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FROM PILOT TO PILOT

Lord Brabazon Presents Segrave Trophy

Pioneer aviator and racing motorist, Lord Brabazon of Tara, today presented the Segrave Trophy for 1960 to test-pilot Tom Brooke-Smith at the Royal Automobile Club.

The trophy, which preserves the memory of the late Sir Henry Segrave, is awarded to the British subject who accomplishes the most outstanding demonstration of the possibilities of transport by land, air or water.

The citation for Mr. Brooke-Smith reads, "For outstanding flight test work during the development of the Short SC.1, culminating in its demonstration during 1960 of transition from vertical to horizontal flight. It was the first British direct-lift jet aircraft to accomplish this feat, which is of the greatest importance to the future development of vertical take-off military and civil aircraft".

Lord Brabazon, who is Vice-President of the Royal Automobile Club, was England's first aviator, holding the No.1 certificate granted by the Royal Aero Club. In 1909, he won the Daily Mail £1,000 prize for flying a circular mile in an all-English-made machine.



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## SEGRAVE TROPHY 1960

Thomas William Brooke-Smith

Age 42.

Born Lincolnshire.

Married: one son, one daughter.

Educated Bedford.

Now lives at Bentley, near Farnham, Surrey.

Learned to fly at Brooklands before the war.

Spent the war as a test pilot. Was appointed Chief Test Pilot to Shorts in 1948, responsible for all experimental work. When work started on the SC 1 six years ago, "thought it would be a good aircraft to bow out on". When he climbed out of the cockpit on the Sunday of the last Farnborough Air Show, it marked the end of his active career as a test pilot.

He plans to stay active in the flying world and has formed his own company.

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## WINNERS OF THE SEGRAVE TROPHY

- 1930: Air Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith
- 1931: Squadron-Leader H.J.L. Hinkler, A.F.C., D.S.M.
- 1932: Mrs. J.A. Mollison
- 1933: Captain Sir Malcolm Campbell, M.B.E.
- 1934: Mr. K.H. Waller
- 1935: Captain G.E.T. Eyston, O.B.E., M.C.
- 1936: Miss Jean Batten
- 1937: Flying-Officer A.E. Clouston
- 1938: Major A.T. Goldie Gardner
- 1939: Captain Sir Malcolm Campbell, M.B.E.
- 1940-45: Not awarded
- 1946: Mr. Geoffrey Raoul de Havilland, O.B.E.
- 1947: Mr. John Rhodes Cobb
- 1948: Mr. John Douglas Derry, D.F.C.
- 1949-50: Not awarded
- 1951: Mr. Geoffrey Duke
- 1952: Not awarded
- 1953: Squadron-Leader Neville Duke, D.S.O., O.B.E.,  
D.F.C., A.F.C.
- 1954: Not awarded
- 1955: Mr. Donald Campbell
- 1956: Mr. Peter Twiss
- 1957: Mr. Stirling Moss
- 1958: Mr. Donald Campbell
- 1959: Not awarded
- 1960: Mr. Tom Brooke-Smith