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AIR COMM'S COMMENTS - THE BIGGEST, WILDEST, WHACKIEST, HAPPIEST AIRSHOW IN THE WORLD!

Oshkosh Altogether 2015 and
Minnesota 10,000 Lakes Flyout Celebrating
50th Anniversary of the Flying Rotarians

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Air Venture Oshkosh 2014
I'm only repeating what's been said for 63 years about the EAA Oshkosh Airshow.
There's nothing like it anywhere!
EAA: Experimental Aircraft Association

Started in 1953 at the Timmerman Field in Milwaukee: The Air Pageant Moved in 1959 to Rochford Illinois Moved in 1970 to the Wittman Field

Air Venture Oshkosh

Attracts 250,000 paying visitors and about 12,000 aircraft Helped by 4000 volunteers offering 250,000 hours and generating over $110m dollars to the Wisconsin economy.
WWW.EAA.ORG/EN/AIRVENTURE

Minnesota.. The State and some Facts:
Captial City: St Paul other major cities include.. Minneapolis, Duluth., Lake City, Albertville and Lanesboro. Population about 5.4m. First settled by French and British but latterly by Germans and Scandinavians.Measures 400 x 300 miles and borders Lake Superior.. the world's largest fresh water lake. Highest hill is 2301' and lowest point 601'. Has 11842 lakes over 10 acres The Mighty Mississippi flows through 680 miles.

www.exploreminnesota.com

Full programme available here
STOP PRESS

Svend Andersen WPE Nominee from Demark

I'm delighted to announce that the Nomination Committee have asked Svend Andersen to be WPE Nominee 2016/18, and he's accepted. Of course, his appointment has to be ratified by the board and members.

Svend is the MD of his own specialist filtration systems manufacturing company, that exports throughout the UK & Europe. He relishes the prospect of taking leadership of the Flying Rotarians.

He's the past president of the Danish Management Society, his local Rotary and his flying clubs. He flies a Bonanza, loves classical music and is a regular traveller, especially in the USA.

Carina (with Svend in the photograph) is a Management Nurse and in her spare time keeps an eye on their two adult kids.

Well done Svend, and we all look forward to making you very welcome during your term in office!

TRES BON IN QUIBERON

The Autumn IFFR French Weekend 12/14th Sept. 48 very happy members & friends.

Catherine and I've been attending French IFFR weekends for about ten years. Angus & Alisma Clark, Charles Strasser and Feroz Wadia have a combined 59 appearances! Sorry, including World Sec. Ian Kerr you can easily add another 25 weekends.

Last weekend we attended their autumn gathering.

Quiberon, a typical French holiday resort, nestled in a bay on the Cote de Savage NW of Paris. Famous for Parisians who just love to have fun!

The airfield (750m) is situated amongst the holiday houses and the Atlantic Ocean is manned by the ATC/refueller/marshaller/cashier and dogs body... Yes, your right, one man! The Picture... Pulling his hair out.... how can I do all the jobs at once!!
Wilfred, Han & Gienieke from Benelux, Heinz and Heidi from Zurich, a dozen or so English and two Scotland duly arrived to the usual aeroclub luncheon and beers. Most members arrived in an array of aircraft, including JP's baby bi-plane, a numbers of C150's PA 28's, Sports Cruisers, and the usual cluster of SR 22's, larger Cessnas and Robins. Ian Kerr won the longest distance travelled (600 miles), Charles Strasser (and we cannot mention his age) still 'commercially rated' duly arrived down wind in his Seneca for a 10/10 perfect on the numbers landing!

We talked and drank and talked and dined and talked and walked! Visited the enchanting Belle Isle on the Saturday.

A super time and thank you Dominique and your members for making us just so welcome and for all your hard work in organising.

Dominique has asked me to remind everyone... See you 2015, 6th to the 10th May and again 18th Sept.

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**EATING AND DRINKING AND EATING AND DRINKING AT QUIBERON**

*Lunch time in Quiberon.*

The many and varied aeroplanes in the background and the boys and girls tucking into lunch at the aeroclub.

There's nothing better than sitting in the sun in France!

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**AGM IN PORTUGAL**

*President Victor at their recent AGM.*

I understand they had about 25 attendees and lots of fun. **Congratulations NOW 29 Members too!**
KIRUNA... THE SCANDINAVIAN WEEKEND

President Rolf welcomed 25 members and friends to their recent meeting at Kiruna in Sweden. In August Kiruna is 67N and in the artic cirlcle has the largest underground iron ore mine in the world... exceeds 1400m depth and produces 80,000 tons of ore per day.
Scandinavian members were joined by 8 from the UK, two from Latvia, Han and Geineke from the Netherlands and Urlich Starke from Germany. Thank you Rolf and team for a super and interesting weekend.

THE GERMAN/AUSTRIAN WEEKEND IN COLOGNE 29TH TO 1ST AUG

This was our view from the weekend hotel balcony.
Once again, congratulations to President Frank and his team for putting on another splendid weekend.
All members and friends (84 attended) welcomed Gunther Hayn (the first Austrian) as the incoming President who takes office in the new year.
Gunther and his Partner Gerti fly a beautiful Mooney, and enjoy travelling throughout Europe and beyond.

NAME THE PLANE COMPETITION

As seen on the grass in Volsau. Please note this special aircraft only has one wing, possibly no tail wheel.

QUESTIONS

- what engines!
- Which airline!
- Country of origin!
- Passenger capacity!
- Year of manufacture!

Answers to me and the judge's word is final...
Prize: a signed copy of my newsletter
CHAIRMAN'S VISION

Chairman's

Vision and Mission

Link here

It's all very simple... communication and more communication!

BOARD ACTION

Minutes from the last board meeting - link here

Safety Report to the board - link here

FRIENDS

Friends Background - link here

Application Form - link here

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Two of the Best

Flying Rotarian recruiting tools ever produced!

Australia Video

Americas Video

Thanks to Mal in Australia & Peter and Michael in America.
August edition
V/President
George 'Ladybird' Chaffey
I understand George has just returned from an epic 7000 miles tour of America.
Average speed about 100 mph and 70 hours flying.... all in Ladybird
Congrats George.. that's what flying is all about!
latest....
Newsletter from America click here

WE NEED YOUR COMMENTS . . .

Please send your news, views and interesting articles to Bo Johnsson our webmaster for inclusion on the www.iffr.org

OSHKOSH 2014

Rankin Whittington's Warbirds!

I thank Rankin for sending me a few dozen very interesting shots of simply amazing aircraft doing spectacular barrel rolls, steep turns and stunts at Oshkosh, but tucked into his portfolio was this little shot.
The question is Rankin 'What war are they fighting?'
Rankin... please tell!
The World Events

- **25th September**: UK Lancaster Taxi Run at East Kirkby
- **23rd October**: UK Leicester Luncheon
- **10th December**: The UK RAF Club Annual Luncheon

2015

- **1st May**: Kassel German/Austrian weekend
- **6th to 10th May**: The French Tour
- **29th May**: The Benelux ‘Fields of Flanders’ weekend
- **19th June**: The UK Goodwood weekend

*July 21st*

‘Oshkosh Altogether’

with the

25th July ‘til 1st Aug 2015

Minnesota 1000 Lakes Flyout

- **14th August**: The Scandinavian Svendburg Denmark weekend
- **27th August**: Swiss Basle weekend
- **18th to 20th Sept**: Fete de Lens (tbc)

PICTURE....Some of the 12,000 aircraft that land at Wittman Field during the EAA
RAF CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Christmas lunch at the RAF club is booked for 10th December.
I have chosen the following menu:
Terrine of Sole and Salmon, served with salad leaves and tarragon mayonnaise.
Chicken Supreme with Mushrooms and Madeira Sauce, served with Purée potatoes and French Beans.
Vacherin with a warm Compote of Forest Fruits served with Vanilla Ice cream.
Coffee and Petit Fours
Possibly the most famous Lady flyer of our time!
Polly Vacher is a supporter of Flying Scholarships for Disabled People (fsfdp.org.uk) has kindly agreed to join us for luncheon and speak.

NORTH WEST RALLY

Red Bus at the Kalispell and Glacier National Park 14th - 17th Aug.
Hi James, I copied you so you know we are still alive and kicking over here and I know you are interested in what your "flock" is doing world-wide. Thanks Sam

PETER ARMSTRONG REPORT FROM NZ

The sheep have been shorn, the lambs are arriving and spring is in the air. New Zealand IFFR section is busy organising the first fly-in of my term which will be at Whitianga 17/18/19/20 October. Date was designed to be avoid clashing with our Australian IFFR colleagues. Planned events in detail are on our www.iffr.org.nz web under next Fly-in. The reality of flying in New Zealand since our IFFR get together in Australia has been tempered by weather – rain, rain and more rain so not a lot has occurred.
A more complete update of photos and experiences will be provided after our fly-in. With a month to go we have 19 folk participating, with numbers to increase (hopefully) as we get closer to the 17th October.
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Homecoming
Saturday, October 4, 2014
Frederick, MD (FDK)
Join Tom Johnston and Richard Cody at the 75th Anniversary Homecoming of the AOPA at their headquarters
For more information click here

TRIPLE TREE FLY IN

When: September 3-7, 2014
Where: Woodruff, SC  SC00 (Near Greenville, SC)
Details: www.tripletreeaerodrome.com
Event Contact: Richard Wallace airichjays@hotmail.com
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I understand everyone had a a fun weekend.
**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO IFFR**
The World Score Board

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* well done America*
I'm delighted to announce that Han has accepted my invitation to be the European VP 2014/15.

I've also asked Han to assist me with recruitment and membership. With his international experience and ability our numbers will surely increase.

Han, a Dutch national, has since 2000 been active in private investing, providing "smart money" to promising start-up entrepreneurs and helping them to turn their ideas and dreams into a viable and sustainable business reality.

Han's not-for-profit activities included the chairmanship of the Board of a local Museum, treasurer of a local chapter of the Dutch Alzheimer Foundation and other community related volunteer work.

He is a licensed instrument pilot, was advisor to the Dutch Civil Aviation Authority on safety related matters in General Aviation and on the jury committee for the Dutch General Aviation Safety Award. Han is a member of Rotary Haarlemmermeer (1580), where he served a term as Club President. He is an active member of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

Before this, Han acquired 20+ years experience in senior international marketing and general management positions with leading IT companies such as Tektronix, Lotus Development (since then bought by IBM), Apple Computer, Intuit and Network Appliance. During his career he managed and worked with multinational teams and cultures around Europe, preaching and practising the “think global, act local” philosophy, linking US style management cultures to European ways of doing business, which differ from country to country. Han lived in France for 11 years and worked on extended assignments in the UK and Germany. His specialty fields include building teams and businesses (that is what starting IT companies were about in the 80s and 90s), marketing and management audits (in case things didn't work out as planned) and turnarounds (when corrective actions were required). He was a member of several Industry Boards and currently chairs conferences and panels.

Han holds a university degree in nuclear physics, mathematics and computer science, followed by post
doctorates in management, economic sciences and finance. His language skills include fluent Dutch, English, French, and German. He resides in The Netherlands and pilots his Cirrus SR22 airplane from homebase Lelystad (EHLE) around Europe.

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