LEADERSHIP BY IFFR

January proved to be a very busy month...for flying and leadership. IFFR is a leadership organization, full of people who love aviation and who have also stepped up to be leaders in Rotary. This month we are acknowledging many of our IFFR members who have actively supported Rotary activities. Read on and enjoy.

What’s Happened

2016 KICKS OFF WITH A PARUMPH!
SOUTH WEST SECTION’S NEW YEAR’S SOCIAL IN PARUMPH, NEVADA

Keeping with a tradition of having some kind of social event in early January, a few IFFR members met in Parumph, Nevada, where our new IFFR Americas Alaska / Yukon Chair, Craig Bledsoe, has a vacation home. If you remember his introduction to our membership last month, you’ll know that there are plenty of pilots, amateur radio enthusiasts, and wineries there. Parumph is actually an approximation of a Shoshone word that refers to the many artesian water wells in the area, so the desert can bloom with vineyards. Craig has invited anyone who wants to come (with advance notice) to fly into Calvada Meadows Aeropark (NV74) and enjoy a local wine-tasting tour. You do need advance permission to land there, information to get that is in the Airport Facility Directory and also included in the remarks section in apps like Foreflight.

A few people took him up on that the first weekend in 2016.
IPWP PDG Dr. Michael Graves flew his Aerostar over from Plainview, Texas, and of course Craig Bledsoe was there, so everyone else came from places a little closer than Alaska and Texas. In addition to fine wine and dine experiences (like at Symphony’s Restaurant with Craig, Mike, and Diane & Jack Sypolt), there were other interesting things to do around the area, including taking a look at the visitor’s center and the way water used to be hauled around – on wagon wheels. Craig shows us the water, and Mike jumped in the jeep for a picture.

This was a relatively pleasant place to have a fly-in during the middle of the winter, and maybe this will become a tradition in January each year.

**World President Elect Visits California**

Coming to Los Angeles for a week in mid January, I was glad to get the chance to meet up with Shirley More, Bev Fogle and Peter More again. Peter hosted a small gathering, which included local Rotary friends and the incoming DG from Hong Kong, Dr. Eric Chin and his wife Christine. It was a delightful evening with time to catch up and the chance to make new friends.

We also got to taste a 2004 LA wine from Bel Air, absolutely a bottle in the high end – Peter has friends in the right places.

A few days later, I got the chance to participate in the Rotary meeting at La Segundo RC. I was glad to get the chance to see Flying Rotarian Penelope Cornwall again. I always enjoy visiting Rotary Clubs when I am traveling. It is great to see the different ways meetings are conducted and the high level of commitment and activities there always is. I had to give up my British IFFR pin to Penelope, as she liked the design. I will have to see if I can get a new from one of our British members.

My Week in L.A. also gave me a chance to fly. The weather home is dreadful: foggy, rainy, cloudy and cold. It turned out Southern California was much
the same, but one day offered some sunny spells so off I went to Santa Monica Airport. I got issued a C-172 and made my way through the LAX Special Flight Rules VFR crossing, one more tic at the bucket list. The destination was Flabob Airport, suggested by Penelope. The airport is home to Chapter One in the EAA, and you are literally “coming around the mountain” when you’re in a left hand pattern to runway 24. It’s a great little airport, and good coffee is served at the diner. Weather briefing was a little basic but sufficient that day.

As I also got all my business done in the week the stay was good, and I enjoyed the benefits of our fellowship in full.

-- WPE Svend Andersen

**IFFR AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Every year, every District Governor Elect (DGE) in the world gathers in San Diego for training at the International Assembly. It’s the most impressive, high-powered Rotary gathering outside of world Conventions, and there were at least six (6) IFFR members involved this year.

We had at least four (4) incoming District Governors. Kim Waters (Southeast section) of District 6910 was there from near Atlanta, Georgia. Bill Dendy (South Central section) of District 5810 was there from Dallas, Texas. Interestingly, the District Governor in that district in 2014-15 was also named Bill Dendy (identical name except for middle initial, identical district, different guy). To differentiate them, they are known in the District as Bill 14 and Bill 16. Go figure! Also there was Eric Chin of District 3450 in Hong Kong. He helped with the IFFR banquet in Hong Kong after the Bangkok Convention, so he would be a familiar face to those of you on that Jetaway. Finally, another familiar face was John Dehnel of District 1070 in England. He was at the Oshkosh 50th celebration and was part of the subsequent Fly-Away through Minnesota.

In addition to four incoming DGEs, we had two Training Leaders, part of a small group of 40 trainers annually chosen from around the world to provide training to the DGEs. IFFR Life Member Dave Stovall, PDG from District 6910 (Southeast section) had previously been a Training Leader back in 2004-05 and was here this time as husband of DGE Kim Waters. Finally, Americas Vice President George Chaffey (Southwest section) was back as a 2nd year Training Leader.

Yet again, when you think of IFFR, you not only think of flying, but also of leadership in Rotary ... at all levels.

-- VP PDG IATL George Chaffey

**IFFR MEMBERS LEADING THE WAY IN ROTARY**

We’ve asked for information from our members about their involvement in Rotary at their club level and higher, and have a work-in-progress matrix we have published on our ifframericas website. We take our flying seriously and for fun in IFFR, and we also take our Rotary involvement to a higher level. It’s amazing what Rotary leadership
What’s Coming

Southeast Fly-In Celebrating Sun ‘n Fun
Plus IFFR Americas Annual General Meeting
Jekyll Island, Georgia and Leeward Air Ranch, Ocala, Florida
April 7 - 10, 2016

Return to Ocala for our third Bi-annual Sun n Fun adventure. Join your IFFR Friends for a great three night event, beginning on Jekyll Island, Georgia followed by two nights at Leeward Air Ranch in Ocala, Florida. We’ll also plan our regional annual meeting (AGM) during this event, and this will take place at Peter Wenk’s home at FD04.

Beginning Thursday, April 7th, we arrive for fellowship and relaxation at Jekyll Island (09J), where we plan to enjoy the island and have a happy hour and dinner together, staying at the Hampton Inn there. Late morning on Friday the 8th, we’ll depart for lunch at Flagler County Airport (KFIN), following the coastline south. After lunch, we’ll head for Leeward Air Ranch (FD04). We’ll have a happy hour, then a dinner in Peter and Ellen Wenk’s hangar. Saturday the 9th we’ll plan on spending 6 hours at Sun ‘n Fun, using a rental van to get there and avoid the air traffic hassle. That evening, another group dinner, then depart for home after breakfast Sunday morning the 10th.

Peter Wenk’s neighbors in Leeward Air Ranch are once again offering lodging accommodations in their homes for the first six registrants. Additional accommodations available at Holiday Inn Express, Silver Springs, Florida, 800-HOLIDAY or 352-304-6111.

Southeast Americas IFFR Chair Dale Read has circulated a flyer with more detailed information, which includes the registration sheet, and this sheet is also available on our website. Basic registration for the event is $60 per person if you have your own vehicle, but with the ground transportation for dinner and getting to Sun ‘n Fun, the registration is $85 per person. For more information, download the flyer, or contact Dale: daleread@readwindow.com. Flyer: SunNFun Flyer 2015
MODAERO NextGen Aviation Festival  
Lone Star Executive Airport, Houston (Conroe), Texas (KCXO)  
March 16 - 19, 2016

South Central IFFR Americas Chair Jack Welge welcomes all back to Conroe, Texas, site of our May 2015 $100 Hamburger fly-in, to experience the inauguration of what is hoped will be a regular event. Part aviation fly-in, part music festival, part career fair, part drone races, MODAERO is designed to offer something for everyone, from March 16-19th.

MODAERO has been gaining traction slowly but is sponsored by AOPA, and for that reason as well as the weekend, Saturday, March 19th looks good. Website: http://www.modaero.net.

Considering MODAERO crowds, the Black Walnut Cafe (where we held a fly-in last year) will be crowded. So our plans are to meet and carpool off airport to Saltgrass Steakhouse, 810 Interstate 45 N, Conroe, TX 77304. 5 miles, less than 15 minutes from the airport.

So pull out your calendars and let us know if you will be there flying or driving at noon on March 19th. Contact Jack Welge, 903-753-5683, or email welgelaw@yahoo.com.

"Seoul Is The Place To Be"  
IFFR at The Convention  
May 28 - June 1, 2016

The IFFR will be at the Seoul Convention full bore... at the IFFR hotel, at the booth in the House of Friendship, at the AGM, at the Banquet, and at the post-Convention Tour of Korea. If you haven’t registered for the Convention yet, now is the time to act. Save the dates of May 28 – June 1, 2016.

IFFR Hotel: Our official IFFR hotel (Lotte Hotel World) is a fabulous, 5-star hotel, and will be the place to meet and gather and see one another when not at the Convention itself. A November 28 email was sent to all IFFR members worldwide with details on registering for the hotel...but you have to hurry, it’s first come, first served. Details are in that November 28 email. Or you may go to the following website for information: RI Convention Extended Trip page (or http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/ri-convention-korea-extended-trip) and click on
“Lotte Hotel Reservation Form” and “Additional Lotte Hotel Info”. For additional views of the hotel, you can go to its website [http://www.lottehotel.com/world/en/](http://www.lottehotel.com/world/en/).

**IFFR Booth:** Our booth in the House of Friendship is the place at the huge Convention where IFFR members can meet, congregate, hang out and feel like “Cheers”...

“Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they’re always glad you came.” A convention isn’t quite the same without our booth... and we’ll be there! Lynn Miller is again in charge of the booth, and would welcome help in staffing the booth from any of you attending the Convention. Our World President-Elect (WPE), Svend Andersen, feels the IFFR Booth is very important and has already signed up, as has Americas VP George Chaffey and a number of others. If you are interested in meeting fellow IFFR members coming by, and greeting potential members, and talking flying , and hanging with other members, then join us in staffing the booth, and let Lynn Miller know at [cbrookgull@aol.com](mailto:cbrookgull@aol.com) ... hey, if you are attending the Convention, you’ll be coming by the booth anyway... so join Svend, George and the cast of characters each spending a little time there.... our home away from home.

**Annual General Meeting:** While the main body of our AGM is scheduled during the special Berlin Fly-out in July, we will commence our AGM during the RI Convention in Seoul before recessing to Berlin. This will be held on Monday, May 30 at 2:30 pm in Exhibition Center 1. This will be a great opportunity to meet our WPE Svend Andersen from Denmark. More details to follow.

**IFFR Banquet:** The annual Convention IFFR Banquet will likely be held on Monday evening, May 30. The details of time and location are still being planned. Those of you who attended in São Paulo will recall the memorable churrascaría Brazilian-style banquet. And now we’ll see what Seoul has to offer. More details to follow.

**Post-Convention Tour of Korea:** This is an unexpected treat. District Governor DJ Sun of District 5280 (Los Angeles) has great contacts in his home country of Korea and has arranged a personalized 4-day, 3-night Tour of Korea that few Convention attendees will be able to experience. Details were in the November 28 email sent to all IFFR members worldwide. To register, you may also go directly to [RI Convention Extended Trip page](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/ri-convention-korea-extended-trip) (or [http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/ri-convention-korea-extended-trip](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/ri-convention-korea-extended-trip)) and click on “Airline/Extended Trip Registration Form” and “Extended Trip Itinerary”.

**Special Prices Korean Air Tickets:** At detailed in the November 28 email, and on the District 5280 Website at [RI Convention Extended Trip page](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/ri-convention-korea-extended-trip) (or [http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/ri-convention-korea-extended-trip](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/SitePage/ri-convention-korea-extended-trip))
District 5280 has arranged for a block of tickets through Korean Air at significant discounts for flights from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Honolulu. If it can meet your needs, you can check with the Travel Agents listed there.

**Aviation Event at the Convention**: The IFFR is trying to arrange an additional aviation-related event for us at the Convention, but that is still in the works. We’ll send out details in the future if it works out.

This should be a good Convention and IFFR gathering according to Svend and George.... the Seoul Brothers.

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**“Berlin Beckons”**

**IFFR Annual General Meeting and Fly Out 2016**

**Berlin, Germany**

**July 16 - 23, 2016**

The IFFR will have a major fly-Out event in Berlin, Germany, July 16-23, 2016. This will be a biggie! The genius of this event is that, although there will be numerous fly-outs and ground tours, no one has to move from hotel to hotel. We will stay in our hotel in Berlin, and, for those wishing to fly, there will be a flying event to some destination, returning that afternoon. At the same time, for those not wishing to fly, there will be ground tours and activities to other locations, also returning in the afternoon. And people may choose to fly or go on a ground event, depending on their interest in the particular activities or destinations.

This will be the first major IFFR event under new World President Svend Andersen of Denmark, who has been overseeing the development of this program. There will also be an IFFR Annual General Meeting, presided over by Svend, the first of his Presidency. Svend sent out information on this event in September, and IFFR Secretary-Treasurer Ian Kerr will be sending a worldwide reminder sometime mid-December. Since there are a maximum of 80-spaces for this event, make your arrangements quickly. Details and registration forms are available at the IFFR main website, [www.iffr.org](http://www.iffr.org). Over half the spaces are taken as of the end of 2015, so hurry!
**EAA AirVenture 2016**  
**July 25 - 31, 2016**  
**Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA**

While we won’t have the banner event with banquet and fly about we had in 2015, we will have the usual Rotary Club meeting at noon on Wednesday and some kind of fellowship event also, usually on that Wednesday evening. We’ll look forward to seeing many IFFR friends at Oshkosh, and we’ll publish the specific information as it becomes available.

**Oregon Shakespeare Festival**  
**August 13 - 16, 2016**  
**Ashland, Oregon, USA**

You won’t want to miss this! IFFR will be gathering in Ashland, Oregon, the weekend of August 13, 14 and 15 to enjoy a very special visit to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, commemorating 400 years since the death of the bard. In addition to the fabled IFFR fellowship and world-class theatrical performances, we’ll enjoy some very special private opportunities: a tour of the OSF production facility, a Backstage Tour, and potentially even the opportunity to observe a very unique backstage view of a scene change during a live performance at the Bowmer Theater. All this amid the opulent weather and scenery of southern Oregon. And for those who can stay over, there will be a performance of Cabaret available on Monday evening.

Please express your interest in attending this weekend right away. We’re still working on special ticket prices, so don’t have final details and prices yet. You will have choices of performances, and can expect to be royally wined and dined by our local host Larry McClaskey. We may have to limit numbers for some of the special attractions, so be sure to have your name on our list. Beverly Fogle, bevfogle@gmail.com or (503) 702-5603, or Larry McClaskey (707) 484-4501. Check out the event at: [https://www.osfashland.org](https://www.osfashland.org).
“EAGLE FIELD FLIES AGAIN”
EAGLE FIELD, CALIFORNIA, USA
JUNE 11 - 12, 2016

The annual event at Eagle Field (CL01) in Dos Palos, California, will see some IFFR involvement again this year. There will be lots of vintage aircraft there. Stay tuned for more information next month.

STUNNING NEW ENGLAND FLY IN
SEPTEMBER 16 - 18, 2016
LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, USA (KLCI)

Gary Dehnel is planning an event in this beautiful area of New Hampshire, on the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee. The North East Section of IFFR invites all IFFR members to participate.

A flyer with the particulars can be downloaded at the IFFR Americas site. Activities will be centered in Meredith, New Hampshire. Basic plans are for a dinner on Friday the 16th to start the event, and breakfast and dinner on the 17th to bracket the day’s activities, and a final breakfast on Sunday morning the 18th before other activities or heading home. Accommodations will be either home stay with Rotarians or at B&Bs in the Meredith area. Early arrival or extensions are also possible.

Contact Gary Dehnel GCDehnel@verizon.net or phone 603-677-7910. Information flyer download is at http://www.ifframericas.org/events/2016%20Lakes%20Region%20Fly%20In%20Details.doc and you can register at this URL: http://www.ifframericas.org/events/2016%20Lakes%20Region%20Fly%20In%20Registration.doc.

INTERNATIONAL TIDBITS ---
LITHUANIA SUMMER GLIDING CAMP FOR YOUTH

We have been made aware of a special program related to Rotary Youth Exchange in Lithuania. They have a summer gliding camp for a couple of weeks each summer since 2010. This year it is July 3 - 17.

St. Christopher Rotary Club of Vilnius has been organizing this successful international summer gliding camp for 12-16 year olds in Lithuania. “Every year, we bring together kids from around
the world who share a love and passion of gliding. Each year, these bright young teenagers spend two weeks learning how to glide with one of our nation’s top instructors. In their free time, the teens also explore various adventure parks, cities and sites that our small country has to offer. It’s also a yearly tradition that our Rotary Club throws a farewell party with Rotary and Rotaract members, while each young participant gives a brief prepared powerpoint presentation of where they are from, their interests and how they got to the camp.”

For more information, contact the Club Secretary of St. Christopher Rotary Club (Vilnius, Lithuania), Lina Balsyte lina.balsyte@business-sweden.se, or International Committee Chair of that same club, Egle Kesyliene, kesyliene@gmail.com.

Pop Up Events

With the use of our modern communications methods and the right circumstances a “pop up” fly in or fellowship event is always possible, like the small but successful one in La Grange, Texas recently.

$100 Hamburger pop ups could happen anywhere, especially if weather looks good and we don’t have to invest a lot of planning effort.

So, always watch for those broadcasts from IFFR – it can mean a fun flight and a fellowship event that will keep you wanting to come back for more.

Tail winds to ya’,

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2015
7/10 - 12  Arlington, WA Fly-In
7/12    Vacaville, CA
7/18 - 20    Surprise Valley, CA
7/19 - 26    EAA Airventure, KOSH
7/22 - 23    Joint Clubs Meeting KOSH
7/25 - 8/1    IFFR Fly Out, Minnesota
7/26 - 30  Bar Harbor, ME
8/9 - 11  Tullahoma, TN
8/11 - 13  Tempe, AZ
8/13 - 15  Ashland, OR
8/20 - 22  Bremerton, WA
8/28 - 30  Bar Harbor, ME
3/16 - 19  Modaero Nextgen Festiv. Conroe, TX

2016
4/5 - 10  Lakeland FL Sun ‘n Fun
5/21 - 23  Beaufort, NC
5/28 - 6/1  RI Conv, Seoul, S. Korea
6/11 - 12  Eagle Field, CA
7/16 - 23  Berlin, Germany
7/25 - 31  Oshkosh WI AirVenture
8/13 - 15  Ashland, OR
8/20  Bremerton, WA
9/11  Beckwourth, CA
9/17  Battle Creek, MI
9/16 - 18  Laconia, NH
10/1 - 2  Sacramento, CA
10/1 - 9  Albuquerque, NM
10/21 - 23  Austin, TX vicinity