A WILD ENDING ... A NEW BEGINNING

We are in high gear! IFFR at the Seoul Convention was great, the Berlin Fly Away is just around the corner, IFFR events are happening around the world, and... we have a new IFFR World President. Fasten your seat belts, and Read On!

What’s Happened

NEW WORLD PRESIDENT
Svend Andersen, Denmark
July 1, 2016

We have a new IFFR World President, Svend Andersen of Denmark. Svend is well known to many of us in this Region, having participated in many of our events over the past few years. You can look forward to seeing him at many more during the coming years. And now, a few words from Svend:

George asked me to make a short, quick biography... in English ...so here we go.

Rotary. A Rotarian since 1999, I joined IFFR in 2003-- right after World President Tony Watson (from Texas) visited the Scandinavian fly-in event in Sweden. I have served in many positions in my Rotary Club, including 2005-06 President, and for many years, I have been our Club Internet Communication Officer-- I’m not really an internet expert, but in the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.

Family & Work. I live in a small town in Denmark with my wife Carina, who is an ophthalmologic nurse in our local hospital. We have 2 children: Tim (with a M.S. in business law), and Søs (Sis, in English, with a M.S. in economics). Søs and her husband, Niels, are both IFFR and Rotaract members, and they joined us at the IFFR banquet in Seoul. I have a B.S. in engineering, and a M.S. in business administration. For 25 years, I’ve run a small engineering and manufacturing company focused on mechanical filtration of liquids, and
I’ve been the proud owner of the company for the last 3 years.

**Flying & IFFR.** I’ve been flying most of my life. In childhood, I built model planes, flew them, and rebuilt them as they crashed. I did a lot of rebuilding! I got my Private Pilot license at 18, and later added a commercial license, and multiengine and IR ratings. Although my destiny was not in the airline industry, I kept my interest and passion for everything that can fly, and my logbook now shows 2300 hours (most of which are IFR). The IFFR fellowship really gives me the international dimension within Rotary. Carina and I enjoy participating in the IFFR events, and we have developed good friendships over the years. I am honored to have the opportunity to be in the President’s seat of this great fellowship, and both Carina and I look forward to the next two years with lots of fellowship and flying. I could have included a picture of our whole family, but you will probably see us in person at an event near you, so instead, I have attached a photo of our plane....it’s the white Bonanza in front (I couldn’t afford the green one in back).

Fly safe,

Svend

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**THE BIG ONE ... IFFR AT THE SEOUL CONVENTION**

**SOUTH KOREA, MAY 28 – JUNE 4, 2016**

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![Image of the Seoul Convention Center](image-url)
IFFR was busy -- at the Seoul Convention and beyond -- meeting members and potential members from around the world.

Annual General Meeting. Presided over by President-Elect Svend, this was the first AGM in years where participants were all able to be introduced and to discuss their aviation interests and experiences. And it was a diverse group. We had a hot air balloonist from Australia (Ross McConnell), a former balloonist and skydiver, now pilot (Rita Rae Fontenot from Louisiana), ultra light pilots (Niels Rasmussen from Denmark and Jay Jayakandhan from India), owners of single engine Pipers (Rita Rae Fontenot, Sam Bishop from California), twin engine planes (Tim Puliz of Nevada), and older classic planes (George Chaffey, 1948 Luscombe). Sam Bishop gave a short report on the function of the IFFR Safety Committee, and then Svend recessed the meeting to continue at the Berlin event in July.

IFFR Booth. We saw hundreds of convention attendees at our IFFR booth in the House of Friendship—many of them IFFR members and people interested in learning more. We were busy, we had fun, we signed up members for every
Region, and did I mention, that we had fun!

**IFFR Banquet.** President-Elect Svend opened a highly personal, interactive evening that focused on flying stories and personal anecdotes from everyone. We heard stories from old timers like Sam & Elena Bishop, and newer members like Don Brewer and Bob Rogers; folks in the middle of our Americas Region (Tim & Vicki Puliz of Nevada) and members from far away (Jay Jayakandhan of India). Dave Stovall (Georgia) gave a description of the warm reception that his local EAA chapter will be providing for the IFFR flyers arriving for the Atlanta 2017 Convention. It was an evening of great food and great camaraderie....and we learned a lot about one another.

**Post-Convention Tour.** A contingent of IFFR members were part of a superb post-Convention tour of Seoul and down the center of the country to Busan in the south. The national museum in Seoul was awesome, and the military museum (focusing on the Korean War, and the US and UN involvement in it) was downright emotional. The tour organizer (District Governor DJ Sun of District 5280, Los Angeles area, who was raised in
Korea) provided us with an incredible exposure to the range of Korean foods, culture, environments, and events. We had a private reception with RI Past World President D.K. Lee and his family at their summer home, with a surprise guest, another RI Past World President, Frank Devlyn of Mexico. All in all, it was something the average tourist might never have the opportunity to experience. But that’s IFFR.

**“THE EAGLE FLEW”**
**EAGLE FIELD, CALIFORNIA, USA**
**JUNE 11 – 12, 2016**

Eagle Field was a primary flight training field during WWII. It was closed after the war, remained untouched until being purchased by an individual at a war surplus auction several years ago, and is slowly being restored to original operating condition. This fly-in event is one of many fund raisers to help in the restoration. It is a 1940’s, WWI-era bash with lots of old airplanes, military vehicles, tanks, mock battle, great BBQ dinner and a dance
Auburn, California, USA

For the second year in a row, the IFFR has joined the 99s in a flight to... Half Moon Bay, that picturesque coastal town that is often shrouded in morning fog. And once again, it was... and so, the entire group headed instead to Auburn, California (in the

with a big band orchestra playing 40s era music.

IFFR members Sam & Elena Bishop, Larry & Diane Wolfsen and Brad & Aleene Althouse showed up in 1940’s regalia and had a ball looking at airplanes, the night away after dinner. Sam & Elena won first prize waltzing away with 50 bucks! After the Saturday night Los Banos for a final gathering, then breakfast the next

Look for this to become an annual event. Ten' hut!
central valley, north east of Sacramento) for a rendezvous at Wing’s Grill & Expresso Bar. The event was spearheaded by Susan Royce, past president of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley and chair of the Marin County chapter of the 99s, so she has her feet in both organizations. For those who may not know, the 99s is an international organization of women pilots that was founded in 1929, and whose first President was the famous aviator Amelia Earhart. It was named for the fact that it had 99 charter members, and now has thousands of members in over three dozen countries. http://www.ninety-nines.org/.

The entourage included Tim Puliz, George Chaffey and Linda Jenkins from the IFFR, with the remainder coming from the 99s and their guests. In fact, among the attendees were members of a wide group of aviation organizations: IFFR, Marin 99s, COPA (Cirrus Owners & Pilots Assn.), GFCA (Gnoss Field Community Assn.), EAA, VAA and Marin County Aviation Commission, and more. It was a great lunch, with conversations whirling about the trials and tribulations of Tim Puliz’ current spin/stall training, Karen Kalua’s ongoing work for her instrument rating, Sue Royce’s lessons in aerobatics, George Chaffey’s 9,000 mile cross-country odyssey last summer in his 1948 Luscombe (and, coming west with headwinds, being passed by Volkswagens), and so much more.

Flying is fun, and talking about flying is equally fun. We hope that more of you get a chance to experience this type of gathering in the coming year.

What’s Coming

BERLIN ... IT’S ALMOST HERE
IFFR AGM & FLY OUT
JULY 16-23, 2016
This will be the first major Fly-In Event under our new World President, Svend Andersen of Denmark, who has been overseeing the development of this program. It should be stunning. Also, Svend will preside over the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of his term, which will be a continuation of the AGM that he chaired at the Seoul convention. Look for photos and stories of this great event in our next Newsletter.

OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
AUGUST 12-14, 2016
ASHLAND, OREGON, USA
ASHLAND MUNICIPAL - SUMNER PARKER FIELD (SO3)

You won’t want to miss this! IFFR will be gathering in Ashland, Oregon, during the annual Oregon Shakespeare Festival. In addition to IFFR fellowship and the world-class theatrical performance, you’ll have opportunities to explore and shop this unique town and the beautiful Ashland area. The events will be Friday through Sunday, and you may attend as many or as few as you want.

Hotel: A block of hotel rooms is reserved at the Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites [AshlandHillsHotel.com]. Call directly for reservations 541-482-8310 or 855-482-8310. Mention IFFR to receive rate of $139.00. Reservations must be received by July 8. The hotel will accept reservations at the group rate after this date based on availability. You may also make reservations at other hotels if you wish (there are many, but they fill up quickly during the Festival, so don’t delay).

Here’s the initial schedule for the IFFR Event:

Friday, August 12
• 1:30 pm plays: Timon of Athens (approximate prices) $109.00. * These play prices all weekend are best seats available as a benefit of Larry McClaskey’s Shakespeare Festival Membership. Please contact Larry (707-484-4501) for these prices and seats ASAP. Fly-in participants can also contact the Box Office directly (800-219-8161) for other price options.
• 5:30 pm: IFFR Initial Gathering: Cocktail reception with “heavy” hors d’oeuvres hosted by Larry McClaskey at his home: 1435 Pinecrest Terrace, Ashland, OR. (Maps will be provided to attendees). Transportation to Larry’s home can be arranged by contacting Larry (707-484-4501). Other IFFR attendees will also have rental cars.
Saturday, August 13
• 8:00 pm plays: Roe v Wade $98.00; Yeoman of the Guard $111.00; Hamlet $120.00.
• 10-12 am: If twelve people are interested, Larry can arrange a guided tour of a Shakespeare facility/ backstage.
• 1:30 pm plays: Twelfth Night $119.00; Yeoman of the Guard $111.00.
• 5:30 pm IFFR Dinner: Larks Restaurant in Ashland Springs Hotel – 212 E. Main – Ashland (short walk to festival grounds)
• 8:00 pm plays: Timon $109.00; The Wiz (Broadway Musical) $126.00

Sunday, August 14
• Four (4) plays that day for those interested: Great Expectations; Richard II; A Winters Tale; 12th Night.

Special Notes:
• All those planning to attend should notify Sandy & George Gilman ggilman@qwest.net, so we have a head count for the Friday Cocktail Gathering and the Saturday dinner.
• Pilots should fill out the attached Fly-In/Emergency Contract form so we have a way to checking if you are unusually late; send it to Sandy & George Gilman ggilman@qwest.net.
• Remember you must make your own hotel reservations, as soon as possible.
• If you plan to have dinner on your own on any day – be advised that reservations are a must. The Ashland Chamber website has a list of restaurant options. http://www.ashlandchamber.com

We are looking forward to seeing you in Ashland.
Sandy & George Gilman: ggilman@qwest.net (541-858-1726)
Larry McClaskey: larryemcc@gmail.com (707-484-4501)

EAA AIRVENTURE 2016
July 25 - 31, 2016
Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA

We will have the usual Rotary Club meeting at noon on Wednesday and we hope some kind of other fellowship activity while at EAA. We’ll look forward to seeing many IFFR friends at Oshkosh, and we’ll publish the specific information on our website as it becomes available.

UP, UP & AWAY.... IN BALLOONS
October 2-4, 2016
Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

Get this event on your calendars now. Details available next month in our newsletter, or online at our website as soon as they become available. This is your excuse to go to the most famous balloon festival anywhere, in the company of IFFR friends.
CALIFORNIA CAPITAL AIRSHOW  
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1, 2016  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, USA

The California Capital Airshow is one of the TOP FIVE (5) AIRSHOWS in the country, the Blue Angels have confirmed they'll be there, and this is an IFFR Event you should not miss.

Tickets will go on sale starting July 14, and we are encouraging IFFR Members to consider the “Capital Club” which is a tented area with the best view of the Airshow, and includes continental breakfast, lunch and all your beverages. The Capital Club volunteer staff is led by our own IFFR member, Tim Pinkney, and he recommends this as our best experience for the California Capital Airshow.

For details on the Airshow, visit [www.californiacapitalairshow.com](http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com) and become a “CCA Insider” to get the first notice of tickets on sale. Tickets go on sale at noon on July 14, with the best prices available if you have signed up ahead of time as a “CCA Insider”.

THE SUGGESTION: Reserve your hotel room at the Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova, 11211 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742, phone 916-638-1100, or online at [http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/sacm-sacramento-marriott-rancho-cordova/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/sacm-sacramento-marriott-rancho-cordova/). Located close to the field, this hotel is the top choice for the Airshow performers, exhibitors, and ... the IFFR. Room rates are currently $132, fully refundable if cancelled by September 29. This hotel will book up, so make your reservations now if you plan to attend.

THE PLAN: The IFFR group will meet for dinner on Friday, September 30 and attend the California Capital Airshow on Saturday, October 1. Stay tuned for more information, and watch the IFFR Americas website for all the news! [www.iffrAmericas.org](http://www.iffrAmericas.org)

Editor’s Musings

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE PROJECT

A few years back, PWP Sam Bishop presented me with a box that he had stored for a few years in his hangar at Watsonville, California. One of the early members of IFFR, Dr. Charles Smith (#91) had presented him with this box, full of mostly organized archives of our IFFR newsletters from the earliest one in 1967 to around 2002. Even as editor from 1983 to 1994 I hadn’t saved a copy of many of my World Bulletins, so from the time I received the box I was hoping to be able to not only look at them myself but scan them to be shared across the Internet with IFFR pilots.

Since we took June off from doing a newsletter, mainly due to the RI Convention, and I hadn’t signed up to go to that, I used that time – and more – to scan all the newsletters. It was quite a trip down memory lane. We have uploaded them to an IFFR Americas controlled site and will do an official announcement soon about how you can find these gems.

You can learn a lot about how and why we are like we are from reviewing the old newsletters.

Meanwhile, PDG Mark Crotts recently sent me this picture made at the IFFR AGM held during the 2001 RI
Convention in San Antonio (I think), in the midst of my fly-in and fly about planning. This shows Mark with 4 of the 5 World Presidents I served as bulletin editor: John Linford, PDG Ned Poyser, PDG Federico “Freddy” Compean, and Don Bymaster. Only my own Rotary Club member who got me into this mess was missing, PDG Vac Stanford, who attended several events in San Antonio but missed the AGM.

**Wearing The IFFR Wings**

I recently participated as a pilot in a couple of Challenge Air events in this part of Texas, the first one held at McKinney, Texas. An enthusiastic backer of Challenge Air is my former instrument student, now successful instrument pilot flying a Cherokee 180, PDG W. W. “Bill” Dendy (2014-15) of the Rotary Club of DeSoto, Texas, USA. I snapped this picture since he was wearing an IFFR cap with our IFFR wings logo.

However you wear your IFFR wings can always be a good conversation item. You’ve got to mention both Rotary and aviation. And we support things like this as a part of the charitable work we do as Flying Rotarians.

**RI President John Germ 2016-17 Visits Texas D-5810**

Then DGE Bill Dendy (2016-17) of the District 5810 E-Club just walked up to Rotary’s President Elect a few months ago and asked him if he could come to Dallas before he took office and have a special dinner with a large group that would also serve as Bill’s installation. PE Germ was able to work this into his schedule on June 23rd, so Bill went to work in a big way to make the situation memorable.

First, our fellow Flying Rotarian found a venue – that just happened to have an aviation theme – the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. Then he promoted that not only was this to be his installation, but all the presidents to be in the District could come and be installed themselves by President Germ. He found decent live music, and a high-end caterer. As long as you’re spending this many bucks for dinner, having good food rather than the typical rubber chicken is a kind gesture.
The museum is somewhat interesting with some one of a kind prototypes around like “the flying pancake.” We were in an area surrounded by some of the inside displays. It reminded me a bit of some of our IFFR banquets in famous aviation museums around the world.

Coming Soon ...

Next month and beyond ... look for more news on Ashland, Oregon; Beckwourth, California (Nervino Field); Bremerton, Washington (AOPA); Laconia, New Hampshire; California Capital Airshow; and more.

Tail winds to ya’,

George
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2015
7/20 - 26  EAA Airventure, KOSH
7/22  Joint Clubs Meeting KOSH
7/23  IFFR 50th Event, KOSH
7/25 - 8/1  IFFR Fly Out, Minnesota
8/28 - 30  Bar Harbor, ME
9/11-13  Greenville, SC
9/13  Beckwourth, CA
10/2 - 4  Sacramento, CA
10/9 - 11  Tullahoma, TN
10/11  Cameron Park, CA

2016
3/16/- 19  Modaero Nextgen Festiv. Conroe, TX
4/5 - 10  Lakeland FL Sun ‘n Fun
5/20 - 22  Columbia, CA
5/21  Beaufort, NC
5/28 - 6/1  RI Conv, Seoul, S. Korea
6/11 - 12  Eagle Field, CA
6/26  Auburn, CA (with 99s)
7/16 - 23  Berlin, Germany
7/17  Cedarville, CA (f.i. brkfst)
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