

AUTOMOBILISTS NOTIFIED OF BIG AVIATION MEET

Especial efforts are being made to bring the meet to the attention of automobilists in all parts of the state in order to make Bridgeport a touring center during the days of the flights. To this end, 10,000 circulars are being sent out to all holders of automobile licenses in Connecticut from the aviation meet headquarters in the Stratfield calling their attention to the excellent facilities provided for automobiles. On the subject, the circular says:

"The Bridgeport Aerodrome, owned by C. J. Lake, is a permanent institution, and is destined to become one of the most widely known flying grounds in this country owing to its exceptional advantages and facilities.

"Excellent parking space for automobiles visiting the meet will be provided along an entire side of the field, though the space abutting on the track where the aeroplanes will start and alight is limited. This is really the best spot from which to see the flights and because of the limited number of automobile stalls there, it is advisable to reserve the spaces in advance.

"Besides these limited spaces, there will be provided on the grounds at less advantageous points ample accommodations for automobiles for which no charge will be made other than one dollar for each occupant."

Directions are also given to autoists for reaching the aerodrome,

these directions having been found necessary because of the large number of inquiries as to the location of the Aerodrome. For the guidance of autoists, guide signs will be placed along all the main roads with arrows pointing the proper direction to take for the flights.

At noon on the flying days, it is expected that the roads will be lined with automobiles, the impromptu parade of motor vehicles continuing up to three o'clock in the afternoon, when the flights are scheduled to begin.

CURTIS AEROPLANE IN TOWN.

Exhibition of a Model Flying Machine on Exhibition at Meigs & Co.'s Store.

Interest in the coming events of Aviation Week is at fever heat, and everybody wants to know all about the flying machines to be shown and flown in Bridgeport this week. Meigs and Co., announce a timely bit of news concerning a public exhibition of a model aeroplane of the Curtiss type which opened Saturday morning and continues until the following Saturday inclusive. The model is an exact reproduction of a Curtiss machine....

THE EXCITEMENT OF AVIATION

Aviator Earle L. Ovington who made flights in this city Friday and Sunday in a Bleriot monoplane made friends with whoever he came in contact. His flights were marvels of skill and daring and the fact that he did

not appear here under the most favorable auspices was no fault of his.

The small attendance on the flying days and absence of a sufficient crowd on Saturday to pay for a flight, are remarkable when it is remembered that a crowd of 30,000 to 40,000 people went to Seaside park to see Paine try to fly. There they stood in the snow for hours on a cold day waiting for something that never happened. Here they had a chance to pay a nominal sum and see the real thing in aviation and the attendance was ridiculously small.

One reason may be that people expect that they can get all they want in aviation by watching the aviator in flight from afar. If so, they have a wrong idea entirely. The excitement is all at the start and finish and those can be witnessed only inside the enclosure.