Brazil. The site of the RI convention, Caipirinha (national drink), the Samba, and IFFR’s newest efforts to expand into South America ... the beginning involvement of South American pilots and aviation enthusiasts in our worldwide Fellowship. The spirit of Brazil lingers, Oshkosh beckons, and all across the Americas Region, activities are in full swing. Join in!!

What’s Happened

RO​TARY CONVENTION & ANNUAL IFFR GATHERING
SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL, JUNE 2015

Pre-Convention Tour

IFFR traditionally gathers at each RI Convention for a fly away, jet away or some other fellowship event, pulling together members from around the world. This year, the tour involved both IFFR and non-IFFR Rotarians --- 37 people, a quarter of whom were IFFR folks. That combination yielded unexpected benefits for IFFR.
The tour spent the first two days in Rio Janeiro (every bit as beautiful as imagined). The group then arose at 1:45 am to fly to Iguacu Falls (because the Brazilian airline cancelled our original flight). If Iguacu Falls is not one of the Seven Wonders of the World, it should be! We saw them from the Argentinian side, then the next day from the Brazilian side, and finally from above in a helicopter ... a great way to get a sense of 12 kilometers of waterfalls. None of us were prepared for the impact of the Falls, and our unanimous opinion was ... don’t go to Brazil without seeing Iguacu Falls. Due to another flight cancelled by the Brazilian airlines,
the group again had to get up early, but this time slept in until 2:45 am, to fly to São Paulo for the RI Convention and IFFR activities.

**IFFR Booth at the Convention**

Because of friendships that developed during the pre-Convention tour, the IFFR booth became “home”, a meeting place, and a hangout for many of the non-IFFR Rotarians during the Convention. Many of them learned about IFFR for the first time, and when they return, will be more likely to refer Rotarian pilots to the IFFR. This was a surprise benefit in having a pre-Convention event with non-IFFR folks, and is causing us to consider this for future conventions.

Wheelchair bound Fabrizio Pedretti of the Italian Section participated in several IFFR events representing Europe during the Convention. On the left, he poses with Americas VP George Chaffey, and on the right, with Mae Bradshaw and Burt Dribble.
New Members

The IFFR Booth was not only a huge success in terms of fellowship with many non-IFFR members, but we gained 37 new members: 2 for Africa, 2 for Europe, and 33 for the Americas Region (including 3 from Brazil and 2 from Chile — our first South American members in many years). We are looking forward to the continued growth of our South American membership (see the stories on Flying in Brazil, below).

Banquet and AGM

The annual Banquet was a smash hit. Held at the top-rated Fogo de Chão, we had the best quality, traditional Churrascaria meal .... over 60 selections of salads, appetizers, and cuts of beef, chicken and lamb ... the meat brought around to the tables on sword-like
skewers, and cut off on the spot for diners who wanted particular cuts of meat offered. Rodrigo Rasera, a São Paulo business person, and a former Brazilian Rotary Exchange student who lived with George & Carol Chaffey in the early 90s, gave a description of how the traditional Churrascaria meal works, and a short primer on some of the cuts of meat that they would encounter during the meal. Ask someone who was there about the red and green cards at each place setting and the part it played in the dinner experience. Most of the IFFR members at the dinner also attended other meal events during the Convention ... for their district, or zone, or another Fellowship ... all of those who reported back indicated that the IFFR banquet was BY FAR the best of any of the dinner events associated with the Convention.

As the representative of World President James Alexander, Americas VP George Chaffey called to order a world Annual General Meeting, all attending members were introduced, and then the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at Oshkosh on July 25. There were 27 in attendance, although 31 were scheduled to attend. Barry & Vivian White had a conflicting District dinner, and two members from Australia missed the actual dinner and AGM only because of a temporary illness. Every Region was represented. At that point, Americas VP George Chaffey called the Americas AGM to order ... which was promptly commenced by, ... the meal! The fellowship was so good (along with the meal) that we never got to any business, or detailed introductions about all of the attendees, and that will be picked up at another Americas AGM to be held later in the year.

Flying
General aviation is alive and well in Brazil! We were surprised at the volume of private aircraft and helicopters (São Paulo has the world’s largest fleet of helicopters). The lack of IFFR members on the ground in Brazil made it too difficult to try to arrange a fly away after the Convention, and dissuaded efforts to coordinate with local pilots, but that will change in the future. There were plenty of surprises. We discovered the Aerooclube de São Paulo right across the street from the Convention site. It rents out Tupis (Piper PA28 Cherokee derivative, produced by the Brazilian aircraft company Embraer). Its various aircraft include Tupis, a Decathlon, a Diamond and other aircraft. They even have a Bücker Jungmeister (German aerobatic airplane) that is awaiting an engine rebuild. George Chaffey, along with Tour leader Fred Hornbruch, went for a flight in a Tupi over São Paulo .... amazing to see a metropolitan area of close to 30 million people from the air (the largest metropolitan area in all of the Americas). Member John Ockenfels went one better ... he flew left seat for an hour over the city with the Aerooclube’s Chief Flight Instructor, while he exchanged information with her on radio and communication protocols in their two countries. His only regret was that, with his attention on flying, he didn’t take all the photos he would have loved to take.

On Sunday, 6 days after the convention ended, Americas VP George Chaffey visited the small airport in Jundiaí, a town about 30 minutes west of Sao Paulo. The visit was purely coincidental because he and Carol were staying there with the family of their former exchange student, and the father happened to mention that there was an aeroclube at the local airport and he knew the manager. Another surprise. The Aerooclube de Jundiaí has a very active member and flight training program. It has 13 planes used in flight training, plus planes owned by members, which include: Cessna 152s, 172s, a new Seneca II, a Baron, a Tupis, a King Air, an aerobatic 152, a beautifully restored Stearman, several J-3 Cubs, and more. They have over 100 current students, mainly getting private licenses, but also others getting ratings for instruments.
commercial, multi-engine, CFI. Had his flight back to the US not been that very evening, George reports that he would definitely have been up flying around the area. With this much going on just in Jundiaí, we are anxious to begin investigating the other aeroclubes around Brazil and in other countries as well. See John’s experience at: [http://www.ifframericas.org/Brazil.htm](http://www.ifframericas.org/Brazil.htm)

Also as a result of this trip, we’ve learned that Brazil has a General Aviation organization, APPA, which is affiliated with AOPA. See the APPA website at [http://www.appa.org.br/](http://www.appa.org.br/) for a view of what APPA is doing in Brazil and for a message from George Sucupira (APPA President), Harrison Ford and Morgan Freeman.

IFFR Americas will be following up with them. See the current June 2015 Sport Aviation Magazine of EAA (pages 76-77) for an article entitled, “Brazilian Speed Wings” by Brazilian EAA member Marcelo Cardoso about his building of his ASSO IV that he flies to fly-in events in Brazil. [http://www.ifframericas.org/Brazil.htm](http://www.ifframericas.org/Brazil.htm)

As reported in the September 2014 Newsletter, Claudio Candiota, from far southern Brazil, annually heads a group of 150 Brazilians who come to the Oshkosh AirVenture, so we are looking forward to hopefully seeing Brazilian Rotarian and Rotaractor pilots among them at Oshkosh this year ... and welcoming them to celebrations of our 50th anniversary. Anyway, Brazil was surprising, and encouraging. September 2014 newsletter link: [http://www.ifframericas.org/2014Sep.pdf](http://www.ifframericas.org/2014Sep.pdf)

**EAGLE FIELD FLY-IN, CALIFORNIA**
**JUNE 13 & 14, 2015**

Due to scheduling conflicts, including the convention in Brazil, none of our members were able to attend this year, but we are planning a big turnout next year to make up for it.
What's Coming

THE $100 HAMBURGER – SOUTH CENTRAL IFFR FLY-IN – RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27TH
HOUSTON LONE STAR EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (CXO) - CONROE, TEXAS
BLACK WALNUT CAFÉ – GALAXY FBO – CONROE AIRPORT

Come join us for lunch Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Black Walnut Café – Conroe at the Lone Star Executive Airport. [http://www.blackwalnutcafe.com/locations/houston-locations/lone-star-airport/]

Here, unlike other airport diners, the Black Walnut Café – Conroe at the Lone Star Executive Airport does feature a $100 Burger on the menu that actually comes with a great burger and a $100 Gift Card! There are also salads, tacos, sandwiches, beer & wine (for non-pilots) and more! Located on the third floor of the Galaxy FBO, the Black Walnut Café - Conroe features a patio view overlooking the Runway 14-32. Come dust off the rust and fly (or drive) in and join us for lunch at the Lone Star Executive Airport (CXO) in Conroe!

Plan to see all of us personally this year, fly more, share Rotary, and explore more local fly-in destinations the last Saturday of each month. See you there! Looking for cooperative weather this time (3rd time’s the charm)!

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IFFR NORTHWESTSECTION AT ARLINGTON FLY-IN
JULY 10 – 12, 2015

Section chair Bev Fogle will have IFFR participation in the Arlington, Washington Fly-In in just 3 weeks. Information has been on the ifframericas.org site for a while. She had a block at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Arlington, Washington under the name of the Flying Rotarians, but that block date expired on June 8th. Nevertheless, worth a check at (360) 363-4321. If you want or need to camp, reservations need to be made in advance at the fly-in website, [www.ArlingtonFlyIn.org](http://www.ArlingtonFlyIn.org).

Please complete the IFFR registration form if you’re coming, available at our website, [www.ifframericas.org](http://www.ifframericas.org), or click here: [http://www.ifframericas.org/events/2015ArlingtonReg.docx](http://www.ifframericas.org/events/2015ArlingtonReg.docx).
OSHKOSH 2015 ... IFFR’s 50\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary Celebration

IFFR World President James Alexander (devoted husband of Lady Catherine) has planned both a single destination fly-in to Wautoma (near Oshkosh) to really enjoy the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, and a following week-long fly about through Minnesota.

During Oshkosh, on the EAA Grounds, plan to attend (1) the annual Joint luncheon meeting of Rotary clubs on Wednesday July 22, hosted by the Rotary Club of Oshkosh, and then (2) IFFR’s Gala 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Nature Center on the Oshkosh grounds on Thursday, July 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

We’ve been around for 50 years, and this is where almost 10% of the entire worldwide membership of IFFR will be gathering for great fellowship.

IFFR 50\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary Luncheon, July 23\textsuperscript{rd} at Oshkosh

The IFFR organizing team of Mark Hagen & Tim Freudenthal are excited to announce that Dick Rutan will be the main speaker at the IFFR 50th Anniversary Luncheon on Thursday, July 23, 2015 during the Oshkosh AirVenture.

Dick Rutan made history in December 1986 after completing a nine day, three minute and forty-four second non-stop and non-refueled flight around the world, setting records that remain unchallenged today. He was awarded the Presidential Citizen’s Medal of Honor by President Ronald Reagan four days after the epic landing.

Dick Rutan was elected to serve on the board of the Mojave Air & SpacePort in Mojave, CA. In July of 2002, he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio.

Dick received his solo pilot’s license and driver’s license on his 16th birthday. He flew 325 missions in Vietnam, 105 of them as a member of the Super Sabre Forward Air Control, a high-risk operation commonly known as the “MISTYs.” He was hit by enemy ground fire on his last mission and was forced to eject from his burning F-100, to be rescued later. Before retiring from the Air Force in 1978, Lt. Col. Rutan was awarded the Silver Star, five Distinguished...
Flying Crosses, 16 Air Medals and a Purple Heart.

In 1997, the “Around the World In 80 Nights” tour was successfully completed in two small experimental Long-EZ aircraft. In 1998, his attempt at a third around-the-world record ended dramatically with an emergency parachute jump from a pressurized capsule suspended under a 110’ hot air/helium balloon after experiencing a dangerous fabric tear.

In 2000, Dick went on a sightseeing tour of the North Pole, but after the airplane, a Russian Antonov AN2, fell through the ice, the pleasure trip quickly turned into a rescue mission. He set a world distance record in the EZ Rocket in 2005, is currently flying a Berkut homebuilt, experimental airplane and plans to set more world records in the future, and even break some of his standing world records.

The IFFR 50th Anniversary Celebration will be conducted in conjunction with the four day IFFR get together at Oshkosh followed by the Minnesota Flyout. These two IFFR events are sold out but there is the possibly a few seats will still be available for the luncheon. Contact Ian Kerr at secretary@iffr.org if you are interested in one of the few remaining luncheon only tickets which are $75.00 each.

IFFR Fly-In
BAR HARBOR, MAINE, USA
AUGUST 28-30, 2015

Spend a weekend with fellow Flying Rotarians on Mount Desert Island (“MDI”), Maine. Cadillac Mountain here is the first spot on the coast of New England to see the rising sun.
This event will be hosted jointly by: NE Section Chair Tom Johnston (tomjohnston@verizon.net, 717-761-0195), and IFFR member Liz Graves, (lizgraves@gmail.com, 207-266-3109). See the flyer: http://www.ifframericas.org/events/2015%20Bar%20Harbor.pdf

Bar Harbor: The town of Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island (MDI) has been a popular vacation spot for generations. An international cruise ship port and working fishing village, the town is also the gateway to Acadia National Park. See the 15 min informational video www.barharborinfo.com.

Lodging: We’ve arranged a special rate at the Bluenose Inn, of $174 per night. If weather prohibits flying in, cancellation fees will be waived. A private room at the on-site restaurant will be available for group gatherings. www.barharborhotel.com, 207-288-3348.

Airports: BHB—The Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport is located in the town of Trenton close to the auto bridge onto MDI. Note hours are limited. 207-667-7329. Runway information and frequencies at www.bhbairport.com/general.htm. BGR—Another option is the Bangor International Airport, approximately an hour by car from Bar Harbor. Coastal weather is less often an issue here; on days when weather prohibits safe flying in or out of BHB, BGR may be a good alternative. 207-992-4600. www.flybangor.com/general-aviation

Reception with MDI (Bar Harbor) and Ellsworth Rotary Clubs: District #7790 is an international district that includes part of the state of Maine as well as part of Quebec and the Canadian Maritimes.

Activities: Options for exploring the area during the fly-in include:
- Hiking: Local Rotarians are happy to lead groups on easy or strenuous hiking excursions in Acadia National Park’s trail network.
- Bicycling: Explore some of the network of car-free carriage roads built in the early 20th century by the Rockefellers. Rentals available.
- Boating: Kayak or canoe rentals and guided tours are available for a view from the water. Traditional sailing vessels including a four-masted schooner offer trips.
- Bus or trolley tour: Take in the views and learn human and natural history in a more leisurely way.
- Lobster boat ride: watch a fishermen haul traps and learn about the industry, still a major part of the regional economy.

Event Registration: Please make your own reservations at the Bluenose Inn. Contact Tom to let him know you’re hoping to come. Contact Liz with questions about the area, Rotary clubs, or activities.
South East Section Chair Dale Read invites all IFFR members to a South East Section fly-in designed around the September 9 – 13 Triple Tree Fly-In.

We’ll use the Greenville Downtown Airport, Greenville, SC (KGMU). Plan on arriving around 4:00 PM on Friday, September 11th. Our lodging will be on the southeast side of Greenville, South Carolina. Friday evening, after socializing over beverages at the hotel, we will have dinner in downtown Greenville.

Saturday, we’ll have breakfast at the hotel, then head for the aerodrome by car. You can also fly, but there are special arrival procedures, so it’s either a 30-minute drive or a 30-minute flight. There are workshops all day (EAA style). Plan on having lunch at the event.

Mid-afternoon, we’ll drive back to KGMU for departure. However, if you wish to do an extended stay there, you can fly into SC00 anytime beginning Wednesday, September 9th and camp on the field if you desire. There is a Saturday evening BBQ dinner and entertainment at the Triple Tree, and you can leave on Sunday.

Triple Tree Details:  [http://www.tripletreeaerodrome.com/](http://www.tripletreeaerodrome.com/)

Contact South East Chair Dale Read: phone 865-250-1882, email [dread@readwindow.com](mailto:dread@readwindow.com)

**California Capital Airshow**
**Sacramento, California (MHR)**
**October 2 – 4, 2015**

For the second straight year, IFFR will be at the California Capital Airshow (CCA), one of the fastest growing and most successful airshows in the country ... now rated 5th best in the country. Last Year was great, and this year (its 10th Anniversary) will be even better ... we’ll be enjoying warbirds, Snowbirds, fighters and Falcons, plus a Raptor or two. And great IFFR fellowship.  SAVE THE DATE.

Friday will be a NIGHT AIR SHOW. If you’ve never seen this (I hadn’t) check it out on YouTube as ‘Aircraft Night Aerial Ballet’.

Saturday and Sunday there are TWO flight demonstration teams!! The US Air Force THUNDERBIRDS and the Canadian 9-plane SNOWBIRDS!!

THUNDERBIRDS: “America’s Ambassadors in Blue,” the USAF Thunderbirds are internationally known for their hard-charging demonstration of precision formation flying while pushing their F-16 Fighting Falcons to the limit.
SNOWBIRDS: All the way from Moosejaw, Canada... the Snowbirds, a nine-ship jet demonstration team! Check out the view from the ‘TankCam’ for a glimpse of what you’ll see and experience! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTnTEvKC-sE

Our IFFR Fly-in! Watch for details this summer. For information in the meantime, contact IFFR members Tim Pickney (TIM.PINKNEY@ME.COM) or John Massey (JOHN@FLYLUXEAVIATION.COM).

IFFR at AOPA Regional Fly-In
October 9 -11, 2015 - Tullahoma, Tennessee (THA)

Southeast chair Dale Read will do something with the fall event in Tullahoma. Rotary Clubs in the Tullahoma, Tennessee area are offering home hosting to Flying Rotarians coming to this event on October 10th.

Tentative plan will be for IFFR members to arrive around 11:00 on Friday the 9th. We would drive into town for lunch with the Tullahoma Rotary club. We could have later arrivals, too. We would then be driven to the member homes to get settled in and relax. We would return to the airport around 5:00 for evening activities.

Our group would be housed in Rotarian homes and returned to the airport Saturday for AOPA activities. We should have more information by the end of the summer. Dale is planning for us to have a tour of the Beech Museum at Tullahoma as well as a trip to Lynchburg to tour the Jack Daniels Distillery (no samples, it’s a dry county). More details on that later.

Who’s Who

It’s been a few months since we paused while introducing our leadership around the world in IFFR. This month we continue with our world leadership: our World President, James Alexander, World President Elect, Sven Andersen; our World Secretary-Treasurer, Ian Kerr; and our World Webmaster, Bo Johnsson. We’ll cover our regional vice presidents soon.

World President for the 2014-16 term is James Alexander, #5723. James is a member of the Rotary Club of Kendal in Cumbria, England, UK and his classification is Hotelier. He is married to Catherine and they have a grown daughter. He has an interesting autobiography in the latest IFFR Directory, we encourage you to check it out.

President Elect for the term 2016-18 is Svend Andersen, #7118. Svend is a member of the Rotary Club of Vejle Syd in Vejle,
Denmark and his classification is Filtration Technology. He is married to Carina. We’ll look forward to finding out more about Svend next year.

Our World Secretary - Treasurer for the 2014-16 term is Ian Kerr, #4861. Ian is a member of the Rotary Club of Aberdeen St. Fittick, and resides in Fife, Scotland, UK. His classification is Office Machines. He is married to Jan.

Bo Johnsson, #5743, has been our World Webmaster for several years now and has continued into this term of 2014-16. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Kolbäck, and resides in Västerås, Sweden. Bo is involved in several businesses, but his main business would have him classified as Stadium Seating Manufacturing. He is married to Margot.

We’ll cover the 4 regional vice presidents of IFFR in a future month’s edition.

Tail winds to ya’,

George Chaffey