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THE ONE HUNDRETH YEAR OF FLIGHT

As the calendar has now rolled over into the new year of 2003, it feels good to be off to a new and fresh start with IFFR. We have many activities planned this year, and any IFFR activity will be enjoyable and a good use of your time. We exist as a World Fellowship activity under Rotary to further the first object of Rotary: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service, and you’ll experience this kind of fellowship at any IFFR event.

Highlights to come during 2003 include our flight activities in Australia and New Zealand surrounding the RI Convention (1 – 4 June in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia) and a weeklong fly-in to the Kitty Hawk area of North Carolina in December to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers’ first powered and manned flight.

These activities require your planning and commitment NOW.

* Slots for the Australian post-Convention fly about must be reserved by 15 February.
* Near Kitty Hawk, 12 of the 32 available rooms are already taken (for the 14 – 18 December event), so if you don’t want to be disappointed, better make reservations through Dale Hall soon. While this event is sponsored by Americas’ South East Section as an all – Americas event, we expect international interest due to its significance.

I’ve just reviewed the latest Rotating Beacon – the UK’s IFFR Bulletin published by outstanding Flying Rotarian John Ritchie. There are many activities this year in Europe for the various sections there.

Australian and New Zealander members also have a pick of activities this year in both countries, in addition to the wonderful international program they are offering around the convention.

Here in the Americas areas, several activities are being planned, and I hope our members here will watch for announcements in this area. In addition to the 14 – 18 December activities in North Carolina, we’ll have our annual meeting, most likely with the AOPA Expo in Philadelphia.

So, don’t use your shortage of funds or time as an excuse not to participate in any IFFR activities. While the major international fly abouts are exciting, I know they are almost esoteric to the majority of our members. Look for things to happen much closer to home. If they’re not, contact members nearby and your section chair and get something going, even if it’s just meeting for that $100 hamburger.

Finally, no getting around it, 2002 was our toughest year yet. Losing 3 past presidents in a year – Don Bymaster, PDG Vactor Stanford and Graeme LeQuesne. The terrible tragedy near Sintra, Portugal, that took 4 of our good friends from us – Josie and Graham Mockridge, John Festi and Graeme LeQuesne – and the accident in New Zealand that took New Zealand’s immediate past president Dave Jenkins were all sobering events. We shall never forget these friends and their contributions to Rotary and our Flying Fellowship.

Here are a couple of helpful websites: Australian website (with signup site dedicated to memory of Graham and Josie Mockridge – Graham did the initial planning for this tour) is www.iffr.org.au.

New Zealand’s site is: www.iffr.org.nz.
Post Brisbane RI Convention Fly-away

From the Outback to Great Barrier Reef

The Fly-in Committee of the Australian IFFR has arranged a spectacular Fly-away to follow the Brisbane RI Convention in June, 2003. You are invited to join us as we visit an amazing contrast through the State of Queensland. You will see the dusty outback, the lush green tropics and the greatest example of coral reefs in the world. Fly your own aircraft, share a ride with another IFFR member, hire an aircraft or ride in a charter aircraft, but be sure not to miss this wonderful opportunity to see a land of contrasts.

For the latest details and to register, click on www.iffr.org.au then click the Fly-away page button.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

June 5. Transfer from Windsor International Hotel and Kedron Palms Hotel to Redcliffe Aerodrome. Depart Redcliffe aerodrome for a flight over the Great Dividing Range and onto the Darling Downs and Maranoa to Roma our first stop. Visit the Big Rig, site of Queensland’s first oil discovery. Accommodation at Overland or Starlight Motel. Rotary Tour with Roma Rotary Club.

June 6. Transfer from Motels to Roma Airport. Depart Roma overflying the last of the inland range country onto the outback plains of Blackall and the mighty inland river basins of the Channel Country to Longreach, birthplace of Australia’s famous airline, Qantas. Two nights accommodation at Albert Park Motel. We’ll tour the Outback Distance Education facility and on the first evening we will enjoy an evening river cruise with dinner. Next day a visit to the Longreach Hall of Fame and the Qantas Founder’s Museum is planned.

June 8. Depart Longreach and follow the Thompson River and its tributaries north to Hughenden. After a refuelling we head further north through a designated Remote Area until we reach the coast at Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. We spend four days here to enjoy all that this tropical paradise has to offer. Accommodation will be at the Trinity Beach Apartments for four nights. One day will be free for you to explore the wonders and sights of this city. We’ll cruise to the Great Barrier Reef on another day and we’ll enjoy a day trip to Kuranda by train and return via Skyrail.

June 12. Transfer from Trinity Apartments to Cairns Airport. We depart Cairns and head south along the Queensland coast overflying the reef and the many islands that make up the reef. The clean white beaches lead us to the sub-tropical Hamilton Island in the Whitsunday Group for sight-seeing, adventure water sports and more reef visits. Two nights accommodation at Hamilton Island Resort. Farewell dinner on the last night of this trip.

June 14. Depart Hamilton Island and travel further south to the city of Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia. After refuelling we head off on the last leg of our journey of contrasts to Redcliffe.

The cost for this trip is $AU1600 per person on a twin-share basis. A single supplement of $AU370 will apply. The cost includes all accommodations, meals, entry fees, day trips and transfers as detailed in the Official Programme. The cost does not include personal purchases or activities on the free day. An IFFR Flying jacket is available for an additional $AU120.

The above cost excludes aircraft, fuel, landing charges, airways fees and transfers to motels except as detailed in the Official Programme. Not all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners are included.

Closing date for Registrations and full payment is 28 February, 2003.

To register, go to the IFFR web page (www.IFFR.org) and complete the appropriate form.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact:

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Members who require application forms for the Fly-Away or Convention Hotel bookings should contact Grady at the above address.

The most important item of information is the closing date of 28 February for both the Fly-Away and the IFFR Hotel booking.
Before Brisbane: Tour New Zealand in 8-day fly-in

The Rotary International Convention will be held in Brisbane, Australia commencing Sunday 1 June 2003. In the week prior to the convention the NZ Section of IFFR will be hosting an 8-day fly-in for all IFFR members, family and friends. All IFFR members throughout the world are invited to join us on this exciting tour around our beautiful country. After this tour you may then depart for Brisbane to attend the Rotary International Convention, and following this Convention, continue to join our Australian IFFR friends for a further 9-day Post Convention Flying Safari around Queensland.

The New Zealand Fly-In will start and finish at Feilding Airfield. Feilding is situated 18nm inland on the west coast of the North Island, some 73n.m. northeast of Wellington and 200n.m. south of Auckland. As the Fly-In is being held in autumn, the flying programme may be subject to change from time to time to provide for changing weather conditions. Remember, this is to be an enjoyable experience to remember for all pilots, experienced and inexperienced alike. A spare lay-day is included in the programme, and two clear days after the Fly-In are available for onward travel on to Brisbane.

To cater for the all interests of all of our visitors, two separate activities options are currently being considered. Click on the links for a programme covering each event.

Option A is a busy schedule with lots of flying, and offers a splendid opportunity to see some of the most spectacular scenery in the beautiful South Island of New Zealand. Lots of flying here for the enthusiastic tourist.

Option B is a little less strenuous, and will simply consist of a programme of daily activities based out of Feilding. Flying day trips to various destinations will be scheduled, but returning home to “base” each evening.

For those overseas visitors who will be arriving in New Zealand on International Airline flights, most are likely be landing at Auckland International Airport. Auckland is a large and vibrant city that has many attractions that visitors may wish to enjoy, prior to joining the fly-in at Feilding. Accordingly, Auckland IFFR members have planned a special welcome to our city for your, together with a limited number of activities.

Getting to Fielding: Many of you will be travelling in your own private aircraft, but some other alternatives are available. Click on the following links for further details.

Air New Zealand: New Zealand’s national carrier
Origin Pacific Airlines: A smaller regional airline but offering an excellent timetable throughout New Zealand

In addition, some seats will be available on the DC-3 and PBY Catalina for passengers who wish to travel to Feilding from Auckland.

Further information will be posted on this web site shortly.

Accommodation: It is recommended that Motel and Hotel accommodation in Palmerston North be used prior to the Fly-In and for the night of 29 May 02. Palmerston North is a city of 75,000 population about 15 minutes drive from Feilding. It is recommended that heavy baggage be left there and lighter “overnight” baggage be taken on the fly-in. Naturally, those participating in the option “B” tour will simply stay booked into the same accommodation for the entire duration of your stay.

Provision of Aircraft. A number of options will be available as follows:

1. IFFR members will use their own aircraft.
2. Light aircraft will be available for appropriately licensed IFFR pilots to hire and fly.
3. Local commercial instructor pilots will be available.
4. Seats will be available for people to fly with local IFFR members.
5. The New Zealand Warbirds DC3 Dakota (20 seats) and PBY Catalina (16 seats) will be involved. Remember, these aircraft will originate and terminate their flights in Auckland.
6. A twin engine charter aircraft is available.

For more details on aircraft availability, contact the Fly-In Coordinator, Colin Kay.

Registration. In order to make proper arrangements for everyone, it is critical that we receive your registration before the end of February.

Please go to our web page: www.iffr.org.nz
You can check out the complete programme and also contact Fly-in Coordinator Colin Kay by e-mail: c.kay@extra.co.nz to make your complete reservations or to find out more details.
December 17, 2003 – Kitty Hawk, NC
First Flight Centennial Celebration

At the time of this writing we are less than 11 months away from the historic 100 year celebration of flight. IFFR will be there and hope that many of you can join the celebration. Dale Hall, US SE Section Chief, has provided the following update:

A FLY-IN will take place December 14-18, 2003. Base airport will be Dare County (MQI) located in Manteo, NC. IMPORTANT – aircraft parking reservations are required. To obtain the form go to the Dare County website @ www.fly2mqi.com. In order to receive discounted parking, reservation form should be sent to Dale Hall (address below). In exchange for “guaranteed parking” IFFR volunteers will be helping with airplane traffic on the ground at MQI during the Centennial.

IFFR has secured 32 rooms at The Surfside Motel at Nags Head, NC located only several miles from First Flight. 12 of 32 rooms are already taken with remaining rooms allocated on a first come first served basis.

PLEASE NOTE: This block of rooms will expire on Feb. 28, 2003 so it is important that your reservations be made immediately. The motel requires a minimum 1-night deposit to guarantee your reservation. After Feb. 28, the rooms will be opened to anyone interested. There is a great demand for rooms in the Kitty Hawk area so it is critically important that you get your reservations (with a minimum 1-night deposit) to the hotel immediately. Don’t delay or you will lose out!

Plans are also being made for an IFFR social at Duck Woods Country Club on the eve of the 100 year celebration on December 16, 2003.

Events currently scheduled on December 17, 2003 at Kitty Hawk include the following:
* 10:35 AM – EAA and Ford Motor Co. will serve as hosts as the world will witness the re-enactment of the first powered flight by a full-scale replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer. This will be followed by overflights of historically significant aircraft tracing the evolution of aviation from 1903 to present.
* 12:00 EAA’s Young Eagle Program – General Chuck Yeager (Ret.) will fly over with the one-millionth Young Eagle.
* 2:00 PM – The second flight of EAA’s 1903 Wright Flyer reproduction will commemorate the Wright’s fourth and final flight of the Flyer on Dec. 17, 1903. This will be followed by another historically significant aircraft fly-by. Bottom line – Don’t miss this historic event!!

Frequent updates will be provided as plans are finalized later in 2003. In the meantime anyone who would like to attend this historic event needs to take immediate action. Here’s what to do:

Contact Dale Hall and let him know the following:
* Desire for room and number in your party.
* Will you be participating in the fly-in? If so get the reservation for to Dale Hall ASAP.
* Will you be attending the social on December 16, 2003?

Contact information for Dale Hall is dale.hall@bankofamerica.com or call at 336-805-3186.

IFFR takes part in AOPA EXPO

IFFR exhibited again at the Palm Springs AOPA Expo 2002. The official fly-in airport was Banning with budget 100LL coordinated by Bert Vos.

The AGM and lunch was attended by 62 at the Palm Springs Hilton hosted by Americas VP, Brian Andersen. Keynote speaker Phil Boyer spoke for 45 minutes on various aviation matters. The annual IFFR Americas dinner was held at the Ramada Hotel attended by 35 members, spouses and friends.

The headset door prize donated by Pacific Coast Avionics was won by Bob Phillips (#3343) of Westlake Village.

IFFR members came from near (Bob Wilmeth, Palm Springs) and far (Chuck May and Phil Livingston, Alaska). Pilots that flew in were Brian and Caryl Anderson from Chicago, Mike Graves and bride Cynthia from Texas, Sam and Elena Bishop flew in with Larry Wolfsen from Watsonville, CA, Phil and Margie Yoder from Ohio, Marlyn and Larry McClaskey from Petaluma, and Beverly Fogle joined us on the last day from Washington state.

World President Tony Watson was there to offer support and advice. Tom Surowka was not present but offered tremendous support to make this a success.

Plenty of photos available at www.iffr.org

S’west Section plans joint event

We are considering a joint fly-in with the SC and NW sections in Death Valley, California. Dates are still pending. Also under consideration are Altus, OK and Big Bend, TX for a regional fly-in.

Let me know your preference. Mike Graves: (Gravasmichaelt@yahoo.com)

Also, stimulated by a $10 gift from Chicago PDG and IFFR Vice President Brian Anderson, the Plainview Rotary Club, with your SC IFFR chairman serving as polio plus chairman, has raised enough to immunize 1,000,000 children against Polio (US $83,400 raised before christmas). Mike Graves, sc iffr chair
The French annual main meeting gathered more than 60 IFFR members and spouses at Dijon, in Burgundy.
Rendezvous was at noon on Friday the first of September. The weather was nice and the first plane to land punctually at exactly noon was a Swiss IFFR member, with a Swiss watch and a French plane.

After lunch in the Dijon Aero Club we visited the Dyn Aero factory, which has produced the MCR planes and microlights for the last 10 years. We also had a look to the vintage aircraft based there. The afternoon finished in a warm atmosphere in the Cellar of the Castle of Marsannay.

On Saturday, we spent a nice sunny morning walking through Beaune and visiting the famous Hospices and Musée du Vin (14th-15th century). Then, the welcome coach brought the participants to a lunch in the country and in the afternoon to “Les Forges de Buffon” (Iron Factory from the 18th Century) and to the very well preserved Cistercian Abbey of Fontenay (12th Century). We were impressed by the beauty of the site and the rude life of the Monks during the Middle Ages.

The Gala Diner in the King’s Room in the Hospices de Beaune gathered all participants. The speeches were as short as they could, but numerous, due to the presence of the Chairmen or members of other IFFR sections (UK, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Belgium). We had a moment dedicated to our deceased friends in the Iberian Fly Away.

5 new IFFR members were welcomed.

Sunday morning was spent walking through old Dijon, to a look to the Cathedral and the farewell lunch in the historic part of the City.

Our next meeting will take place on the 17th and 18th of May at the Vendée Air Park and our traditional main Meeting on the 12-14 of September at Marseilles, on the Mediterranean Coast. All IFFR members are welcome.

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**European Sections plan full schedule of 2003 activities**

A comprehensive schedule of IFFR events is lined up for Europe in 2003.

The opening major event of the year is a first time IFFR visit to Ireland on May 2-4. Waterford on the South coast is the venue and a weekend of legendary Irish hospitality is promised. A visit to the world famous Waterford Crystal factory is planned.

Two weeks later the French section have their first event of the year – a weekend at the Vendee Air Park on the Atlantic coast. Here is the European example of the flyers’ dream concept, popular in the US, of homes with hangerage built adjacent to a private runway.

Vienna, one of the least spoiled of the great old European capitals, is the location of the German - Austrian Section fly-in on June 19-22. Music has played a major part in the history of the city and still does today.

A weekend later there is the opportunity to visit Verona with the Italian Section. Verona, the setting for Romeo and Juliet, is famous for its churches and its art galleries. The historic arena is a stunning location for the major opera productions.

After the summer break the Scandinavian Section have their annual meeting in Kalmar on the weekend of August 21/24. Kalmar, situated in the southeastern part of Sweden, is famous for its 13th Century Castle, its Italian Renaissance cathedral and has some of finest glass works in the world nearby.

**NW Section plans Victoria Fly-in**

The Northwest Section will be having a flyout weekend to Victoria, BC, Canada, in August.

Arrangements (and therefore even the date) are not yet firm, but all Northwest members will be receiving information as soon as plans have jelled. Members from other regions are heartily invited to join us.

Feel free to contact Beverly Fogle, (360) 695-5512, BevFogle@pacifier.com for more information or to get on the mailing list.

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**Going to Sun ‘n Fun Fly-in?**

IFFR members Dale Hall and Calvin Arter are trying to organize a Fly-in for this year’s Sun ‘n Fun EAA Fly-in at Lakeland, FL. Plans would call for most folks to arrive Friday, April 3. Saturday night would include an evening of fine dining and dancing at Calvin’s Country Club.

Here’s the catch: We need a minimum of 35 IFFR members and local Rotarians committed before we can move forward. Support over the past few years has been poor so it is important to let us know ASAP if you would like to attend.

Those interested please call Dale Hall at 336-805-3186 or email him at: dale.hall@bankofamerica.com no later than February 21st and let him know the number of folks in your party. Details will be forthcoming regarding the hotels and other information later.

For you golfers, there is an opportunity to play in a charity event on April 1st. The Gulf Coast Avionics Golf tourney, in conjunction with Sun ‘n Fun, will donate return 50% of all proceeds to the Sun ‘n Fun Air Safety Foundation. Please call Arter for details: home: 863-646-5091 and cell 570-660-2417, e-mail: sarter1942@aol.com
Sintra Trophy ready for presentation to Aero Club

Following the loss of the four IFFR members in Portugal last July it was resolved that they should be remembered in two ways.

First, a trophy would be presented in their name to the Aero Club of Portugal.

Secondly, a memorial would be placed at the crash site on Sintra Mountain.

The Aero Club of Portugal, in particular their President, Manual Silva Salta, were of immense practical help in the immediate aftermath of the accident. That assistance has continued in the following months. After the initial presentation, the Aero Club will award the trophy annually to the person or persons who, in their judgement, have made the greatest contribution to Aviation Safety in Portugal in the previous year.

Lisbon-based IFFR member Richard Goldschmidt assumed responsibility for the production of the trophy. One of the members of his Rotary Club, Soares Branco, a sculptor, painter and teacher in the High School of Fine Arts in Lisbon, offered his services without charge to produce the trophy. This has now been completed and is illustrated above. Arrangements will shortly be completed for the formal presentation of the trophy by IFFR to the Aero Club.

The crash site is located in a National Park and permission is awaited from the Park Authority for the placing of the memorial stone. The design of this is complete and all that is now needed is the green light to go ahead. The Rotary Club of Sintra has offered help with the actual erection of the stone. It is hoped that the unveiling of the memorial stone can be arranged to coincide with the official presentation of the Trophy to the Aero Club of Portugal.

Anyone interested in coming to Portugal to attend these events should contact Luis Henriques for further details and arrangements regarding transportation and hotel accommodation

E-mail: lhenriques@mail.telepac.pt
Fax: 351-289-829-610

IFFR webmaster needed soon

IFFR World President-Elect Luis Henriques has done a superb job over the last couple of years on the IFFR World Website http://www.iffr.org.

He has redesigned the site and has added new features to it, as well as kept it quite up-to-date on IFFR activities. He has set up the links so you can get to any known IFFR website from the master site. IFFR Newsletters are made available as soon as they are published.

Luis has requested that we find a replacement for him as he prepares for the IFFR Presidency. I will appoint a committee to recommend his replacement as Webmaster.

Qualifications include at least an intermediate knowledge in website development and a dedication to the timely execution of updates and changes to the site.

This in addition to being an IFFR member in good standing.

If you would like to be considered for this responsible position, which is becoming the heart of IFFR membership communications, please contact me as soon as possible so I can forward your name to the committee. Tony Watson: E-mail: tonywatson@aol.com

IFFR legal officer sought

The late PDG Vactor Stanford, President of IFFR in 1982-84, did many things to help the legal status of IFFR, including its initial incorporation. He was an attorney specializing in property law.

When he unexpectedly died on 5 May 2002, he left a void for IFFR and me in more ways than one.

We miss Vactor’s good counsel, and realize that we need an attorney to counsel us from time to time, and to make sure we’re doing the right thing.

Our corporate duties need to be reviewed as well as protecting our volunteers.

Unfortunately, we have no budget to pay for these services. We have several members of the IFFR fellowship who are attorneys. Could we have a volunteer?

I don’t think it would take much time after an initial review. You would be working with me and with our Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Surowka.

Please contact me via e-mail: tonywatson@aol.com if you are interested or have any suggestions.
**IFFR Calendar of Events**

**2003**

- Feb. 28-Mar. 3: New Zealand – Rotorua Fly-in Contact: Phil Pacey phil@paceytrucks.co.nz
- April: Australia – Broken Hill, NSW Contact: Alan Grady, president@iffr.org.au
- April 9: United Kingdom Wednesday meeting at Brooklands Air Museum
- May 2-4: Southern Ireland – UK Section AGM & Fly-in to Waterford, Eire Contact: iankerr@ifb.co.uk
- May 17-18: France – French Spring Meeting at the Vendee Air Park
- May 24-29: Fielding, New Zealand Pre-convention fly-in. Contact: Phil Pacey phil@paceytrucks.co.nz
- June 5-14: Queensland, Australia - Post-convention tour. Contact: Alan Grady, president@iffr.org.au
- June 19-22: Austria German/Austrian Section meeting in Vienna
- June 27-29: Italy – Italian Section meeting at Verona Boscomantica
- August 21-24: Sweden – Scandinavian Sectin meeting at Kalmar
- Sept 5-7: Germany – German/Austrian Section meeting in Nuremberg or Black Forest district
- Sept 12-14: France – French Section meeting - Marseilles district
- Oct. 25-27: New Zealand – Kaikoura Contact: Chris Snelsen vichris@xtra.co.nz
- Oct. 30-Nov. 1: Philadelphia, PA - AOPA Expo and IFFR Americas AGM.
- Dec. 14-18: Kitty Hawk, NC - Centennial of Flight Celebration fly-in to Dare County Airport (MQI) in Manteo, NC

**2004**

- Mar. 5-7: New Zealand – Gisborne Contact: Phil Pacey phil@paceytrucks.co.nz

**IFFR DUES FOR 2003 ARE NOW DUE**

IFFR operates on a calendar year for dues and you have or soon will receive your dues notice. Prompt attention to that notice will save your section or region postage and other expenses.

IFFR members from the USA and Americas Region can help IFFR save money by sending your dues immediately so that additional mailings aren’t required. Total dues for members in Americas Region remain US $30. Send your check or credit card information to either:

- Tom Surowka, IFFR World Secretary-Treasurer, 203-A Rubens Dr., Nokomis, FL 34275
- PDG Brian Anderson, IFFR Americas Chair, 825 Lakeside Dr., Downers Grove, IL 60516

For latest listings and additional details, go to: www.iffr.org

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