2014 has been one helluva year ... membership doubled to well over 300, dozens of fly-ins and events were held in all sections, new leadership is emerging ... things are happening!! We’ve had a blessed year ... and 2015 will be even better. So take a breath, reflect on the year, appreciate the events you participated in or wish you had, and then... buckle your seat belts because ... 2015 is coming!

What’s Coming

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR... WITH THE FLYING ROTARIANS!
LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA (KLVK)
JANUARY 2 – 4, 2015

To kick off IFFR’s 50th Anniversary Year, join our very first Fly-In/Drive-In of 2015!! This will kick off a year-long series of events around the world celebrating IFFR.

The New Year’s Fly-In has become a tradition, and this year, it comes to the San Francisco Bay Area....to be held on January 2-4 in the San Francisco Bay’s Tri-Valley area in Livermore, California.

Details are in progress, but Save the Dates for a fun adventure, which will include a docent-led tour of the stunning Blackhawk Museum (incredible and classic automobiles from the last 110 years, and a special European train display), as well as a tour of historic wineries in the Livermore area. Planned activities so far include the following:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

--Fly In to Livermore, LVK
http://www.airnav.com/airport/klvk
http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/pw/airport/
--Dinner at the home of IFFR Americas VP George Chaffey

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

--Blackhawk Museum—docent led tour of this amazing auto museum plus European train enthusiasts operating model display
http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/
--Lunch
Tour of historic wineries in the Livermore area
https://www.lvwine.org/
--BBQ dinner at LVK in the “Man Cave” hangar of IFFR Member Bob Tucknot
Hotel block will be arranged so we can stay in the same hotel. Transportation for those flying in will be available.
Details coming soon!

Sunday, January 4

Depart with a smile as you face the new year after a weekend with good Rotarian friends!
If you have any questions, contact Southwest Section Chair, Vicki Puliz, at VickiPuliz@puliz.com.

ON TO BRAZIL ... PRE CONVENTION TOUR & IFFR GATHERING

The IFFR will have a 6-day Tour before the Brazil Convention. This is a chance for pre-Convention IFFR fellowship .... as we visit the two most sought-after attractions in Brazil .... pulsating Rio de Janeiro and the spectacular Iguacu Falls on the Brazil - Argentina border.

There are only 40 places available on this tour ... First Come - First Served. So if you are interested in joining us and being part of this IFFR event, make your reservations immediately. Non-IFFR Rotarians around the world can also apply for this tour, so if you are interested, act quickly to secure one of the 40 places. Now would be a good time. Check out the information at www.ffdramericas.org.

There are 4 things you need to do:
1.) Complete the application form downloadable from our website
2.) Write “IFFR” somewhere on the application
3.) Photocopy the personal info page of each person (as directed by instructions)
4.) Send all in with your $500 per person deposit.

This is just the first step. The documents direct you to Howard Tours for answering questions about this pre-convention tour. You may also contact me (George Chaffey) or webmaster Peter More (peter@petermore.com, (310) 474-1328).
Housing: It was not possible to get a satisfactory “official” IFFR hotel this year. So everyone who is going to the Rotary Convention in Brazil (from the Americas and around the world) should make their own individual arrangements for housing. Go to the Rotary International Website, where you can find lists of RI-approved hotels, and alternative hotels, and check on availability. http://www.riconvention.org/en/2015/Pages/ridefault.aspx . You can book online HELPFUL TIP: For those of you going on the pre-Convention Tour, the Tour Company has a small block of rooms at the Staybridge Suites and you may easily and quickly get a reservation for any remaining rooms by contacting Howard Tours directly (Jolene Bortz at 510-834-2260 or toll free at 800-475-2260). However, the block of rooms are only available to those going on the Tour, and only available until the small block of rooms are used up. FURTHER TIP: If you wish to seek a hotel in the general vicinity of the Staybridge Suites, the following hotels are clustered somewhat close (this list gives the name of the hotel, and its number on the RI Reservation Form): (1) Clarion Faria Lima; (26) Radisson Faria Lima, (29) Staybridge Suites, (39) Melia Jardim Europa, (48) Adagio Sao Paulo Itaim Bibi, (58) Mercure Vila Olímpia, (65) Tryp Sao Paulo Iguatemi, (66) Tryp Sao Paulo Itaim, (67) Tryp Sao Paulo Jesuino Arruda. The foregoing is just for your information, and it is not necessary to stay in this area or any of these hotels. We don’t know availability in these or other specific hotels, so you should check on them as quickly as possible. You may also check availability of hotels at www.onpeak.co/rotary.

IFFR Booth: Lynn Miller is in charge and she has been working with the IFFR Secretary and they have reserved our traditional IFFR Booth for the House of Friendship. So, IFFR members will again have their traditional gathering place at this Convention. Lynn Miller will have more information to report as we get nearer to the Convention.

Banquet & AGM: We will have information on the Banquet & Annual General Meeting shortly. Stay tuned.

OSHKOSH 2015 ... IFFR’s 50th Anniversary Celebration

IFFR World President James Alexander (devoted husband of Lady Catherine) has planned both a single destination fly-in to a town near Oshkosh (Wautoma) followed by a weeklong fly about, with a great time to be had at EAA Airventure in Oshkosh and then a visit heading west from Wisconsin into Minnesota.

The details and sign up information are available at the IFFR International website, www.iff.org . At the very least, plan on joining with fellow IFFRs while you attend the greatest fly-in of all at AirVenture.
On November 23, just 5 days before Thanksgiving Day, IFFR member Bob Phillips put together a fabulous “Thanksgiving Turkey Fly-In” to beautiful Camarillo (KCMA), near the coast, just north of Los Angeles.

The Food was Great! 17 people plus two small children enjoyed a fantastic brunch at the famous Way Point Café, one of the best restaurants in the area. That’s where you will regularly find a line stretching out the front door ... consisting of people who don’t necessarily fly, but who come for the delicious food and the great patio looking out at the planes. We had a table outside that kept getting bigger and bigger as people arrived. Sam Bishop quipped that the turnout for this event “shows the enthusiasm for IFFR in our section .... or, is it just a bunch of chow hounds that knew it would be a great meal?” In any case, we had a great time with huge salads, eggs benedict, Tri-tip sandwiches, and ... those famous milkshakes with the chocolate rim ... Brad Althouse ordered one, and each of us wished we’d saved room to order one ourselves.
The People were Great! Although this was a short-notice Fly-in, and late in the year when weather can be unpredictable, it was a great turnout, from various parts of the US ... and around the world! The Camarillo Turkey Day group included organizer Bob Phillips, wife Trudy and their daughter Holly (who had also joined us for the Bishop Fly-In in September), Peter and Shirley More (showing off photos of their 10 week old grandson), Sam Bishop, Larry Wolfsen, Brad & Aileen Althouse (from Santa Cruz), Section Chair Vicki & Tim Puliz (from Reno), along with their daughter Amy and her family (who live in Camarillo), and Emidio Del Conte (from San Diego). PDG Wade Nomura was Bob’s special guest. And finally, our very special guests were Christer & Marianne Liljenstrand, IFFR members visiting from Sweden. In fact, they had joined us for our New Years Fly-in in Santa Monica to start off the 2014 Flying year, and now they joined us toward the close of 2014. Their presence once again emphasized the “International” in IFFR, and it was so good to have them with us again. Skål!

The Air Museum was Great! After brunch, the group walked to the nearby Commemorative Air Force (CAF) museum, with outdoor and indoor displays of World War II aviation ... and so much more! We were able to wander around and enjoy the exhibits, and then we were joined by a really knowledgeable docent who brought the aircraft to life ... with details and stories.

Camarillo was a truly great experience, and a wonderful day of fellowship with other aviation enthusiasts and IFFR members.

-- PDG Vicki Puliz, Chair, South West Americas Region, IFFR
**IFFR Visitors From Europe**

We had visits from great IFRR friends from Europe during November.

First, Christer and Marianne Liljenstrand, IFRR members from Sweden, were here visiting family, and they joined us at the Camarillo Thanksgiving Turkey Day Fly-In. This is the second Southwest Section Fly-In that they have attended this year. They were here for the Santa Monica New Year’s Fly in during January, and now returned to help close out the year with us in Camarillo. We always look forward to their visits.

Second, we had a surprise visit from IFRR World President Nominee, Svend Andersen, from Denmark, who was also in Southern California visiting family. He was too late to join us for the Camarillo Turkey Day fly-In, but he was able to visit and dine with Past World President Peter & Shirley More. We expect we’ll see a lot more of Svend in coming years. Skål.

**Who’s Who**

This Fall, we introduced the folks responsible for the Americas Region and European Region and all their sections. The IFRR is a truly international fellowship, so this month we’ll introduce some of the IFRR leaders in the Australasian and African Regions. These are your fellow pilots, aviation enthusiasts, and just plain nice folks...across the Pacific and across the Atlantic ... a mere 10,000 miles in opposite directions. And to further reemphasize that IFRR involves FUN ... African VP Moses Ayree, from Ghana, is also Chair of BREW ... the new Rotary Fellowship of Beer Lovers!

**Australasia Vice President - Ian Hope** of Breakfast Point, New South Wales, Australia. His area includes Australia, New Zealand, and most of Asia. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Lindfield, and his spouse is Roslyn. His email is ihope@ozemail.com.au.

**Australia Section - Colleen Richey** of Devonport, Tasmania, Australia is the president of the Australia Section of IFRR. She is associated with the Rotary Club of Devonport with her spouse, Ted Richey. Her email is colleenrichey@iinet.net.au.

**New Zealand Section - Peter Armstrong** of Manukau, New Zealand is the president of the New Zealand Section of IFRR. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga. His spouse is Margaret. His email is peter@reivernet.com.

**Africa Vice President - Moses Aryee** of Accra, Ghana. His area includes the entire continent. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Accra West. His spouse is Victoria. His email is bmw1u@hotmail.com.
Planes, Trains & Automobiles ... or...

Pins, Badges & Luggage Tags

In the Air Comm’s November World Newsletter, Han Klinkspoor, VP of the Europe Region, discussed wearing your IFFR pin. We reprint part of it here because it underscores the focus that the Americas Region has put on it for years, and particularly this year, (and don’t you love his son’s tactic for meeting people at parties!). Han remarked:

“... My son used to have a dummy plaster case that he put on his elbow when going to a party where he anticipated only a few people he would know. Attention was immediate and a conversation piece at hand. Here’s a tip: At social occasions, ... wear your IFFR lapel pin ... The subject will come up, horror stories told about delays and airline staff behavior, but invariably there’s also someone leaning over, curious about the magic of man leaving the earth’s surface. ...”

With your Americas IFFR membership, all of you have received (1) an IFFR pin and, (2) your own personalized IFFR name badge, and (3) an IFFR luggage tag. You’ve got ‘em, so here’s how to use them:

1. **IFFR Pin:** Wear your IFFR pin, instead of your “plain” Rotary pin. Wear it to all Rotary meetings and events, and wear it at all other times...on your jackets, shirts, blouses, and sweaters. Being well-dressed includes wearing that interesting, prestigious pin! The IFFR pin is a Rotary pin, it’s just a “special” one. Although people seldom ask about the “plain” Rotary pin, they invariably ask about the IFFR pin. It draws attention, it’s different, it’s special, it’s cool. It easily prompts discussions about Rotary... or flying ... or both.

2. **IFFR Personal Name Badge:** Wear your name badge at all IFFR events, and at all other Rotary activities (and at some non-Rotary events) where name badges are utilized...District Conferences, District Assemblies, and other club & district events. Other badges tell people your name, but none draw the attention and questions that your IFFR badge (with wings) does. (Thanks to PWP Sam Bishop for designing and ordering these).

3. **IFFR Luggage Tag:** New this year, the Americas Region luggage tag is the most distinctive, eye-catching, comment-producing tag you can put on your luggage, brief cases, flight bags...anything you might take with you on a trip, whether by commercial airline, airplane, train, bus or car. Put one on every piece of luggage and travel case you use. I have had more people ask if I am a pilot simply because they saw the IFFR luggage tag. It’s great fun, and starts conversations. Don’t leave home without ‘em! (Thanks to PWP Peter More for getting these designed and produced).

As part of your membership, the Americas Region gives you the IFFR pin, your personalized name badge, and IFFR luggage tags.
So, use them… to have fun… and to meet many new people you wouldn’t otherwise get a chance to talk with and know! … “Hey, what are those wings for?…….” Plus, you can order an IFFR cap (various colors, see photo), and the new IFFR shirt that became available this year (see photo).

Extra pins, badges and luggage tags can be obtained from Americas Region Secretary/Treasurer Steve Henderson at n8571v@gmail.com, or (831) 818-1488 (cell). IFFR shirts (see PHOTO) can be ordered from PWP Peter More at email peter@petermore.com.

As 2014 draws to a close, and we look forward to a really full 2015, the Americas leadership wishes everyone in the Americas Section and everyone around the IFFR world

a very Merry Christmas, and

a Happy New Year!

Tail winds to ya’,

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