

AERO CLUB OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

Fixtures for 1909.

May 22	...	International Balloon Race, Hurlingham Club.
June 23	...	Balloon Race, Hurlingham Club.
July 10	...	Balloon Race, Hurlingham Club.
July 17	...	Balloon Race, Hurlingham Club.
August 28	...	Gordon-Bennett Aviation Cup, Rheims.
October 10	...	Gordon-Bennett Balloon Race, Zurich.

Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 166, Piccadilly, W., when there were present: Mr. Roger W. Wallace, K.C., in the chair, Mr. Griffith Brewer, Mr. Ernest C. Bucknall, Mr. Martin Dale, Mr. John Dunville, Mr. F. K. McClean, Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, Mr. C. F. Pollock, Hon. C. S. Rolls, Mr. Stanley Spooner, H. E. Perrin (Secretary).

New Members.—The following new Members were elected :—

William St. Vincent Bucknall.	Miss Anna McClean.
Capt. Bagot Chester.	James L. Travers.
Lieut. J. T. Cull, R.N.	Reginald J. Wallis-Jones.
Mrs. John Dunville.	Mrs. Cora Chase Whitney.
Capt. Francis Hausburg.	John V. Worthington.
Lieut. B. V. Layard, R.N.	

International Balloon Race, Hurlingham.

The International Balloon Race will take place at Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W., to-day, Saturday, May 22nd, 1909, at 3.30 p.m.

Members of the Aero Club will be admitted to the Hurlingham Club free on presentation of their Aero Club Membership Cards.

Members of the Aero Club can obtain special tickets for the admission of their friends, who are not members of the Aero Club, to Hurlingham, from the Secretary of the Aero Club, price 10s. each.

The following is the order of starting :—

1. Capt. A. H. W. Grubb,	Venus	...	England
	D.S.O., R.E.		
2. Dr. F. Linke	...	Ziegler	Frankfort, Germany
3. C. F. Pollock	...	Valkyrie	England
4. Hon. C. S. Rolls	...	Mercury	"
5. Griffith Brewer	...	Vivienne	"
6. F. K. McClean	...	Corona	"
7. Direktor Neumann	...	Tillie	Frankfort, Germany
8. Major Sir A. Bannerman,	Satellite	...	England
	Bart., R.E.		
9. Ernest C. Bucknall	...	Enchantress	"
10. Philip Gardner	...	Kismet	"
11. H. Demoor	...	Belgica	Belgium
12. John Dunville	...	Banshee	England
13. Dr. Hütz	...	Moenus	Frankfort, Germany
14. V. Ker-Seymer	...	La Mascotte	England

The new balloon acquired by the Aero Club will follow the race, in charge of Major Baden-Powell.

Flying Ground at Shellbeach.

Railway Arrangements.

The South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Co. have agreed to allow members of the Aero Club and Aero Club League visiting the flying ground at Shellbeach reduced fares, as under :

1st Class Return	2nd Class Return	3rd Class Return
8s.	6s. 6d.	5s.

These tickets will be available for one month from date of issue.

Members desiring to avail themselves of these reduced fares are required to produce vouchers at the booking

offices. Vouchers can be obtained from the Secretary of the Aero Club.

Trains leave Victoria, Holborn, or St. Paul's.

For the convenience of members, the best train is the 9.45 a.m. from Victoria, arriving at Queenborough 10.55. At Queenborough change to the Sheppey Light Railway for Leysdown (Shellbeach), which is $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile from the flying ground.

Members of the Aero Club and Aero Club League visiting Shellbeach are requested to have with them their membership cards, as strict instructions have been given to admit only members to the flying ground.

Gordon-Bennett Aviation Cup.

The Competition for the Gordon-Bennett Aviation Cup will take place at Rheims on August 29th next, and the Aero Club have already sent in three entries.

The Committee of the Aero Club will select three competitors to represent this club, and intending candidates are requested to notify the Secretary on or before the 31st May 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 candidate not be selected. Up to the present four members have entered.

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

Frankfort Exhibition.

It is proposed to organise an English day for balloon competitions in connection with the Frankfort Exhibition, and the date suggested is between September 3rd and 7th next.

The Exhibition authorities will provide free gas, and two or three balloons will be placed at the disposal of the English competitors. Three cups of the total value of £100 will be offered as prizes. Members of the Aero Club wishing to take part should communicate with the Secretary.

Travel Exhibition.

Members of the Aero Club and the Aero Club League wishing to exhibit model flying machines in connection with the Aero Club exhibit at the Travel Exhibition in July next are requested to notify the Secretary of the Aero Club as soon as possible. *Space and stands will be provided free of charge.*

HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.

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Lecture at Regent Street Polytechnic.

ON Tuesday next, at 8 p.m., Capt. W. G. Windham will deliver a lecture on Flight, illustrated by cinematograph and other lantern illustrations, at the Regent Street Polytechnic. The chair will be taken by Major Baden-Powell, and tickets can be obtained from the Secretary of the Polytechnic.

Gordon-Bennett Aviation Cup.

THE closing date for entries for the French Eliminating Trials for the Gordon-Bennett Aviation Cup has now been postponed to July 22nd, the same day as that on which entries for the other events of the Champagne week close.