

# HERE ARE SOME OF FAMOUS AIRMEN YOU WILL MEET AT AIRPORT



airplane races and he has become as much an attraction for those races as some of the contestants themselves. He will fly a Buell-Verville "Aristocrat" for the Buell-Verville Company of Detroit of which he is chief pilot.

Next is Major Rudolph W. Schroeder who will fly the new Ford three-engine plane. Major Schroeder is a national figure in aviation. He established a world's altitude record in the early days of flying by climbing to a height of 30,000 feet in an hour and a half in one of the dimly glimmers of that day. He had another thrilling experience over Dayton more recently when he attempted to better the altitude record then existing. He drove his plane to such an altitude that his eyeballs froze and he fell five miles toward the earth with his plane out of control becoming conscious just in time to land his plane safely.

These and many others widely known in aviation in America will be on the tour and will have their part in making the fleet of planes the "greatest show on earth."

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## THE PROMISE OF THE AIR

In his recent conference with President Coolidge at White Pine Camp, Edsel Ford expressed confidence that the quantity production of airplanes on a scale rivaling the present output of automobiles would mark the next forward stride of civilization in the transportation field. Probably the average American, who spends a good part of his time dodging the motor cars which fill the streets of every city, will be inclined to feel that this prediction is not any too conservative. Yet it must be admitted that when Mr. Ford talks about "quantity production" he knows whereof he speaks. Just now the concern of which he is a member is studying plans and methods for turning out safe, reliable and inexpensive flying machines for personal use. Presumably, Mr. Ford not only believes that this can be done but is also convinced that the demand for aerial fliers will soon be great enough to justify the expense and effort of manufacture.

Nor is the Ford organization the only concern in this country which is actively preparing for the era of air transportation. During the last year or two the new concerns interested in aircraft manufacture and aerial transport service have so increased in number that they are already too numerous to mention. The promoters of this kind of work are not, for the most part, concerned chiefly with endeavors of an experimental sort. They have entered the field in a businesslike spirit and for the very best of commercial reasons.

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Here are famous men and an old friend who will be on the second annual Commercial Airplane-Reliability Tour which starts from Detroit August 7 and which will arrive in Kalamazoo an hour later.

At the left is Charles C. "Casey" Jones, famous test pilot and a widely known character in aviation circles. "Casey" is famous not only for his flying, but for his bon mots, and his wit generally.

To the right, top, are two officials of aircraft companies who will fly their own planes in the tour. J. McAnany, vice president of the Alexander Aircraft Company, will fly one of the company's Eaglecock planes. At the right, Walter Beach, vice president of the Travel Air Manufacturing Company of Wichita, will fly one of his firm's planes. Beach was in the tour last year.

Below these men is Eddie Stinson, the "dean of all pilots", who will fly his new air sedan, the Stinson-Detroit. Eddie is now becoming known as Edward Stinson, airplane manufacturer, but his great reputation as a pilot continues.

At the left below is Chief Francis Bowhan, Osage Indian, who piloted a Travel Air plane in last year's tour. With him then was his wife, Charlotte, who was the only woman on the tour. She is also an Osage and acquired the name of "Indian Princess" shortly after the tour started. She will accompany him this year.

Next is Louis Meister, another "character" in aviation circles. Louis is the humorous announcer heard at the last three national