

FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE Ballooning Commission

Hall of Fame

Julian Nott



Nationality: UK & USA

Date and place of Birth: 1944 /June/22

Educated at Epsom College, Nott holds a Master's Degree in Physical Chemistry from Oxford University and is an honorary Life Member of the Governing Body of St. John's College, Oxford. He is a Senior Member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and Honorary Secretary of the Institute's Scientific Balloon Systems and Technology Committee, a Member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, a Fellow of the Explorers Club and founder and Chairman of the Club's Technology Committee, a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation and the Royal Geographical Society. For twelve years, he was a member of the Council of the Royal Aero Club (Patron H.M. The Queen; President, H.R.H. The Prince Andrew) and has been Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of The British Balloon and Airship Club.

Julian Nott has broken 79 World Ballooning Records, including 96 British Records, including exceeding 55,000 feet in a hot air balloon during his career in ballooning. His records span many classes - hot air, helium, superpressure and combination (Rozière) balloons – that include records for altitude, distance and duration.

Nott holds a license for all types of balloons with a commercial rating, an instructor's rating, a superpressure rating, a night rating; an unrestricted RT license; a parachuting "A" license; and an International (FAI) Sporting License.

Achievements, honors and awards:

First balloon flight was 23 June 1969, with Giles Blumer First solo in a balloon was 23 May 1970 from Denton CAA B-License 29 May 1970

1972 First crossing of the Sahara Desert;

1973 First solar balloon across the English Channel

1974 & 80, Designed & built Kerosene burners for FAI records

1975 Nott designed and piloted the Nazca Prehistoric Balloon using only methods and materials available to the Pre-Inca Peruvians a thousand years ago.

1984 First crossing of Australia as the first person to fly a "pumpkin" superpressure balloon. Nott holds US Patent 6,182,924 for a balloon using cryogenic helium

AWARDS:

1972 Montgolfier Diploma 1972 The Royal Aero Club Silver Medal 1974 Royal Aero Club Gold Medal 1976 The Royal Aero Club Medal 1976 Britannia Trophy 1987 Intrepid Sea & Airspace Award

Honors:

1981 In an unusual distinction, Prince Charles sent a personal telegram to Julian Nott, after Nott crossed the English Channel in a solar powered balloon, see the Popular Mechanics cover included