

ASSOCIATION NEWS SUMMARY

The Lecture by Raoul Hafner

Perhaps the greatest compliment which can be paid to Raoul Hafner is by a reference to the distances which were travelled by members to hear him read his paper on "Developments in Rotating Wing Aircraft", in April last. Many came from seventy or eighty miles away, while in a few cases the journey was well over a hundred miles.

The impracticability of reproducing the paper here, owing to limitations of space, is regretted, but a fairly wide summary of the lecture has already appeared in the technical press, and it is hoped that we may reproduce it fully in a subsequent issue of this Bulletin. Suffice it to say now that all who came were more than repaid for their effort; that this lecture would prove to be the forerunner of many more such instructive and pleasant functions was a unanimously expressed opinion.

Our thanks in this connection are also due to the Society of Licenced Aircraft Engineers, by whose excellent and willing co-operation the lecture was made possible.

It is to be hoped that when the aims of the Association again coincide with those of the S.L.A.E., or any other technical body, at any particular point of common interest, we shall once more be able to co-operate with the same cordial spirit.

Donations

The Executive Council wish to express, on behalf of the Association, their sincere appreciation of the donations so generously given by:—

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A further contribution has also been gratefully received from:—

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Various proposals by which these funds may best be used to further the aims and objects of the Association, and to benefit its members, are being investigated, and further details will be announced in due course.

Association Emblem

It is considered desirable that the Association should adopt an Emblem at an early date, and several members have already submitted suggested designs.

Before any definite action is taken, however, further ideas would be welcomed to ensure the widest possible expression of views. In submitting suggested designs ease and cost of reproduction should not be lost sight of.

Sketches should not be too small and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary for consideration by the Executive Council.

Membership Cards

These are now being printed and will be sent to members as soon as they become available. They may be used by members as admission to the Association's functions and activities.

When the Association has adopted a suitable Emblem, this will be overprinted on to the membership card.

Summer Programme

It was hoped that the "Combined Operation" with the Society of Licenced Aircraft Engineers covering Raoul Hafner's lecture in April, would have been followed by a further similar joint occasion in June, when the S.L.A.E. were to have held a garden party and flying meeting at Hatfield.

Unfortunately the arrangements, which had reached an advanced stage, had to be cancelled at the last moment owing to large scale constructional activities on the airfield.

It is to be hoped that the Association will be in a position to organize an out-door function during the summer of 1947.

Future Activities

Planning for the winter programme 1946/47 is now under way. This is being handled at the moment by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Amongst other activities it is hoped that at least four and perhaps five or six lectures can be arranged during the season.

Many suggestions have been received as to possible activities and one which offers considerable possibilities is that a meeting be held for the purpose of an informal discussion on some controversial rotary wing subject. This, if adopted, would provide a wide variety of choice, and may well prove very interesting.

Any suggestions as to the nature of the subject, or about the way in which such a meeting could be organised will be very welcome.

Suggestions are also invited for any other form of activity of general interest to members.

The Association's Address

New members may wonder why this has undergone so many changes during the past few months. The first registered address was that of our legal advisers at 115 Leadenhall Street.

Later, through the courtesy of our Auditors, arrangements were made to use their office accommodation at 224, Regent Street, as a temporary measure. Now that Messrs. W. B. Keen & Co. have removed to their original offices in Finsbury Circus House, this last address should be used for all communications.

The Society of Tropical Medicine was kind enough to make its lecture hall at Manson House available for the meeting in April and it is hoped that the lectures during the coming winter season will be arranged to take place there.

Library

In the course of time it is hoped to build up a technical and semi-technical library for the use of Members, and a Publications Committee, shortly to be formed, will look into this.

If any member is interested in serving on this Committee or has any books he would be willing to present, will he please write to the Hon. Secretary.

Appreciation

Our thanks are due to E. C. Rogers Esq., B.Sc., who is the Secretary of the Society of Licenced Aircraft Engineers. His advice and guidance on matters concerning the organization of the Association have been invaluable, and most welcome in these early stages.