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IFFR Americas Members:

So much has been going on that we can’t cover it all in this newsletter. Go to our website for more details and for lots of great photos of events going on all over the region. www.iframericas.org.

What’s Coming

OSHKOSH 2015 … IFFR’s 50th Anniversary Celebration

In 2015, IFFR turns 50 years young … and we’re celebrating big time … at the biggest air event in the world … OSHKOSH AirVenture! Our Golden Anniversary! There will be a big contingent from Europe (40 at last count) and we’ll have a big contingent from the Americas. The Oshkosh get together will be July 21-25, with a big Golden Anniversary celebration on Wednesday, July 22 at the Oshkosh AirVenture itself, along with the opportunity to savor the entire Oshkosh event during the week.

IFFR World President James Alexander (devoted husband of Lady Catherine) has planned both a single destination fly-in followed by a weeklong fly about, with a great time to be had at EAA Airventure in Oshkosh and then a visit heading west from Wisconsin into Minnesota.

The details and sign up information are available at the IFFR International website, www.iffr.org. The deadline is quickly approaching (initial deadline is October 31, 2014). So…log on and register NOW!! We are looking forward to seeing you.

OSHKOSH ALTOGETHER IN 2015
JULY 21 – 25, 2015

The “Oshkosh experience” as a fly-in (commercial or private) will commence Tuesday, July 21. If you are coming by commercial airline, you can fly to Appleton, Wisconsin, one of the reliever airports for Oshkosh during EAA AirVenture. From there you will get to Wautoma, Wisconsin, the airport and town we will use as our base. Coaches
will leave from Appleton to Wautoma at 1200 and 1600. If you’re flying your own aircraft, proceed direct to Wautoma (Y50).

A “get to know you” BBQ is planned that evening in Wautoma. There will be special coaches leaving from the hotel at 0800 and 1000 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Oshkosh. Wednesday will be the day of the Rotary Club meeting at noon with a special speaker, and with a large contingent, our traditional Wednesday evening BBQ will be at the Wautoma Golf Club instead of Mark’s travel trailer. Thursday afternoon we’ll have a 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala Picnic commencing at 1400. You can still see most of the airshow from anywhere on the field. Celebrations will continue with another outdoors BBQ hosted by Tim Freudenthal in Wautoma. Friday everyone is on their own – lots of things to see and do at Airventure: it’s almost overwhelming. Return to Appleton for overnight.

The Oshkosh “Package One” cost is US$530 per person.

MINNESOTA 10,000 LAKES FLYOUT  
JULY 25, 2015 – AUGUST 1, 2015

The traveling portion of the package commences on Saturday morning, July 25, and participants can travel either by coach or by light aircraft. Total distance by plane is about 700nm.

Saturday, July 25, is Wautoma, Wisconsin to Stillwater, Minnesota (airport Lake Elmo, 21D, 162nm). We plan a luncheon at 1300 with the Rotary Club in Stillwater.

Sunday, July 26, we depart for Detroit Lakes, Minnesota (KDTL, 167nm). This is a resort area, and you can expect a fishing competition. We will
Monday, we have an outing by coach on Monday.

Tuesday, July 28, we depart for Brainerd (KBRD, 76nm), will attend local Rotary Club luncheon. Minnesota is known for 10,000 lakes, so this is an opportunity for as many as can to enjoy the fine fishing opportunities. We’ll have an excursion of some kind on Wednesday.

Thursday, July 30, we’ll travel to Duluth (KDLH, 84nm), and enjoy an evening cruise on Lake Superior. Friday morning we’ll have an outing, and that evening is our Gala Farewell.

Saturday, August 1, we head back to Wautoma (YS0, 207nm).

This “Package Two” is US$710 per person.

Again, more information is on the website, www.iffr.org, as are the registration forms. The initial deadline is October 31, 2014. That’s this month. So, Act NOW! We’ll look forward to seeing you there.

This trip is being organized by our stalwart leadership in the Americas – North Central Section, Mark & Karen Hagen with Tim & Linda Freudenthal, and in the UK, World President James and Catherine Alexander.

75th Anniversary AOPA Homecoming
Saturday, October 4, 2014

Join IFFR Section Chair Tom Johnston and IFFR member Richard Cody at the 75th Anniversary Homecoming of the AOPA at AOPA headquarters. There is no cost for the event. You can drive or fly-in. IFFR will have display booth #79 for greeting one another and reaching out to other interested Rotarians. Stop by the booth when you arrive! Events begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:00 PM. If you want to make a weekend of the visit, see motel suggestions at the AOPA event website.

The Basics: When: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday, October 4, 2014 Where: Frederick Airport (FDK), 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21707 What: Includes exhibits, static displays, seminars, demos, safety briefings, free lunch for AOPA members, meeting and eating with IFFR members, air demonstrations, a pilot town hall with AOPA President Mark Baker. Getting there: GA procedures for arrival and departure will be available ten days prior to the event. They may be found on the AOPA event website for this homecoming or from the Flight Service Station.
For those driving to the airfield, follow the signs for AOPA parking.

**Registration:** 1. RSVP to AOPA that you are coming on their web site (no charge): https://www.aopa.org/Community-and-events/AOPA-Fly-Ins/Frederick  
2. Let the IFFR hosts know of your coming by e-mailing them with your names and your passengers names, when and how you will arrive, and any special requests. The hosts are: Richard Cody stationone@aol.com [c -301/639-6591] and Tom Johnston tomjohnston@verizon.net [c-717/319-0965]. Details are also posted on www.iffrAmericas.org .

**Contact:** Tom Johnston, IFFR SE Section Chair; tomjohnston@verizon.net, 717-319-0965

**Cameron Park, California - Show N' Shine & Fly-In - Saturday, October 4, 2014**

This annual fly-in is in one of the oldest fly-in communities west of the Mississippi River .... taxi off the runway, down the street and into your driveway ... and park in your garage! This is a great annual fly-in located in a unique aviation community.

Come join the fun and Rotary fellowship at the 25th Show N’ Shine Fly-in at Cameron Park (061) in northern California. Cameron Park is northeast of Sacramento on the western foothills of the Sierras. Start the morning off with a pancake breakfast. There will be music, car show, vendors and plenty of Rotary fellowship. See the ifframericas.org website for more details and pictures of previous Show N’ Shine events.

Contact Vicki Puliz for more information at vickipuliz@puliz.com .

**Stafford Rotary Club 10th Annual Wings & Wheels Fly-In**

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

The Wings & Wheels Festival, co-sponsored by the Stafford (Virginia, USA) Rotary Club, in the largest continuing events in the county. It will bring vintage, experimental, military and other civilian aircraft and helicopters from the region, and will also include Radio Action, RC demonstrations and a simulator for those wishing to keep their feet on the ground.

Bring your plane, or your imagination, or you willingness to step into a simulator and “go for a flight” and enjoy this Stafford County Fly-in event. Section Chair Tom Johnson and IFFR member Richard Cody will be heading the IFFR members attending this event (at KRMN). As summer fades, and fall deepens, this is one of the later fly-ins of the year ... so you should plan to attend if you can.

**What’s Happened**

**California Capital Airshow**

**September 6-7**

The California Capital Airshow, at Mather Field (formerly Mather Air Base), is now rated the 5th best in the United State. The weather was hot and so was the action... lots of aerobatics, the Patriots jet team, and... the
F-22 Raptor—the most technologically advanced jet fighter in the world...which put on a spectacular, awesome display of speed, power and maneuverability. Has to be seen to be believed! Overall, it was a spectacular airshow and experience, with many IFFR members in attendance, including Americas VP George Chaffey with “Lady Bird”, Tim “Top Gun” Pinkney, John Massey (who helped coordinate IFFR attendance at the event), Richard Pearl, new member Clark Osterhout and more.

PORTOLA ROTARY CLUB FLY-IN & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SEPTEMBER 7

The annual Portola Rotary Club Fly-in and Pancake breakfast was, again, a big success. Small town America at its best. The weather was perfect, the pancakes were delicious, the bluegrass music was fun, the old cars were fascinating, and the Young Eagles chapter from the Central Valley were there giving rides to dozens of kids. In addition to VP George Chaffey and new member PDG Woody Wilbanks, also there for the festivities were SW section Chair Vicki & Tim
Puliz, and PDG Steve & Ginny Lewis, who auctioned off an hour flight in their jointly owned twin Commanche. Special note: Never seen before...a Jack Links- sponsored biplane that is a combination of souped up, radial engine with 3 bladed prop and... with jet power added... being readied for the Reno Air Races.

**AUBURN, CALIFORNIA --- "THUNDER IN THE SKY"**  
**SEPTEMBER 27-28**

The Auburn “Thunder in the Sky” Fly-in was another success. For those who could not make it over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to get to the Bishop Safari and the Americas AGM, this was a great alternative. A lot of planes, a lot of excitement, a
lot of heavy metal. Among other attendees was IFFR member Richard Pearl in his 1984 Grob 109 Touring Motor Glider (80 hp).

**BISHOP, CALIFORNIA--- THE ANNUAL SIERRA SAFARI & AMERICAS AGM**

**SEPTEMBER 27-28**

Too soon to have a full write up, but here are the highlights.... The Sierra Safari (sponsored for over 60 years by the Bishop Rotary clubs) is one of the most spectacular, and interesting and unique events put on by Rotary Clubs anywhere. 30 IFFR members and guests were in attendance.

IFFR held its annual lunch on Friday at the home of Lew & Betty McConnell in Aspendell...in an alpine setting at almost 9,000 feet, yet only 30 minutes from Bishop on the floor of the Owens Valley. Lunch was followed by the Annual General Meeting, with 25 in attendance. It was a spectacular setting. That evening, the Sierra Safari got going with the Governors reception, followed by an IFFR gathering at the RV Park where many members were staying...with a great bonfire, BBQ spare ribs...
Saturday was for the “big events” ....day trips of all sorts...some members went pistol shooting, other on trips to see the high country fall “colors”, others went fishing, others on house tours, others went to the Bristlecone Pines (the oldest living things in the world... up to about 5,000 years old) where we were well over 10,000 feet elevation.

Saturday was capped by a truly fun “western” dinner held in a horse barn... great fun, great music, great dancing. And the Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) was there as well. Between the Flying Rotarians and the Motorcycling Rotarians, there were over 60 attendees. We’ll be looking for more joint events to attend with the IFMR and other fellowships. SW Section Chair Vicki Puliz did a bang up job of pulling together a great event for our members.

Who’s Who

The last two months, we introduced the folks responsible for the Americas Region and all the sections. The IFFR is an international fellowship, so this month we’ll introduce some of the IFFR leaders in the European Region. These are your fellow pilots, aviation enthusiasts, and just plain nice folks across the pond in Europe.

**European Region Vice President** – Johannes “Han” Klinkspoor is a member of the Rotary Club of Haarlemmermeer, Netherlands. His e-mail is hans@clinkspoor.nl.

**Benelux Section** – Egide van Dingenen is a member of the Rotary Club of Aarschot, Belgium. His e-mail is david.cypers@uptomain.com. The Benelux Section includes Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg.

**France Section** – Dominique Brice is a member of the Rotary Club of Toulouse Ovalie Jeudi. Her e-mail is dominiquebrice@orange.fr. Besides France and its territories, some Belgians are members of this section.
Germany / Austria Section – Frank Janser lives in Aachen, Germany. His e-mail is F.Janser@stacke-safe.de.

Italy Section – PDG Cesare Cardini is a member of the Rotary Club of Tradate in Italy (Milan). His e-mail is cesare.cardani@polimi.it.

Portugal Section – Victor Brito is a member of the Rotary Club of Cascais-Estoril in Portugal. His e-mail is vbrito@aerocondor.com.

Scandinavian Section – Rolf Mikkelsen is a member of the Rotary Club of Borge, Norway. His e-mail is mmy-aut@online.no. This section includes Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Switzerland Section – Thomas Morf is a member of the Rotary Club of Volketswil in Switzerland. His e-mail is tmorf@iffr.ch.

United Kingdom Section – Alisma Clark is a member of the Rotary Club of Hope Valley (Derbyshire), England. Her e-mail address is alismac@me.com. The UK Section includes the Channel Islands and Ireland as well as the member countries of the United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales).

(Left side: Janser, Brito, Morf. Right side: Cardani, Mikkelsen, Clark)

Tail winds to ya’,

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