New event

marks 1985

racing
season

LONDON

The 1985 British air-racing
season will comprise eight
National Air Races. Of these,
one is completely new and
another is international. The
end-of-season King's Cup
comprises three legs. All races
carry points toward the
British Air Racing Champion-
ships (sponsored by Digital
Equipment) and are qualify-
ing events for the King's Cup.

Starting off the season is
the established London-
Londonderry "Amelia
Earhart" race, which this year
will start from Hatfield. This
is followed by the Digital
Schneider Trophy Race
around the Solent starting at
Bembridge, Isle of Wight. The
Royal Aero Club tells Flight
that 30 of the available 60
entries have been applied for.

A completely new event this
year is the City Livery
Trophy, scheduled to take
place at Humberside Airport
in early July. A new course
has been selected for the Kent
Messenger race at Rochester
(Kent), following the accident
involving two competitors
during the 1984 event.
The Inter World Trade
Centre air race is to be held in
late August and will be inter-
national; entrants will fly
from Biggin Hill to Rotter-
dam, returning on the next
day. Each leg will carry cham-
pionship points and will qual-
ify toward the King's Cup.
Judging will be based upon
total overall performance,
with aircraft re-handicapped
in Rotterdam on the results of
the outward leg.

This year there will be no
Steward's Cup, the recent
precursor to the King's Cup.
Instead the season's premier
event will be conducted in
three parts: an out-and-return
race from Shoreham, a small
circuit race, and a longer race
as yet to be detailed.

1985 British Air-racing
events
June 8 Amelia Earhart
Race: London-Foyle Bridge,

FLIGHT International, 13 April 1985

Toyota sponsors
Lecomber Pitts

Brian Lecomber has been sponsored by Toyota for the 1985 airshow season. His Pitts (G-BOOK, previously sponsored by Dunlop), has just been repainted by Bee-Lee Aviation of Bristol, and will be making a number of appearances at motor
as well as aviation events. Lecomber will also compete in the British Aerobatic Championships at Cranfield in September. Enquiries to: Firebird Aerobatics; tel 0296 622739.

Londonderry. Starts from
Hatfield.

June 22-23 Digital
Schneider Trophy Race:
Bembridge, Isle of Wight.
Entry limited to 60 aircraft.

June 6-7 City Livery Trophy
race: Humberside Airport.

July 21 Grosvenor Challenge
Trophy: Shobdon, Hereford &
Worcs.

August 4 Leicester National
Air Race: Leicester East
airfield.

August 18 Kent Messenger
air race: Rochester, Kent.

August 29-30 Inter World
Trade Centre Air Race:
Biggin Hill - Rotterdam
(Return flight August 30).

September 13-14 King's
Cup meeting: Shoreham,
Sussex.

Details and information from
RAeC Records, Racing, Rally
Association; tel 0707 320303.
Schneider Trophy enquiries
(other than entry) contact:
Alan Smith or Lucinda
Hopkins 01-353 8445.

Initial

Sundancer

funding
achieved

ALBUQUERQUE ~~

DeVore Aviation Corporation
has announced that initial
funding of its Sundancer
"Affordable Airplane" pro-
gramme has been completed.
First flight of the aircraft is
planned for early 1986. The
two-seat, high-wing pusher
design (see Flight, December
8, 1984) has attracted world-
wide interest, says company
president Gilbert DeVore.
Initial funding, achieved
through a limited partnership,
will finance prototype R&D.
The company is seeking an
additional $500,000 to cover
static and flight-testing and
certification.
The company is building a
production facility at Albu-
querque's new Double Eagle II

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"reliever" airport, for
completion in 1987.
DeVore Aviation also
manufactures aircraft and
airport lighting systems, and
builds floats for seaplanes and
amphibious aircraft.
The Sundancer is planned
to cruise at lOOkt at 75 per
cent power with a range of 400
n.m. Useful load is claimed as
4851b.

Enquiries to: DeVore
Aviation Corporation, 6104 B
Kircher Boulevard N.E.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87109; tel (505) 345-8713.
Telex 660436.

BRIEFINGS

The Guild of Air Pilots and
Navigators (Gapan) an-
nounces a flying-training
scholarship to be donated by
Field Aviation. The £1,500
award is to help the winner to
achieve a CPL, instrument
rating, or associated type
rating. "The needs of feeder
airlines and executive aircraft
will be borne particularly in
mind", says Gapan. The
winner will receive the
cheque at the Mansion House
on September 24 at the
Guild annual dinner.

Enquiries to: W. Rossiter,
Gapan, 30 Eccleston Street,
London SW1V 9PY; tel
01-730 0471.

This year's GNav radio-
navigation competition
will be held at two locations—
Shoreham and Denham on
July 14 and 28, respectively.
Competitors may enter either
or both events, with best
results counting in the final
judgement.
Only GNav VOR Track
and GNav manual computers
may be used. Details and
application forms from
Wansbrough-White and Co,
Chiswick Mall, London W4
2PW; tel 01-993 0964.

British Car Auctions
(Aviation), which bought
Blackbushe Airport last
November, is holding a fly-in
on 20-21 April to introduce
the new airport management
to pilots. Many changes are
being implemented. Landing
fees and fuel charges are being
reduced, and BCA is concen-
trating on giving enthusiastic
and experienced help to
visiting aircraft. Contact J. S.
Marshall, Airport Manager,
Blackbushe Airport, Cam-
berley Surrey GU17 9LQ; tel
0252 879449.

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