MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!!!

We have finalized the arrangements for our annual IFFR Banquet during the Toronto Rotary Convention - see below. We may still have space at our April event in Florida and on our Post Convention Fly About if you’ve procrastinated. Alaska has also added a couple of events, if you need an excuse to visit this beautiful state.

Meanwhile, the Section Chairs continue to fill out the Squadron Leader positions, with additional IFFR members becoming involved ... these are thrilling times. Participation has great rewards - Flying Rotarian friendships!

What’s Coming

SIGN UP NOW for the IFFR ANNUAL BANQUET - ANOTHER WOW!
THE ROYAL CANADIAN MILITARY INSTITUTE, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018  1800 LOCAL (6:00 PM)

Once again, IFFR has outdone itself, and the IFFR Banquet in Toronto will be in one of the most prestigious venues in the host city:

The Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Avenue, Toronto

- Centrally located near the Convention site, 9 minutes from the IFFR Hotel, it is easily accessible to those staying at our hotel or at any of the central Toronto hotels.
- At this historic and elegant venue, we will have canapes ... with champagne and more ... in the charming “Library”, and we’ll dine in the fabulous Otter Room. Dress is Business / Cocktail attire, or Business Casual.
- Prestigious venue, exquisite atmosphere, fabulous food, and worldwide IFFR company in a world class city. It doesn’t get any better than this. All for just $90.00 per person.

Reservations: To join us, make your reservations by emailing George Chaffey ... just click this link gchaffey@Littler.com and say you are coming and how
many (with names). First come, first served.

Payment: Pay either by check or PayPal.

1. Check. You can send a check ($90 USD), made out to “IFFR”, to Steve Henderson, Americas Secretary-Treasurer, at 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA, 95076; Or.....

2. PayPal. You can pay by PayPal from anywhere in the world. If you have a PayPal account, just send the money to IFFR Americas’ email address....@ifframericas@gmail.com. If you have no account, it's easy to set up (you’ll need an email address and a password). Go to www.paypal.com, select the “Pay or send money” icon at the top of screen and select “Send money to friends or family”. Enter the amount to pay and “send”. It’s that easy.

We’ll see you in Toronto and at the Banquet! Full details including the actual seating time for the banquet will be shared here shortly. As we mentioned in our last edition, there are a few artifacts there, too, including the original sear from the Red Baron’s WWI Fokker Dreidecker triplane.

RI CONVENTION 2018 - TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
JUNE 23 - 27, 2018

IFFR activities during, before and after the Rotary International Convention are the pinnacle activity of the year for IFFR, and you surely don’t want to miss any of them. Our “official” IFFR airport is the stunning Billy Bishop Airport (formerly Downtown Island), and once you’ve taken the quick ferry to the mainland, a short taxi ride from our official hotel, the fabulous Westin Harbour Castle Hotel.

All of the 40 rooms we blocked at the Westin have been claimed for at least six months. Plans do change, so we do have a waiting list if you want to stay at our “official” IFFR hotel. Email or call George Chaffey (gchaffey@littler.com, 925-699-3343) to get on the standby list. But don’t let not being able to stay with us keep you from the RI Convention. You can still enjoy all IFFR activities during the Convention if you stay elsewhere.

Meanwhile, get excited! Flying into Toronto’s Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (CYTZ) is one of the most memorable things you can do in personal aviation. And clearing incoming Canadian customs there is a snap. (If flying into Canada and back to the USA with other than citizens of the USA, please check US Customs regulations having to do with light aircraft). If you’re joining the fly about from Toronto, there will be recommendations for clearing US customs (where and how) that will be communicated to you well in advance of your trip.
**New England Fly About**

**June 28 - July 6, 2018**

The Fly About after the Convention will take place entirely in the USA, with those in the USA planning to assemble in Buffalo, New York, and those at the Convention at Toronto before joining up for the tour. Beautiful parts of New York, New Hampshire, and other states will be visited. The outline of the trip can be seen in this brochure: [click for brochure].

Gary Dehnel is the primary organizer, contact him at gdehnel@verizon.net. There's also some more information on the registration form (see below).

**Registration fee totals US$900** per person, due immediately if you want to secure a spot. There were still a small handful of spots as of March 31. More pressing may be the room blocks at the various hotels. The registration includes the bus (and all costs associated with that), at least 5 dinners of various kinds, 2 or 3 lunches, and the fees for several tours. Registration form: [Register].

**IF YOU’VE ALREADY SIGNED UP:** Within the last week you should’ve received an email with several attachments from Past World President Sam Bishop, who is the “Air Ops Coordinator” for the Fly About. There’s always some paperwork to complete for any group travel, and we have some additional requirements that have grown from our desire to practice appropriate risk management on our travel choices. There are 3 Word files, 2 Excel files, a request for emergency contacts and the most recent copy of the Flyaway “Flyer.” Please review and complete as appropriate and return to Sam well before you head for Toronto or Buffalo. If you haven’t received his email, check your junk file first, and if nothing is there, get him to send you another email. Phone Sam at (831) 274-4024 or email him at sambishop@totlcom.com.

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**Southeast Section Spring Fly-Out This Week!**

**Thursday, April 12th - Sunday April 15th**

**Leeeward Air Ranch, Florida**

**Excursions to Cedar Key & Sun ‘N Fun (Lakeland)**

Peter and Ellen Wenk have again graciously offered to host an IFFR Fly-Out from their home near Ocala, Florida at Leeward Air Ranch (FD04). For those who have not been lucky enough to participate before, this one is not to be missed! Arrival on Thursday, April 12, depart Sunday morning, April 15. Deadline to sign up published in our last edition was March 30th, but you can always check with Peter to see if you can participate.

**April 12** – Fly in Thursday to park beside the Wenks’ home at the remarkable Leeward Air Ranch, FD04. They will greet with sandwiches and drinks. Dine in their beautiful hangar that evening and adjourn to neighbors’ homes where housing is offered or to a nearby Holiday Inn Express.

**April 13** – Light breakfast in the hangar. Fly out to KCDK at charming Cedar Key. Enjoy scrumptious seafood
with a gulf view and local museum in this fishing village for Friday lunch. Return to the Air Ranch for a catered dinner and entertainment. 
**April 14** – Early start with light breakfast and van transport to Lakeland for a busy Saturday at Sun ‘n Fun.

For ladies who wish not to go to Lakeland, Ellen has fun and interesting plans. Return for dinner at a local restaurant.  
**April 15** – Breakfast and goodbyes at the Wenks’ hangar.

**Registration and Costs:** Register with Steve Henderson, 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076, email N8571V@gmail.com. Send him a check for $165 per person which covers three breakfasts and dinners, transportation to Lakeland, and taxi at Cedar Key. Payment can also be made via PayPal debit if you have an account (use fframericas@gmail.com as recipient). **Deadline has passed, contact Steve or Peter before registering.** For housing with Peter’s neighbors, contact him at pjwenk@aol.com. Otherwise make arrangements with Holiday Inn Express in Ocala, 352 304-6111. Brochure with a few more details [click here].

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**WOLF LAKE, ALASKA (4AK6)**  
**FLY-IN OR DRIVE-IN POTLUCK - APRIL 21, 2018**

This might be a little far for those of us in the lower 48 to head for on short notice, but especially Alaskans can note that Ray Huot is hosting a Potluck and fellowship afternoon beginning at noon on Saturday, April 21st at his hangar at Wolf Lake. Here’s what he wrote in a recent flyer:

*To: Flying Rotarians, Rotarians and All Rotary and Flying Enthusiasts*

Have you been holed up in the hangar all winter? Mark your calendar and join fellow enthusiasts on April 21st at Ray’s Wolf Lake Hangar. Fly or Drive.

*We will light the fire on the Charcoal at noon and hang out and tell big lies all afternoon, This will be a potluck style, bring your own event. All guest are welcome, bring a future Pilot or Rotarian. [Details on flying procedures and driving instructions will be sent in follow up email.]*

If you’re interested in going be sure to drop Alaskan IFFR Region Chair Al Clayton a note so you can be included on the email distribution list: al.clayton@cdlaw.pro.

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**FIREWEED AIRSTRIP (0AK8) NEAR McCARTHY, ALASKA**  
**(GLADYS THE BUS AND CLAYTON’S DAIRYAIREF STRIP)**

**JOINT MEETING AND SERVICE PROJECT FLY-IN FLY-OUT**

RECREATIONAL AVIATION FOUNDATION, EAA CHAPTER 42, AND IFFR  
**JULY 13 - JULY 15, 2018**
This may be of interest to Flying Rotarians who might like a more rustic experience in a fly-in, and one where a service project is involved in true Rotarian fashion. Alaskan section chair Al Clayton along with air boss Ray Huot and ground boss Bob Waldron are organizing this event.

Preparations will begin on Friday morning the 13th, with invitations to all to come a little early and help, and the main fly-in time will start at 2 pm and continue to about 6.

Saturday the 14th a group will leave for a strip known as Peavine, which is situated about 15 air miles away on Park Service land. They’ll be trimming brush and trees and improving the surface. Also available on the 14th will be a discussion of local historic attractions for those staying in the McCarthy - Kennicott area. On the 15th there will be self guided touring of the Kennicott mine and railroad features. Plan on a midafternoon departure on Sunday the 15th.

There are pancake breakfasts both mornings (and something about a pancake flipping contest) and potluck dinners around a fire-pit in the evenings. Most participants plan on camping at Fireweed, but there are other arrangements that can be made at nearby B&Bs and Lodges through Al. And Gladys? From what I read that’s the closest you’ll come to a terminal building at this strip.

If you are interested in going to this event, contact Al Clayton, phone (907) 250-1649, or email Al at either his office email al.clayton@cdlaw.pro or his RAF email aclayton@theraf.org.

**CHALLENGE AIR FLY DAY**  
**EVERETT, WASHINGTON (KPAE)**  
**AUGUST 18, 2018**

This article is written as a personal privilege by your editor, Tony Watson. Come and volunteer to fly if you live in the Northwest at the Challenge Air Fly Day this August.

Challenge Air for Kids and Friends was founded by paraplegic pilot and Rotarian the late Rick Amber (a Naval Academy graduate) about 30 years ago. Initially operating a Cessna Cardinal 177 and offering rides to paraplegic kids, and helping them see their abilities, that they could actually fly, Rick’s friends in Dallas and in his Rotary Club developed a bigger vision, something similar to Young Eagle flights, but offered to kids with all kinds of disabilities, including mental challenges. For that they recruited many more pilots and their aircraft. I’ve been helping with these events in my Bonanza for over 25 years. The current Board of Challenge Air includes several Rotarians, including IFFR member PDG Bill W. Dendy and pilot Griffin Collie (son of PDG2 C. C. Collie). In addition to several Rotary Clubs, many Lions
Clubs are also strong supporters of Challenge Air.

There are requirements to fly but most of our members should qualify. You do need to submit information in advance. A typical day will have you making 5 or 6 sorties each lasting about 20 minutes in the air along a predetermined route. I’m thinking about working this into a trip to the area, so I might even see you there.

Check out the website: [http://www.challengeair.com](http://www.challengeair.com). There you can find out more information, complete pilot information and sign up to volunteer.

What’s Happened

More Fun in LA Land

It’s always fun getting together with members of our IFFR family. In January friends from the UK section Rodney and Pam Spoke had a brief stop in LA, we met up for a tour of the Petersen Automobile Museum followed by lunch at the farmers market nearby.

Christer and Marianne Liljenstrand of Sweden (the Scandinavian Section) were in California visiting their family. We rendezvous at a local restaurant, drove by Space X in Hawthorne for a quick view of the Falcon 9 rocket, then saw them off at LAX.

Larry and Diane Wolfsen were vacationing in Palm Desert. Just a couple of hours from LA, we took a drive to join them for lunch and caught up with happenings with IFFR in the US and particularly in our region.

We sure are lucky to be in an area often visited by our IFFR friends.

- Shirley and Peter More

Squadron Reports

We continue to roll out our squadrons, organized in much smaller geographic areas than our sections, so as to more closely align with local Rotary Clubs and Districts. We have identified 5 areas for Northwest, 8 for Southwest, 9 for North Central, 5 for North East, 8 for South Central, 8 for Southeast and 5 for Alaska (initially not by squadron there but by vicinity to a few cities). That’s 43 squadrons and 5 city areas (Alaska). 22 of these squadrons have a leader now, so our section chiefs have appointed half the squadron leaders.

Every section has at least 2 areas where we’re still looking for squadron leaders. We are shortest in the Northwest and North Central Sections, but there are some holes everywhere. We’ve just been establishing this structure in
the last few months, so we think our chairs have made excellent progress, and we look forward to completing the process.

This can be a way for you to get involved in a local way with IFFR without doing something that might in your mind be an overwhelming task. If you get a call or email from your section chief asking you to be a squadron leader, please say yes!

This next information is cryptic - a list of areas where we still need squadron leaders as of mid-March. All of Canada except BC. The Caribbean. Mexico. US states or portions: WA, OR, WY, ID, MT, UT, MI, SD&ND, NE, IA,IL,IN,OH, W PA, MO, NC, NW TX. CA: north, Sacramento Valley, Sierras. If you live in any of these areas, you ought to give your section chief a shout.

News of our Family

We have been saddened recently by losing a long time IFFR member and a couple of non-Rotarian spouses of some very active participants in IFFR activities both here and internationally. I am late reporting on Greta Vos, who died last summer, and PDG Brian Andersen, who died in early October; learning of Rocky Miller’s passing last week reminded me that I need to catch up on my reporting.

Warren C. “Rocky” Miller, M.D., a pulmonary surgeon with a passion for flying (since his residency days), departed this life in early April, 2018 after a lengthy illness. He and Lynn lived in Seabrook, Texas, and one office for his practice was in Webster, less than 5 minutes from the Johnson Space Center. Lynn joined Rotary and later discovered IFFR. She joined us and they became active very quickly, attending fly abouts, fly-ins, and later even helping to host us in Kalispell, Montana, near their summer home. We have Rocky’s flying hobby to thank for Lynn’s partipation and leadership in our organization, most notably as IFFR International Secretary-Treasurer.

PDG Brian Andersen was a past chair of the Americas Region of IFFR, and he and Caryl lived on an very special airpark in Downers Grove, Illinois. He was a co-founder of one of our sibling organizations, the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians, and had been involved in many endeavors during his career, including land development, running a lumber yard, and owning part of a motorcycle dealership. Brian had been fighting pulmonary fibrosis for several years and had even had a lung transplant. I was amazed to see him make the effort to attend our 2015 IFFR 50th celebration at Oshkosh - Caryl reminded us when she sent her note that his favorite quote was from Winston Churchill - “Never, never, never give up.” October 2, 2017 his fight ended.

Bert and Greta Vos participated in IFFR activities for about 30 years, almost always together, and Bert flew his beloved Mooney on many IFFR fly abouts. For several years he was our Southwest Section Chair. We were honored to host them in our Bonanza on the fly about after the New Orleans RI Convention after Bert had decided it was time to quit being an active pilot. On June 25, 2017, after returning home from an outing checking out an assisted living residence, Greta Vos took her customary afternoon nap and didn’t wake up.

Keep Lynn, Caryl and Bert and their families in your prayers and thoughts. Good friends and good memories.
Coming Soon ...

Next month and beyond ... look for continuing news on a year full of events - and watch your email for those “pop ups.”

Tail winds to ya’,

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