LOCK AND LOAD ... WE’RE ROLLING!!

We’ve been celebrating our 50th anniversary as a Fellowship all year long ... beginning with New Years in California. We’re in full swing now...with two simultaneous events in California this past weekend, and with events planned all across the Region ... from California to Maine, from Oshkosh to Sao Paulo. Something for everyone, and something near you ... wherever you are. We’re flying!!

What’s Happened

AOPA & IFFR Fly-In Event
Salinas, California, May 16

Over a thousand pilots and friends descended upon the Salinas Municipal Airport for AOPA’s first regional fly-in of 2015 ... and IFFR was there with our own companion Fly-in Event. We were thrilled that our world IFFR President-Elect, Svend Andersen from Denmark, joined us. Also, South Central Chair, Jack Welge, came in from Texas. They were complemented by another dozen members from California and Nevada. Aleene Althouse did a superb job of organizing and trail bossing the event (she put on the now-famous Santa Cruz event in 2014).

We had an initial gathering for dinner Friday night at Gino’s ... great food, wonderful presentation, lots of wine (we ARE in California), and, thanks to Aleene, chocolate airplanes for everyone. It was a great gathering, and we welcomed Prez-Elect Svend with that traditional California toast of ... “Skol.” (OK, it’s Danish, but who’s counting!)
The AOPA event itself at the airport was excellent, with some real surprises. There was a little-known tour (not on the formal event program) of a facility on the field that does repairs and restorations of World War II P-51 fighters ... and only P-51 fighters. That's all they do now, and their reputation is so good, they have a 15-year backlog of orders. Svend, Sam Bishop and the rest of us who took that tour considered it fabulously interesting ... one of the best we’ve experienced. There was a wide variety of aircraft, helicopters, light sport and other aircraft ... with young and old able to get into the aircraft, and try them out. There were workshops, a series of programs, and a Town Meeting Q & A session by the president of AOPA. The grey skies finally opened up for an aerobatic performance right after lunch. And before the day was out, our own Larry Wolfsen flew right seat in the Ford Tri-Motor. “Fun to fly, but heavy on the controls,” Larry reports.
Althouse and partner Brad, Prez-Elect Svend Andersen, Americas VP George Chaffey, South Central Chair Jack Welge, Charles & Sandra Eldridge, Sam & Elena Bishop, John Massey, Tim Puliz, Bob Tucknott, and America’s Region Communication Director Larry Wolfsen and Diane.

Because so much was going on this weekend, many of our stalwarts were otherwise committed. Southwest Section Chair, PDG Vicki Puliz was at a District Conference. Barbara Kirmsse (with partner Bill Zander) was at the annual Luscombe fly-in (she is the national bulletin editor for the Continental Luscombe Association). Tim Pinkney and a group of IFFR members from the Sacramento area were at a presentation event honoring WW II fighter Ace, Bud Anderson...Bud was a colleague of Chuck Yeager, who was also expected to be there. http://www.cebudanderson.com/. So much going on this past weekend, that folks couldn’t do everything. But one heck of a weekend, wherever we were.

CONTINENTAL LUSCOMBE ASSOCIATION & IFFR EVENT
COLUMBIA, CALIFORNIA, MAY 15-17

The annual CLA fly-in was held, as usual, at the Columbia, California airport, in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. There is a beautiful paved strip, but the highlight is the grass cross strip that all of the Luscombe and non-Luscombe planes can use --- and do. Parking is along the edge of the grass strip, and then you proceed into a gorgeous Oak covered campground with kitchen and facilities for the fly-in. The historic, gold rush town of Columbia is a short 15-minute walk from the airport, with lots of things to do for the entire family. A great spot for fly-in events.

Both IFFR Luscombe pilots were there—Barbara Kirmsse (national bulletin editor for the CLA), George Chaffey (who flew in late
Saturday from the Salinas event)—plus Bill Zander from Southern California. Because of the beautiful setting, we will look forward to expanding our IFFR presence beyond the Luscombe pilots. This fly-in was focused on informal talks about Luscombes, flying in the beautiful foothills, giving rides to friends and children. A perfect complement to the bigger and more “urban” setting for the AOPA/IFFR event in Salinas.

What’s Coming

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

The IFFR will have a 6-day Tour before the Brazil Convention ... to pulsating Rio de Janeiro and the spectacular Iguacu Falls on the Brazil - Argentina border. Then on to Sao Paulo for the Convention.

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.

Banquet & AGM: The IFFR Banquet is designed to give you the absolute best, unique, “Brazilian” dining experience....you aren’t going to Brazil to dine just like you may have done in other parts of the world. You will experience the traditional Brazilian Rodizio...a unique way of presenting and serving over 60 kinds of meats, salads and other delicacies....it’s a show! The banquet is set for 7:30 pm, Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the highly acclaimed  Fogo de Chao restaurant at Avenida dos Bandeirantes 538 in Sao Paulo, (http://www.fogodechao.com/) a location that is closer to the hotels where most folks will be staying. Banquet includes everything from the appetizers to desert, and includes, beer, caipirinha (national drink), a huge buffet with salad/vegetables/ cold cut offerings, traditional Gaucho side dishes, and the Rodizio presentation of 18 different cuts of selected beef, lamb, pork, ribs, chicken and more. (http://www.fogodechao.com/traditions) Wine and other drinks are extra. The cost of the complete Brazilian dining experience (including the meal, tax and tip) is $53 USD per person. (Also accommodates gluten free and vegetarian diets). Reservations are required for us to hold the room for IFFR. Our AGM will be held in conjunction with the fellowship of the Banquet.

For details on the date, time, cost, menu and reservations, click here http://www.ifframericas.org/events/Fogo3d.pdf or go to the IFFR website, where the notice is posted.

See you in Sao Paulo at the Convention, at the IFFR Booth, and at the Banquet. Bom Dia & Bom Proveito!!
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!

- Jack Welge, Chair, South Central Americas Section

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BACK TO THE 40S ... AT EAGLE FIELD

EAGLE FIELD FLY-IN OR DRIVE-IN - JUNE 13TH & 14TH

June 13th and 14th is the Dinner - Dance and Fly-In event at Eagle Field, near Dos Palos, California. http://www.eaglefield.net/?p=344 . This is an annual event to raise money to keep up this historic World War II air field in the middle of the San Joaquin Valley. There will be War Birds, general aviation, 50's dress, old-time Dinner -Dance. A big contingent of IFFR members is probably already signed up. This is one of those little-known, but big, fun events that we’ll be unearthing during the year. If interested, contact Sam Bishop (sambishop@totlcom.com).
IFFR NORTHWEST SECTION AT
ARLINGTON FLY-IN
JULY 10 – 12, 2015

More details later, but section chair Bev Fogle is planning to have IFFR participation in the Arlington, Washington Fly-In this summer. Now’s the time to get this on your calendar.

More information will be coming as the event gets closer. We do have a hotel block. Check out our homepage at: www.ifframericas.org

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 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 the annual Joint luncheon meeting of Rotary clubs on Wednesday July 22, hosted by the Rotary Club of Oshkosh. Then on Thursday, July 23, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Nature Center on the Oshkosh Grounds, IFFR will hold its Gala 50th Anniversary Celebration. See the special article next up.

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 50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON, JULY 23RD 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 only the luncheon. Contact Ian Kerr @ 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.html. 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.

Ninth Annual Triple Tree Aerodrome (SC00), South Carolina Fly-In
September 11 – 13, 2015

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

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](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](mailto:TIM.PINKNEY@ME.COM)) or John Massey ([JOHN@FLYLUXEAVIATION.COM](mailto: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 within the next couple of months. 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.  

Special Stories

MORE ON RAMP CHECKS ...

Continuing from our recent column on Ramp Checks there are some odds and ends that we as Airmen in our busy non-aviation lives may omit or overlook.

The first is the Airmen Certification Address Update required by FARs §61.60 and §65.21 requiring airmen keep the FAA informed of a permanent mailing address. Importantly, FAR §61.60 prohibits Airmen from exercising the privileges of his or her certificate if they have failed to provide the FAA’s Airman Certification Branch with a new permanent mailing address within 30 days of a permanent address change. The good news is your new permanent address information can be updated quickly and easily. Simply go to faa.gov and click on FAA Home > Licenses & Certificates > Airmen Certification and update on line or print form AC 8060-55, Change of Address Notification, and mail to the address provided.

The second is an Aircraft Owners Change of Address on Aircraft Registration, required by FAR 47.41, requiring notification of any change in permanent mailing address, sale or export of an aircraft, or loss of eligibility to register an aircraft. All may be accomplished through FAA Form 8050-1, “Aircraft Registration Application”, available on line at faa.gov., through the Flight Standards District Office, or through AOPA at 1-800-872-2672.

The third, based on that current correct permanent address on file for your Aircraft Registration, is your notice from the FAA for your Aircraft’s mandatory 3-year recurrent Re-Registration and your response thereto. On July 20, 2010 the FAA issued a Final Rule for Re-Registration and Renewal of Aircraft Registration calling for 3-year recurrent expiration and renewal of registration for all aircraft issued registration certificates on or after October 1, 2010. And, as we and our aircraft have all made it through the process once, we have cursory familiarity with what is required. But as you recall a reminder was sent from the FAA to your permanent address as the Aircraft Owner. No correct permanent address? No reminder!

With our mobile population, frequent moves are common. Using the 2007 American Community Survey from the US Census data, a person in the United States can expect to move 11.7 times in their lifetime. So to be safe, make a note now on your smart phone, calendar or tickler system to make certain all addresses are up to date with faa.gov. To be doubly safe, re-check your aircraft registration expiration date and enter a date about 90 days prior to then to begin your plane’s re-registration process.

We’ll cover all the details on that at a later time. For now, enjoy safe flying!

Jack Welge is an attorney with the AOPA Legal Services Plan (Pilot Protection Services). He is a Past Chair of the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar Of Texas. He currently serves on the IFFR Safety Committee and as the South Central Americas Chair of IFFR.
EARLY AIR FORCE ONE CONSTELLATION RESTORATION

(Columbine II photo courtesy of Dynamic Aviation [www.John2031.com])

A deal that could return an early “Air Force One,” possibly the first airplane to fly with that call sign, to the sky has taken a step forward.

Dynamic Aviation of Bridgewater, Virginia, has opted to proceed with the purchase of Columbine II, an aircraft that flew President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Constellation was the primary presidential aircraft from 1952 (when Eisenhower, then president-elect, made a top secret flight to Korea) until 1954, when it was replaced by a Super Constellation, thought it remained in service as a backup for presidential transport.

Karl D. Stoltzfus Sr., founder of Dynamic Aviation, said in a news release that an inspection and repairs have been completed satisfactorily, and he plans to close the deal in June.