February 22, 2018

PLANNING FOR ANOTHER BIG YEAR

After an exciting 2017, IFFR Americas has another year of appealing activities in 2018. Plans are still in the making for a busy spring, summer and fall including our Rotary Convention in Toronto, followed by a New England Fly About. We also will have numerous events before then, highlighted by special plans if you want to head for Florida for a day at Sun ‘n Fun. Meanwhile, the Section Chairs are gradually filling 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

SOUTHEAST SECTION SPRING FLY-OUT
FEATURING SUN ‘N FUN -- APRIL 12TH - 15TH
LEEWARD 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.

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 ifframericas@gmail.com as recipient). **Deadline is March 30.** For housing with Peter’s neighbors, contact him at pgwenk@aol.com. Otherwise make arrangements with Holiday Inn Express in Ocala, 352-304-6111. Brochure with a few more details ([click here](#)).

**RI Convention 2018 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

**June 23 - 27, 2018**

**New England Fly About - Registration Nearly Full**

**June 28 - July 6, 2018**

The Rotary Convention in 2018 and the IFFR activies happening there and afterwards are something you won’t want to miss, and is definitely the highlight of the year. The IFFR Hotel for the Toronto Convention is the fabulous **Westin Harbour Castle Hotel**, just across from the stunning Billy Bishop Island Airport.

All of the 40 rooms we blocked were spoken for by October, so we have a waiting list if you want to stay at our “official” IFFR hotel. If you want to get on the waitlist, email or call George Chaffey (gchaffey@littler.com, 925-699-3343) to get on the standby list.

Otherwise, staying at another RI Hotel other than our IFFR “official” hotel will not keep
you from enjoying the IFFR activities during the Convention. Which brings us to our banquet ...

**IFFR BANQUET JUNE 25TH**

The IFFR Banquet will be Monday night, June 25, 2018 at the beautiful, historic **Royal Canadian Military Club**, near our hotel. Among other things, it has the original seat from the Red Baron’s WWI Fokker Dreidecker triplane. Details on price and registration next month. **SAVE THE DATE.**

**NEW ENGLAND FLY ABOUT**

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 gcdehnel@verizon.net. There’s also some more information on the registration form (see below).

**Registration fee totals US$900** per person, with a **US$100 deposit** due immediately if you want to secure a spot. There are no more than 8 total spots open on the coach and SUV “chase” vehicle as of February 18th. 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].

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).

**Squadron Reports**

**TENNESSEE / KENTUCKY SQUADRON**

Southeast Section Chair, Rankin Whittington, is leading the way in filling Squadron Leader positions. The Squadron concept is already bringing new energy and new ideas to IFFR Americas. Paul Lamb, new Squadron Leader of the Kentucky-Tennessee Squadron, is an example of the new enthusiasm and activity being generated by implementing Squadrons within our existing Sections. This month, Paul sent the message below personally to all of the District Governors serving in the two states in his Squadron. This is a great idea for consideration by Section
Chairs and Squadron Leaders throughout the Region... and beyond. Here is Paul’s message:

Dear District Governor [each Governor’s name]:

Please share with the clubs in your district, particularly Rotarian pilots and those interested in aviation, the information below:

The International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Rotary and aviation as an opportunity for fellowship and service and is one of the oldest Rotary fellowships. The IFFR Fellowship has a flying and bus tour following each convention of Rotary International. There are 1,200 members from thirty countries in four regions around the world. The Americas Region is divided into Squadrons in order to engage Rotarian pilots in local areas. We are planning fly-ins in the KY and TN areas for lunch, museums and fellowship.

Your assistance in getting the word out would be appreciated.

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Regards,
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Who’s Who

THE AIRPLANES OF IFFR AMERICAS
We are collecting pictures of planes flown by IFFR Americas region members, along with the members and whoever is flying with them. You can take a tour by clicking on this link: [IFFR Americas Fleet](#). Meanwhile, above is a sampling of the fine aircraft flown by our even finer Flying Rotarians.

**WHAT DO YOU FLY?**

We have organized the photos of the planes (or previous planes) of our Americas members. The photos are now organized by aircraft type which makes it easier for you to find a photo of your plane, and to see others who fly the same type of airplane as you. See the existing photos of planes on our website, organized by type, under “Photos” and then “Airplanes of IFFR”. CLICK HERE to go right to the archive page. Are you or your friends there?

If you are interested, send a photo of your plane or planes (with you in the photo if you’d like) and with details about the make and model and any other interesting information, and we will add your airplane photos to the website. These can be photos of planes you own or that you rent or that you fly for work (there are some professional pilots in our group, and a couple of jet photos have already arrived). If you own more than one plane, sent photos of all of them. Send to [peter@petermore.com](mailto:peter@petermore.com). “A picture is worth a thousand words.”

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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