

The Story of the Moffett International Trophy

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The Moffett International Trophy was donated as a memorial to Rear Admiral William Adger Moffett, DSM USN, one-time Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, who lost his life in the crash of the dirigible Akron in 1933. A contest for rubber-powered duration models, the Moffett was competed for throughout the Thirties and early Forties. Usually held during the course of the U.S. National Championships, it attracted many entries not only within the U.S. but from overseas as well. A famous and prestigious event, it ranked with the Wakefield Cup during the golden era of rubber endurance flying. The trophy is now in the Smithsonian Museum, Washington. (Ed Note: The DSM following Moffett's name indicates that he had been awarded the British Distinguished Service Medal. Showing such honors in one's title is not customary in the U.S.)