

# The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS

## Gordon-Bennett Aviation Race.

THE Gordon-Bennett Aviation Race takes place at Rheims on Monday, the 29th inst. Members desiring to attend are recommended to take ordinary return tickets, which are available for 30 days, £4 17s., First Class, and £3 10s., Second Class. The train service is:—

Victoria ... dep. 11 a.m.	Charing Cross dep. 2.5 p.m.
Rheims ... arr. 8.12 p.m.	Rheims ... arr. 10.13 p.m.
(Via Calais.)	(Via Boulogne.)

Several countries will be represented in the Race, and there is a possibility of Mr. Gustav Hamel taking part as the representative of Great Britain.

There is every possibility that the speeds which will be accomplished in this Race will surpass anything yet recorded, as some of the French aeroplanes have already exceeded 200 kilometres per hour.

Several Members of the Club will be going over, including Mr. H. DelaCombe, Mr. C. Grahame-White, Mr. Frank K. McClean, Mr. J. H. Nicholson, Mr. G. Holt Thomas, and Mr. H. E. Perrin (Secretary).

## Paris-London Race.

The regulations for this Race will be discussed at a joint meeting of representatives of the Aero-Club de France and the Royal Aero Club at Rheims, on Saturday, the 27th inst. The representatives of the Royal Aero Club attending the meeting will be Mr. Frank McClean and Mr. H. E. Perrin (Secretary).

## Kent Automobile Club at Eastchurch.

On Saturday last the Members of the Kent Automobile Club, numbering about 170, visited the Flying Grounds of the Royal Aero Club at Eastchurch. The various aeroplanes were inspected and the visitors were also shown round the works of Messrs. Short Bros. During the afternoon exhibition flights were given by the Naval Officers, and a large number of passengers were taken up by Com. C. R. Samson, R.N., and Mr. Frank K. McClean. The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea by the Royal Aero Club.

## Duration Records at Hendon.

On Monday last, the Grahame-White biplane, fitted with a 120 h.p. Austrian Daimler, piloted by Mr. Louis Noel, and carrying seven passengers, made a flight of 17 mins. 25½ secs., at the London Aerodrome, Hendon. The total weight of the pilot and seven passengers exceeded 81 stone. The flight was officially observed by the Secretary of the Royal Aero Club, whose report will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

## Michelin Competitions.

Intending competitors are again reminded that the Michelin Competitions close in October. The Regulations for the £500 prize have been slightly amended and are included in these notices. The closing date is October 31st, 1913. The closing date for the £800 Prize is October 15th, 1913.

## The British Empire Michelin Cup No. 1.

(Under the Competition Rules of the Royal Aero Club.)

The Michelin Tyre Company has presented to the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, for competition by British aviators, a trophy of the total value of £500.

Annually, for five years, a replica of this trophy, together with a sum of £500 in cash, will be given to the successful competitor. This trophy will be competed for under the following conditions:—

### CONDITIONS.

1. The winner for the year 1913 shall be the competitor who shall have accomplished the longest distance on an aeroplane in flight round the course, Brooklands and Hendon, on any day up to October 31st, 1913.
2. Flights shall be made between 7 a.m. and one hour after sunset.
3. No replenishments of oil, fuel, etc., will be permitted.
4. No repairs may be carried out after a start has been made.
5. Competitors shall make periodical compulsory stops of not less than five minutes, with engine stopped, on completing an entire circuit of the course plus one section, e.g., starting from Brooklands the competitor would pass Hendon, Brooklands, and alight at Hendon. His next flight would be from Hendon, passing Brooklands, Hendon and alighting at Brooklands, and so on.
6. Landing at any point other than a proper landing place terminates a flight, and the competitor will then be credited with the mileage of the sections which he has completed, in conformity with the regulations.
7. A minimum distance of 300 miles must be accomplished.
8. Starts may be made from any of the two points of the course.
9. The entrant, who must be the person operating the machine, must be a British subject, flying on a British-made aeroplane, must hold an Aviator's Certificate, and must be duly entered on the Competitors' Register of the Royal Aero Club.
10. The complete machine, and all its parts, must have been

entirely constructed within the confines of the British Empire, but this provision shall not be held to apply to raw material.

11. An entrance fee of £1 must accompany every notification of an attempt, and at least three clear days' notice must be given to the Secretary, Royal Aero Club, 166, Piccadilly, London, W. A competitor must further deposit a sum of £10 on account of expenses, if any, of officials. Any balance not so expended will be returned to the competitor.

12. Should any questions arise at any time after the date of entry as to whether a competitor has properly fulfilled the above conditions, or should any other question arise in relation to them, the decision of the Royal Aero Club shall be final and without appeal.

13. A competitor by entering waives any right of action against the Royal Aero Club or the Michelin Tyre Co. for any damages sustained by him in consequence of any act or omission on the part of the officials of the Royal Aero Club or the Michelin Tyre Co., or their representatives or servants, or any fellow competitor.

14. The aeroplane shall at all times be at the risk in all respects of the competitor, who shall be deemed by entry to agree to waive all claim for injury either to himself or his aeroplane, or his employees or workmen, and to assume all liability for damage to third parties or their property, and to indemnify the Royal Aero Club and the Michelin Tyre Co. in respect thereof.

15. The Royal Aero Club reserves to itself the right to add to, amend, or omit any of these rules should it think fit.

## The British Empire Michelin Cup No. 2, £800.

(Under the Competition Rules of the Royal Aero Club.)

The Michelin Tyre Company has presented to the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom for competition by British aviators the sum of £800, to which will be added a trophy to be retained by the winner.

The following are the rules governing the competition for the year 1913:—

1. The winner for the year 1913 shall be the competitor who, on October 15th, 1913, shall have completed a prescribed circuit of about 279 miles on an aeroplane in flight in the fastest time, reckoned in miles per hour.
2. Competitors may select their own circuit of about 279 miles, but the start must be made from a flying ground approved by the Royal Aero Club, and the proposed circuit must be submitted to the Royal Aero Club before the flight is made.
3. The complete circuit must be accomplished without alighting.
4. The flight must be observed at each point named in the circuit by officials appointed by the Royal Aero Club.
5. A number must be prominently displayed on the aeroplane in places approved by the officials, and when flying round each of the points selected in the circuit, the aviator must fly sufficiently low so that his number may be easily verified by the official observer.
6. The circuit must be completed between the hours of sunrise and sunset, on any one day.
7. The entrant, who must be the person operating the machine, must be a British subject, flying on a British-made aeroplane, must hold an Aviator's Certificate, and must be duly entered on the Competitor's Register of the Royal Aero Club.
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166, Piccadilly, W. HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.