

The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Committee Meeting.

A MEETING of the Committee was held on Tuesday, the 29th October, 1912, when there were present:—Mr. R. W. Wallace, K.C., in the Chair, Mr. Griffith Brewer, Mr. G. B. Cockburn, Capt. Bertram Dickson, R.F.A., Capt. J. D. B. Fulton, R.F.A., Mr. F. K. McClean, Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, Mr. Alec Ogilvie, Mr. C. F. Pollock, Com. C. R. Samson, R.N., Mr. A. Mortimer Singer, and the Secretary.

New Members.—The following new members were elected:—Lieut. J. A. Cunningham, R.F.A., John H. W. Davies, Mrs. Finlay, H. R. Fleming, Louis Pierron, Lieut. A. M. Read, and H. W. Styles. Total membership to date 1,457.

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

346. Capt. J. H. Gibbon, R.F.A. (Bristol biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
 347. Lieut. G. A. Parker (3rd Battalion Gloucestershire Regt.), (Bristol biplane, Bristol School, Salisbury Plain).
 348. Capt. James Lancaster Lucena, R.F.R.A. (Bristol biplane, Bristol School, Salisbury Plain).
 349. Cyril Edgar Foggin, (Blériot monoplane, Eastbourne Aviation School, Eastbourne).
 350. Emile Louis Gassler (Blériot monoplane, Eastbourne Aviation School, Eastbourne).
- Subject to the sanction of the Aero Club of Switzerland.
351. Capt. Frederick St. George Tucker (The Worcestershire Regt.) (Deperdussin monoplane, Deperdussin School, Hendon).
 352. Capt. Robert Pigot (Rifle Brigade) (Bristol biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
 353. Tom Grave (Bristol biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
 354. Capt. John Crosby Halahan (late Royal Dublin Fusiliers) (Grahame-White biplane, Grahame-White School, Hendon).
 355. Denys Charles Ware (Deperdussin monoplane, Deperdussin School, Hendon).

The following notice was directed to be issued to all aviators.

The Royal Aero Club, being the sole authority under the provisions of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale for regulating all matters relating to aeronautics and aviation in the British Empire, hereby issues the following notices and regulations to aviators of all nationalities within its jurisdiction.

1. Flying, to the danger of the public is hereby prohibited. This shall be taken to include:

- (a) Unnecessary flights over towns or thickly populated areas or over places where crowds are temporarily assembled.
- (b) Flying over River Regattas, Race Meetings, Meetings for public games, and sports, except flights specifically arranged for in writing with the promoters of such Regattas, Meetings, &c.

2. Any disregard of the above notices and regulations will render the aviator liable to censure, suspension of certificate and removal from the Competitors' Register.

International Aero Exhibition, Olympia.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has decided to organise an International Aero Exhibition at Olympia, under the auspices of the Royal Aero Club, in February, 1913.

In connection with the Exhibition, it is proposed to organise a section for model flying machines, and the Royal Aero Club has decided to offer prizes amounting to £50.

Models may be exhibited in the following classes:—

1. Power driven models (excluding rubber and spring motors). First Prize, £10. Second Prize, £3.

2. Models driven by any other motive power.

(a) Rising from the ground. Minimum weight, 8 ozs. First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £2. Third Prize, £1.

(b) Launching by hand. Minimum weight, 4 ozs. First Prize, £2.

3. Hydro-Aeroplane models. Minimum weight, 8 oz. First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £2. A tank will be provided at the Exhibition, in which the models will float during the Exhibition.

4. Scale models or part models, embodying new design applicable to full-sized machines. £10 will be awarded in this class at the discretion of the Judges.

5. Model aero motor (excluding rubber and spring motors). Prize, £10.

The model will be judged on a weight per horse-power basis, the ratio not to exceed 8 lbs. per h.p. The weight is to include all accessories with fuel for a minimum run of two minutes, to be taken on a bench test.

The Royal Aero Club will erect suitable stands and provide the necessary attendants. No charge will be made to Exhibitors for space, but an entry fee of 5s. per model will be payable.

Full particulars relating to the Model Section will be issued later. Intending exhibitors are requested to apply to the Secretary of the Royal Aero Club, 166, Piccadilly, W., or to the Secretary of the Kite and Model Aeroplane Association, 27, Victory Road, Wimbledon, S.W., who are assisting the Club in the Model Section.

Aerial Derby Appeal.

The appeal lodged by Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith against his disqualification in the Aerial Derby Race which was held in June last, will be considered by the Stewards of the Royal Aero Club on Tuesday next.

The Stewards of the Club are the Rt. Hon. Earl of Lonsdale, Sir Charles D. Rose, Bart., M.P., Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., Admiral of the Fleet the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Seymour, P.C., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., and Sir Charles S. Henry, Bart., M.P.

Gordon-Bennett Balloon Race.

The race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup started at Stuttgart on Sunday last, and Mr. J. de Francia, the representative of the Royal Aero Club, descended at Kronstadt, near the Roumanian Frontier, after a journey of 41 hrs.

The International Aero Exhibition, Paris.

In connection with the International Aero Exhibition which takes place in Paris, October 26th–November 10th, 1912, the South-Eastern Railway will issue week-end tickets on November 8th, available to return up to, and including, Tuesday following the date of issue by the short sea routes *via* Dover and Calais, and Folkestone and Boulogne. The week-end tickets are available on the above date by the 10 a.m. train from Charing Cross arriving Paris 5.20 p.m., the 2.20 p.m. reaching Paris at 11.25 p.m., and the 9 p.m. train arriving Paris 5.40 a.m. The return trains from Paris are the 8.25 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and the 9.20 p.m.

The Return Fares are: First Class, £2 18s. 4d.; Second Class, £1 17s. 6d.; and Third Class, £1 10s.

Membership of the Royal Aero Club.

The membership of the Royal Aero Club is being added to each week, and a large number of new members have been elected during the year. The Committee, however, hopes that all members will use their best influence in extending the membership. The subscription of those members elected between now and the end of the year will cover the period ending December 31st, 1913.

166, Piccadilly. HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

THE following appointment was announced in the *London Gazette* of October 26th:—

Establishments. Royal Flying Corps. Central Flying School.—Brevet Major Hugh M. Trenchard, D.S.O., the Royal Scots Fusiliers, to be an Instructor (graded Squadron Commander), *vice* Capt. E. B. Loraine, deceased, and to be seconded. Dated October 1st, 1912.

The following were announced in the *London Gazette* of October 30th:—

Special Reserve of Officers. Royal Flying Corps. Military Wing.—Second Lieutenant (on probation) Collins P. Pizey is confirmed in his rank. Lionel Seymour Metford to be Second Lieutenant (on probation). Dated October 30th, 1912.

Gliding at Bristol.

MR. JOSE WEISS visited Bristol on October 24th and gave an interesting lecture on gliding before the Bristol and West of England Aero Club.

The lecturer described a number of his bird-like models of which illustrations were thrown on the screen, and he explained with the aid of blackboard sketches how their wonderful automatic stability was obtained.

Particular interest was shown in the Keith-Weiss experimental "aviette," and at the close of the lecture Messrs. Keith and Weiss explained the wing flapping mechanism in detail.

Mr. Weiss has offered to assist the members in procuring a Weiss type glider to take the place of their biplane glider with which good work has been done but which is rather large for the purpose.