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International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Americas Region, Vice President Tim Freudenthal

Greetings to our America's Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. As your newly appointed, elected and installed America's VP, I am more than excited to serve this extraordinary 2 year term.

As an overview for those of you who do not know myself or my lovely wife, Linda, following is a brief resume.

We live in Wautoma, WI just west of the famed OSH airport and Airventure and many of you became familiar with this area at the 50th celebration at EAA under the direction of former World President, James Alexander.

For a profession my wife, (who is also a Rotarian), and myself are Real Estate professionals both from the sales, appraisal and development standpoint with 38 years in the business and owners of a Century 21 office which my wife operates. I was formerly a Sculptor, Artist and Taxidermist at the Milwaukee Museum and still do bronze work for a hobby. I have been a Rotarian for about 30 years and a pilot for about 28 years and currently fly a 1960 C182 Skylane.

I have an educational background in Business and Not For Profit Marketing and look forward to being able to keep this Fellowship ball rolling that George Chaffey has so skillfully manicured over his 4 years as the America's VP prior to my taking the helm.

Looking forward, I am still trying to confirm some Section Chair and Squadron Leader slots but we really have a slate of enthusiastic individuals keeping the regions in check and planning events that should keep our members interested in IFFR. It is always our goal to host at least 1 event in each section across the US and Canada and hopefully one in the Caribbean and Mexico and of course Alaska and Hawaii since our 2020 Fly About will be in that state. We spend part of the winter in Grand Cayman and have been doing so for over 20 years and also look forward to getting member growth in that region.

I also believe that our group needs a major project that we can all participate in and contribute to and we are looking for ideas. One such idea is to help schools that participate in an Aircraft Building project by awarding some Scholarship funds to be used in the project or for successful participants to use for Flying Education. The thought here is that this will enhance the Rotary exposure and hopefully spawn some Rotoract clubs and future Rotarians as well as get the name of Rotary out to the flying as well as general public. Please communicate any other ideas that the membership may consider because a project always helps to cement a group together.

We are all looking forward also to next year's International Convention in Hamburg Germany and the following Fly About as well as the 2020 Hawaii event.



Please keep Tony and Peter updated with events that are planned and photos and short articles of any events that have taken place. Also, I encourage each member and spouse to submit a photo of your plane with yourselves in the photo for our web site. I also encourage all members to send me e mails from time to time about concerns, issues or ideas to make IFFR a more fulfilling Fellowship.

God bless and keep you wings and attitude level.

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