

AERO CLUB OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

Committee Meeting.

A MEETING of the Committee was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present: Mr. Roger W. Wallace, K.C., in the chair, Mr. Ernest C. Bucknall, Col. J. E. Capper, C.B., R.E., Mr. Martin Dale, Mr. John Dunville, Capt. A. H. W. Grubb, D.S.O., R.E., The Earl of Hardwicke, Professor A. K. Huntington, 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:—

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| B. H. Balassanian. | F. A. Keating. |
| Hon. Mrs. Biddulph. | Mrs. Gerard Leigh. |
| Cedric Boustead. | Alexander Leith. |
| Maj. F. E. Bradshaw. | Capt. Charles Edward Lembcke. |
| Dr. Robert Tennant Bruce. | G. Michael Lembcke. |
| Mrs. E. Chapman. | C. Lorenzen. |
| Arthur C. Churchman. | George Herbert Mair. |
| Reginald Corbet. | E. E. Moreau. |
| W. Frank D'Arcy. | E. T. Ruthven Murray. |
| John D. Denham-Smith. | Fearnley Wells Owen. |
| Dr. J. Cunningham Duncanson. | Miss Beatrice Rennie. |
| Frank Eustace Faithfull. | Miss Gertrude Rennie. |
| Frank Fisher. | Campbell Swinton. |
| Capt. A. F. Fletcher. | H. C. Thiselton. |
| George C. Garrick. | Charles C. Turner. |
| Hugh S. Greg. | F. P. Walker. |
| C. G. Grunhold. | Charles William Wallace. |
| Philipp Horvath. | Capt. Walter N. Wells. |
| Edward Hutchinson. | C. M. Wheatley. |

£1,000 "Daily Mail" Prize.

The Committee of the Aero Club, at their meeting on Tuesday last, unanimously decided that the conditions of the above prize had been fulfilled by Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon by his circular mile flight at Shellbeach, on Saturday, October 30th. As soon as the necessary formal certificates regarding the entire British manufacture of the machine and engine are received, the Committee will notify the proprietors of the *Daily Mail* of their adjudication.

Aero Club Prizes for Short Flights.

The Hon. C. S. Rolls made a flight of over 250 yards at the Shellbeach Flying Grounds on October 22nd, 1909, thereby gaining the first of the £25 prizes offered by the Aero Club of the United Kingdom for this achievement.

This still leaves three prizes of a similar value under the same conditions to be won by other aviators at the Aero Club Flying Grounds. The Aero Club also offer three prizes of £50 each to the first three competitors who shall succeed in flying one mile in a closed circuit at the grounds at Shellbeach. The rules governing these flights are set out fully in the Year-Book already issued.

Salomons Cup.

The Aero Club has awarded the 100 guineas Salomons Cup to the Hon. C. S. Rolls for his circular flight at the Shellbeach Flying Grounds on Monday last.



PROGRESS OF FLIGHT ABOUT THE COUNTRY.

(NOTE.—Addresses, temporary or permanent, follow in each case the names of the clubs, where communications of our readers can be addressed direct to the Secretary.)

Blackpool Aero Club (56, COOKSON STREET).

ON Wednesday evening, 24th inst., in the Hotel Metropole, at 7.30, Mr. A. T. Houghton has consented to read a Paper on "The Theory of Flight," and the Honorary Secretary will give a demonstration in model-making, after which there will be a general discussion. All members are invited to attend, and if a member possesses any models or parts of models that would interest other members, would they bring them for exhibition?

It is also proposed to hold a Model Flying Competition early in the New Year, which will take place in one of the large ballrooms in Blackpool. Several books have been added to the library and are now available for the use of members.

The following gentlemen have been elected on the committee of the club:—Dr. Hugh McManus, Mr. W. Holmes, Mr. W. Balshaw.

Liverpool Aeronautical Society.

A MODEL demonstration was held at Woolton on Saturday last, and, although only seven members took part, it provided some very interesting results. Mr. H. Lodge secured the first prize with his Finbat monoplane in the three competitions for speed, distance, and

The cup was presented to the Aero Club by Sir David Salomons, Bart., for a half mile flight out and home on a machine "heavier-than-air."

Mortimer Singer Plate.

The Aero Club has awarded the "Mortimer Singer Plate" to the Hon. Mrs. Assheton Harbord, who made a journey of 78 miles in a balloon on September 11th last. The Plate was presented by Mr. A. Mortimer Singer for the longest balloon trip during the months of July, August and September.

Gold Medal to Hubert Latham.

The gold medal of the Aero Club, in recognition of his recent flight in a 40-mile wind at Blackpool, was presented to Hubert Latham at an informal luncheon at the Royal Automobile Club on Wednesday last, the 3rd inst. Mr. Roger W. Wallace, Chairman of the Aero Club, made the presentation, and Mr. Latham, in a brief speech, expressed his gratification at the honour paid to M. Levavasseur, as the designer of the machine, and to himself.

Shellbeach Flying Ground.

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.

Members are also reminded that access to the aeroplane sheds can only be obtained with the written consent of the owners of the flying machines.

Telephone.—The telephone has now been installed. Members wishing to telephone there are requested to ask for 5B Minster-on-Sea, Isle of Sheppey. 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.

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 3/4-mile from the flying ground.

HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.

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stability, while Mr. Matthews was second in all three. In the speed contest Mr. H. Lodge's machine flew 306 ft. in 13 secs., while Mr. Matthews' model flew 76 ft. in 6 secs., while in the distance competition Mr. Lodge won with 286 ft. and Mr. Matthews was second with 36 ft.

Midland Aero Club (THE BUNGALOW, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM)

ON the 29th ult. the first social meeting and exhibition of models was held at the Grand Hotel. A large number of members and their friends were welcomed by Captain Cooke, Chairman of the Club, and he explained to the meeting the aims and objects of the Club. Sir Richard Paget said that Dunstall Park Racecourse would be placed at the disposal of the Club when race meetings were not going on, and he also suggested that Dunstall Hall would make a valuable residential club for prospective flyers who wished to stay near the ground.

The subsequent entertainment included humorous sketches by Mr. Willis Crisford, cinematograph pictures illustrating M. Bleriot's cross-Channel flight and flying at Blackpool, and the testing of model aeroplanes. The models shown by members of the Club and