



THE AIR COMMS MONTHLY WORLD NEWSLETTER

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FORWARD TO A FRIEND 

WELCOME 2015 AND WHAT A YEAR IT'S GOING TO BE!!



Welcome 2015 and it all started in Sydney!

THE IFFR AGM



The President and His Men & Women

No, it won't be like this meeting with the President of America and his Ministers (well that's what they call them in Westminster) discussing world events..

Our AGM is to be held at 800am Friday 24th July in Wautoma, and will be attended by a group of like-minded Members who want to go flying and have loads of fun!

Secretary Ian Kerr is preparing the 'Calendar of Action' which will clearly outline the how, why, when and what. Dates for when notices, reports, and agendas will be issued and motions to be received by!

Look for the **details in Ian's section in the February Newsletter** .

THOUGHTS FROM SAM BISHOP WHILST HE'S ONLY CATCHING BIG ONES!



Thanks Sam

Larry has had one for a couple years now and I finally bought a SPOT device. My tracking link is here and you are welcome to save it for future reference.

As you know I belong to Los Medicos Voladores (Flying Doctors) and they have required we use one on our Mexico trips so others can track us and find us if needed. **Peace of mind** also, because there have been occasions where we have had to divert to another location and the people waiting for us at the original destination became worried. In the past I

borrowed one of the LMV spares. FlightAware also has a web based tracking system, but it only works if you are on a flight plan or on flight following and it does not work in Mexico. I don't know if FlightAware works in other countries.

Twice the 400MHz ELT in my plane has activated inadvertently when I was in Mexico, because a passenger banged it while loading. I was not at the plane at the time, so did not catch it in time (you have about 45 seconds to deactivate) and the Air Force SAR team was notified, terrifying my wife. With the SPOT I can now send an "I'm Okay" message if that happens again. The Gen3 model also allows yet another message which will **give me peace of mind**. If I make an emergency landing out of cell phone coverage, I could send a canned message to the effect that I have a problem and need assistance, but not a life threatening emergency. That type message could also be used at a remote strip if one had a flat tyre or could not start the plane. In Idaho it is not unusual for me to fly to bush strips for fishing and no one knows where we are.

On our IFFR Fly Out events, it would be good if the trip organizer also had the tracking links for those of us that have them. More of a burden for the organizer, but certainly is **peace of mind** and less troublesome than calling their cell phone to see where they are or wondering if they made it safely. Also on Fly In events, we could track and know when we needed to pick them up at the airport.

LMV has a pilot's web page with the tracking links for all the pilots. If this becomes more popular we might want to consider doing that for IFFR. I have no idea how many pilots have this or one of the other competing systems.

Anyway, food for thought.

TGIF 'Thank goodness it's Friday'

Sam

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Han's Tips : **Wear your wings on the ground!**

Dear fellow IFFR friends around Europe,

2015 starts off in my home country, the Netherlands, with high winds, snow and rain. Not unusual for a country that every year has three months of rain and nine months of bad weather Simulator time!

Time also to reflect on our IFFR Friends program and put the AIDA wisdom from previous columns into action.

In the UK, over the past couple of months, 14 (yes, fourteen) new Friends (husbands, wives, sons, daughters etc excluded) were attracted to IFFR UK and two are coming with us to Oshkosh this summer. Well done! How did they do it?

Just go out and do it.

Everyone of you has a Rotary home club. In your region, there are certainly 3 or more other Rotary Clubs within shouting distance. And, most likely, you are part of a Flying Club. Perhaps there are more Flying clubs at your home airport. Adding this up, there should be on average 4-5 target audiences with 100? 150? potential targets for an awareness programme about something special: IFFR.

All Clubs (at least my Club is) are continuously looking for lunch/dinner speakers. Now there's an opportunity to talk about IFFR and what this brings in shared ***passion***, fellowship and international activities, that creates understanding between "birds of a different feather". Talk about the special thing about aviation, for pilots and non-pilot ***enthusiasts***, the fun it is to share the stories, to participate in activities with partners, but also the support from this fellowship when members encounter headwinds in adverse times in their life.

So look around for opportunities to share your passion, think about your IFFR story, maybe get the PowerPoint software out to make stunning supporting slides with out of the cockpit

shots, and to share your enthusiasm with them, invite questions, and ignite the desire in the audience to participate in this special activity that gets you out and up to discover new horizons and make new friends the old fashioned way: meeting them. Invite the interested to a local IFFR meeting like the **UK does with their travelling "AirComms Lunches"**, and let them see for themselves what an interesting and fun bunch IFFR is!

Go get 'em!

That's it for his month, stay on the frequency!

Han Klinkspoor
Recruitment Tools....
[Australia Video](#)
[Americas Video](#)

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Han Klinkspoor our European VP and Membership Recruitment Officer is delighted to receive comments and suggestions on how we can attract new members and Friends to our Fellowship The Flying Rotarians....James

OUR WORLD WEBMASTER



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



Thank you Angus Clark for yet another outstanding edition.

Click on the link [here](#)

AMERICA'S MOST FANTASTIC LATEST NEWSLETTER



George Chaffey

The ***MUST READ***...the February Newsletter

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[Down load NOW....](#)

WPE SVEND ANDERSEN



Well, it's now ***only next year!***

The ***2016 International IFFR Flyout***

Berlin and beyond...

Details are being worked through and it promises to be amazing!

Fly safe

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TED'S SAFETY CORNER



Safety thoughts for the month

As we all know, Rotarians are very friendly and welcoming people and we like to share our interests with our fellow Rotarians. So think for just a minute on this scenario. You go to your usual Rotary meeting and are introduced to a visiting overseas Rotarian from (insert your country of choice here). In the course of the conversation you mention that you are a pilot and you and your wife are, the very next morning, flying your four seat Cessna, Piper, Mooney, V-tail Bonanza to (insert your favorite destination here.)

You notice his eyes light up and he tells you that he and his wife fly around a lot with a friend and his wife in his home country. In the spirit of international co-operation and Rotary fellowship you invite him and his wife to join you tomorrow for the flight. Wrong!! Your first mistake! He is a visiting Rotarian, right? He has luggage of course, he is on holiday. And your wife may weight about 60 kilos, 132 lbs to our American friends, but have you met his wife yet? And what sort of aircraft did his friend fly?

Out early the next morning at the airport you check the weather, decide on your fuel load, perhaps with a little tingle in your spine as you add empty weight, fuel load, your weight, your wife's weight, your overnight luggage, you travel light of course, **add your new friends estimated weight**, he looks about the same size as you, and leave a space on your load sheet ready to add the weight of his wife. Already you are thinking " I hope he only has a small suitcase and a small wife."

Their taxi pulls up outside your hangar, the driver jumps out and pulls one large suitcase out of the boot, followed by another the same size and your heart sinks. And sinks further when his wife comes with him to meet you, a lovely lady, so friendly, so happy to be joining you for the trip, **and so LARGE**. She is a big lady, well built, you know that she is heavy but you don't know her well enough to put your arms around her and give her a little bounce to try to get an estimate of her true weight.

Okay, what are you going to do now? They are both looking at you expectantly, do you go and get the scales and put her and the luggage on them to get an accurate weight, and probably embarrass her? You know very well even without weighing them that you will be well overweight for your three

hour flight. **Probably out of C of G** as well with the suitcases, at least 30 kg each, 65 lbs in the luggage area and her in the second row of seats.

Do you leave the luggage behind? Or do you leave them behind as well? Do you try to kid them that the weather is bad? You are a normal friendly Rotarian, you don't want to disappoint them or embarrass them. Too late you realise you have been trapped by your own goodwill. Now you must act like the pilot in command. **Get the scales, weigh the luggage, weigh the wife** in spite of her unhappy look, go to the corner of the hanger and work out what you can do LEGALLY. Perhaps without their luggage you may be able to do it. You may have to put her in the front seat to make the C of G work.

So you tell them, "sorry, can't take your luggage. I can take some overnight gear and store your suitcases in the hangar." So being a good Rotarian you tip out your overnight bag into an empty cardboard container and offer your bag to your guests. Of course, you would not be brave enough to empty out your wife's bag. Problem solved, you are just under weight, International relationships are good, a pleasant flight is had by all and you have **demonstrated that you are the pilot in command of your aircraft**. And on the way your new friend tells about the Cessna 206 his friend flies and how much stuff you can put on the two empty seats.

Fly safely, Ted

keep the shiny side up in 2015.

Best wishes, Ted

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Note from James

Ted Richey, one of our most experienced pilots has agreed to support my newsletter and include his Safety Tips... please send your comments and thoughts to Ted.

WHAT ARE THESE BOYS DOING!!



From President Peter

You're invited to join our fellow IFFR for our

Oamaru Fly-In 20th - 23rd March.

The [attached PDF](#) provides details of our program over this weekend.

This information will also be on our web www.iffir.org.nz over the next days.

The cost of the weekend is \$209 per person with registration being completed via www.iffir.org.nz. Accommodation to be booked directly with NorthStar Motels as per their webpage. We look forward to your company over this weekend.

Any queries please email me peter@reivernet.com or Mbl +64-21-883 080 New Zealand

The All Blacks in Action

FROM THE WORLD SEC/TREASURER . . . IAN KERR'S COMPLETE DIET



Ian assures me he doesn't have ***haggis*** more than twice a week.

Not sure if he misses many days ***without the Malt!***

January is ***Robbie Burns*** Month in Scotland and throughout the world...

Happy Burns Nights to all

from Scotland!

AIR COMMS WORLD ROTA 2014/15



The World Events

2015

February.. JA in Australia and hopefully joining events and beers with members!

21st to 23rd March New Zealand Weekend Oamaru South Island

1st to 3rd May.. Kassel German/Austrian weekend JA Attending

6th to 10th May... The French Tour JA Attending

30th May. to 1st June The Benelux 'Fields of Flanders' weekend Saturday to Monday for a change. JA Attending

19th to 21st June..The UK Goodwood weekend JA Attending

July 21st 'Oshkosh Altogether' & 25th July 'til 1st Aug 2015 Minnesota 1000 Lakes Flyout

8.00am Thursday 23rd July **IFFR Board Meeting**

8.00 am Friday 24th July **IFFR AGM**

14th to 16th August..The Scandinavian Svendborg Denmark weekend JA Attending

27th August.. Swiss St Gallen-Appenzell weekend JA Attending

18th to 20th Sept... Fete de Lens (tbc) JA Attending See

IFFR.org America... for their very exciting Programme

1/3 Santa Monica, CA

2/27 Reno, NV

3/2 Sun 'n Fun, FL

4/25 Sacramento, CA

4/26 San Marcos, TX

5/10 Manassas, VA

6/21 Eagle Field, CA

7/12 Plymouth, MA

7/26 OSH: IFFR Events JA Attending

7/30 OSH: Rotary Clubs lunch

7/30 OSH: IFFR BBQ

7/28 Longview, TX

8/14 Kalispell, MT

8/26 Brannord, ONT

9/3 Woodruff, SC Triple Tree

9/6-7 Sacramento, CA

9/7 Portola, CA

9/26 AGM – Bishop, CA

9/27 Auburn, CA

10/4 Frederick, MD

10/4 Cameron Park, CA

10/18 Stafford, VA

11/26 Camarillo, CA

WORLD SCORE BOARD



The World Score Board	
America	307
United Kingdom	131
UK Friend	14
Australia	114
Germany/Austria	95
Scandinavia	93
France	40
Switzerland	53
New Zealand	45
Benelux	44
Italy	37
Portugal	22
Vladimir and Moses one each	2
Others	14
Total (excluding Japanese x 27)	1023

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