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To IFFR Americas Member:

This is the height of the Flying season...all over the country. As we began preparing this, Oshkosh had not begun, but we have some last minute photos and news from that fabulous event. Likewise, for some who may not be able to get to Oshkosh, there will be an opportunity to gather during the U.S. National Balloon Championships & Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview, Texas, and we will have photos and news from that event as well next month. Other events stretch across the continent from the West (Kalispell Fly-in in Washington and Glacier National Park) to the East (Brantford Rotary event in Ontario Canada). There are many other events besides these during this month and next. Finally, don’t forget the IFFR Americas Region Annual General Meeting at the spectacular Sierra Safari in Bishop, California on September 25-28.

Who’s Who

As we get into 2014 and our Flying Season, here are some of the many Rotarians around the country who are working hard to make this a great organization to provide fellowship and flying opportunities for our Rotarians and their families. We’ll have more information on other volunteers and officers in later newsletters, but first, here are the Chairs of our seven sections:

North West Section - Beverly Fogle is a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver, Washington. Her e-mail is bevfogle@gmail.com. The North West Section includes the states and provinces of: Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington & Wyoming. [biography]

South West Section - Vicki Puliz is a member of the Rotary Club of Sparks, Nevada. Vicki’s spouse is Tim. Her e-mail address is: vickipuliz@puliz.com. The South West Section includes the states of: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico & Nevada.

North Central Section - Mark Hagen is a member of the Rotary Club of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Mark’s spouse is Karen. His e-mail address is: mark@mbedl.com. The North Central Section includes the states and provinces of: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota & Wisconsin. [biography]

South Central Section - Jack Welge is a member of the Rotary Club of Longview Downtown, Texas. Jack’s spouse is Ava. His e-mail address is: welgelaw@yahoo.com. The South Central Texas includes the states of: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mexico, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. It also includes the Caribbean, Central America and South America. [biography]

North East Section - Tom Johnston is a member of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Tom’s spouse is Anna. His e-mail address is: tomjohnson@verizon.net. The North East Section includes the states
South East Section - Dale Read of Knoxville, Tennessee is a member of the Rotary Club of Farragut, Tennessee. Dale’s spouse is Robbi. His e-mail address is: dread@frontier.com. The South East Section includes the states of: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee. It also includes the Bahamas.  

Alaska & Yukon Section - Bob Mercer of Barrow, Alaska is a member of the Rotary Club of Nuvuk (Barrow), Alaska. His e-mail address is: arctic.pilot@hotmail.com. This section includes the state of Alaska and the territory of Yukon.

Americas Region Secretary & Treasurer - Steven Henderson is a member of the Rotary Club of Watsonville, California. Steven’s spouse is Leslie. His e-mail address is: N8571V@gmail.com. Steven continues to be the secretary and treasurer for all sections of the Americas Region.

The next newsletter will introduce some of the other IFFR members who are working hard to provide leadership to our Fellowship.

What’s Coming

KALISPELL AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK,
AUGUST 14 - 17
Kalispell and Glacier National Park are premier mountain destinations in western North America. This fly-in provides you with an opportunity to explore this magnificent area in the company of your Flying Rotarian friends, both old and new. There’s a planned day in the park and a day free to explore many other activities. Two group dinners will give us ample time to enjoy the fellowship of other Flying Rotarians.

Because of deadlines for reserving our tours and facilities, the deadline for this event has passed. This is high season in the northern Rockies, so there’s not a lot of wiggle room! While the deadline has passed, you can always check with Bev Fogle to see if there’s room for you due to a cancellation, or to help coordinate with other plans you might have. Bev Fogle - bevfogle@gmail.com. We look forward at seeing many of you there!

ROTARY CHARITY AIRSHOW AND CANADIAN AIR MUSEUM
TUESDAY - THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 – 28
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO (CYFD)

Lisa Bishop is hosting a Canadian Fly-in to Brantford, Ontario (an airport of entry) where the local Rotary Club
sponsors a great Charity Airshow on Wednesday afternoon August 27th (see: www.brantfordairshow.ca). This airshow includes exhibits, clinics, education and safety seminars, and aircraft displays together with performance of the Canadian Air Forces Skyhawks and legendary Snowbirds. The previous evening at the airport is a gala banquet that is not to be missed.

Thursday morning we shall have an opportunity to have a private tour of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum at the nearby Hamilton Airport (CYHM). The Museum features military aircraft from World War II to the present and is Canada's largest (see http://www.warplane.ca).

Members who have not flown recently to Canada will be offered help to get a Can Pass and a US Customs registration number, and to file the APIS report. Tom Johnston NE Section Chair: tomjohnston@verizon.net.

CALIFORNIA CAPITAL AIRSHOW
SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 6 – 7

Join George Chaffey and other IFFR members at the California Capital Airshow, September 6-7 at Mather Field in Sacramento. For the first 200 pilots who register online, there is special parking and, with admission, the right to be in the shaded Pilot’s Tent on the flight line. If flying in, you must arrive before 10:30 am. There is an array of great performers, aircraft, static displays, and camaraderie. Plus there are plans for IFFR members to get together at some point on Saturday the 6th.

To register, click on the following line and follow instructions.
http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com/event-information/fly-in-information/

IFFR member John Massey is a resident of the local area and has given us some helpful information:

If you THINK you will attend please click the follow link above and register NOW to fly-in. From the website with your mouse on EVENT INFORMATION, drop click FLY-IN INFORMATION. You will need to fill out the form and click SUBMIT to finalize registration. Under the “Special
Features” put IFFR Group. You do not need to pay anything yet to register. Print in big bold type on a sheet of paper IFFR to bring with you. When you Taxi from the runway put that sign up so they will know were to park your aircraft. Please note that aircraft must arrive prior to 10:30 AM each day and may depart between 4:30 and 6:00pm. No arrivals or departures are permitted during waived airspace times.

Hotels: Most of these hotels do have special rates for the California Capital Airshow pilots; however, call, confirm, and book early to secure. Most of these hotels do have shuttle service to and from the airshow. Please let John Massey know if your hotel does not have this available. He will try to arrange alternative transportation.


If you have any questions, John Massey will do his best to answer them. His email is john@flyluxeaviation.com. His phone is 916-849-4317. Leave a voice message - he promises to return your call.

**BISHOP SAFARI AND IFFR AMERICAS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 26 – 27**

IFFR Lunch in Aspendell at the home of Lew and Betty McConnell at 11:30, on Friday, September 26. Their home is located up a beautiful Eastern Sierra granite canyon along the upper portion of Bishop Creek with large aspen groves, which should be spectacular at this time of year. The McConnell’s home is a 30 minute drive from the Bishop airport.

Annual General Meeting at Banquet Room of The Pizza Factory, 970 N. Main Street, Bishop, California from 3 to 5 p.m.

Following our meeting, there will be the activities of Sierra Safari, a wonderful event put on by the Rotary Clubs of Bishop and Bishop Sunrise, including:

- Friday cocktail reception at Elk’s Park
• Saturday excursions of your choosing (hiking, fishing, photography, golf, shooting, home tour, and more)
• Saturday night fellowship dinner

This will be an outstanding event for IFFR and Rotary. We hope to see you there! Registration and link for Sierra Safari, lodging in Bishop and other information can be downloaded at the www.ifframericas.org site. Be sure and make your lodging and car rental reservations now!

There is no fee for the IFFR luncheon or Annual General Meeting, but please return your registration so we can plan accordingly.

Contact Vicki Puliz for more information at vickipuliz@puliz.com.

What's Already Happened

More Pictures from Australia

We’ll be seeing more pictures from the Sydney RI Convention and the tour of Australia and fly-in to Queenstown, New Zealand on the IFFR websites. A few that have come our way:

A few IFFR leaders with now IPWP Mike Graves and Karen Hicks, Nola and PWP Ern Dawes, and Shirley and PWP Peter More at the booth in the House of Friendship.

Other pictures: Mike Graves pins Tim Puliz as new South West Chair Vicki smiles in approval, Mike and Karen pose with Alaskan member Lynell Gant and VP Americas George Chaffey at the booth, and Mike pins new member Daniel Martin of Madera, California.

For the first part of the Australian tour the group enjoyed the company of “Pedro” Barnard of St. Lucia in the West Indies. In an airplane museum (imagine that) in Melbourne here’s Peter More and Mike Graves with Pedro.
At the airport, they noticed this charity box to benefit Rotary. You always seem to have some change you’re not going to be able to use and don’t want to keep up with until your next visit, so this is a good spot to raise some money for projects and The Rotary Foundation.

AirVenture 2014 Oshkosh

We’re writing this on behalf of George Chaffey, who once again has navigated his beloved Luscombe, Lady Bird, on the low and slow route from California to Oshkosh. George and Lady Bird took a few days to get there and arrived this last weekend. Because Lady Bird is a past grand champion in her classification of antique aircraft, there’s always a space reserved in a good spot for her. George has decided that, except for the Rotary meetings on Wednesday, this will be a good spot for Flying Rotarians to meet and perhaps spend a few hours together in small groups seeing stuff at this great venue.

Nearby Lady Bird’s perch George noticed a Gee Bee QED Racer and a 1914 Benoist XIV and snapped pictures of them.

There are always some silly things going on that will give you a smile. Here we have a wing walker of sorts ...

George has of course enjoyed his time there, and has sent pictures of classic warbirds, smoke in the sky, pyrotechnics, and other such things, and webmaster Peter More will be posting those pictures. Not enough space for many here.

By Thursday, July 31, some 20 known IFFR members had passed through EAA at Oshkosh, including the current District Governor of District 600, John Ockenfels, who is a new member (actually, he is returning after a few years’ hiatus). The Wednesday Oshkosh Rotary Club meeting was very well attended. George took a picture of Bob Tucknott and Mark Hagan as they enjoyed their lunches. The traditional Wednesday night BBQ, hosted by North Central Section Chair Mark & Karen Hagen, was again a great gathering, with members from all across the country.
George spent some time on Friday at the EAA Museum, and thought it was a wonderful experience. He got a chance to attend a presentation by Dick Rutan and managed to get his picture made with Dick. I have heard his presentation, also, and it is interesting and worth hearing. Hopefully he will be there next year again.

Great Texas Balloon Race

Look for a few pictures next month from this event in Longview, Texas, going on as we go to press: July 28 - August 3rd.

Many Pictures Can Be Viewed Online At IFRR Americas Website

Webmaster Peter More has maintained photo galleries with pictures as recent as today, and going back over a dozen years. Just enter www.iffrAmericas.org on your browser, and enjoy!

Tail winds to ya’,

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