

# Private Flying & Club News

**LONDON AEROPLANE CLUB.**—The annual dinner and dance of the London Aeroplane Club will be held at Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, on Friday, December 4, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets for this may be obtained from the club at Stag Lane Aerodrome, Edgware, or the Royal Aero Club, 199, Piccadilly. The prices, which are exclusive of wines but include the buffet, are 32s. 6d. double (lady and gentleman) or 18s. 6d. single. Those members who wish to make up their own parties should advise the dance secretary, Mr. M. P. S. Spencer, at Stag Lane, telephone Edgware 0142, through whom tables may be reserved for parties of six, ten and upwards. This dance is always one of the outstanding aviation ones in the London region, and has invariably provided all those who have attended it with a maximum of enjoyment. Those intending to go this year would therefore be well advised to apply for tickets early, as otherwise they may find that the rush has been too great and there will be no room for them. Although accommodation at the Park Lane Hotel is of ample proportions, we expect that this year the event will be larger than ever.

**AT BROOKLANDS.**—Mr. C. D. Todd, of Tanganyika, and Mr. H. C. Vaughan, of Colombia, completed their "A" Licence tests this week.

A scheme is now afoot to form a Brooklands Pilots' Club, which would be run in conjunction with the Brooklands Aero Club and would comprise any or all pilots who learned to fly at Brooklands, including pre-war pilots and anyone professionally engaged in aviation at Brooklands. The sole qualification is that at some time or other every member must have qualified as a pilot. The scheme is in effect one for the formation of an "Old Boys'" Club, which will reunite the scattered members of those pilots who have made Brooklands' traditions in the past to those who are endeavouring to live up to those traditions to-day. A room would be set aside for the members' use and the subscription would be nominal, although each member would be expected to subscribe in kind towards the club room in proportion to the size of his pocket. Anyone interested and possessing the qualification should get in touch with the Brooklands School of Flying, with whose management the scheme rests at the moment.

**CINQUE PORTS FLYING CLUB.**—The hours flown by Club machines for the week ending October 24 were 10 hr. 10 min. On Sunday only 40 min. flying was possible owing to bad weather. This was particularly unfortunate, as, had the day been fine, all machines would have been kept busy.

On the 21st ult., Lt. Com. Haynes did his first solo flight on GAAFS. He promises well and, with any luck, should soon take his "A" licence. On the 21st, also, Mr. Morris, of Cranbrook, damaged GAAKM by an unusually heavy landing.

On Sunday a party was held to celebrate the arrival of the "Coupé Challenge Internationale"—won recently by Miss Grace Aitken, of this club, on the occasion of the Second International Rallye at St. Hubert, Belgium. The cup, which stands over 2 ft. 6 in. high, is of solid silver on a marble plinth, and is held by the Club for a year; a replica is held by the winner. Miss Aitken was the Club's first lady "A" licence pilot, and deserves the hearty congratulations of all on her extremely meritorious performance and her successful efforts to uphold the prestige of British amateur aviation on the Continent of Europe. Among those present at the celebrations were Miss

J. E. Giles, Miss M. Noaks, Mrs. Hammond Davis, Mrs. H. E. Twaites, Lt. Com. G. S. B. Gubbins, Messrs. Drake, Marriage, Searle, Waller, Morris and Twaites, and other members and friends. The cups referred to were collected by aeroplane from the town of St. Hubert on the 18th ult. by Miss Aitken in person.

**HANWORTH CLUB.**—The demonstration of the Focke Wulf Ente (the "Tail First Machine") provisionally arranged for October 30 had to be postponed, owing to the indisposition of the pilot. It will now take place on Friday, November 6, to Monday, November 9.

Members are reminded that the Clay Pigeon Shoot will take place on Wednesday, November 4, and Saturday, November 7.

**THE IRISH AERO CLUB** has just concluded two of the most successful months in its history. During the month of September a total of 150 hr. flying was put up by the three "Moths" and for October 92 hr. The Club has now two instructors, Mr. W. R. Elliott and Mr. C. F. French, both ex-R.A.F., and these gentlemen have been kept extremely busy; Mr. L. J. Stanton has just completed an overhaul for one of the machines and will have a second down before he takes a well-earned holiday. Arrangements are being made for a course of lectures to be given in Dublin during the winter, and it is expected that these will be largely attended by both members and those who have not yet become thoroughly air-minded.

Two members who learnt to fly during the summer are planning a race from Baldonnel to Colombo early in December; they are Messrs. G. A. Barron-Boshell and M. C. A. Scally, and the former is at present in England inspecting machines and making arrangements for the flights.

**A DAIRY FLYING CLUB.**—"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"—"I'm going to the Milky Way, Sir," she said. This may be possible, for we learn that a flying club has been formed by employees of United Dairies, Ltd. There are already 400 members, who pay 6d. per week each, and several members paid a visit the other day to Croydon Aerodrome where they received "ground instruction" on a "Redwing"—one of which has been ordered for use by the Club. The dairymaids, we understand, are just as keen on learning to fly as the milkmen—hence the modification of the old nursery rhyme!



**A BELGIAN PRIVATE OWNER: M. Gaston Roelandts and his D.H. "Moth" pays a flying visit to his grandmother, the dowager Baronne Ewen-Coppee, at Chateau de Roumont, Belgian Ardennes.**