2011-08-30	Flight over Kilimanjaro, Kenya. 5 892 m Josep-Maria Llado Spain 5 balloons managed to cross the Kilimanjaro	Xavi Aguilera UM-180, Aconcagua
2011-08-30	Flight over Kilimanjaro, Kenya. 5 892 m Masahiko Fujita Japan 5 balloons managed to cross the Kilimanjaro	Steve Jones UM-150, UM
2011-08-30	Flight over Kilimanjaro, Kenya. 5 892 m Angel Aguirre Spain 5 balloons managed to cross the Kilimanjaro	Carles Llado UM-210, Petromiralles
2011-08-30	Flight over Kilimanjaro, Kenya. 5 892 m Chris Meyer Great Britain 5 balloons managed to cross the Kilimanjaro	David Bareford UM-180. Vitogaz
2011-08-30	Flight over Kilimanjaro, Kenya. 5 892 m Uwe Schneider Germany 5 balloons managed to cross the Kilimanjaro	Oscar Ayala UM-160, Rioja/Arco Iris