

The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Committee Meeting.

A MEETING of the Committee was held on Tuesday, March 13th, 1913, when there were present: Sir Charles D. Rose, Bart., M.P., in the Chair, Mr. Griffith Brewer, Mr. F. K. McClean, Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, Mr. Alec Ogilvie, Mr. Mervyn O'Gorman, Mr. C. F. Pollock, Mr. A. Mortimer Singer, Mr. R. W. Wallace, K.C., and the Secretary.

New Members.—The following new members were elected:—Henri Coanda, Lieut. C. L. Courtney, R.N., 2nd Lieut. J. Crawford-Kehrmann, R.B., B.Sc. (hons.), 2nd Lieut. Roger Marshall, C. Le de Spencer Wynne Roberts, A. E. Stone, G. L. Temple, Capt. G. W. Vivian, R.N., and H. J. Whitcomb.

Aviators' Certificates.—The following Aviators' Certificates were granted:—

- 438. Sergt. William George Stafford (Maurice Farman Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).
- 439. Sergt. Edward J. Street (Maurice Farman Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).
- 440. Lieut. Llewelyn C. Hordern (Lancashire Fusiliers) (Deperdussin Monoplane, Deperdussin School, Hendon).
- 441. 2nd Lieut. Charles G. G. Bayly, R.E. (Caudron Biplane, Ewen School, Hendon).
- 442. Eardley H. Lawford (Caudron Biplane, Ewen School, Hendon).
- 443. Sergt. H. R. Vagg (Short Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).

Letter from the Aero Club de France, requesting the Club to give its sanction to the issuing of an aviator's certificate to Lieut. F. L. M. Boothby, R.N., was read, and the necessary permission granted.

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., and a full report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Committee Ballot.

The result of the Ballot for the nine vacancies on the Committee was as follows:—

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| Griffith Brewer. | Prof. A. K. Huntington. |
| Ernest C. Bucknall. | F. K. McClean. |
| John D. Dunville. | Alec Ogilvie. |
| Col. H. C. L. Holden, C.B., | Mervyn O'Gorman. |
| F.R.S. | C. F. Pollock. |

"The Britannia Trophy."

Mr. H. Barber has presented to the Club for competition a Trophy to be known as "The Britannia Trophy."

The rules for the Competition have been referred to the Competitions' Committee and will be issued shortly.

The British Empire Michelin Cup No. 1.

(Under the Competition Rules of the Royal Aero Club.)

The Michelin Tyre Company has presented to the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, for competition by British aviators, a trophy of the total value of £500.

Annually, for five years, a replica of this trophy, together with a sum of £500 in cash, will be given to the successful competitor. This trophy will be competed for under the following conditions:—

CONDITIONS.

1. The winner for the year 1913 shall be the competitor who shall have accomplished the longest distance on an aeroplane in

flight round the course, Brooklands, Hendon, Farnborough, on any one of the following dates:—

Saturday	... April 5th	Saturday	... July 5th
Thursday	... " 17th	Thursday	... " 17th
Saturday	... May 3rd	Saturday	... August 2nd
Thursday	... " 15th	Thursday	... " 14th
Saturday	... June 7th	Saturday	... September 6th
Thursday	... " 19th	Thursday	... " 18th

If, in the opinion of the Club, bad weather has prevented the competition being held on any of the above fixed dates, the Club may add other dates instead.

2. Flights may be between 7 a.m. and one hour after sunset.
3. No replenishments of oil, fuel, etc., will be permitted.
4. No repairs may be carried out after a start has been made.
5. Competitors shall make periodical compulsory stops of not less than five minutes, with engine stopped, on completing an entire circuit of the course plus one section, e.g., starting from Brooklands the competitor would pass Hendon, Farnborough, Brooklands, and alight at Hendon. His next flight would be from Hendon, passing Farnborough, Brooklands, Hendon and alighting at Farnborough, and so on.
6. Landing at any point other than a proper landing place terminates a flight, and the competitor will then be credited with the mileage of the sections which he has completed, in conformity with the regulations.
7. A minimum distance of 300 miles must be accomplished.
8. Starts may be made from any of the three points of the course.
9. The entrant, who must be the person operating the machine, must be a British subject, flying on a British-made aeroplane, must hold an Aviator's Certificate, and must be duly entered on the Competitors' Register of the Royal Aero Club.
10. The complete machine, and all its parts, must have been entirely constructed within the confines of the British Empire, but this provision shall not be held to apply to raw material.
11. An entrance fee of £1 must accompany every notification of an attempt, and at least three clear days' notice must be given to the Secretary, Royal Aero Club, 166, Piccadilly, London, W. A competitor must further deposit a sum of £10 on account of expenses, if any, of officials. Any balance not so expended will be returned to the competitor.
12. Should any questions arise at any time after the date of entry as to whether a competitor has properly filled the above conditions, or should any other question arise in relation to them, the decision of the Royal Aero Club shall be final and without appeal.
13. A competitor by entering waives any right of action against the Royal Aero Club or the Michelin Tyre Co. for any damages sustained by him in consequence of any act or omission on the part of the officials of the Royal Aero Club or the Michelin Tyre Co., or their representatives or servants, or any fellow competitor.
14. The aeroplane shall at all times be at the risk in all respects of the competitor, who shall be deemed by entry to agree to waive all claim for injury either to himself or his aeroplane, or his employees or workmen, and to assume all liability for damage to third parties or their property, and to indemnify the Royal Aero Club and the Michelin Tyre Co. in respect thereof.
15. The Royal Aero Club reserves to itself the right to add to, amend, or omit any of these rules should it think fit.

26th March, 1913.

166, Piccadilly.

HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

THE following appointment was announced in the *London Gazette* of the 18th inst.:—

R.F.C.—Military Wing.—Second Lieutenant Thomas O'B. Hubbard, Special Reserve, to be a Flying Officer. Dated March 4th, 1913.

The following appointment was announced in the *London Gazette* of the 25th inst.:—

R.F.C.—Military Wing.—Special Reserve of Officers.—Evelyn Walter Copland Perry to be Second Lieutenant (on probation). Dated March 26th, 1913.

The Aeroplage Races at Berck.

THE series of races for aeroplages (land yachts), arranged on the sands at Berck for the 20th and 21st inst., resulted in a sweeping victory for B. Dumont, on a machine of his own design, while his brother was second in two of the events. On the first day the strong wind necessitated the course being cut down from 10 to 5 kiloms., and Dumont's time was 16 mins. 30 secs., while his brother was 5 secs. slower. In the ladies' race Madame Dacher, on a Prin, was first, and Mdlle. Belhomme, on a similar machine second. The next day there were two events, a flying kilom., for which Dumont's time was 2 mins. 5 secs., and a race from Berck to Merlimont and back (14 kiloms.). Dumont's time was 53 mins. 45 secs.