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WORLD BULLETIN
May 2002
FROM THE COCKPIT
Sam Bishop

This is our final issue, but it is not Bon Voyage, Adios, Sayonara or Good Bye. WOW, what a time the last two years! What a fantastic experience. But then again, even before I became IFFR World President, we were treated as VIP’s every time we visited another Section’s event. So my advice to all of you: don’t wait to be a VIP, attend the worldwide IFFR events anyway. You will be as excited as we have been these past two years.

Elena and I THANK everyone who hosted us around the world and especially we thank those Section Chairmen who make our Fellowship the greatest of all. (The first chair woman? Right away, as new VP Brian Andersen has selected Bev Fogle for Americas NW.) By the way, speaking of outstanding women, hasn’t Elena done a fantastic job with our newsletter?

My special thanks to my Vice Presidents. I must single out Luis Henriques who has managed to juggle his Club Presidency, the moving of his dental practice, the job of World Webmaster, and at the same time has planned and organized our post-Barcelona Fly-Away! My very special thanks also, to Tony Watson, my “right seat” co-pilot, who has worked very hard the past two years in preparation for his role as your new World President. IFFR is in for a great four years, with Tony, and then Luis in the “left seat”. They will steer a straight course, with the indefatigable assistance of our great Secretary Treasurer, Tom Surowka. Tom is my friend and has my undying gratitude for all his help over the past several years.

I recently flew a Rotarian friend, who is a State Senator to do some politicking; he is running for Lt. Governor for the State of California. He was envious of us as Flying Rotarians and expressed the same thing we have all heard many times: “I didn’t understand what the Flying Rotarians are, nor did I even know that there are over 40 Rotary Fellowships”. He was so enthusiastic, he was asking how he could get a pilot license and be as free as we are. Once again I was reminded that one of my responsibilities as a Rotarian pilot is to tell people what we do and, better yet, fly them. Their age doesn’t matter; the thrill of flight is available from 8 to 88 year olds. More than ever, we all should fly people to let them know there is a lot more to General Aviation than flying into tall buildings.

I am more enthusiastic about IFFR now than when I started my Presidency. Look out, I may run for another term when I am 80! (By the way, Congratulations Charles Strasser, who just celebrated ¾ of a century as a valuable member of our society.)

THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING ELENA AND ME THESE PAST TWO YEARS.

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Remembering
Past World President
Don Bymaster

1992
Don, by his restored Alexander Eaglerock and Sam flying it (in his imagination).
Scandinavian Fly-in
by Bo Johnsson

The Scandinavian Section of IFFR would like to start off the spring with a Fly-in, 25-26 of May, 2002. On your flight plan please write ESKM on “Destination”. This will take you to Mora Airport, Sweden, where we look forward to seeing you between 10 AM and 12 AM on the 25th of May.

At the airport, a bus will be waiting to take us to ORSA GRÖNKLITT, which has the biggest bear park in Europe. As well as bears, the park also has wolves, foxes and lynxes. The animals live in a natural environment, and thanks to special paths and ramps, visitors are able to get close to them, sometimes only a few meters away. This promises to be an exciting and fascinating experience for both adults and children. Take a look at Grönklitts homepage: http://atlas.dalnet.se/~ftale/index.php?page=bjornpark to find out more.

There will be a guided tour in the park and we will also go on a Bear safari under expert guidance, to learn more about bears and the way they live.

In the evening if the weather allows it, we will have dinner outside. On the morning of the 26th, after breakfast, a bus will take us to Mora to visit the Zorn Museum. Following our visit to this interesting art museum we'll have lunch in town.

Departure time will be around 3 PM from Mora Airport.

We hope this program sounds exiting and we look forward to seeing you all.

Please let me know before the 17th of May if you are able to join us. Bo Johnsson, telephone +46-70-533 08 00 or via E-mail: bo@sitdown.se
OSHKOSH

Meet other IFFR members and Rotarians from all over the world! The “Wisconsin Style” Brat Fry sponsored by the three Oshkosh Rotary Clubs will take place at Noon on Thursday, July 25, 2002, at the EAA Nature Center, located halfway between the Air Museum and the Convention Grounds. Food will be served from 12 to 1 PM. Register in advance or at the event. Cost: $11 per person. They would appreciate it if you’d let them know you are planning to attend: Tom Shepek, bus: (920) 426-0333, res: (920) 233–1463, repp@vbe.com
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USA EAST COAST EVENTS

Martha’s Vineyard and the Caribbean

One Fly-in and one Fly-away are being planned in and from the eastern parts of the US. The Fly-in will be at Martha’s Vineyard on August 17, 2002. It will be, at least, a day fly-in to Katama Airpark, with picnic on the beach, for about $30 per person, including landing and parking fee. If there is enough response we can make it a weekend, but I MUST get replies soon, as that is the peak season and will have to secure accommodations. I do have some connections, but it gets tough by May.

The southern Fly-away could be to the Caribbean, the Bahamas and/or Key West, or a few nights at one place. Could be for several days (as many as 10), depending again, on response.

I will set up specific itinerary, etc. after I get some replies.

Please respond to Dan Nalven at: Phone/Fax: 914/631-7764 or Email: N6467X@aol.com

West Coast Fly-in

NAPA Valley (APC) Fly-in, November 8–11, 2002. Join the fun and fellowship in beautiful Northern California. Enjoy gourmet dining and fine wine! Although the dates are firm, the information is subject to change. Please check the web page for details and frequent updates.
Bridgeford Flying Service can arrange rental cars. Call 800-229-6272.
Fri 11/8 arrive Nut Tree (VCB), lunch, visit Warbird museum. All activities are on field, no local transportation necessary. Afternoon, fly to Napa (APC). Dinner TBA. Accommodation at Napa Valley Railway Inn, Yountville.

Sat 11/9 From Napa northwards to Calistoga, winery and valley tour.
Sun 11/10 Napa. Lunch on Winetrain (www.winetrain.com). Dinner BBQ hosted by Marlyn and Larry McClaskey. For those that need to depart on Sunday afternoon, you’ll miss the festive event at the McClaskey’s.

Mon 11/11 (Veteran’s Day) afternoon return home.

Fly-in hotel: Napa Valley Railway Inn, 6503 Washington St, Yountville. Each room takes up an entire railway car and sits on the original tracks of the Yountville station. Rooms are very limited (10) and are first come first served. Rates are $75 - $115. Hotel is in the heart of Yountville and within walking distance to fine restaurants and shops. Plenty of free parking. Call 707-944-2000 to book your hotel and reference IFFR. We have only 10 rooms blocked for 11/8-11. For hotel info, visit web site: http://www.travelhero.com/prophome.cfm/id/69831/hotels/reservations/

Registration form will be available by mid April. If you are interested in this event, please e-mail Peter More peter@petermore.com or call 1-310-470-8998. Your input is welcomed! If interest is very high, we will need to arrange additional rooms.

American Region Annual Meeting

AOPA Expo- Palm Springs, October 24-26, 2002
IFFR will hold its annual general meeting in conjunction with the AOPA Expo in Palm Springs. The information presented here is brief and preliminary. Please check the web page (iffr.org) for more details and for updates.
Fly-In Airport: Banning
Dinner: Friday, October 25 at the Ramada Hotel.
General Meeting: TBA

AirAffair 2002, Truckee, CA

Once again the EAA Chapter 1073 is hosting a fly-in at Truckee, California, in conjunction with AirAffair 2002, a major youth aerospace scholarship fundraising event. Both fly-in and fundraiser will be held at the airport on Sunday, June 23rd. Prior to the dinner, the local Rotary Clubs will host the IFFR at Chapter 1073’s clubhouse, with cocktails and fellowship. For information on event and/or accommodations Lou Reinkens rockwood@nreach.com, 530-525-5273
HANGAR TALK...

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Our incoming International Editor David Sclair has been honored to no end this year. You read in the last Bulletin about his AOPA award. In February, at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show, together with 4 other aviation veterans, he was inducted into the Washington Aviation Hall of Fame. Kudos to you, Dave!

Past President Marcus Crotts and his F33A Bonanza were featured in the January issue of the American Bonanza Society magazine, in the occasion of his installation as President of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Congratulations, Mark!

HELping AVIATION

The Italian Section of IFFR has contributed to the acquisition of a visual landing aid to be installed in the heliport of Erba, a small town to the North of Milan, used by the SAR helicopters of the National Health Service. The entire operation is sponsored by ‘Fondazione Pro Elisoccorso’, a Foundation dedicated to help the usage of helicopters in SAR roles and promoted by the Rotarians of District 2040.

FLY-AWAY AFTER BRISBANE

The Australian Section is planning another great Fly-away after the RI International Convention in Brisbane. Here is the PROVISIONAL PROGRAM: Depart Redcliffe 5th June for Roma overnight stop. Roma to Longreach for 3 night stop-over. Longreach to Cairns via Hughenden, 3 nights in Cairns. Cairns to Hamilton Island for 2 night stay. Return to Brisbane on 14 June 2003. Those of us who have participated in the Australian Fly-aways will tell you: YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS IT!

GONE WEST

We had the pleasure to see him one last time at the San Antonio IFFR events last year. We realized that was probably the last time. Our Past President and staunch supporter of IFFR, Don Bymaster, passed away in March.

Don was involved with many volunteer organizations, was very active in EAA and AOPA, and his many interest included, besides flying his Mooney all over the country, motorcycling and Colorado history. He restored the oldest Eaglerock bi-plane, which hangs in the Lowery “Wings Over the Rockies” aircraft museum.

Our love and support to Lorena and their family.

David Jenkins, Immediate Past Chairman of the New Zealand Section, died in a crash of his C210 on April 10th. No one else was in the aircraft and no details are available at this time.

60 years old, husband, father, and grandfather, David was one of the founders of the New Zealand Section. Our deepest sympathies go out to Lynette and all their family.

Bob Harris IFFR #6404 passed away on January 31, 2002 at the age of 54, from cancer. His flying career included a tour in Viet Nam where he was shot down three times flying a Cobra gunship. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and numerous other decorations.

His friends have funded the Robert A. Harris Aviation Scholarship Endowment to provide two $1000.00 annual scholarships to Detroit Lakes High School students going into the field of Aviation.
As with all IFFR events this one was again outstanding. I will tell it from my viewpoint, as it is what is available to any visitor from another country. Joyce and myself accompanied by members Ron Johns and Malcolm Axford flew to Wellington and from there, the next morning caught the ferry to Picton, which is at the top of the South Island, then by hire car went to Blenheim. This is a very rich part of the country and is covered with grape vines and has many wineries. The town is very picturesque and is serviced by an airport, air force base, and a general aviation airport.

About a dozen aircraft flew in for a total of about 40 guests, some coming by road. We spent Saturday visiting Montana winery, which is one of the nicest I have seen, after seeing many in different countries throughout the world. Then to a boutique brewery, then a small business making various liquors. An interesting visit was to the general aviation airport where in one hanger five First World War I aircraft were being restored for flight. Peter Jackson, the Film Director of Lord of The Rings, acquired these with no doubt the object of using them for future filming. The Sopwith Camel, a 9 cylinder radial with fixed crankshaft and no throttle was very interesting.

The AGM was conducted on Sunday morning and David Jenkins inducted Phil Pacey as the new President. Two weeks later David was killed in an air crash while returning his aircraft to Fielding, and at this stage details are unknown. This was a big shock to us all and we give our deepest sympathy to Lynette, and the New Zealand Section.

From Blenheim we drove to Christchurch where we visited the Air Force Museum and workshops, then to the Antarctic Centre at the Christchurch Airport where we had a ride on the Hagglund Artic vehicle. Both these were well worth seeing. We stayed at Twizel for the night, before driving to Milford Sound, where we spent the night on the Milford Mariner. It rained all night, which it had to, as they have 275 inches of rain a year. Next morning we went on deck to one of the most amazing scenes that you would ever see. There were literally hundreds of waterfalls from small to massive and up to 100 meters high, and these were all over the sound, surely one of the wonders of the world.

Next day we drove to Wanaka for three days of air show. This is rated as the largest in the Southern hemisphere and of world class. The location in the hills was ideal and with 40 Warbirds, which are flown by expert pilots, it is a credit to such a small country with only three and a half million population. We find the New Zealanders are a very entrepreneurial nation of wonderful people. Some of the aircraft were SE5A, Tiger Moth, Hurricane, Spitfire, Kittyhawk, Mustang, Auster, Vampire, Parpkolapov, Harvard, Catalina, DC3 and others. Many of the pilots were current or ex air force and their formation flying was a delight to see, as well as their simulated dogfights. A radio-controlled aircraft stole the show with amazing aerobatics. The second day that we arose from bed on looking out saw that all the hills were covered with snow, an amazing sight from us Aussies, as it is a rarity in our country. This air show is held at Easter each second year and is well worth a visit. Some 85,000 attended in a town of only 3,500 people. The IFFR members really enjoyed the second meeting in a week.

## NEW ZEALAND FLY-IN TO BLENHEIM AND WANAKA 22/3/02 TO 1/4/02

By Brian Condon

Fly commercial or by private aircraft. To register contact Past President [Graeme Lequesne](mailto:lequesne@jerseymail.co.uk), Apartment 3, St Martins House, La Grande Rout de Faldout, St Martin, Jersey, JE6UG

### PRE-CONVENTION ASSEMBLY IN JERSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS - June 20-22, 2002

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### POST CONVENTION FLY-AWAY - June 27 - July 6, 2002

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| June, 27 | Sabadell airport to Granada (The Alhambra) |
| June, 28 | Granada to Sevilla (San Pablo) (Horse carriage tour) |
| June, 29 | Sevilla to Jerez (wine cellars, horse riding show, Flamenco show) |
| June, 30 | El Puerto de Santa Maria for lunch at seaside |
| June, 31 | If you want to log a flight to Gibraltar, you may skip this program and fly the route Seville-Tanger-Gibraltar-Tanger-Seville on your own. |
| | Visit CASA aircraft industries |
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MUDGEE FLY-IN
APRIL 12 - 14 2002

Twenty three aircraft, and a few cars, brought 77 IFFR visitors to the western slopes town of Mudgee in N.S.W.

Most opted to arrive on Friday, but an intrepid few crews from Queensland and Lismore arrived on Thursday to spend a hectic weekend of sight-seeing, wine tasting and dining in the quaint and historic town. The Mudgee district was once famous for its sheep rearing enterprises, but now it’s very hard to find any sheep in the area. All that good sheep country is now growing grape vines for the production of wine.

Most of Friday was taken up with aircraft refuelling, (one member choosing to wash his wings with 100LL), parking aircraft, and generally getting reacquainted with long time friends. Due to weather, airline failures, illnesses, etc. it had been a long time since the numbers at a fly-in had been so good. We were all greeted by Mudgee IFFR member Paul Fischer and airport caretaker Noel, with a friendly cup of tea and biscuits. Paul and Noel saw to it that we were securely moored and then arranged transport to our accommodation. One group of Queenslanders choose to go up-market and hired two taxis which arrived just ahead of the bus.

In the evening, all were transported to Settler’s Restaurant in Mudgee. These premises being unlicensed, a mandatory grog stop was required en-route. Some members came away with what was obviously a week’s supply! The restaurant was a whimsical place with an antique and collectable shop attached. One could enjoy the “antiques” at the tables and between courses, marvel at the range of old odds and sods around us. A very fine meal was enjoyed and indicated the way this weekend would pan out. After we were all satiated and talked-out, it was time to retire to our residences, etc. it had been a long time since the numbers at a fly-in had been so good. We were all greeted by Mudgee IFFR member Paul Fischer and airport caretaker Noel, with a friendly cup of tea and biscuits. Paul and Noel saw to it that we were securely moored and then arranged transport to our accommodation. One group of Queenslanders choose to go up-market and hired two taxis which arrived just ahead of the bus.

Next morning two coaches awaited to transport us for the rest of the day. Our first stop was at Honey Haven. This establishment has found a niche market and is able to capture a share of the people who are most assured that honey has wonderful medicinal properties. Stocks of the most sought after substance, sold by the trade name of “Bee-Agra”, were very depleted by the time of our departure. Many purchasers could not contain their anticipation and sampled the product as the coaches pulled out of the yard. I wasn’t able to see any miraculous changes manifest themselves on the journey to Gulgong.

This very historic town was once featured on the ten dollar note, the paper variety, which has now been replaced by a polymer version. The narrow streets meander between very old shop-fronts and hotels, some retired and others still functioning, such as one elegant ex haberdashery now hiring out the latest videos. The Pioneer’s Museum lived up to it’s reputation and many enjoyed hours perusing the vast range of memorabilia and antiquities. The roar of the coach engines starting required us to drag ourselves away and board for our lunchtime stop.

An enjoyable drive through a myriad of vineyards eventually led to Poet's Corner (previously Craigmore), now owned by Orlando Wines. Seems the French companies respect our Australian wine products enough to take over the best ones. A fine lunch was served in a fine restaurant attached to the tasting room and cellar door. Of course, lunch was served with the very best of the winery’s fare. This allowed members to sample the wine in a relaxed atmosphere away from the pressures of the tasting room. However, after lunch, many resorted to the cellar door and much excess baggage was procured. Too much for some who had to resort to freighting their purchases by courier. Those who had reached their credit card limit were aghast to find that the next stop was a boutique winery.

A few miles from the Poet’s Corner, we arrived at the premises of Pieter van Gent. A Rotarian from Mudgee, Pieter has an old fashioned winery where customers are required to negotiate between huge oak barrels, savoring the aromas and wondering about the contents. While tasting, the prospective customers can relax on a series of church pews to savor the fare. This is an obvious link to the beginnings of the wine industry. After more excess baggage purchases, particularly a specialty White Port, it was time to return to the motel.

Saturday evening saw us assemble in the Paradise Room for a combined meeting with Mudgee and Mudgee Sunrise Rotarians. Most members had their coinage stocks depleted by firstly Paul, who challenged us on local issues, followed by Mal who knows us more intimately. During the course of the session Mal offered for auction a fine hand painted garden flying gnome. It was much anticipated that, as Roslyn has a penchant for garden gnomes, it would be a no-contest event. Much to our surprise we discovered that Bruce Davis also has a deep desire to own a flying garden gnome and he was the successful bidder parting with $85.00. We were pleased to pass on all proceeds to the combined Mudgee Rotary clubs. Guest speakers for the evening were Nola and Ern who told of their incident packed ferry flight from Florida to Melbourne via Greenland (or should that be Iceland?)

At the Sunday morning AGM of the IFFR, president Bruce led us in a memorial to three members who left our presence in sad circumstances. Many of the important matters pertaining to our operations were dealt with, with a special emphasis on the Post Convention Fly-Away to be held in June 2003. After an informal Changeover, new president Alan invited us to seriously consider putting a major effort into the Fly-Away. After the formal activities had concluded, a short bus ride returned us to the airport.

Here the ladies and fellows of the Mudgee clubs and the Mudgee Aero Club had a fine lunch ready for those who needed the sustenance. After a quick check of the weather conditions, a steady stream of aircraft reported their departure from Mudgee, much to the astonishment of the Brisbane Centre controller, who thought Mudgee was a sleepy little dot on his screen.

Thanks to all at Mudgee who helped make this a truly enjoyable and memorable fly-in.
(Taken from the Australasian web page)
2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
Check [www.iﬀr.org](http://www.iﬀr.org) for more details.

**MAY 25-26 — Scandinavian Section Fly-in**  
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**MAY 30 - JUNE 2—German/Austrian Section Meeting**  
Flensburg  
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**JUNE 22— AirAffair 2002**  
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**JUNE 20-22- PRE-CONVENTION Assembly**  
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**JUNE 23-26 — RI CONVENTION**  
Barcelona, Spain

**JUNE 23 — IFFR DINNER-DANCE**  
Balmoral Hotel (IFFR) 2000 hrs  
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**JUNE 25 - OSHKOSH**  
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**AUGUST 9-11 — German/Austrian Meeting**  
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**SEPTEMBER 7-8 — UK Meeting at Leicester**  
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**SEPTEMBER 13-15 — French Section Meeting**  
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**OCTOBER 24-26—AmericasAGM, AOPA EXPO 2002**  
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**NOVEMBER 8—11West Coast USA Fly In**  
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**NOVEMBER - New Zealand Section Fly-in**  
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**APRIL 2003— Australian Section Fly-in**  
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**JUNE 1-4, 2003– Rotary International Convention**  
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

**JUNE 5-14, 2003— FLY-AWAY**  
Flying Tour of Queensland  
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