

CEDRIC O. VERNON

As an aeronautical engineer Cedric Vernon has been active in the British aircraft industry for several years, at the beginning of his professional career. As an aircraft designer, in the period from the early '30's to the early '50's he contributed to the development of the *Handley Page "Halifax"* and "*Victor*".

Thereafter, from the early '50's till retirement, he has been an airworthiness expert in the *Civil Aviation Administration, C.A.A.*

Being a glider pilot, active for decades in the *London Gliding Club* at Dunstable, he became involved in the creation of a new airworthiness code for gliders, the famous *British Civil Aviation Regulations – Section E, BCAR – E*.

As a test pilot he contributed to the development of several *Slingsby* sailplanes.

From the end of World War 2 till three years ago he has been a member of the *B.G.A. Technical Committee*.

He joined OSTIV in the '50's and was a member of the working group for the technical specifications of the *Standard Class Sailplane*, which were adopted by FAI in 1958. This was the beginning of the Standard Class.

His contribution to the technical specifications and to the development of the World Class glider is also noteworthy.

The working group for the Standard sailplane was the forerunner of the *OSTIV Sailplane Development Panel, SDP*, which produced and keeps updated the *OSTIV Standards for Sailplanes and Powered Sailplanes*, the well known airworthiness code upon which the *JAR-22*, the official code now adopted by the civil aviation authorities worldwide, was based.

As an SDP member he gave outstanding contributions to the issue of airworthiness standards on subjects of paramount importance for the safety of soaring flight, such as the fatigue of glider structures, landing loads, crashworthiness of cockpits, and a large number of specific requirements covering the whole area of flight and ground occurrences. He voluntarily served as SDP secretary, taking extreme care of the Minutes and of the correct wording of requirements, all tasks admirably performed.

Through his many and long standing activities, all aimed at the improvement of the safety of soaring flight, Cedric Vernon rendered eminent services to international gliding.

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