May 14, 2019

From The Chair
IFFR AMERICAS 2019 SUMMER GREETING

In the past year, IFFR Americas has seen constant membership growth as well as increased membership interest and involvement. As a Fellowship, our group as a whole as well as just the America’s contingency are the single and combined largest Fellowships in Rotary. We continue to strive to uphold Rotary values and principles as well as the guidelines as outlined in the 4 Way Test while enhancing the Rotary experience and strengthening international bonds between IFFR as well as all Rotary members.

We look forward to meeting in Hamburg in just a few short days and please remember to stop by the Hall of Fellowship and visit our booth. We have worked hard all year and always look forward to the International Convention and the AGM and IFFR Banquet. We have a full event and have worked hard to make IFFR grow. With the emphasis and enthusiasm generated by Rankin Whittington and his promotion team, this year we have designed and distributed IFFR banners and promotional materials that have had a measurable impact on the interest that IFFR presents at Conferences, Events, Meetings and Presentations throughout our service areas.

All of the Section Leaders, including but not limited to Penelope Cornwall, Al Clayton, Joyce Clarke, John Ockenfels, Dan Radtke and Jack Welge, as well as all those who support our leadership have expended bountiful amounts of their own time and money in reaching out to members and potential members spreading the benefits of IFFR in enhancing the Rotary experience. Phone calls, personal contacts and event presentations are all the duties that each delegate selfishly provides for the benefit of all concerned.

We extend a grateful thank you to Peter More for his exhaustive efforts in keeping the America’s web site up and running with current events and whole heartedly appreciate the work of Tony Watson for the over the top newsletters that he provides to our contingency. They are appreciated. We may be looking for a replacement WEB Master so we can give Peter some time off (or retirement), so if you have any ideas, leads or personal interest in taking on this task please let one of the members know or contact Peter directly.

For the remainder of this year, 2019, following the Hamburg International Convention and Fly About, the event calendar is full with some weekends having multiple events and all are welcome as we spread Fellowship.

With continued enthusiasm and encouragement, IFFR Americas will strive to uphold the values of Rotary and the 4 Way Test while meeting the goals of our Mission Statement to enhance the Rotary experience through fellowship in flight. Many of the key points of the annual IFFR AGM report are highlighted in this membership message but this is important because not every IFFR member reads the annual reports so some overlap is evident.

Keep your wings level and attitude up.

- Timothy Freudenthal, IFFR Americas VP, 2018-2020

See Page 6 for special volunteer request during AirVenture at Oshkosh - Thursday night, July 25th.
While our hotel block is full and so is the fly-about after the Convention, there’s still time to plan to travel to Germany to enjoy the RI Convention in Hamburg - but time is short, only a couple of weeks off. Besides the plenary sessions, you can spend hours chatting with many interesting people at the House of Friendship, especially if you help staff the IFFR Booth there, and we sure hope you’ll help there if you attend the Convention. Volunteers will be needed throughout the Convention to staff our booth and talk with Rotarians about our IFFR fellowship in particular and fellowships in general.

Monday, June 3rd at 1500 (3:00 p.m.) local time, the Annual General Meeting of the membership of IFFR worldwide will take place at the Shanghai Room in the Convention Center. Contact secretary@iffr.org if you plan to come to the AGM but do not plan to register for the Rotary Convention.

That evening our popular Annual Banquet will take place at 7:30 p.m., fellowship starting an hour earlier, at the Hotel Hafen Hamburg. Arrival is suggested between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. If you don’t have your ticket yet, there may be some available at the booth at the Convention, though this event is often fully subscribed beforehand. Price this year is €90 per person.

Many members will be staying at our IFFR Hotel, the Scandic Hamburg Emporio.

A special visit and tour of the Airbus factory at nearby Finkenwerder has been arranged.
for Tuesday, June 4th. Here’s some know before you go information from Trip Advisor. Price is €35 per person, and registration was due by the end of April, through IPWP Svend, with payment to Ulrich Starke.

The German – Austrian Section will be hosting a fly about beginning on Thursday, June 6th and continuing until June 15th. That fly about is fully booked as of this time.

Other details are available on the www.iffr.org website.

THE GREAT TENNESSEE AIRSHOW
SMYRNA, TN (KMQY) - JUNE 8 & 9, 2019
FEATUREING THE
U.S. NAVY BLUE ANGELS

IFFR members and Rotary members who become IFFR members and who FLY IN to the Smyrna / Rutherford County Airport (KMQY) will receive free entry to the airshow, discounted fuel prices and tickets to the Saturday night sponsor party. The airport will be closed at 10:00 AM CDT on both days and opened after the Blue Angels complete their flight.

The deadline for registration is May 15, 2019. An announcement has been on our IFFR Americas website for a couple of months. Even though the deadline may be past by the time you read this, space and logistics may still be available.

For detailed information about registration, hotels and transportation. Contact IFFR KY/TN Squadron Leader, Paul Lamb at plamb3@bellsouth.net

Click for other information: Airshow website Smyrna Airport Smyrna Rotary Capt Jeff Kuss Memorial
IFFR at Dayton Air Show?
June 22 & 23, 2019

We’ve not had IFFR events surrounding the Dayton Air Show before, but it’s possible that may change this year. The 45th annual Dayton Air Show will be held June 22nd and 23rd this year. Generally the same show and format is followed each day. If we do get something going, we’ll use an email blast to announce. Meanwhile, if you do plan on going and would like to see about some IFFR fellowship while you’re there, contact our North Central Chair John Ockenfels or Americas Region President Tim Freudenthal.

AOPA Fly-In
Livermore, California (KLHK)
June 21 & 22, 2019

Livermore is in the heart of Flying Rotarian country, with many active members nearby, so we should have some fellowship activity during this busy two days even if it’s just meeting up in the chow line and sitting together for a meal.

On Saturday, June 22, we will have lunch together at noon at a restaurant on the field. Book this with either Penelope Cornwall or Bob Tucknott.

Third Annual Fireweed Fly-Out
Fireweed Airstrip (0AK8) Near McCarthy, Alaska
July 12 – 14, 2019

Alaskan Section Chair Al Clayton has extended an invitation for this upcoming joint fly-in between IFFR, the RAF (Recreational Aviation Foundation), EAA Chapter 42, and a type club of Cessna 180 – 185 to this area of Alaska for a weekend of work, camping out and camaraderie.

Friday Al and co-host Ray Huot will arrive and get things going, with general arrivals starting about 1400. After a potluck dinner, a briefing will be held for the optional service project at nearby Glacier Creek Airstrip.

Saturday morning will be a pancake breakfast and picnic preparation. Those staying in the area will be able to visit some local historic attractions in the McCarthy / Kennicott area. Others will head to Glacier for a day of trimming brush and improving the runway surface. After returning to Fireweed, a planning meeting for future activities, followed by another potluck.

Sunday, pancakes and lunch preparation followed by a similar schedule,
with a self-tour of the McCarthy / Kennicott mine. Late afternoon departure from the area.

There are options for B&Bs and Lodges in the area for those not wishing to camp.

RSVP Al by email, phone or text. Text or phone is (907) 250-1649, email is aclayton@theraf.org.

Also, more information is available at the www.ifframericas.org website. http://ifframericas.org/events/20190712Alaska.pdf

EAA AirVenture 2019 IFFR Events
July 22 – 28, 2019 – Oshkosh, Wisconsin

This year we have 3 activities for Flying Rotarians during “Oshkosh.” There’s a real Rotary meeting on the grounds, an evening fellowship with food, and this year we have a special service project asking our participation.

The Rotary meeting headed by Oshkosh Southwest Rotary will be held at the usual time and place, the Nature Pavilion at noon on Wednesday (July 24th). This is a picnic of brats and burgers and fresh corn on the cob, and we sit at long tables with benches. This year’s speaker will be Neil Hansen, who used to fly for Air America, and he will be speaking about his experiences in southeast Asia. He is said to be a very entertaining speaker.

We have some kind of a function just for Flying Rotarians and their friends and that’s usually on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening and dinner’s involved. As of this writing we don’t have a date, time or place, so watch for an email or check back frequently with the ifframericas.org website for up-to-date information. We do hope to have a newsletter out before then, but no promises.

Finally, EAA has asked the local Rotary Clubs and IFFR to help provide some volunteer hours to compensate for the use of the Pavilion. They’ve asked for help at some weekend work parties before Oshkosh, but also specifically for 20 people to help at the Eagles Banquet on Thursday evening, July 25th.

If you live reasonably close to Oshkosh you can also help the Rotary Clubs there do some volunteer work on June 1 and 22. This is some more “sweat equity” for the use of the Pavilion.
There’s more information in the next article about this volunteer opportunity. Contacts for IFFR events during AirVenture will be North Central Chair John Ockenfels and Americas Region Chair Tim Freudenthal.

**EAA AirVenture Volunteer Opportunity**

All IFFR members have been asked if some or all of us could help and volunteer to assist in serving at the Eagles Banquet at the EAA Museum on the evening of July 25th. IFFR members will have the opportunity to meet and fellowship with hundreds of likeminded pilots and aircraft enthusiasts while serving plus all volunteers get a FREE meal for their efforts. The event usually runs from 5 to about 9.

This is what EAA has worked out so Rotarians can continue to use the Pavilion facility for the picnic which would otherwise cost the SW Oshkosh Rotary Club US$5,000.00.

If you’re going to be in Oshkosh Thursday evening, we ask that you volunteer. Please send a note to NHahn@gklaw.com and include your full name, date of the event (07-25-2019) along with your cell phone number, email address and notation that you are an IFFR member.

Further questions can be directed to John Ockenfels or Tim Freudenthal.

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**Great Texas Balloon Race**

**EAST TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT (KGGG), LONGVIEW, TEXAS**

**JULY 26 – 28, 2019**

South Central Chair Jack Welge invites us to come to the Great Texas Balloon Race at his hometown of Longview, Texas. It comes the last weekend of “Oshkosh” but many of us either don’t go to EAA every year or leave before the week is completed.

**Balloon** flights begin Friday morning with a flight over the City of Longview and continue each morning through Sunday over the East Texas Regional Airport. Launch and landing sites change each day as they are always determined by wind and the weather.

Balloon Glows on Friday and Saturday night entertain crowds with an awesome display of color and excitement. It’s one of the most popular things to do at the event as the public is able to get up close and watch how balloons are inflated and operate.

Live concerts Friday and Saturday nights following the Balloon Glow extend the entertainment into the late night.

More information on this event is available at the official website, [http://www.greattexasballoonrace.com](http://www.greattexasballoonrace.com). Contact Jack Welge if you are thinking about coming for all or any portion of this weekend. We hope to have a few Flying Rotarians to enjoy this event and some fellowship.
Northwest Section Fly-In  
NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA (CYCD)  
AUGUST 3, 2019

Section chair Joyce Clarke plans to piggy back an IFFR event on a regular fly-in event that happens in her hometown on the first Saturday of summer months. After discussing with our Board during the last videoconference we all decided August 3rd would be a good date.

This includes a meal and the expected donation is C$10.00, so nothing fancy.

Details on the time and any other events will be posted on our website later and we should have details before our next newsletter.

For USA pilots, this does involve going through customs both ways, but we all should practice that so we will be comfortable visiting our Canadian neighbors. So, get your customs sticker and bring your passports. You know the drill.

Nanaimo is a city and ferry port on the east coast of Vancouver Island, in British Columbia, Canada. At its heart, the Nanaimo Museum displays exhibits on the city’s industries and indigenous peoples. Near the Harbourfront Walkway, the Bastion is an 1853 wooden tower with cannon firings in summer. Shops and cafes fill the Old City Quarter. Offshore, on Newcastle Island, trails lead to beaches and First Nations sites.

For more information, contact Joyce Clarke.

South Central $100 Hamburger Fly-In  
LUNCH AT THE AIRPORT DINER  
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS (T82)  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

Some of you may even want to spend the night at the Hangar Hotel next door, but that’s not a part of the plan right now.

The Airport Diner has delicious food and a blackberry cobbler to die for, plus the ambiance is hard to beat for aviators. It is meant to look a bit like it is stuck in the
40s, say right about the end of WWII.

Come have lunch with fellow Flying Rotarians. If you wish during your visit, you can get a ride into town and check out the shops or the impressive Nimitz Museum. Just come and have lunch with us, though.

And this is Texas, so we don’t know what kind of weather we’ll have, so contact Jack Welge to let him know your plans, and give him contact information in case we have to make other plans.

**South West Section Fly In**

**Reno Air Races**

**Reno Stead Airport (KRTS), Nevada**

**September 11 – 15, 2019**

This is another famous event that we’ve not used as an IFFR fellowship opportunity. Maybe we can change that this year.

Penelope Cornwall is looking into some possible details of having an activity there, or having our members enjoy the races together.

We should get some details on the website soon, and we should have at least one more newsletter if not two by the time this comes around. If you have some suggestions or interest in doing this, contact Penelope.

**South West Section Fly In**

**Flabob Airport (KRIR) Fun Fly-In – or Drive In**

**The Little Airport That Time Forgot**

**Saturday, September 21, 2009 – 11:00 a.m. – On – Make It a Weekend**

**Vintage Aircraft Still Rule Here:**

For anyone who has not flown into this amazing small public-use airport you are in for a great surprise not only in the air and but on the ground.

There are some very good videos of various aircraft landing at Flabob.
Airport to give you a good idea. The airport has carved out a reputation as a place for vintage airplane enthusiasts.

Located 3 nautical miles Northwest of the central business district of Riverside, Flabob is nestled in the Jurupa Valley between the Santa Ana River and the Santa Ana Mountains. Slightly overshadowed by nearby Riverside Municipal Airport (KRAL) Flabob Airport was originally founded in 1925 and is one of California’s continuously operated airports. Named after Flavio Madariaga and his aeronautical engineer partner Bob Bogen, this little airstrip, in 1943, was named Flabob Airport.

The airport is home to EAA Chapter One founded by pioneering aircraft designer Ray Stits. The Tom Wathen Foundation bought the airport in 2000 saving it from going under and restoring existing structures and upgrading the runway and taxiways. The Foundation is dedicated to preserving the history of Flabob and encouraging new involvement in aviation. Thousands of Young Eagles have taken flight from this airport and still do twice a month.

**Starting at 11:00 am** Hangar doors will be opened for our IFFR to tour.

**The Flabob Express** - a classic 1940’s DC-3 which continues to fly at airshows and give scenic flights, I have been assured by the Airport Manager, Beth Larock that the aircraft will be back home from Normandy, France for our fly-in. **For any of you who would like to put some DC-3 time in your logbook the Flabob Express gives “DC-3 personal flight experiences”**

**The Flabob Airport Cafe** is a precious gem which was the original cookhouse of the NCO Club at Camp Haan - Flavio and Bob bought it for $1.00 and dragged it from March Field now known as March Air Reserve Base. **Going to be a great place for lunch - 1:00pm** and hopefully we will be joined by Beth.

As a note Beth has informed me that the Historic AIAA will be moving in soon. **The Wright Project** will be in full swing allowing us to tour.

More details to follow. Fly safe, Fly sane. **See you there.**

- Penelope - Section Leader.
The Wings Over Houston Airshow takes place this October at Houston Ellington Airport, a little north of the Johnson Space Center. This airport is a joint use facility but there is a fairly limited amount of parking for civil aircraft.

It might be easier to use Galveston Scholes Airport, so we’re putting that on the table.

There are other things to do while in that part of the Houston Metro Area, like tour Space Center Houston, go to Moody Gardens, and enjoy eating seafood.

Meanwhile, the Airshow this year features both the USAF Thunderbirds and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds demonstration squadrons, quite a coup to have both. Check out www.wingsoverhouston.com for more information.

If you’re interested, or have any suggestions having to do with the Wings Over Houston event, contact Jack Welge.

The following month, November, there will be a special Fly-In to the Kingsbury Aerodrome in south central Texas northeast of San Antonio.

Vintage aircraft and motor vehicles will be on display on the 9th of November as a part of the Fall Fly-In at Kingsbury. There’s also the Pioneer Flight Museum on the field. Check out www.pioneerflightmuseum.org.

If you’re interested, or have suggestions, again, please contact Jack Welge.

What’s Happened
IFFR DISPLAYS NEW BANNER AT SUN ‘N FUN
APRIL 2 – 7, 2019 - LAKELAND, FLORIDA (KLAL)

We have an updated logo and a new banner design now. One of the banner designs is the new type that is being used by Rotary Clubs and Districts in place of the old banners that had to be hung on a wall or mounted somehow. Another banner with the same graphics is made so that it can be used outside to mark an area.

We have a picture of the outside banner being shown by IPWP Svend Andersen and Mac Coble at Sun ‘N Fun. Also, a picture of the stand-alone banner when Mac Coble received it.

We had no organized presence at SNF this year, but the picture at the left was snapped at the Florida Antique and Classic Association Fish Fry on the Friday evening of IFFR members who met there. Left to right: IPWP Svend Andersen (Denmark), Robert “Mac” and Elna Coble, WPE George Chaffey, Americas VP Tim Freudenthal, George and Caroline Ritchie (UK) and Peter Wenk.

25TH ANNUAL PLEASURE ISLAND SEAFOOD BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL
FORT FISHER AIR FORCE RECREATION AREA, KURE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 12 - 14, 2019

Three IFFR couples attended the Pleasure Island Seafood, Blues, and Jazz Festival Fly-In, held near Carolina Beach and Cape Fear, North Carolina, and hosted by Rankin and Sandy Whittington at Pilots Ridge Aero Plantation (03NC). (Rankin had a good flyer on this which was published on our website and the information is still there in case you’re curious.)
South Carolina Squadron Leader Bob Oetjen and wife Emily flew in their Cardinal from Hilton Head Island. Patrick and Michelle Oltmanns couldn’t come Friday and the weather on Saturday prevented them from flying their Air Coupe (that’s right, some had that name), so they drove down from Charlotte. Usually 5,000 people attend the festival on its usual date in October, but the hurricane required postponement, and the weather was showery, so attendance was down. However, we had a fabulous time with the music, eating wonderful food and meeting several of my Long Island Airpark friends who attend every year.

The pictures are of our group (Emily not pictured), the sunset Saturday over the Cape Fear River, Bob’s Cardinal in front of my airpark hangar. And don’t forget Paul Lamb’s Fly-In to Smyrna, Tennessee June 8 & 9

-- Rankin Whittington

Flying Rotarians Are Newsworthy and other P.R.

AOPA ARTICLE MENTIONS WP PHIL PACEY AND HIS CESSNA 210

The featured article in the February 2019 edition of the AOPA Pilot magazine is billed on the cover as “Fantasy Flight: Exploring Middle Earth by Air.” It begins on page 50 with a second title, “A Pilot’s Playground: the zeal of New Zealand flying.” Editor in chief Thomas Haines wrote the article and senior photographer Chris Rose took the pictures. It celebrates the many experiences of flying in New Zealand and the warmth of the people there, especially the pilots.

By the time we get to page 58, we’re at Ardmore Airport, near Auckland, where IFFR World President Phil Pacey bases his Cessna 210, and Thomas Haines is Phil’s guest on an aerial tour of the Auckland vicinity.

Thought you might like to dig out that February edition and check it out. I did scan the article at a lower resolution and you’ll find it here for a few months:
https://1drv.ms/b/s!Ale3QuaXFvC2gZIQUXdPmWI4g8S8KOC

Many of us still have the fondest of memories of our pre-convention fly about in New Zealand back in 2003. What a wonderful time with great people.

PWP ANGUS CLARK ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN AOPA-UK MAGAZINE

Also in February 2019, PWP Angus Clark had an article published he wrote, with co-conspirator PWP Feroz Wadia. This was in the AOPA-UK Magazine, and does mention IFFR from the get-go.

Angus did send a scan of the article, and you can find it here for a few months, much like my scan of the New Zealand article.
https://1drv.ms/b/s!Ale3QuaXFvC2gZ1RJEgr9Zyq8pKqmw

RANKIN WHITTINGTON IS ALSO PUBLISHED

The folks at The Aviation Consumer were soliciting remarks from Cessna 182 owners as a part of their comprehensive review of the airplane, and Rankin sent in his. These remarks were found in the May, 2019 edition of The Aviation Consumer, and he also mentions IFFR.

I’ve made a JPG copy of the electronic publication of Rankin’s remarks, and have posted for a few months at this link:
https://1drv.ms/u/s!Ale3QuaXFvC2gZISncu1-i_OCVbw1g
PWP Charles Strasser Reports on Boeing Talk

PWP Charles Strasser (Jersey, Channel Islands) spends much of his winters on Marco Island, Florida and is active in the Rotary Club there during his visits. He was recently invited to have lunch with 300 members of the Naples Forum Club, and the speaker at the lunch was Dennis Muilenburg, the President, Chairman and CEO of Boeing. I quote from Charles’ email to several of us:

“In view of the current investigations into the two 737MAX accidents, it was thought that he would postpone his talk.

“However, he turned up as planned and gave a fascinating talk about the future of Aviation and Space travel and how Boeing was involved in all this. It was made clear in his introduction, that because of the ongoing investigations, it was not appropriate to include this in his talk and also not in questions.

“During pre-lunch drinks, I had the opportunity to have a chat with him and the picture (courtesy of Sue Keller) is a record of that. As usual with Americans, I also explained that the Jersey I came from was not New Jersey but the original one.”

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. You’ll see more of these as our Squadron Leaders become more active and plan things closer to home. So, always watch for those broadcasts from IFFR – it can bring much fun!

New IFFR logo uses color and design of new Rotary branding.

Our New Logo (compare with masthead)

Keep your wings and attitude level,

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11/9 Kingsbury, TX