### THE 2011-2012 TROPHIES AND AWARDS RECIPIENTS

#### Lifetime Contribution to the Aerospace Industry

Wg Cdr Kenneth Horatio Wallis MBE

**The Guild Award of Honour**

*For 75 years of continuous flying; sustained creativity, dynamism and perseverance*

Perhaps best known as the creator of gyrocopters including those used in the James Bond movie “You Only Live Twice”, Wallis completed 24 wartime missions over Northern Europe in Vickers Wellington bombers, before spending twenty years engaged in armament and weapon research. Wallis’s work with lightweight gyroplanes spans five decades and includes (at last count) 34 world records.

#### For Outstanding Courage or Devotion to Duty in the Air

**The Guild Award for Gallantry**

Crew of ‘Rescue 915’ 103 SAR Sqn RCAF & the SAR Technicians of ‘Rescue 323’ 424 Transport & Rescue Sqn RCAF

For a gruelling rescue operation in arctic conditions off Igloolik, Nunavut, Canada where two hunters were stranded on an iceflow in deteriorating conditions. The crews involved in the rescue demonstrated the ultimate in courage and resilience, but tragically one of them, Sergeant Janick J B Gilbert, the leader of three rescue divers, made the ultimate sacrifice on the mission, giving his life, that others may live.

#### The Grand Master’s Commendation

Roger “Dodge” Bailey

At the discretion of the Grand Master, HRH Prince Andrew, The Duke of York, for outstanding services in the air

Chief Test Pilot and Head of Flight Operations for Cranfield University National Flying Laboratory Centre. Chief Pilot for the Shuttleworth vintage aircraft collection.

#### The Master’s Medal

“Wheely Dave” Sykes

Awarded to a pilot under the age of 30 for outstanding achievement and endeavour in any field of flying activity

A brilliant and brave solo microlight flight from England to Australia, by a disabled pilot taking 124 days, without external resources or support.

#### The Hugh Gordon-Burge Memorial Award

Flt Lt Luke Dunell Flemington RAF & Flt Lt Nicholas Thomas Adrian McCready RAF

Awarded to a crew whose outstanding behaviour and action contributed to the saving of their aircraft or passengers

Crew of an RAF C130 Hercules extracting British and foreign entitled personnel from an airstrip in Libya. Hazardous two-day evacuation of nearly 200 personnel despite threats from hostile aircraft and damage to aircraft from small-arms fire, one round of which ricocheted into McCready’s helmet.
The Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award

Awarded for an act of outstanding courage or devotion to duty in the course of land or sea search and rescue operations

771 Naval Air Sqn – Crew of Rescue 193

For the rescue of the crew of the yacht “Andriette”, in pitch darkness and violent seas 100nm from the Scilly Isles on the night of 7th July 2011.

Flight Operations

The Sir Barnes Wallis Medal

In recognition of an exceptional and innovative contribution to aviation

Mike Miller-Smith

Despite late onset muscular dystrophy, Mike has overseen the growth of Aerobility (formerly the British Disabled Flying Association) as member, committee member and CEO, to become the foremost charitable organisation providing access to aviation for disabled people.

The Master’s Commendation

Awarded at the discretion of the Master for commendable achievement in any sector of aviation.

Fit Lt D J “Jack” Hawkins RAF

The year 2012 will mark Jack’s 50th and final year of uniformed service having joined the RAF as an Aircraft Apprentice in 1962. Since 1998, Jack has been employed as the Operations Officer and Adjutant of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and has been personally involved in the planning and liaison for every event in which the Flight has participated over the last 13 years, a remarkable achievement and an outstanding contribution to the RAF.

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Garry Stanfield Smith

‘Stan’ Smith has over the past 54 years built a formidable reputation in both his native New Zealand and worldwide for excellence in vintage aircraft maintenance and restoration. His encyclopedic knowledge and immaculate engineering skills, and his special love of old British aircraft continues to benefit the historic aviation industry in southern and northern hemispheres alike.

The Brackley Memorial Trophy

Awarded for an act or acts of outstanding flying skill, which have contributed to the operational development of air transport or transport aircraft or new techniques in air transport flying

Fit Lt Christopher Derek Maggs RAF

C-17 Globemaster Captain and Senior Tactics Instructor on Number 99 Squadron, meeting the demand for operational airbridge and 24-hour special aero medical support for Operation Herrick in Afghanistan.

Fit Lt Maggs has been instrumental in the incremental development of operational tactics to ensure the safe operation of the C-17 in the Afghanistan theatre, including operations onto short and narrow runways at night, using night vision goggles.
The Johnston Memorial Trophy

Awarded to an individual, a complete aircraft crew, or an organisation, for an outstanding performance of airmanship, for the operation of airborne systems or for the development of air navigation techniques and equipment.

Sqn Ldr J Jody McMeeking RAF

A Typhoon flight commander on 3 (Fighter) Sqn at RAF Coningsby, during operation ELLAMY in Libya, Sqn Ldr McMeeking displayed exceptional tactical awareness during complex and dynamic, time-critical situations within a confusing and ambiguous battle space and his personal initiative led to the successful conclusion of many missions.

The Guild Sword of Honour

Awarded for an outstanding contribution to General Aviation, in the air or on the ground.

Gerald Charles Hackemer

Awarded for a lifetime's voluntary supporting General Aviation, and for outstanding contributions to flight safety education and promotion, most notably as Chairman from 2006, of the General Aviation Safety Council, including the hosting of scores of GASCo Safety Seminars around the country. Gerald is also Secretary of the Guild Flying Club, Assistant to Court and Honorary Archivist to the Guild.

Flight Test

The Derry and Richards Memorial Medal

A test pilot who has made an outstanding contribution in advancing the art and science of aviation.

Andrew Warner

Since 2006 Andrew has been Chief Test Pilot for Eurocopter, with direct responsibility for the X3 research compound helicopter project, three new helicopter developments and 10 production helicopter programmes. A former Army Air Corps pilot, Warner graduated from the Empire Test Pilots School in 1982 and has since been at the centre of wide-ranging national and multi-national flight test programmes.

Safety and Survival

The Sir James Martin Award

For an outstanding, original and practical contribution leading to the safer operation of aircraft, the survival of aircrew or passengers.

Major Keith Bryan AAC

A Rotary Wing Standards Officer with 29 years of flying experience, Major Bryan devised solutions to overcome a shortcoming in simulator training for crews flying the Lynx Mk9A in Afghanistan. The result of an Urgent Operations Requirement to provide escort, surveillance and armed support in the hot and high environment, it was not possible to replicate all characteristics of the Mk9A in existing simulators, until Major Bryan detailed and developed simulations of important engine control differences and potential problems, making the aircraft much safer to operate.
The Cumberbatch Trophy

For an outstanding contribution to air safety, by the development of techniques contributing to safer flight, by improvements in ground equipment and services or by improvements in aircraft and component design

Harbour Air Seaplanes

Following a fatal accident in 1998, the Richmond, British Columbia-based company initiated a Safety Management System designed to exceed airline industry standards.

The system includes real-time online reporting, hazard identification, satellite-based aircraft tracking systems and extensive emergency response planning. In 250,000 fleet hours since 1998 and over 500,000 take-off and landings, Harbour Air has been accident-free. It has become the largest seaplane airline in the world, with a fleet of 55 aircraft carrying over 400,000 passengers a year.

Training

The Sir Alan Cobham Memorial Award

Awarded to the most meritorious student pilot graduating from a college or school of civil or military aviation and nominated by the Principal or Commanding Officer

Glen Robert Harrison

Glen graduated from Oxford Aviation Academy in October 2011 as the best overall student on his course as well as winning the BA Excellence in Air Transport Studies Award.

He scored eleven full one-hundred percent passes in the qualifying JAA exams and his overall average was 97 percent. In the air his instrument flying was noted as exceptionally good, as was his first time pass for his Commercial Pilot's licence.

Glen acquitted himself equally strongly in the Foundation Degree course administered by OAA and the University of Buckingham, where he scored a distinction and the highest marks of his year.

Following graduation Glen has begun his professional flying career as a First Officer with Ryanair.

The Central Flying School Guild Award

A periodic award to an individual, group or organisation that, in the opinion of the Court of the Guild and with the endorsement of the Central Flying School, has made an outstanding contribution toward the achievement of excellence in the delivery of flying training or instructional standards

John Hurrell

John has amassed over 5,000 hours of instructional flying over the past 25 years, training aircrew both as an RAF Officer and most recently as Chief Flying Instructor for BAe Systems. In the latter role, John has led a team delivering training to pilots who in turn are moving on to become instructors, primarily in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He has helped train over 200 such instructors and has been described as “a total aviation person”.

The Pike Trophy

Awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the maintenance of high standards of civil flying instruction and safety

Gp Capt Christopher Edward Gould

Chris Gould was in 1957, one of the first pilots to qualify on an all jet course with the RAF and has since logged over 14,000 hours of which 9,000 have been either as a military or civilian flying instructor, including as Head of Training at the integrated European College of Air Training. Today at the age of 72, he continues to fly “full time” and continues to enjoy passing his vast knowledge to young up and coming pilots.
For Services to the Guild

The Guild Award of Merit
For meritorious service to the Guild

John Stuart Burley OBE
Following a career with British Airways which included managing operations ‘behind the Iron Curtain’ in Russia, John moved to Canada, where in 2008, he was instrumental in forming a Canadian region of the Guild. Having served as its first chairman until November 2011, he has seen it flourish with a membership reflecting the whole spectrum of aviation in the region.

Regional Awards

The Australian Bi-Centennial Award
Awarded as an ongoing commemoration of the Australian Bi-centenary, to recognise an outstanding individual contribution to Australian aviation.

Dr. Carol Lesley Durkin
Dr. Durkin specialises in aviation law and completed her PhD with doctoral research into the relationship between aviation regulation and safety. An instrument rated private pilot, Carol has championed women in Australian aviation for many years and has worked tirelessly on Members’ behalf since joining the Guild in 1996.

Guyon Robertson
Following distinguished wartime service with 18 Sqn RNZAF flying P-40 Kittyhaks and F4U Corsairs, in 1950 Guy Robertson founded one of the first aerial top-dressing companies in the world. Robertson Air Service grew to become one of New Zealand’s largest (and safest) operators in the field. In addition Robertson introduced the Fletcher FU-24 aircraft to New Zealand, creating the forerunner of Pacific Aerospace Ltd, that builds and sells the P-750 XSTOL aircraft around the world.

Aviation Media

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators Award for Aviation Journalism
Awarded to an individual journalist, publication or organisation for an outstanding contribution to the promotion or public awareness of aviation in general or of any important aspect of aviation activity

Air Cdre Graham Pitchfork MBE
A 36-year RAF career that saw him awarded the MBE for his part in introducing the Buccaneer into RAF service, makes Air Cdre Pitchfork one of Britain’s most authoritative writers on RAF operations and history. He is also the aviation obituary writer for the Daily Telegraph, archivist of the Aircrew Association and chairman of the Buccaneer Aircrew Association.

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