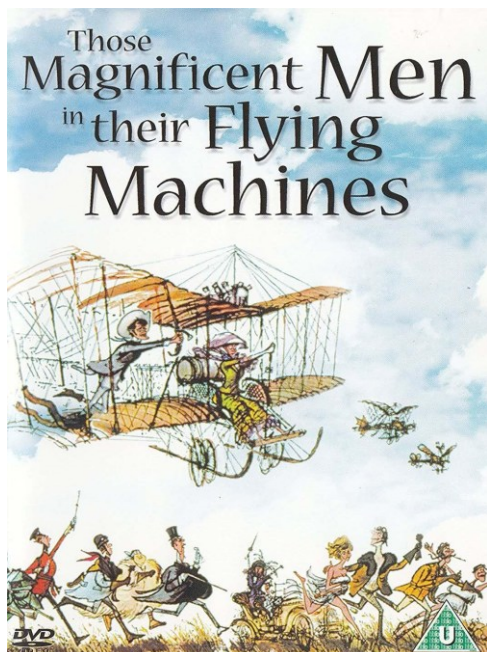


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Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1 (35mm) 2.20 : 1 (negative ratio)

**Those Magnificent Men in their
Flying Machines -or How I Flew
from London to Paris in 25 Hours
and 11 Minutes**



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Ken Annakin
Written by	Ken Annakin Jack Davies
Produced by	Stan Margulies
Starring	Stuart Whitman Sarah Miles James Fox Alberto Sordi Robert Morley Gert Frobe Jean-Pierre Cassel Irina Demick Eric Sykes Terry-Thomas Red Skelton Benny Hill Yujiro Ishihara Flora Robson Karl Michael Vogler Sam Wanamaker Tony Hancock
Cinematography	Christopher Challis
Edited by	Gordon Stone Anne V. Coates
Music by	Ron Goodwin
Production company	Twentieth Century-Fox Productions Ltd^[1]
Distributed by	20th Century Fox
Release date	16 June 1965
Running time	138 minutes
Country	United Kingdom^[1]
Languages	English Italian German French
Budget	\$6.5 million ^[2]
Box office	\$31 million ^[3]

Storyline:— Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines

A brief narration outlines man's first attempts to fly since the Stone Age inspired by a bird's flight, seen with footage from the silent film era, and man being represented by a "test pilot" encountering periodic misfortune in his attempts.

In 1910, pompous British newspaper magnate Lord Rawsley forbids his would-be aviatrix daughter, ardent suffragette Patricia, to fly. Aviator Richard Mays, a young army officer, and Patricia's fiancé conceives the idea of an air race from London to Paris to advance the cause of British aviation and his career. With Patricia's support, he persuades Lord Rawsley to sponsor the race as a publicity stunt for his newspaper.

Rawsley, who takes full credit for the idea, announces the event to the press, and invitations are sent to leading aviators all over the world. Dozens of participants arrive at the airfield at the "Brookley" Motor Racing Track, where the fliers make practice runs in the days before the race. During this time, a wildly mixed international assembly of aviators begins rubbing shoulders with each other, most of them conforming to national stereotypes: The by-the-book, Prussian officer Colonel Manfred von Holstein, who becomes the victim of Frenchman Pierre Dubois' various pranks; the impetuous Italian Count Emilio Ponticelli, who buys various aircraft from designer Harry Popperwell and wrecks them in test flights; the unscrupulous British baronet Sir Percy Ware-Armitage, aided by his bullied servant, Courtney; and the rugged American cowboy Orvil Newton.

As the teams test their aircraft in the days before the race, Newton gets caught in the rigging of Sir Percy's plane, which crashes in the nearby sewage farm. Newton later stops the German aircraft after its tail breaks off and runs out of control. This leads to Patricia falling for him even more and Mays becomes more jealous, creating a love triangle between Newton and Mays. At a celebration in Brighton, Mays confronts Newton, sparking a fierce rivalry between them for Patricia's hand, just before Japan's official contestant, naval officer Yamamoto, arrives at the airfield.

Patricia convinces Newton to take her flying and they race back to the airfield, followed by Mays and her father, who are intent on stopping them. Not long after taking off, one of the struts on Newton's plane breaks, and Patricia has to fly the plane while Newton repairs it with his belt. When Newton lands, Lord Rawsley throws him out of the race. Patricia apologises to Newton, and Rawsley gives in after she threatens to start an international incident. Meanwhile, insulted by the French team's mockery, Holstein challenges Dubois to a duel. Dubois agrees and opts for gas balloons and blunderbusses as his weapons of choice. Both balloons and their pilots end up in the filthy waters of the adjacent sewage farm.

At the party the night before the race, Sir Percy sabotages Yamamoto and Newton's planes, and Rumpelstrosche, the German pilot, is incapacitated by a laxative meant for Yamamoto. After the competitors take off the next day, with Holstein standing in for Rumpelstrosche, Sir Percy's sabotage, fuel blockages, and other technical mishaps hamper the fliers until most of them safely arrive at Dover, their checkpoint before the final flight across the English Channel.

Sir Percy cheats by having his aircraft taken across by boat at night, but is delayed by excited locals when he arrives. The other contestants fly across the Channel in the morning, but most of them, including Holstein, fall into the sea. Sir Percy gets his comeuppance when he becomes disoriented by the smoke from a locomotive between Calais and Paris, causing him to jam his landing gear between two of the train cars. As he runs along the top trying to get the driver's attention, the train passes through a tunnel, wrecking his aircraft.

Coming into Paris, Ponticelli's plane catches fire, and Newton detours to rescue him as Mays is landing, winning for Britain. Mays recognises Newton's heroism and shares the glory and the prize with him, while Ponticelli agrees to give up flying for his family. The only other successful aviator is Dubois, completing his race for France. Patricia finally chooses Newton, breaking the love triangle. Their kiss is interrupted by a strange noise: they and the others at the field look up to see a flyover by six English Electric Lightning jet fighters, as the period leaps forward to the "present" (1965).

Outlined are the still-persisting hazards of modern flying despite today's advanced technology, as a night-time civilian flight across the English Channel is cancelled owing to heavy fog. One of the delayed passengers gets the idea of learning to fly under his power, perpetuating man's pioneering spirit. ^{Wiki}

In the infancy of aviation in 1910, a British newspaper offers a prize for the winner of a cross-channel air race which brings flyers from all over the world. There are many subplots as the flyers jockey for position and the affections of various women. - John Vogel...^{IMDb}

Cast

Stuart Whitman as Orvil Newton	Eric Barker as French Postman
Sarah Miles as Patricia Rawnsley	Maurice Denham as Trawler Skipper
James Fox as Richard Mays	Fred Emney as Colonel
Alberto Sordi as Count Emilio Ponticelli	Gordon Jackson as MacDougal
Robert Morley as Lord Rawnsley	Davy Kaye as Jean, Chief mechanic for Pierre Dubois
Gert Fröbe as Colonel Manfred von Holstein	John Le Mesurier as French Painter
Jean-Pierre Cassel as Pierre Dubois	Jeremy Lloyd as Lieutenant Parsons
Irina Demick as Brigitte/Ingrid/Marlene/ Françoise/Yvette/Betty	Zena Marshall as Countess Sophia Ponticelli
Red Skelton as Neanderthal Man, Roman birdman, Middle Ages inventor, Victorian-era pilot, Rocket pack inventor, Modern airline passenger	Millicent Martin as Air Hostess
Terry-Thomas as Sir Percy Ware-Armitage	Eric Pohlmann as Italian Mayor
Eric Sykes as Courtney	Marjorie Rhodes as Waitress
Benny Hill as Fire Chief Perkins	Norman Rossington as Assistant Fire Chief/also mechanic in cheque cap for Mays's Antoinette (non-speaking)
Yūjirō Ishihara as Yamamoto (voice dubbed by James Villiers)	Willie Rushton as Tremayne Gascoyne
Dame Flora Robson as Mother Superior	Graham Stark as Fireman
Karl Michael Vogler as Captain Rumpelstrosche	Jimmy Thompson as Photographer
Sam Wanamaker as George Gruber	Michael Trubshawe as Niven, Lord Rawnsley's aide
Tony Hancock as Harry Popperwell	Cicely Courtneidge as Colonel's Wife
	Ronnie Stevens as Reporter
	Ferdy Mayne as French Official
	Vernon Dobtcheff as French Team Member
	James Robertson Justice as the voice of the narrator

The following competitors were listed (as seen in the list onscreen 1 hour and 31 minutes in):

1. Richard Mays: [Antoinette IV](#) (Aircraft number 8: flying replica)
2. Sir Percy Ware-Armitage: [Avro Triplane IV](#) (Aircraft number 12: flying replica)
3. Orvil Newton: [Bristol Boxkite](#), nicknamed "The Phoenix Flyer" and inaccurately referred to as a Curtiss (Aircraft number 7: flying replica)
4. Lieutenant Parsons: Picat Dubreuil nicknamed "HMS Victory" (Aircraft number 4)
5. Harry Popperwell: [Dixon Nipper](#) "Little Fiddler" (Aircraft number 5)
6. Colonel Manfred von Holstein and Captain Rumpelstrosche: Eardley Billing Tractor Biplane (Aircraft number 11: flying replica)
7. Mr Wallace: [Edwards Rhomboidal](#) (Aircraft number 14)
8. Charles Wade: (Aircraft number unknown)
9. Mr Yamamoto: Japanese Eardley Billing Tractor Biplane (Aircraft number 1: duplicate flying replica)
10. Count Emilio Ponticelli: Philips Multiplane, Passat Ornithopter, [Lee-Richards Annular Biplane](#) and [Vickers 22 Monoplane](#) (Aircraft number 2: flying replica)
11. Henri Monteux: (Aircraft number unknown)
12. Pierre Dubois: [Santos-Dumont Demoiselle](#) (Aircraft number 9: flying replica)
13. Mr Mac Dougall: [Blackburn](#) Monoplane nicknamed "Wake up Scotland" (Aircraft number 6: original vintage aircraft)
14. Harry Walton (no number assigned).

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina-Atp, Australia-G, Brazil-Livre, Finland-S, France-Tous publics, Iceland-L, Japan-G, Netherlands-ALoriginal rating6re-rating, New Zealand-G, Norway-7, Portugal, M/6, Russia-0+, South Korea-All, Spain-A, Sweden-Btl, United Kingdom-U, United States-GPGVHS rating, 1990s, self-applied, West Germany-6nf

Sex & Nudity –None **Violence & Gore** - None, **Profanity** – None, **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – None, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - None

