

# The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS

## Committee Meeting.

A MEETING of the Committee was held on Tuesday, July 29th, 1913, when there were present: Mr. Roger W. Wallace (in the Chair), Mr. Griffith Brewer, Col. J. E. Capper, C.B., R.E., Mr. G. B. Cockburn, Prof. A. K. Huntington, Mr. F. K. McClean, Mr. Mervyn O'Gorman, C.B., Mr. C. F. Pollock, Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith, and the Secretary.

**New Members.**—The following new members were elected:—H. W. S. Chilcott, T. W. F. Gann, Capt. H. H. Shott, Count S. C. Bescuccia Villafranca, and B. C. M. Western.

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

No.	Date.	Name and Details
558	July 3, 1913	William Sterling Roberts (Bristol Biplane, Eastbourne School, Eastbourne).
559	July 12, 1913	1st Class Air-Mechanic Charles Gallie (Maurice Farman Biplane, Central Flying School, Upavon).
560	July 14, 1913	Hans Rolshoven (Avro Tractor Biplane, Avro School, Shoreham). (Subject to permission of the Aero Club of Germany.)
561	July 16, 1913	Col. Nevill Maskelyne Smyth, V.C. (Deperdussin Monoplane, Deperdussin School, Hendon).
562	July 16, 1913	Lieut. Gordon Stuart Low, R.G.A. (Bristol Biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
563	July 16, 1913	Robin Grey (Bristol Biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
564	July 17, 1913	Edward Thomas Newton-Clare (Vickers Biplane, Vickers School, Brooklands).
565	July 19, 1913	Bernard H. E. Howard (Bristol Biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
566	July 19, 1913	Sub-Lieut. Ian Hew Waldegrave Stair Dalrymple-Clark, R.N.R. (Caudron Biplane, Ewen School, Hendon).
567	July 21, 1913	Lieut. Barry Fitzgerald Moore (Grahame-White Biplane, Grahame-White School, Hendon).
568	July 21, 1913	Robert Reginald Skene (Bristol Biplane, Bristol School, Brooklands).
569	July 21, 1913	Lieut. Arthur Cecil Herbert Adrian Eales, I.A. (Grahame-White Biplane, Grahame-White School, Hendon).
570	July 26, 1913	Capt. Bryan Charles Fairfax (Durham Light Infantry) (Vickers Biplane, Vickers School, Brooklands).

The following Aviator's Certificate was taken in France:—  
Archibald Ford.

**Public Safety and Accidents Investigation Committee.**—On the motion of Mr. G. B. Cockburn the report on the fatal accident to Major A. W. Hewetson was unanimously adopted. (Report will be found under these notices).

## Daily Mail £5,000 Prize: Circuit of Great Britain.

The Contest for the *Daily Mail* £5,000 Prize will start from Southampton, on Saturday, August 16th, 1913, at 6 a.m.

The Royal Motor Yacht Club has kindly arranged to extend Honorary Membership of its Club to all Members of the Royal Aero Club during the period covered by the Race. The Headquarters of the Royal Motor Yacht Club is the "Enchantress," which is moored in Southampton Water off Netley Hospital. It is proposed to start the race in close proximity to the "Enchantress."

The following competitors will take part:—

Mr. S. F. Cody	Mr. James Radley
Mr. F. K. McClean	Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith

**Officials at Southampton.**—The following officials have been appointed for Southampton:—Mr. F. P. Armstrong, Mr. G. B. Cockburn, Col. H. C. L. Holden, Mr. N. C. Neill, Mr. Alec Ogilvie.

**Marking Committee.**—The following officials have been appointed to carry out the marking of the competing aircraft:—Mr. G. B. Cockburn, Mr. N. C. Neill, and Mr. Alec Ogilvie.

The members of the Royal Motor Yacht Club have kindly promised to place several motor-boats at the disposal of the Club to keep the course clear in Southampton Water.

Assistance has been promised for Ramsgate by Mr. A. H. Ramsden-Tagore with his yacht "Mildred," and Mr. L. W. Thomas with his yacht "Vacuna." At Inverness, the Kessock Ferry Co., Ltd., are supplying a steam-launch, and at Kingstown, Dublin, Mr. Oliver Fry has promised a motor-boat.

The First Lord of the Admiralty has kindly placed the various Naval Air Stations round the coast at the disposal of the Club for this Contest. The Naval sheds at Calshot will be used by the Competitors at the starting place, and the other Naval sheds round the coast are available in case shelter is necessary. In addition, every assistance will be rendered to the competitors for repairs at the Naval Stations.

## Aerial Navigation Acts, 1911 and 1913. EXEMPTION.

The Secretary of State hereby grants the following Exemption from the Orders under the Aerial Navigation Acts, 1911 and 1913, made by him March 1st, 1913.

Seaplanes taking part in the *Daily Mail* Circuit of Great Britain Race, 1913, may, during the course of the race, pass within the following prohibited areas, subject to the conditions specified below:—

(1) *Spithead.*—On condition that, starting from Southampton Water, near Calshot or Hamble, they pass between the Calshot and Calshot Spit Lightships; that they fly thence in a direct line to Horse Sand Fort, passing within a distance of 400 yds. from that fort, and thence East-South-East into the English Channel; that on the return journey they pass South of St. Catherine's Point off the Isle of Wight, thence to the Nab Lightship, leaving it on the left hand, and thence to Horse Sand Fort, and so back to Southampton Water by the same course and under the same conditions as at the start; and that while in the Spithead prohibited area, no seaplane shall rise to a greater height than 300 ft. above sea level.

(2) *Dover Castle and Archcliffe Fort.*—On condition that no competitor shall pass nearer the shore than a distance of 800 yards seaward from the end of the Admiralty Pier, nor at a height exceeding 300 feet.

(3) *Newhaven, Lydd, and Montrose.*—These areas shall not be prohibited to persons competing in the race.

(4) *All other prohibited areas in the line of flight.*—On condition that no competitor flies within 800 yards of the land or at a greater height than 300 feet above sea level while passing through the prohibited area.

(5) No departure from these conditions shall be permitted except in case of emergency.

EDWARD TROUP, Under Secretary of State.

Home Office, July 23rd, 1913.

## Hydro-Aeroplane Race at Cowes.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON has kindly presented to the Royal Aero Club a trophy of the value of one hundred guineas to be raced for at Cowes, on the Wednesday of Cowes week, viz. :—August 6th, 1913. The Royal Yacht Squadron, who have been communicated with on the matter, have suggested that the race should start after 4 p.m., by which time the Yacht Racing for the day would probably be over, thus allowing a large number of spectators to view the race.

The race will be open to Hydro-aeroplanes, and will be over a course of about 60 miles in the vicinity of Cowes.

The race will be flown on handicap, and entries must be sent to the Royal Aero Club on or before Saturday, August 2nd, 1913, accompanied by an Entrance Fee of one guinea.

Mr. C. Grahame-White has entered and will pilot a Morane-Saulnier Hydro-aeroplane.

## World's Altitude Record.

On Sunday last, July 27th, at Brooklands, H. G. Hawker on a Sopwith Tractor Biplane fitted with an 80 h.p. Gnome, accomplished a world's altitude record for a pilot and three passengers. The height recorded was 8,400 ft. (about 2,560 metres). The previous record stood at 1,680 metres by Marty. The Royal Aero Club has sent the figures over to the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale for acceptance as a World's Altitude Record.

## British Altitude Records.

The report of the National Physical Laboratory on the barograph used by H. G. Hawker on a Sopwith biplane at Brooklands, on June 16th, 1913, has now been received and the following British Altitude Records have been granted:—

Pilot and one passenger 12,900 ft. H. G. Hawker.

Pilot and two passengers 10,600 ft. H. G. Hawker.

The previous British Altitude Records were:—

Pilot and one passenger 10,560 ft. Lieut. G. de Havilland.

Pilot and two passengers 8,400 ft. Maj. E. L. Gerrard, R.M.L.I.

## Accidents Investigation Committee.

Mr. W. E. de B. Whittaker has been appointed an official representative of the Club at Hendon for the investigation of Accidents.

166, Piccadilly, W. HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.