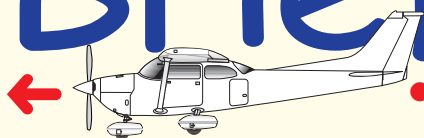


Briefings



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Bonhomme wins Seagrave Trophy

The Seagrave Trophy has been awarded to Paul Bonhomme, the reigning Red Bull Air Race champion for 2009 and current leader for the 2010 season. He was given the award at the RAC Club in London's Pall Mall in June.

Sir Henry Seagrave was a fighter pilot, Grand Prix race winner and the world speed record-holder on both land and water, and the first person to travel at over 200 mph. The Seagrave Trophy is awarded in his memory to those individuals who give the most outstanding demonstration of fuel-powered transport by land, air or water and in doing so show skill, courage and initiative - the spirit of adventure.

The Seagrave Trophy is not always presented every year, and is only awarded if the Seagrave Committee judge there to be a suitable recipient who meets the criteria of the award, which must go to a British national. The Committee's two aviation representatives are Arnold Naylor from the Royal Aeronautical Society and Pamela Campbell from AOPA. There are also two representatives for motoring and one for power boating. There are three Trustees of the Seagrave Award, one being AOPA, and George Done, as Chairman of AOPA, also attended the award ceremony.

Paul Bonhomme had been nominated for the Seagrave Trophy by Pamela Campbell on behalf of AOPA. His nomination was agreed unanimously by the committee.

Above: Paul Bonhomme with the Seagrave Trophy

Top right: Bonhomme holds aloft the winner's trophy for the New York round of the Red Bull Air Races, which he leads at time of writing



B-N's Hynett honoured

William Hynett, Group Chief Executive of Isle of Wight-based B-N Group, producers of the ubiquitous Britten-Norman Islander, has received his OBE for services to the defence industry. B-N has become a major strategic supplier to the Ministry of Defence, providing and refurbishing the military versions of the venerable twin. A former Royal Navy pilot who served aboard HMS Invincible in the Gulf, Bosnia and Kosovo before leaving the services to become a defence contractor, William Hynett has been on the B-N board since 2002 and became CEO in 2003.

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Above: B-N Group's William Hynett receives his OBE at Windsor Castle

GASCo takes on Safety Evenings

GASCo has taken over responsibility for the CAA's Safety Evenings, which have previously been run all over the country by the indefatigable David Cockburn, the CAA's own safety promotion officer. Around 20 Safety Evenings are held throughout the UK each winter and last year more than 1,000 pilots attended. Last year, over 1,000 people attended the events, which took place at locations from Cornwall to Scotland.

The CAA's exact role in future has not been defined, but Chris Finnigan, Head of General Aviation at the SRG, said: "While the CAA has a clear obligation to undertake safety promotion work, having GASCo run the Safety Evening programme on our behalf does not mean the CAA is in any way abrogating its responsibilities. Indeed, the CAA will remain in firm control of the safety messages that GASCo deliver and we will continue to produce GASIL and Safety Sense Leaflets. We will also carry on influencing safety promotion activity in Europe, where we have already had some success in co-ordinating the best examples of our own and other EU States' material for publication across the Community."

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