

6) AIR RACES

6.1) AIR RACING - CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL DE TOURISME



Air racing began in 1909 when the first international meet was held at Reims, France. In the years before WWI, popular interest in aviation led to a large number of air races in Europe.

International Tourist Plane Contest (Challenge International de Tourisme). The four Challenges, from 1929 - 1934, were major aviation events in pre-war Europe.

Challenge 1932 & 1934 was won by Poland. The 1934 Challenge remained the last Challenge and the Polish Aero Club was given a right to retain a transitory cup.

Poland - 50th Anniversary of Polish victory in Tourist Aircraft Challenge

Miniature sheet with Challenge winning aircraft se-tenant and map of route

6.2) AIR RACING - SCHNEIDER TROPHY

The Coupe d'Aviation Maritime Jacques Schneider, also known as the Schneider Trophy was a trophy that was awarded first annually, and later biennially, to the winner of a race for seaplanes and flying boats.



Great Britain - 1981 Special flown commemorative cover for 50th Anniversary of The Schneider Trophy with special commemorative postmark and cachets