AND IT KEEPS GETTING BETTER ...

Yes, the IFFR gatherings during and after Oshkosh were fabulous. Great memories. And it keeps getting better. There is a boatload of flying events coming at you (we’re big on mixed metaphors). So, come on in, the water’s fine! ... And so is the air, the land, and especially the fellowship! Join us at any of the upcoming events. It just keeps getting better!

What’s Coming

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. For info 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)

Join your IFFR Friends and Tullahoma Rotarians for a great weekend in Tullahoma, TN October 9-11, 2015. Participate in the last AOPA Fly-In of the year along with tours or Arnold AFB, Jack Daniels Distillery, and the Beechcraft Museum. Enjoy Friday night BBQ and live entertainment. Saturday night dinner will be private dining at Emil's Bistro, a European style cafe with fellow IFFR members and our Tullahoma Rotary hosts.

The Tullahoma Rotarians have graciously offered to provide accommodations in their homes.

**Friday**

- 10:30 am Arrival at THA-Tullahoma Regional Airport
- 12:00 pm Lunch with Tullahoma Rotary club
- 2:00 pm AOPA is in the process of lining up Friday tours at Arnold AFB, Jack Daniels Distillery, and the Beech Museum. Details will be shared when received.
- 6:30 pm AOPA Barnstormers Party - BBQ, bonfire and live entertainment

**Saturday**

- 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast at AOPA event
- 12:00 pm Lunch at AOPA event
- 7:00 pm Dinner at Emil’s Bistro and Marketplace with our host families (We will be covering dinner cost for our host families. Projected cost of $40-$50 per person)

**Sunday**

8:30 am Breakfast and Departure

If you haven’t registered, it’s getting late. To register for IFFR activities, contact South East Chair Dale Read: phone 865-250-1882, email dread@readwindow.com.

Dale has a registration form which you should complete, and that’s on the ifframericas.org website, of course.

To register for the AOPA activities, do so on AOPA’s website separately. There’s no charge for the actual event,
but the Friday night Barnstormers Party is $15 and the Saturday morning breakfast is $5, best taken care of in advance if possible.


**IFFR at Rotary Convention in Seoul, Korea**  
**May 28 - June 1, 2016**

IFFR always has an obligation to Rotary International to support and attend the annual Rotary Convention. In 2006, the Convention is in Seoul, Korea. We will actively participate with a booth in the House of Friendship, and will plan to have some kind of a banquet like we have every year.

As soon as we have information on hotels and banquet information, we'll get it up on the ifframericas.org website and will publish it here in this newsletter.

Since there's not much general aviation in Korea, your Board has voted to have the Annual Board Meeting and the bulk of the Annual General Meeting during a special stay and fly out in Berlin later in the summer. At the banquet in Seoul we'll open the AGM, then enter a recess, to be reconvened in Berlin.

**IFFR Annual General Meeting and Fly Out 2016**  
**Berlin, Germany**  
**July 16 - 23, 2016**

We're excited to announce that our IFFR annual international gathering will be hosted in Germany next July. Rather than fly places and remain overnight, we will stay in the same hotel for the entire week. We will have different destinations each day, with a slightly different program for those who elect to go by coach versus those who are able to fly.

More details will be coming quickly on this wonderful event. Meanwhile, block the dates in your calendar! We understand the travel will be limited to just 80 participants!

**What's Happened**

**Bar Harbor, Maine, Fly-In - August 28 - 30**

On the last weekend of August, spectacular scenery, Rotary fellowship and marvelous weather brought 22 people in seven aircraft to Bar Harbor, Maine. Liz Graves, the local event coordinator, attracted her father, Michael Graves, to fly up from Plainview, Texas with Karen Hicks and Jack and Ava Welge to be there, too.
The Bluenose Inn proved to be an excellent venue for the group. Local Rotarian, Jim Ash, is the manager. We enjoyed good food, views of Mt. Desert Island Harbor, a spa, and two pools. The upscale rooms even provided a gas fireplace!

The local Rotary Club hosted a reception for our first weekend event followed by a three entree buffet. On Saturday evening we had a Maine shore dinner - a memorable feast of lobsters, mussels and corn on the cob.

Daytime activities involved options to accommodate both those wanting active and restful enjoyment of the area. Liz Graves, local event hostess, set off with four others on a 4.5 hour Arcadia National Park hike to the top of Cadillac Mountain. A larger group took the Sea Princess
Cruise boat to visit the Cranberry Isles and other coastal islands. Afterwards the boaters had a luncheon treat of popovers and lobster rolls followed by a garden tour in Northeast Harbor.

On Sunday people also enjoyed a variety of activities. Connie and Gary Dehnel brought their bikes and rode before dawn on a Mt. Desert Island carriage roads built by John D. Rockefeller to a lookout to become the first persons in the USA that day to see the rising sun. Five attended the Congregational Church and then joined six more at Jordon Pond for an outdoor lunch.

Most remarkable about the weekend was that people did not want it to end! Six came on Thursday and seven stayed over until Monday. Already we are discussing future fly-ins: a Spring event in Manassas, VA, hosted by Dan Radtke and a Summer or Fall event in New Hampshire hosted by Gary and Connie Dehnel.

--- Tom Johnston, NE Americas Section Leader

MORE PICTURES FROM OSHKOSH, WAUTOMA AND MINNESOTA

Many pictures are posted at our website, www.iffamericas.org, or you can click on this link to go directly to our OneDrive picture page for the event, http://1drv.ms/1GEVf0c. We thought we’d put a few more up here, with a little more description, since we’re still remembering all these events with great fondness.

I took a “selfie” when I landed at Wautoma. After getting things unpacked and buttoning up the plane for the 6 night stay, I called my non-pilot non-Rotarian but long-time friends, who are both engineers and just love coming to Oshkosh, to come get me. We each have different interests, so each of us do things with the others that we wouldn’t have done on our own. Paul Shipp lives in Libertyville, Illinois, and Bob Peppler in Castro Valley, California, and we get together to do this every couple of years. This year we once again rode the Ford Trimotor together. Turns out this particular one used to have a
short haul in the Lake Erie area of northern Ohio, and still had scheduled service when Paul lived in the area. Paul and Bob are always interested in the vintage warbirds and vintage airliners. Like any good mechanical or aeronautical engineer, they enjoy studying the various mechanisms on these old warbirds. Another thing that got our attention was the concentration of Rutan-designed aircraft we saw, including the Boomerang, with its visual asymmetry. We managed to get over to the vintage light aircraft and I showed them George Chaffey’s Luscombe. They got to meet George and we all had a nice chat. Paul and Bob went home Wednesday morning, and I joined up with our group at the noon Rotary meeting.

The highlight of our week at Oshkosh was our 50th Anniversary Banquet Thursday at noon. Here are a few more pictures I took at it - our red-shirted Smyrna, Tennessee delegation (remembering our 2011 IFFR Fly About), one of many tables at the banquet, and an opportunity to visit with Caryl and
Brian Andersen, which President James and Veep George enjoyed here. That evening at Wautoma, we did a cost-sharing meal and volunteer cooks used the grill in back to help fix a very nice meal. I show one of the picnic tables full of our friends.

We did help to overwhelm the small airport restaurant at the Tri-County Regional Airport at Lone Rock, Wisconsin. Most of the planes on this ramp are ours. That looks like George taxiing out to the active there, on the other side of the localizer antennae. It was a pretty taxi to the runway with the hills of the “Wisconsin Dells” on serveral sides. We had an easy VFR flight to Lake Elmo, Minnesota. There we
mostly parked in the grass, which had abundant small wildflowers, making for pretty settings for airplane pictures.

Stillwater was over with all too soon. Seven of us stayed at a nice bed & breakfast, The Riverton Inn, which featured a gourmet breakfast as part of the deal. They found out about our early Sunday morning departure and accommodated our group by serving breakfast an hour and a half early. It was a beautiful setting. You can see Phil Yoder in this picture taken in the dining room. There were several small courses and this crepe was the main course. Delicious, even more amazing since it was gluten-free. An interesting and delicious place to stay. My daughter-in-law already wants to go.

Back at Lake Elmo, we had plenty of time to get to Detroit Lakes. Our early schedule was to accommodate the
schedule needed for the coach. I took my time, snapping the picture of another plane in that pretty grass with the wildflowers. On arrival at Detroit Lakes, I had plenty of time to get fuel for my plane. However, many of us waited until departure day. This gave me an opportunity to go around and take a few pictures of our members and guests going to planes, refueling and such. We had some extra time here, since we had our only real weather issues of the trip, a combination of MVFR that was a little on the low side and some strong winds. This caused us to cancel one of our destinations for our flyers, Granite Falls, Minnesota, and delay our departures for the Brainerd, Minnesota area by about an hour as we waited for en route weather to improve.

Despite an advertised strong crosswind, local knowledge about the East Gull Airport, a grass strip adjacent to Madden’s Resort convinced a majority of our pilots that this would be a safe destination, and with Brainerd
available as an alternate, most of our planes went there. On the way back out I took the picture of the “ramp” there and our friends going to their planes. Then the rest of us were dropped by the coach at the Brainerd Airport, where about 5 aircraft had decided to go. Then it was on to Duluth.

Arriving at our FBO, the maintenance shop was open next door, so we were able to see a Cirrus SR20 with the cowling off among other things before we headed over to the Cirrus ramp.

We had the evening at leisure in the downtown waterfront area of Duluth, not far from the signature harbor bridge. After our activities the following morning and early afternoon, our final banquet was held on a sunset dinner cruise. It was a relaxing and beautiful time for us. I have a picture as the sun was setting, then also many in our group out front taking in the sights and enjoying the cool breeze. Coming back in at dusk the bridge was lit well, and as I mentioned last month, there were some fireworks in the distance.
The next morning our friends began departing early, with many taking commercial flights out of Duluth International Airport. The bus came around a couple of times to gather us to the airport. Our plane was parked behind the FBO with several other aircraft being flown by IFFR pilots. One by one they left - finally we just had Rankin Whittington on our left completing his preflight before I popped into the plane to begin our trip back to Texas.

-- PWP Tony Watson, Editor

Tail winds to ya’,

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