

Introduction

The Air-Britain Information Service is a key part of Air-Britain's service to its members. The service, coupled with the AB-IX internet discussion group, allows members to seek answers to their aviation questions from other like-minded aviation people.

A two-way flow of information is actively encouraged. Specialists will try to provide answers to questions and to provide guidance on the researching of aviation history.

Contacting a Specialist

To extend this to non-members, please send your email enquiry to the co-ordinator. email address information.services@air-britain.com

The co-ordinator will then forward the query to the Specialist, letting you have the reply once he has received it.

Air-Britain thanks all Specialists for their time and efforts.

SPECIALISTS AND GROUPS – BY SUBJECT

Aeronautics

Rolls-Royce flying test beds

Agricultural

Purpose-built agricultural aircraft

Aircraft of NASA

Aircraft of the FAA

Aircraft on Stamps

Aircraft used by rock/pop/music acts

Airlines

British independent airlines since 1946

British South American Airways 1946-1949

Delta Airlines Inc.

US Airlines

Airships and Balloons

Advisor British Airships

German Zeppelin and Schutz Larne airships *Luftbaushiff*.

Bomber Command, losses and casualties during the Second World War 1939-1945

British and Commonwealth air force personnel who died from 1912 to the present; Free Polish Air Force personnel who died 1940-46. All deaths, regardless of cause

Captured Axis Aircraft

Freighter Aircraft – Commercial/Civil

World-Wide Helicopter Research Group

Group Leader:

Civil helicopters

Gyroplanes

Military helicopters

Scheduled Helicopter Airlines

Paramotors/Powered Hang Gliders

Police Aviation – Worldwide

Radar & Radio

Group Leader:

A.I. and A.S.V. Radar

Military airborne radio and radar WW2

Advisor Military ground Radar to 1958

Register of Anonymous Airframes for Aviation Heritage UK (formerly - British Aircraft Preservation Council) NB Lloyd is the Registrar.

Sailplanes and Gliders

Group Leader

USAAF Personnel killed in action or Accidents – 1941-1945

World Airline Histories (Not covered below) if NOT covered please contact co-ordinator

World Registration Prefixes

SPECIALISTS AND GROUPS - BY COUNTRY

Afghanistan

Civil Aviation

African Continent

Group Leader:

Military Aviation (excluding Egypt, Rhodesia & Tanzania)

Advisor Rhodesian Aviation, Civil and Military to 1980

South African Air Force 1920 to date
South African Airways and its predecessors 1928 to 1960
South African Civil Aircraft 1920 to 1945

Australia

Agricultural Aviation

Information Service List

By agreement with the AHSA:
Civil Register

Advisor Aviation Heritage, the journal
of the AHSA (Editor)
Advisor Aviation Monuments &
Memorials

Baltic States

Pre-Soviet Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Belgium

Civil Aviation
Civil Register

Bolivia

Civil Aviation

Brazil

Civil Registrations PP-/PT- 1927-1999

Brazilian Air Force

See also Rudnei's web sites for:-

History of the Brazilian Air Force:

<https://historiadafab.rudnei.cunha.nom.br>

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Brazilian Naval Aviation:

<https://asassobreosmares.rudnei.cunha.nom.br>

Central American

Historic Civil Aviation

Cook Islands (E5 register)

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

See also Lars's homepage for complete
Danish aircraft register

www.danishaircraft.dk

Egypt

Ethiopia

Ethiopian Aviation 1928 – 1988

Fiji (VQ-F and DQ registers)

Finland

Advisor Military Aviation

France

Group Leader:

Aéronautique Navale 1911 to date

Advisor Airbus (formerly Airbus
Industrie)

French Wrecks and Relics

Light and homebuilt aircraft

Germany

East and West German post-war Civil
Registers

Foreign Aircraft In German Service
1920-1945

German Civil Aircraft Register 1919-
1945

German Sports and Light (excluding
ULM) Aircraft

Stkz factory codes 1940-45

Military Aviation

Except

West-German Army Aviation from 1957
to 1971

ULM (D-M) Register

Great Britain

Aircraft Archaeology

Advisor South Midlands

Aircraft Museums and Collections

North Weald Airfield Museum

Airfields

Bournemouth – Hurn Airport

Christchurch Airfield 1926-45

Ipswich Airport 1928-1955

Lincolnshire Airfields

North Cumbrian Airfields

Nottinghamshire Airfields

Oxfordshire Airfields

Southampton (Eastleigh) 1945 to 1970

West Essex Airfields

Civil Aviation

Aircraft accidents and incidents in
Southern England

Aviation in Oxfordshire

Aviation in West Essex

British Airways precursors 1919-1945

British Aviation Companies 1919-1939

British-built or designed aircraft extant
but not airworthy

British-built or designed aircraft (pre-
1945) extant

British Civil Aviation 1919-1939

British Flying Clubs 1919-1939

British independent airlines since 1946

British South American Airways 1946-
1949

Isles of Scilly

Lasham Gliding Society

Luton Airport since 1937

Nottinghamshire civil aircraft crashes

Suffolk and Eastern Counties Aeroplane
Club 1926-1931

Military Aviation

Aircraft accidents and incidents in
Southern England

Air Officers of the RAF (Air Commodore
rank and above)

Air Transport Auxiliary

Advisor Military Aviation in South
Midlands

Aviation in Oxfordshire

BAE SYSTEMS Heritage Group

Aircraft produced at Samlesbury and
Warton (happenings at the factories
only) including Canberra, Lightning,

TSR2, Jaguar, Jet Provost T.5,

Strikemaster, Tornado and Typhoon.

British-built or designed aircraft extant
but not airworthy

British-built or designed aircraft (pre-
1945) extant

British Military Helicopters

Fleet Air Arm since 1945

Isles of Scilly

King's/Queen's Flight

NARIU Christchurch 1942-1945

Nottinghamshire military aircraft crashes

Information Service List

RAF Air Accidents 1919-21
RAF 20 Squadron history
RAF 24 Squadron aircraft
RAF 24 Squadron history 1915 -1945
RAF 24 Squadron history 1945 - 2000
RAF 40 Squadron history
RAF 53 Squadron history
RAF 76 Squadron history (1941-45)
RAF 87 Gliding School (87GS)
RAF 102 (Ceylon) Squadron (Bomber Command)
Advisor RAF 142 Squadron history 1939-44
RAF 158 Squadron history
RAF 207 Squadron history
Advisor RAF 617 Squadron history (1943-81)
RAF 621 Volunteer Gliding Sqn (621VGS)
RAF 205 Group history
RAF 257 Wing history
RAF Cottesmore History
RAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft and Radar
RAF Shepherd's Grove
RAF St Eval history
RAF Special Duty Flight, Christchurch
RFC Contact Patrols – First World War
RN 781 Naval Air Squadron (post war)
RNAY Fleetlands
Royal Observer Corps
Weston Zoyland Airfield, Service Use

Greece

Holland

Dutch Civil Aviation (pre 2014)
Civil Aircraft Accidents/Incidents in Holland (pre 2000)
KLM Flight Academy
See also Doewe's web site for the KLM Flight Academy at <https://www.rls-kfaaircrafthistory.nl/>
General: Netherlands Branch (See 'Aviation World' for address)

Indian Sub-Continent

Afghanistan and Nepal Civil Aviation
Indian Air Force
Preserved Aircraft in India

Ireland

Civil Aviation
Military Aviation
Irish Gliders
Accidents 1932 to date

Israel

Civil Aviation

Italy

Civil register since 1945

Jordan

Military Aviation 1949-1967

Kiribati (T3 register)

Latin America

Aviation Books – Military events

Lebanon

Military Aviation 1949-1967

Marshall Islands (MI and V7 registers)

Mexico Civil Aviation pre-1955
Micronesia (Federated States) (V6 register)

Nauru C2 register

Nepal

Civil Aviation:

The Netherlands – See Holland

New Zealand

Current/Historical Civil Register (ZK/ZM Register)
NZ-built aircraft, agricultural and general aviation

Norway

Civil Register

Pacific High Commission

Civil register (VP-P Register)

Palau (T8 register)

Peru

Civil Aviation

Philippines

Civil and Military Aviation

Poland

Russia/CIS

Group Leader:

Bulletin Editor & Archivist Russian Aviation Research Trust
Civil Aircraft Registrations for Soviet Union/Russia/CIS
Pre-Soviet Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
Russian-designed Aircraft

Samoa (5W register)

Slovak Republic – See Czech Republic

Solomon Islands (H4 register)

Spain

Civil Aviation

Syria

Military Aviation 1947-1967

Tuvalu (T2 register, when used)

Taiwan (ROC) aviation

USA

Group Leader:

Airlines
AMARG Arizona storage facility
Civil Aircraft impressed by the USAAF in WW2:
Civil Register (1930-1939) (Listed under individual States and then alphabetically under Owner)

Information Service List



Civil Register (1945-47)
Civil Register (1963-to date)

Delta Air Lines Inc.
Executive Turboprops
Forest firefighting - Aircraft and Operators
Republic Airlines & its predecessors (North Central Airlines and Wisconsin Central Airlines)
US-built Airlines 1928 to date

US Military Aircraft in Europe 1945 to date

US Navy & Marine Aviation in WWII & Korea

Vanuatu (YJ register)

SPECIALISTS ON INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT TYPES AND COMPANIES

Advisor AB Flygindustri Aircraft
Aeronca C-Series Aircraft
Aérospatiale Helicopters
Aero Commander Twins
Aero-Commander/Jet-Commander 1121
Advisor Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Airspeed Transport Aircraft
Airtour/Airtrainer (Victa/AESL/Pacific)
Auster Aircraft
Avro Aircraft (inc BAe 146/RJ)
Avro Lancaster
Avro Lincoln
Avro Shackleton – Joint
Avro 748/Andover

BAC One-Eleven
BAe 748/Andover
BAe ATP
BAe 125
Beagle Aircraft
Beech 18
Beech Queen Air
Beech/Raytheon Civil King Air
Britten-Norman Aircraft:
Bücker All Aircraft

Cessna 336/337
Comco Ikarus C42.
Consolidated B-24 Liberator
Consolidated Catalina
Curtiss C-46
Curtiss SB2C Helldiver

de Havilland DH 60 to DH 94
de Havilland DH 82 Tiger Moth
de Havilland DH 89A Dragon Rapide
de Havilland DH 98 Mosquito (Military)
de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito (Civil)
de Havilland DH100 Vampire
de Havilland DH100 Vampire in French service
de Havilland DH.110 Sea Vixen
de Havilland DH 112 Venom/Sea Venom
de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver
de Havilland DHC-3 Otter
de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou
de Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter
Douglas A-26 – Post USAF Service
Douglas AD/A-1 in USN/USMC Service
Douglas DC-4/DC-10 Series
Douglas Skyhawk

Embraer Products
Erco Ercoupe
Eurocopter Helicopters
Evans VP1 & VP2 Volksplane

Fairchild C-82
Fairey Aviation
Fletcher FU-24/Cresco /750XL & Family
Focke-Wulf Fw 44 Stieglitz
Folland Aircraft Ltd

Grumman F6F Hellcat
Grumman TBF Avenger

Handley Page Hastings
Hawker/Armstrong Whitworth Sea Hawk
Hawker Hunter
Hawker Hurricane; Operational/Training use
Hawker Siddeley 748/Andover
Hawker Sea Fury

Jabiru Aircraft Family
Jodel Aircraft Family
Advisor Junkers Aircraft 1919-1935

Klemm All Aircraft

Lockheed Constellation
Lockheed PV-1 civil histories and PV-2 Civil Conversions
Lockheed PV-1 military service

Maule Aircraft:
McDonnell F.101/RF.101 Voodoo
Messerschmitt Bf108 and Nord derivatives
Micro Aviation (NZ & South Africa)
Bantam & Bathawk Family
Miles Aircraft Ltd
Morane-Saulnier MS.760 Paris

North American Harvard/Texan

Percival Merganser and Prince/Pembroke and variants
Pilatus Aircraft:

See also blog : <https://pilatus-history-and-news.blogspot.com>
Piper Aircraft to PA-26
Piper Aircraft from PA-27
Piper (Ted Smith) Aerostar:

Railway Involvement in Air Transport,

Information Service List

1909 to 1947

Raytheon/Beech Civil King Air

Robin Aircraft Family

Robinson Helicopters

Rolls-Royce flying test beds

Scottish Aviation Pioneer

Scottish Aviation Twin Pioneer

Short S.16 Scion/S.22 Scion Senior

Short L.17 'Scylla' class Landplanes

Short Flying Boats & Amphibians

Short Sunderland (Civil Versions)

SNCASE (Sud-Est) SE.535 Mistral in

French service

Supermarine Scimitar

Advisor Supermarine Spiteful/Seafang

Supermarine Spitfire; Operational /

Training use.

Taylor Brothers Aircraft 1927-30

Taylor Aircraft 1930-37

Vickers VC10 / Super VC10

Vickers Wellesley

Vought F4U Corsair

Vultee BT-13/15/SNV

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