

HELICOPTER WORLD SPEED RECORD COMES TO GREAT BRITAIN *

Flying the Fairey Gyrodyne over a 3 kilometre stretch on the railway line near Maidenhead on June 28th, 1948, Basil Arkell, Helicopter Test Pilot for Fairey Aviation Company and a Council Member of this Association, broke the world speed record, previously held in America by the Sikorsky S 51 at 114.6 m.p.h., by practically 10 m.p.h. when he achieved a speed of 124.3 m.p.h., averaged over two runs in each direction.



Mr H R Horrell, Deputy Mayor of Peterborough, handing the Royal Air Mail pennant to John Theilman, B E A Helicopter pilot, prior to take off. On the extreme left is W/Cdr R A C Brie, official in charge of the B E A Helicopter Unit.



Inauguration of experimental

HELICOPTER MAIL SERVICE

1st June, 1948

Peterborough—Norwich—Great Yarmouth



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On 1st June, 1948, the Helicopter Unit of the B E A inaugurated an experimental Helicopter Air Mail Service between Peterborough, Norwich and Great Yarmouth. Pilot J Theilman flew the first "live mails" from Westwood Aerodrome after a formal ceremony at which Mr E B Davies, Midland Regional Director, G P O, and Councillor H R Horrell, Peterborough's Deputy Mayor, had wished the unit luck with this most important experiment. Above we reproduce a commemorative letter cover flown in the helicopter after the ceremony.

THE HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN



Applications for membership of the Association are invited from persons interested in Rotating Wing Aircraft. A reproduction of the Rules pertaining to Grades of Membership is appended for guidance.

Application for Membership forms may be obtained by writing to the Secretary at Finsbury Circus House.

MEMBER

An applicant for Membership of the Association must have one or more of the following qualifications:

- (a) Be a qualified engineer and have been, or being about to become, actively engaged in the science of rotating wing aviation.
- (b) Any aircraft engineer who holds a current engineer's licence issued by a competent authority, or a fully qualified service engineer, having been actively engaged in some branch of rotating wing aviation for a period of two years or more.
- (c) Hold a pilot's "B" licence, or be a fully qualified service pilot, and having been actively engaged in flying mainly rotating wing aircraft for a period of two years or more.
- (d) Having made some other individual contribution to the advancement of the science of rotating wings which in the opinion of the Council qualifies the applicant for Membership.

ASSOCIATE

An applicant for Associateship must have one or more of the following qualifications:

- (a) Having been actively engaged in some branch of rotating wing aviation for a period of two years or more, and being desirous of qualifying technically in the science.
- (b) Be a qualified pilot on rotating wing aircraft.
- (c) Having made some other individual contribution to the usage of rotating wing aircraft which in the opinion of the Council qualifies the applicant for Associateship.

GRADUATE MEMBER

An applicant for Graduate Membership may be any person who is interested in the development of rotating wing aircraft, and wishes to use the Association as a means of learning the art, or qualifying technically in the science of rotating wings.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be due and paid on election and at intervals of one year thereafter by every member of the Association according to the following scale —

Members	£2/2/0
Associate	£1/1/0
Graduate Member	£1/1/0