June 8, 2017

IFFR is in high gear ... More members, more younger pilots, more Brazilians, more Squadrons, more lunch fly-ins around the Region, and a big turnout at the Atlanta Convention ... Read on:

What’s Happened

NEW SQUADRON WELCOMES ROTARACTORS TO IFFR
WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KWVI), CALIFORNIA
MAY 22, 2017

The future of General Aviation depends on the support and involvement of young people. The April edition [Click for April] reported on Alaskan kids restoring airplanes, learning to fly and starting careers in the aviation industry ... thanks to Talkeetna Build-A-Plane. This issue underscores IFFR’s emphasis of involving young people in IFFR and aviation to build support for General Aviation.

The Northern California Squadron (of the Southwest Section) recruited members of the University of California/Santa Cruz Rotaract Club (our future Rotarians) into IFFR and hosted a group of them at a traditional “$100 Hamburger” event at the Watsonville airport ... for flying, education and lunch! The IFFR hosts and pilots included Squadron Leader Aleene Althouse, joined by Sam Bishop, Larry Wolfsen, Bob Davidson, Brad Althouse, Nick Wykoff, Masi Bayless, Larry Wallenstein, George Chaffey, and Bob Tucknott with his long-time, flying companion, Whipadoodledoo. Rotaractors included the co-Presidents Bonnie Baichon and Cindy Tiet, along with Joshua Pe, Maria Martinez, Erin Mulligan, Emily Wingett, Cori Calabi, Jana Eisner and Stacy Shun, among others.

Education. Gathered around the airplanes, the event began with explaining IFFR, the importance of fellowship in Rotary, the fun of flying, the Angel Flight program that some IFFR members are involved in, and ... the importance of General Aviation to our society. And then we went ... Flying!

Flying. The highlight of the day. The planes ranged from George’s small Luscombe to Bob Davidson's twin-engine
Conquest. It was a beautiful, sunny day for a flight over the Santa Cruz coast and mountains, and then over the University campus ... with the Rotaractors able to see their school from a whole new perspective, and to take their turn at flying the plane they were in. They loved it.

Lunch. The lunch offered the chance for Rotaractors and Rotarians to get to know each other, ask questions, share information.....and do what we do best at IFFR gatherings...enjoy the one another’s company.

Led by Squadron Leader Aleene Althouse, this was the first event by the Northern California Squadron. It was preceded by a February event by the Southern California Squadron, led by Penelope Cornwall, which hosted World President Svend Andersen [see the February newsletter]. These were the first two events held by Squadrons under our new organization,
and, there will be many more Squadron activities around the Region during this coming year. These two events are a great start in utilizing our new Squadrons.

Our congratulations and thanks to Aleene and Penelope. To paraphrase Neil Armstrong as he first set foot on the moon many years ago .... That’s one small step for (a) woman, one giant leap for IFFR!

Astronaut Frank Borman, a member of the (Houston) Space Center Rotary Club, was IFFR #71. Above is a clipping from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong newsletter as reported by its President Henry Tseng (IFFR #9423) in 1969. PP Henry emigrated to the USA in 1971 and joined the Westwood Village Rotary Club where he later sponsored PWP Peter More for membership. Henry will celebrate his 110th birthday in July.

**FLYING HITS THE ROTARIAN MAGAZINE**

The annual Fly-in and Pancake Breakfast of the Douglas, Arizona Rotary Club made the March Issue of The Rotarian Magazine, and a great time was had by all. Read on as reported in The Rotarian:

“More than 100 children enjoyed the exhilaration of flight, most for the first time, during the fifth annual Fly-in and Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Rotary Club of Douglas, Arizona, on 1 October (2016). Partnering with Chapter 776 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the club treated kids to rides in four-seat Piper aircraft provided by Cochise College and the EAA. Volunteers piloted the planes over the city for view of the youths’ hometowns and the Arizona - Mexico border. “The kids really loved taking those plane rides,” says Bud Reed of AirMedCare Network, which displayed an air ambulance. Forums at the students’ three schools grounded the children in aviation history and basics. The club also landed about $1,600 in hotcake sales.”

Fly-ins with Pancake breakfasts happen all over the Region. If your club or another club plans one, let us know so it can be announced in our IFFR network, and send us photos and comments after the event. What’s more fun than kids, pancakes and airplanes?
What's Coming

A BUSY SUMMER OF ACTIVITIES

We have a full summer of activities - check out the list at the end of this newsletter and our website.

June 10th is the first day of the Rotary Convention in Atlanta. For details on IFFR participation there, please check out our newsletters. Following that we’ll have our annual IFFR flyabout, to be hosted by the South East Section of IFFR Americas. April Newsletter

We also will have Rotary events during EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh. There’s a Rotary meeting on Wednesday, July 26th at noon, usually held at the Nature Center. They always have an outstanding program. That evening we IFFR members traditionally get together for a cookout.

Look for more information on events from July on in our next edition. We include a sample of our $100 Hamburger schedule for our South Central Section as a sample of what could be going on nearby to you.

SOUTH CENTRAL $100 BURGER AND MORE

Upcoming events planned by Section Chair Jack Welge include:

- July 28 - 30 Fly-in to Great Texas Balloon Race at East Texas Regional Airport (KGGG) http://www.greattexasballoonnarace.com/ContentHandler.ashx?ID=27531
- Sept. 8 - 9 Dinner before start of AOPA Fly-in to Norman, Oklahoma (KOUN)
- Sept. 30 A Fly-in to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas - Parachute Inn (KARG) click for restaurant review
- Oct. 20 - 22 Annual US F1 Grand Prix Circuit of the Americas Fly-in, La Grange (3T5) & Austin
- Nov. 11 Pioneer Flight Museum Fall Fly-in (Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, east of San Antonio) http://pioneerflightmuseum.org/news/index.shtm

Jack says to mark your calendars now. He hopes to keep these kinds of events going through the adversities of weather, mechanicals, etc. Email Jack or call (903)753-5683.

Who’s Who

PARTNERS ARE TEAM PLAYERS

The article “Spouses are Team Players” in the May 2017 Issue of the Rotarian Magazine noted that Rotary’s senior leaders are encouraged, when traveling, to bring their spouses along ... “to promote Rotary’s commitment to family and serve as a model for the participation of spouses in Rotary projects, programs, and events.” Nick Krayacich, a member of the Rotary Club of LaSalle-Centennial, Canada, shares Rotary with his wife -- RI Vice President Jennifer E. Jones -- noting that involvement may cause spouses to “join Rotary themselves or be better able to tell others about it.” Nora Owori (spouse of 2018-19 RI President-Nominee) said her husband’s
participation in Rotary caused both of them to look at their native Uganda in a new way and caused her to join the Rotary Club of Gaba. [Rotarian Magazine, May 2017, pages 59-60].

**Partners in IFFR.** The same value of teamwork applies in IFFR, where partners have helped make IFFR fun and successful. This month we will begin a series of short articles introducing several supportive partners who have helped make their partners successful in Rotary and IFFR activities. We really couldn’t run the organization and be as successful as we have been without their participation.

For example:

**Shirley More** (partner of PWP Peter More). Since the Buenos Aires IFFR Banquet in 2000, Shirley’s been actively involved with IFFR. She loves the flying, the fellowship events, and especially the people. She was organizer of the 2002 Napa Fly-in (wx made it a drive-in), 2008 LA Convention dinner party at the More’s home, 2010 Montreal banquet, and the 2012 Post Bangkok Convention Jet-Away. Shirley is a two-term president of the Westwood Village Rotary Club Auxiliary. Her in-flight assignments are GPS programming, traffic watch and catering.

**Tim Puliz** (partner of SW Chair Vicki Puliz) is the pilot of their twin Comanche, has flown to and visited over 100 clubs, Institutes, Conventions, and Rotary seminars. He designed the IFFR 50th anniversary logo, and is working to upgrade Americas website.

**Elena Bishop** (partner of PWP Sam Bishop) is a lifetime IFFR member L041 and has participated with in all but one of the annual world fly outs. During Sam’s term as President, she served as the World Editor. Elena was the Chair of the IFFR annual dinner at the Buenos Aires Rotary Convention and was Chairwoman of the fly out afterwards. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and has awarded other family members this honor as well.

**Rocky Miller** (partner of former World Secretary-Treasurer Lynn Miller) is a physician. Lynn joined IFFR in 2002 to get her non-Rotarian partner more involved in her Rotary activities. Since then, he has flown her to various conferences and other District activities, has provided flying experiences for GSE teams and exchange students, and has participated in all but two of the annual fly-aways since 2002. In this photo he is accompanied by the late IFFR member Marilyn Alderman. Marilyn became a pilot to follow her partner George on his auto racing circuit. George remains an active member of IFFR, and his involvement with Formula One racing activities has been the impetus for Americas South Central fly-ins for the past two years.

**Diana Stone Livingston** (partner of past VP Americas, Phil Livingston) served as Americas Secretary-Treasurer and
Jane Watson (partner of PWP Tony Watson) has supported Tony in all of his Rotary and flying activities, and has flown with him and their four children to many Rotary Conventions over the years, beginning in 1973. She is past president of the Fair Park Rotary Anns auxiliary, and later, after that organization merged with the Women of Rotary of Dallas, the auxiliary of the Dallas Rotary Club, she was president of that organization. She and all her (now grown) children are PHFs. She helped Tony on a couple of weeklong trips to plan for the 2001 IFFR Fly-about after the San Antonio RI Convention.

Ruth Ann Bledsoe (partner of Alaska Section Chair Craig Bledsoe). She’s a former flight attendant and currently is the Safety, Health and Security Chair of the Association of Flight Attendants, Anchorage Domicile. Craig and Ruth Ann met each other while they both waited on standby status for a flight to Portland, Oregon, where Craig was going to attend the 1990 Rotary Convention. They were married shortly thereafter, and had four children, now all adults. Ruth Ann always enjoys participating in Rotary and IFFR activities, which included hauling the entire family around the British Isles in two Cherokee 6s following the RI Glasgow Convention a few years ago.

Those are just some of the examples why Rotary... and IFFR... appreciates and welcomes partners. We’re stronger for it.

What’s Up

The Best of both worlds: Rotary & Rotaract ... and IFFR

Under new 2016 rules from the Council on Legislation, Rotaractors can now join a Rotary Club, and simultaneously be a Rotarian and a Rotaractor, as discussed in the following article posted on the Rotary International Website in January. This has particular significance to IFFR because one of World President’s priorities this is recruiting younger members. It is particular significant to IFFR Americas because one of our Brazilian members, Mateus Duarte, is the incoming President of his Rotaract Club, and ... a member of the Jundiai Rotary Club. As described in the article about him in our February Newsletter, Mateus is about to enter the workplace as a professional pilot, and in recent months, he has made Power Point presentations on IFFR to his Rotary Club and to his Rotaract Club. He is
the lead recruiter as we begin to build IFFR in Brazil, and with his feet in both Rotaract and Rotary.

Here’s the article from Rotary’s blog posted January 13, 2017. It is written by Fernando Pinto Nercelles of Chile:

When I learned about the changes approved by the 2016 Council on Legislation that allowed Rotaractors to join a Rotary club while maintaining their Rotaract membership, I immediately saw an opportunity and knew that I had to take it. Why?

It’s quite simple, I feel dual membership is one of the most effective ways devised to achieve the best of both worlds. Rotary and Rotaract combined is an approach that definitively and once and for all, leaves behind the prejudices of age, maturity, money, prospects of service, and friendship.

This challenge put in front of us gives us the unique opportunity to get the best of Rotaract and Rotary. Dual membership in Rotaract and Rotary allows us to build more dynamic clubs with greater scope of perspective, more debate, more ideas, and more and better service in more communities. I think we should not forget the most important part of Rotary—Service Above Self. I am grateful to my friends of the Rotaract Club of Vitacura, Chile for teaching me that.

Rotaractors bring new energy and motivation to everything we do and develop dynamic friendships and professional networks with everyone we meet. And now, as a Rotarian too, I have made a renewed commitment to continue learning and growing together with those who know best the path of service, but also to serve as a bridge between both worlds. My hope is that more Rotaractors will join Rotary every day, expanding the limits of our service.

We must continue to explore and refine this important new opportunity, delivering clear ideas and effective advice on how to properly implement dual membership in our clubs and districts. For example, my club, the Rotary Club of Huelén is composed of almost 40 percent former Rotaractors and the Rotarians in the club understand the importance of including young people in service.

As a younger professional, I do not have the means to afford expensive dinners, not to mention high membership fees. So my new Rotary club made the decision to charge me only the Rotary International dues, and not a penny more. The opportunity to be a Rotarian was within my reach and today it is a reality.

I invite and encourage my fellow Rotaractors to dare. Approach your sponsoring Rotary clubs or other clubs in the area and ask about the options. Or, if you can’t find a Rotary club that’s right for you, start your own. It’s possible! And to my fellow Rotarians, I invite you not to wait for the Rotaractors to approach you, come and invite them to join your clubs. Just like that, we all contribute to a more committed Rotary — a Rotary Serving Humanity.

--- Fernando Pinto Nercelles, Vitacura, Chile

Reminder: Dues Are On Us - Our Thanks to Our Members

Last summer, the World IFFR Board rebated to us some of its accumulated surplus that had come from our dues. In September, the IFFR America promptly saw that as an opportunity to accelerate our on-going program to attract younger members, particularly Rotaractors, and to extend IFFR into South America, particularly Brazil. In
our January, February and March Newsletters, you have seen numerous articles about our recruiting and engaging Rotaractors and Brazilians in IFFR. We also support Talkeetna Build-A-Plane, training young people in aircraft restoration, and facilitating their getting pilot’s licenses and jobs in the aviation industry (see the article in our April edition) and we are seeking to leverage our support with funds from local clubs and matching grants from The Rotary Foundation. We’re hard at work!

Apart from the world rebate, we realized we too had built up a surplus from our own members’ dues, so the IFFR Americas Board voted in December to waive dues for all our current members and new members for 2017 and 2018 ... paid from our own surplus, built up by our members’ dues ... one way of saying “Thank You” to our members for their support over the years and into the future. In addition to being a “Thank You”, it is also an excellent recruitment tool---free membership for a couple of years – like taking a test drive ... for free! Check it out on our website.

**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. $100 Hamburger pop ups could happen anywhere, especially if weather looks good and we don’t have to invest a lot of planning effort. You’ll probably see more of these as our new Squadron Leaders become more active and plan things closer to home. So, always watch for those broadcasts from IFFR – it can mean a fun flight and a fellowship event that will keep you wanting to come back for more.

**Coming Soon ...**

Next month and beyond ... look for continuing news on a summer and fall full of events.

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Tail winds to ya’,

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