

# AERO CLUB OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

### Fixtures for 1909.

September 5-20 Brescia Aviation Meeting.  
 September 25... International Aeronautical Exhibition, Paris.  
 October 3 ... Gordon-Bennett Balloon Race, Zurich.

### Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when there were present: Mr. Roger W. Wallace, K.C., in the chair, Mr. Martin Dale, Prof. A. K. Huntington, Mr. V. Ker-Seymer, Mr. F. K. McClean, Mr. C. F. Pollock, Hon. C. S. Rolls, Mr. J. Lyons Sampson, Mr. Stanley Spooner, Harold E. Perrin, Secretary.

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

T. H. D. Berridge, M.P.	Hardman Arthur Earle.
W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.	Kenelm Edgcumbe.
Sir John A. Dewar, Bart., M.P.	Henry Farman.
The Hon. Ivor Guest, M.P.	H. Hoyne Fox.
Sir William H. Holland, Bart., M.P.	Ernest Fraser.
Sir Francis Layland-Barratt, Bart., M.P.	William MacGregor Fraser.
W. H. Lever, M.P.	Frank J. Grace.
Alfred Mond, M.P.	Ch. Houry.
Col. J. E. B. Seely, D.S.O., M.P.	Miss L. M. N. Mackintosh.
Lieut. J. F. Ford Anderson, R.N.	Sir James W. Malcolm, Bart.
Lieut. W. D. Beatty, R.E.	Arthur E. Nathan.
A. Leslie Bucknall.	Arthur Peat.
Jacinto Zenon Caminos.	Rev. Charles Proegers.
Wilfred Chapman.	W. Rendle.
D. K. de Simone.	Maurice Silverston.
	Herbert S. Stoneham.
	Alfred John Barton Tapling.
	Courtauld Thomson.
	A. P. Wright.

### Bleriot's Cross-Channel Propeller.

Mr. V. Ker-Seymer has presented to the Aero Club one blade of the propeller which M. Bleriot used in his cross-Channel flight. The propeller, which was broken in the descent, was picked up by Mr. Ker-Seymer on the Northfall Meadow, and taken with M. Bleriot's consent.

### Gordon-Bennett Balloon Race.

Members wishing to attend at Zurich on the occasion of the Gordon-Bennett Balloon Race on October 3rd, are requested to communicate with the Secretary, the Aero Club.

Providing a sufficient number make the journey, special arrangements will be made with the railway companies.

### Aeroplane Flights at Boulogne.

In connection with the aeroplane flights at Boulogne, the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Co. announces that week-end tickets are available from Friday to

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### Paris Aero Show.

SATURDAY, the 25th inst., has been fixed upon for the formal opening of the Paris Aero Show, when the inaugural ceremony will be performed by President Fallières. The Exhibition will remain open until October 17th. Among the machines on view will be those of Voisin, Farman, Bleriot, Latham, Tissandier, and Breguet. There will also be a large number of aviation motors, including E.N.V., De Dion, Fiat, Esnault-Pelterie, Duthiel-Chalmers, Farcot, Clement, and others, while prominent in the accessory section will be the fabrics of the Continental and Hutchinson makes.

Tuesday, on any service, first-class, 30s.; second-class, 25s.; and third-class, 17s. 10d.

Special excursions run on Sundays and Mondays at 10 a.m. from Charing Cross, fares, first-class, 18s. 6d.; second-class, 14s.; and third-class, 12s. 6d.

### Flying Grounds at Shellbeach.

**Club House.**—The Committee of the Aero Club are proposing to take over Muscle Manor for a Club House on the flying ground. In order that this may be effected, and in view of the very large expenditure which has already been made at Shellbeach, the Committee appeal to the Members for special subscriptions for this purpose. The Golf Course will be taken over for the use of Members, together with the shooting rights extending over 1,000 acres.

The following sums have already been promised:—

Frederic Coleman, £10; Frank McClean, £10; Hon. Maurice Egerton, £10; H. Massac Buist, £2 2s.; J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, £5 5s.; A. E. George, £4 4s.; C. R. Park, £1 1s.

**Telephone.**—The telephone has now been installed. Members wishing to telephone there are requested to ask for Shellbeach, Minster, Sheppey, no number being required. The telephone is installed in the Club House, and also to the sheds on the grounds.

**Erection of Sheds.**—Members wishing to erect sheds at Shellbeach are requested to apply to the Secretary, who will supply all information.

Members visiting the flying ground are requested to have with them their membership cards, as strict instructions have been given to admit only Members to the flying ground.

**Railway Arrangements.**—The following reduced fares have been arranged with the railway company for members visiting Shellbeach:—

1st Class return, 8s.; 2nd Class return, 6s. 6d.; 3rd Class return, 5s.

Tickets 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.

HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.

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### Dual Ignition for Efficiency.

THE Germans in their Zeppelin airships safeguard the vital functions of the electric ignition details by adopting what is known as the dual system, produced in Germany.

The Electric Ignition Company, of Sparkbrook, Birmingham, have recently invented and are now producing an improved form of double ignition for this purpose, so that should one ignition fail, the other can be switched into action instantly. The new system is also intended for motor cars, and practically does away with the turning of the handle to start up the engine.