

AERO CLUB OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

Committee.

IN accordance with the rules, the Committee shall consist of eighteen members. Members shall be elected to serve for two years. One-half of the Committee shall retire annually, but retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

The retiring members of the Committee are:—Griffith Brewer, F. H. Butler, Prof. A. K. Huntington, J. Lyons Sampson, Stanley Spooner, C. F. Pollock, Capt. Hon. Claud Brabazon, Capt. A. H. W. Grubb, and John Dunville.

Capt. Hon. Claud Brabazon is now stationed abroad, and does not offer himself for re-election.

Any two members of the Club can nominate a member to serve on the Committee, having previously obtained such member's consent. The name of such member so nominated, with the names of his proposer and seconder, must be sent to the Secretary, in writing, on or before Saturday, 27th February, 1909.

Aero Exhibition at Olympia.

The Aero Exhibition at Olympia, held by the Society of Motor Manufacturers under the auspices of the Aero Club of the United Kingdom, will take place in March, opening on the 19th and terminating on the 27th. Members of the Aero Club will be admitted free on production of their Aero Club membership cards. A room will be placed at the disposal of the members during the Exhibition.

Free space will be granted to non-trade members of the Aero Club and the Aero Club League for exhibiting their machines, and applications should be made as early as possible to the Secretary of the Aero Club, 166, Piccadilly, London, W.

Model Flying Machines at Olympia.

It is proposed to organise an exhibit of model flying machines at Olympia in connection with the Aero Exhibition in March. Those desirous of exhibiting are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Aero Club, 166, Piccadilly, London, W., as soon as possible. Money prizes will be given, and particulars will be announced shortly. Free space will be given to exhibitors.

Gordon-Bennett Aviation Cup.

Mr. James Gordon-Bennett has presented to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale:—

(a) An International Challenge Cup of the value of £500 to be competed for by the clubs affiliated to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

(b) Three prizes of £1,000 each, to be awarded to the winners of the first three contests.

The following special conditions apply to the contest for the present year:

The contest will be held over a circular course of 5 to 10 kiloms. circumference, the total distance to be accomplished by each competitor not to be less than 20 kiloms.

Open to aeroplanes of every type.

Every club affiliated to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale has the right of challenging. Entries must be made *before March 1st in each year.*

Each affiliated Club is entitled to enter a maximum of three competitors. The race will take place between

May 1st and November 15th in each year, and the exact date to be announced on or before April 1st.

The contest this year will be held in Paris under the auspices of the Aero Club de France.

In order to comply with the rules, it is necessary, if the Aero Club of the United Kingdom desires to contest the Cup, that the challenge should be sent in before March 1st, 1909.

The Committee of the Aero Club of the United Kingdom will select the three competitors to represent the Club, and intending candidates are requested to notify the Secretary on or before February 27th, 1909, of their willingness to compete if chosen. Applications must be accompanied by a cheque for £20, the entry fee, which amount will be returned should the competitor not be selected.

Candidates must be members of the Aero Club of the United Kingdom.

The full rules governing the contest can be obtained from the Secretary of the Aero Club of the United Kingdom.

International Balloon Race, Berlin, May 20th, 1909.

An International Balloon Race, organised by the German Aero Club, will take place from Berlin on Thursday, May 20th, 1909. Entries close on April 1st, 1909. Full particulars and rules can be obtained from the Secretary of the Aero Club of the United Kingdom.

New Members.

The following new members have been elected to the Aero Club:—

Col. Bosworth.	Major F. Lindsay Lloyd.
David R. Cameron.	Lieut. A. De R. Martin.
Robert E. Campbell.	William Parker.
Earl of Carnarvon.	Alban J. Roberts.
A. Arthur Dale.	Fred Scully.
J. H. Deakin.	J. Stenbury.
J. K. Frost.	Thomas J. Taylor.
Claude Grahame-White.	Edward Wahab.
Hon. A. E. Guinness.	Lionel Webber.
Francis J. Healey.	N. F. Wells.
David H. Kyd.	Robert St. John Willans.

Aero Club Challenge Cup.

The Committee of the Aero Club have awarded the Northcliffe Cup to Mr. John Dunville, he having won the Cup for two consecutive years.

Mr. John Dunville has presented to the Club a Challenge Cup for long-distance ballooning, the rules of which will be issued shortly.

HAROLD E. PERRIN,

Secretary.

The Aero Club of the United Kingdom,
166, Piccadilly, W.

Salisbury Plain and other Military Grounds as Aerodromes.

THE War Office has notified the Aero Club of the United Kingdom that it is prepared to grant the Club facilities for the use of War Department land for flight trials, provided that there is no interference with military training.