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KENNETH GATLAND, 1924-1997, A BIOGRAPHY

**Abstract**

Ken Gatland was a great advocate of space travel and exploration and wrote many popular books on the subject. In 1941 whilst still a teenager he started the Astronautical Development Society (ADS) in London which became part of the newly reformed British Interplanetary Society (BIS). He was a member of the BIS for over 50 years and served on the Council for 30 of those years. He was an active participant of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). At the IAF held in London in 1951 he presented his famous paper "Minimum Satellite Vehicles" which he co-authored with Tony Kunesh and A. Dixon. Ken will be remembered for his contribution to space literature, the British Interplanetary Society and the International Astronautical Federation.