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[[image - recognition trophy containing text:
 NEW YORK AERO CLUB
 GLIDDEN TROPHY FOR 1921
 AWARDED TO
 Captain H. A. Bruno
 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COMMANDING THE CONVERTED NAVY
 AEROMACHINE HS2L FLYING BOAT WHICH MADE THE FIRST
 COMPLETE AERIAL CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE GREAT LAKES,
 ESTABLISHING A WORLD'S RECORD FOR DISTANCE IN A FLYING
 BOAT
 7491 MILES IN 102 FLYING HOURS
 SUMMER 1921]]
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[[caption]]
 A pleased commanding officer, Harry Bruno, right, sits in cockpit of historic aircraft that circumnavigated Great Lakes (33). With him, Aero, a gift from Chicago's mayor, who flew part of the trip, and Richard Greisinger, mechanic for the entire voyage. (34) Bruno, right, and public relations partner, Richard Blythe, left, gave the Bremen Flyers a New York Harbor boat ride, spring, 1928. Trio that made first Europe-North America airplane crossing in April, include from left, Capt. Hermann Koehl, Baron von Huenefeld, and Major James C. Fitzmaurice.
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 [[photo - Richard Greisinger and Harry Bruno with dog Aero sitting in plane on water]]

[[photo - Richard Blythe, Capt. Hermann Koehl, Baron von Huenefeld, Major James C. Fitzmaurice, Harry Bruno]]
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Harry Augustine Bruno
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 The pioneer publicist of aviation activities on the American continent first caught the sting of wind a decade before the inland seas flight, when he was building gliders in Montclair, N.J.
 Harry has always had a special rapport with his clients. When he was asked to represent Anthony H. G. Fokker and the introduction of Fokker aircraft in the United States, he took the planes up for his own performance tests! His clients, in fact, have represented a kind of circumnavigation of aviation history: Sherman M. Fairchild, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Charles A. Lindbergh's New York-Paris flight, the Bremen Flyers, Hugo Eckener's Graf Zeppelin and Hindenburg flights, Wiley Post and Harold Gatty's world flight, and the Ellsworth Antarctic expeditions.

[[image - propeller]]



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