

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



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.b

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 19191945
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



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 RÁF 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

Svria

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)

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 Airliners 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

Airtoure/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,



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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