



ROYAL AERO CLUB - ANNUAL AWARDS

The Medals and Awards Committee of the Royal Aero Club meets annually to consider nominations for the various awards within its gift. The Medals and Awards available for presentations are as follows:-

THE BRITANNIA TROPHY

For the British aviator or aviators accomplishing the most meritorious performance in aviation during the preceding year.

PRINCE OF WALES CUP

For the most meritorious performance, feat or event by either a team or a group during the preceding year.

THE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS OF THE CLUB

For outstanding achievement in aviation during the preceding year, or over a number of years, principally, but not necessarily, as a pilot.

GOLD MEDAL: Awarded only for the most meritorious achievement

SILVER MEDAL: Awarded for meritorious achievements in aviation or for those who have served the Royal Aero Club, its members or a field of aviation for a long period or for pilots who have made a major record setting flight.

BRONZE MEDAL: Awarded for meritorious achievements in aviation or for those who have made a major contribution to the work of the Royal Aero Club, its members or to a field of aviation.

ROYAL AERO CLUB DIPLOMA

Awarded to those who have spent many years serving the Royal Aero Club, its members, sporting aviation, or Aviation in general by their meritorious endeavours.

ROYAL AERO CLUB CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Awarded to those who while not eligible for a major Royal Aero Club Award, have served the causes of Aviation in general or Sporting Aviation in particular, by their work, devotion or initiative.

NORTON-GRIFFITHS CHALLENGE TROPHY

Intended to recognise adventurous endeavours, this trophy is awarded to aviators undertaking outstanding feats of courage, tenacity and imagination unrelated to traditional sporting events.

THE BREGUET TROPHY

Presented to the Royal Aero Club by Sir Richard Fairey, MBE, to commemorate the French Aviation pioneer, Louis Breguet, to be awarded for the most meritorious achievement in the field of Rotary Wing Flight.

SALOMONS TROPHY

To be awarded annually for a special or outstanding performance by a British aviator in a flying apparatus or device which is designed and built in the United Kingdom. The recipient of the award may be either the aviator / operator of the aircraft / device or the designer / developer / manufacturer of the aircraft / device or both.

Note: It is intended that the award shall encourage enterprising flights in the widest possible sense including flights by novel aircraft or devices which may not be manned.

THE PRESIDENT'S BREITLING TROPHY

(The Presidents's Breitling Trophy supersedes the President's Rolex Trophy which has been placed in suspense)

The President's Breitling Trophy will be awarded annually to a young person or group of young people between the ages of fourteen and twenty one, for outstanding work, performance or achievement in connection with any aspect of aerospace activity.

OLD & BOLD TROPHY

The trophy may be awarded annually to a person aged 65 or over who flies or only ceased flying during the previous calendar year, and who has been conspicuously involved in aviation in general and sporting aviation in particular, for their work, initiative, devotion or in other ways.

NEXUS AVIATION JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR TROPHY

This award is for the journalist, producer or author of the outstanding media item on sporting and recreational aviation during the preceding year. It is open to all media, print, film, photography, audio and video, and the aim is to increase public awareness of the delights, challenges and satisfactions of all branches of air sport.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Recognises the vital help provided to British air sport by those organisations and individuals who support its member associations via sponsorship and the provision of facilities for national teams and otherwise.

COMPANION OF THE ROYAL AERO CLUB

Awarded for significant contributions to the activities of the Royal Aero Club.

ANN WELCH MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded in recognition of those whose instructional activity assists members of the BGA, BHPA, BMAA to become competent pilots and reach higher standards of sport flying. The Award is made for significant contribution in the field of flying instruction, and exceptionally to include proven aids in associated subjects such as navigation and meteorology. The Award is open to all instructors of the BGA, BHPA, BMAA, and exceptionally to others who have made a significant contribution to the education and training of pilots.

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FAI) -

ANNUAL AWARDS - GENERAL

Citations for FAI awards should comply with FAI By-Laws, which specify a maximum of 250 words. Nominations must be received by the FAI by 31st May.

THE FAI GOLD AIR MEDAL

The Gold Air Medal is the highest award of the Federation and is reserved for those who have contributed greatly to the development of aeronautics by their activities, work, achievements, initiative or devotion to the cause of aviation. Any RAeC nomination will be considered by the FAI Council who make the final decision.

THE FAI SILVER MEDAL

The Silver Medal is reserved for persons who have occupied high office in FAI or in an aeronautical organisation in one of its member countries, and in the discharge of their duties have shown exceptional powers of leadership and influence, to the benefit of the whole international air sport community. Only one silver medal may be awarded annually.

THE F.A.I. HONORARY GROUP DIPLOMA (for AERONAUTICS OR ASTRONAUTICS)

This Diploma was created to reward groups of people, design bureaux, aero clubs, scientific institutes, etc. which have made a great contribution to the progress of aviation or astronautics during the previous year or years. A maximum of two diplomas (one for astronautics and one for aeronautics) will be awarded to each country by the FAI.

THE DIPLOMA FOR OUTSTANDING AIRMANSHIP

This diploma is awarded to a person or group for a feat of outstanding airmanship in sub-orbital flight during one of the previous two years, which resulted in the saving of life of others, or was carried out with that objective. Pilots or crews of aircraft engaged on routine search and rescue missions are not eligible.

THE PAUL TISSANDIER DIPLOMA OF THE F.A.I.

Awards by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale for those who, while not eligible for one of the FAI's major awards, have served the cause of aviation in general, and sporting and private aviation in particular by their work, initiative or devotion. Having three votes in the Council of the FAI, the U.K. is entitled to nominate three people for the award each year.

THE SABIHA GÖKÇEN MEDAL

Awarded to women performing the most outstanding achievements in any air sport

THE FAI AIRSPORT MEDAL

Awarded to individuals or groups for outstanding services in connection with airport activities. It could, for example, be thought appropriate for team sponsors. Anyone can make nominations for this award, but if approved by the RAeC and the FAI, the nominator must pay the FAI for the medal/s.

THE LOUIS BLERIOT MEDAL

This Medal was established in 1936 in memory of Louis Bleriot, the Great Aviation pioneer and former Vice-President of the FAI. Three Medals may be awarded each year to the respective holders of the highest records for speed, altitude and distance in a straight line established in the previous year by light aircraft of the first three sub-classes, as defined in Section 2 of the Sporting Code.

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FAI COMMISSION AWARDS

The following awards are in the gift of the FAI's Sporting Commissions; **nominations do not require the approval of the RAeC Medals & Awards Committee, but should be endorsed and submitted by the RAeC General Secretary to be accepted by the FAI.** Deadline dates for receipt of Nominations by the FAI are included below, but please ensure that you submit them to the RAeC General Secretary in good time. Full details of eligibility and criteria are in the By-Laws to the FAI Statutes, to which your association is referred. Please see the FAI By- Laws for further details which you can find at: <https://www.fai.org/page/fai-documents>

Gliding

Nominations to FAI by 7 Jan

Lilienthal Medal
Pelagia Majewska Medal
Pirat Gehriger Diploma

Parachuting

Nominations to FAI by 27 Nov

FAI Gold Parachuting Medal
Leonardo de Vinci Parachuting Diploma
Faust Vrancic Medal

Amateur Built aircraft

Nominations to FAI by 12 Feb

Phoenix Diploma & Group Diploma
Henri Mignet Diploma

Model Flying

Nominations to FAI by 15 Nov

FAI Aeromodelling Gold Medal
Andrei Tupolev Aeromodelling Diploma
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Alphonse Penaud Aeromodelling Diploma
Antonov Aeromodelling Diploma
Frank Ehling Diploma

Aerobatics

Nominations to FAI by 11 Sep

Leon Biancotto Aerobatics Diploma

Hang Gliding and Paragliding

Nominations to FAI by 11 Dec

Pepe Lopes Medal
FAI Hang Gliding Diploma

General Aviation

Nominations to FAI by 18 Sep

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

Microlights

Nominations to FAI by 24 Sep

Colibri Diploma
Ann Welch Diploma

Rotorcraft

Nominations to FAI by 30 Nov

FAI Gold Rotorcraft Medal

Ballooning

Nominations to FAI by 13 Jan

Santos Dumont Gold Airship Medal
Montgolfier Ballooning Diploma

Aviation & Space Education

Nile Gold Medal
FAI Young Artists Diploma

Environmental

Nominations to FAI by 31 Dec

The Angelo D'Arrigo Diploma

Astronautics

Nominations to FAI by 31 Jan

FAI Gold Space Medal
Yuri A. Gagarin Gold Medal
V.M. Komarov Diploma
Korolev Diploma
Odyssey Diploma