

Mighty Sky Armada Will Visit Byrd Airport This Afternoon

29 Competing and 13 Accompanying Planes in the National Air Derby for Reliability Trophy To Arrive Today With Noted Pilots

Richmond will be visited by the mightiest sky armada ever seen in Virginia's capital city today when twenty-nine competing planes and thirteen accompanying planes in the national air derby for the Edsel Ford reliability trophy began arriving at Byrd Airport around 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Noted aviators, such as George Haldeman, who was Ruth Elder's pilot when they fell into the Atlantic Ocean on their attempted oceanic flight; Dale "Red" Jackson and F. O'Brien, former holders of the endurance refueling record, and Captain Frank Hawks, holder of the transcontinental speed record, are making the tour. Captain Hawks, who is the tour referee, will arrive in advance of the competitors, as will Captain Ray Collins, tour manager, who is being piloted in an army Douglass biplane by Lieutenant Windell Brookley.

Leave For Winston-Salem. Remaining here tonight as guests of local hotels, the competing fliers and their mechanics will leave tomorrow.

Va. State Fair, Richmond, Oct. 7-12. Reduced fares via R.F. & P. For Farmer's Day, Oct. 10, one fare for round trip.

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row morning for Winston-Salem, N. C.

Randolph P. Saunders, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, went to Byrd Airport late yesterday afternoon to greet James Larwood, advance man for the tour, and Robert H. Reakirt, his pilot. Mr. Larwood leaves by plane this morning for Winston-Salem.

There are three women in the sky fleet.

Mrs. Keith Miller is flying a Fairchild biplane, Miss Frances Harrell is piloting a Moth plane, while Miss May Halzlip is at the controls of an American Eagle.

The pilots are scheduled to leave Camden, N. J., this morning and fly to Baltimore. They are scheduled to depart from the Monumental City after luncheon, and begin arriving here shortly after 3:30 o'clock, if all goes well.

Says Facilities Adequate. Mr. Larwood said last night that the facilities at the Byrd Airport are adequate. The boundaries of the airport are marked off in white lines, easily visible to a pilot, and in the center of the field there is the regulation white circle of 100 feet in

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diameter. All competing planes must fly over the spot in the center of this circle, according to the air derby rules.

Arrival here of the great fleet is expected to attract a large throng to the airport.

Planes Land at Camden From New York

CAMDEN, N. J., Oct. 8.—(P)—Bringing more than two score passengers, in addition to the pilots, and dropping out of the sky in quick succession, the twenty-nine airplanes in the Ford reliability tour landed late today at Camden Central Airport, landing field for the Philadelphia area, after a short flight from Roosevelt Field, N. Y. The pilots included three women.

The first to arrive was a Lockheed Vega monoplane, piloted by Wiley Post, and the last was Miss May Halzlip, flying an American Eagle.

Twenty other planes carrying officials of the tour and representatives of aviation concerns, landed before and after the arrival of the actual contestants.

A corps of checkers were at the field to gather the scoring data.

The status of competitors in the tour does not depend on speed. The score is computed on points based on performance, load, fuel consumption, oil use. The manner of keeping score is so balanced that each ship, from the little Gypsy Moth to the great eighteen-passenger Condor, will have an equal chance of winning the first prize of \$2,500.

The two Waco planes, piloted by John Livingston, of Aurora, Ill., and Art Davis, of Lansing, Mich., retained their one-two leadership of the tour with perfect scores for the fourth day's two short hops, from Springfield, Mass., to New York City, and thence here. The first hop was just over 100 miles, that from Roosevelt Field here, ninety-six miles. Livingston's score is 11418.16 and Davis' 10114.52.