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Aviation and Space Anniversaries to Celebrate in 2016

Lausanne, Switzerland, 10 February 2016 – **FAI will continue to celebrate aviation and space anniversaries in 2016, with various publications and posts in the social media.**

Beside the achievements and world records of famous pioneers and personalities such as Steve Fossett, Otto Lilienthal and Alberto Santos-Dumont will also feature extraordinary performances by less known – but nevertheless fascinating – sportsmen and women.

FAI's oldest competition, the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett long-distance gas balloon race, will turn 110 this year.

Date	Name	Country	Category	Description	Performance	Status
11.02.2006 File 1 , 2 , 3	FOSSETT Steve	USA	Powered Aeroplanes	Distance	41'467.53 km	Current
26.02.2011 File 1	STS-133 & ISS 26 crews		Astronautics	Assembled mass of spaceships linked in flight (Discovery – International Space Station)	515'085 kg	Current
29.03.1936 File 1	BURZYNSKI Zbigniew	POL	Gas Balloons	Altitude	10'853 km	Superseded
12.05.2011 File 1 , 2	WEXLER Judith*	USA	Experimental/ New Tech.	Duration - 1 st Human- powered rotorcraft record	4.2 sec	Superseded
09.05.1926	BYRD Richard BENNETT Floyd	USA	Powered Aeroplanes	1 st attempt to fly over the North Pole		Not a record
17.06.2006 File 1	MARDNA Toomas*	EST	Aeromodelling	Distance Seaplane model aircraft	111.01 km	Current
12.07.1936 File 1	THADEN Louise	USA	Female – Powered Aeroplanes	Speed over 100 km	176.35 km/h	Superseded
23.07.2006 File 1	CAZAUX Charles	FRA	Paragliding	Speed over a triangular course of 25 km	41.15 km/h	Current
28.07.1976 File 1 , 2	ELDON Joersz*	USA	Powered Aeroplanes	Speed	3'529.56 km/h	Current
10.08.1896	LILIENTHAL Otto	GER		120 th anniversary of the aviation pioneer's death		Not a record
11.08.1986 File 1 , 2 , 3	EGGINTON Trevor CLEWS Derek	GBR	Rotorcraft	Speed over a straight 15/25 km course	400.87 km/h	Current
29.08.2006 File 1	FOSSETT Steve* ENEVOLDSON Einar	USA	Gliding	Altitude	15'460 m	Current
07.09.1956	KINCHELOE Iven	USA	Powered Aeroplanes	1 st flight above 100'000 feet		Not a record
22.09.1936 File 1	CLAISSE Maurice	FRA	Rotorcraft	Altitude	158 m	Superseded

30.09.1906	*		Gas Balloons	1 st Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett			Not a record
12.11.1906	SANTOS-DUMONT Alberto	BRA	Powered Aeroplanes	1 st officially observed flight in Europe greater than 25 m			Not a record
13.11.1926 File 1	DE BERNARDI Mario	ITA	Powered Aeroplanes	Seaplane Speed over 100 km	399.42 km/h		Superseded
17.12.1996 File 1	STS-80 crew*	USA	Astronautics	Duration Longest shuttle mission (Columbia)	17d 15h 53m 17s		Current

* Press releases will be sent out ahead of these record anniversaries. Please contact us if you would like to receive them in French, German, Spanish or Russian. For other records, information is available on demand.

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FAI activities include Balloons and Airships, Power Flying, Gliding, Helicopter flight, Parachuting, Aeromodelling, Aerobatics, Hang Gliding, Microlight and Paramotor Flying, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Manpowered Flying, Paragliding and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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