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Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your world president for the last two years.
The highlight of my tenure has to be the 50th Anniversary Celebrations held at the EAA Oshkosh last year. The event attracted many members from all over the world. The unforgettable Celebration Luncheon was held in an open sided marquee under the trees -to a thrilling background sound of departing B29s and F16s. It attracted almost 100 participants. Hats off to Karen & Mark Hagen and Tim & Carol Freudenthal for arranging everything perfectly.

Catherine and I have attended almost every European weekend/event during the past two years. We’ve loved their friendship, welcome and hospitality. The greatest distance was to the 2015 Scandinavian weekend in Kiruna, a mining town well north of the arctic circle. So far north that we ‘chickened out’ and travelled by Easyjet. We’ve also enjoyed visits to New Zealand and Australia.

Being an effective President of any successful club is down to the support given by your committee team and fellow members. Ian Kerr has been a wonderboy! Thank you Ian.

It’s also been a total pleasure working ‘hand in glove’ with WPE Svend Andersen. For the future …two brains are always better than one!

I do hope my regular Air Comms Newsletter has been beneficial and has gone some way to helping to keep us all in touch, and helped with the ever more pressing problem of recruiting new members. During my time numbers have increased by about 170 or 19%. Keep the good work going… ‘get someone in the club’ Thank you Han Klinkspoor and Ted Richey for their help with many thought provoking articles.

We hope to see you in Berlin.
As they say.. keep the engine turning and chocks away!
James & Catherine Alexander

Watch my signing off video
The UK Section Jersey Fly-in/Weekend was attended by about 60 members and guests. At the Gala Dinner we were joined by members of the Jersey Rotary Club, and others making over 80 enjoying the festivities. The Big Cheese arrived from Zurich in his PC12 with 6 Swiss members, Christian and Gudrun in their Bonny from Berlin, Svend, Carina and guests from Denmark, Dominique and Jean-Luc Brice popped up from Toulouse, to name a few long distance travellers. As you would expect the Camp Commander, Charles Strasser and his worthy assistant, Corporal Gregory organised a splendid weekend, which included visiting one of the best private orchard nurseries/houses in the world, the mandatory walk around the ‘castle’, combined with plenty of great food, hospitality and fun... and Yes a few beers too! President Alisma Clark welcomed members and guests to her AGM, congratulated and thanked members for their support and participating in organised events over the past two years. She then handed the baton onto David Morgan who’s capable hands will continue the UK’s Section's success. David, by the way is a fellow P28R driver!! The photo: on the steps of the Jersey ‘House of Commons’ James

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**THE IFFR ANNUAL BASH..... BERLIN 16TH TO 23RD JULY**

*Everything's organised*

*See you in Berlin.*

*Bring your party gear!!*
RAF CLUB ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Christmas Shopping in Harrods
taking in a musical
staying somewhere in the West End
walking down the Mall towards the Palace
turning right to Hyde Park Corner
left into Piccadilly and on your left

The Annual RAF Club
IFFR Awards Luncheon

then arriving at 12.00 noon for drinks
Luncheon at 1.00ish
Wednesday 7th December
Chat 'til 5.00 in the Running Horse Pub
The RAF Club 128 Piccadilly
London

LATEST ROTATING BEACON

Click here for the
the big spare tyre
May
Rotating Beacon Newsletter
Angus Clark has been editor of the Rotating Beacon for the past 6 years,, and what a splendid job too!
18 editions
average number of pages 16
about 138 photos over 30240 words
not one 'tpyo'

I'm sure you all join with me in congratulating Angus for a super job well done with appreciation.
Tony Erskine will be carrying on the tradition as the new editor...
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Angus in full flow on his favourite subject... IFFR
Han’s Tips

Looking back over the past years, we have seen a number of Friends joining IFFR, but not to the extent that we had hoped for. Is IFFR a group of elderly boring pilots? Maybe yes, but a group that doesn’t show for it! Judging by the attendance at the various fly-ins around Europe, it is very much alive, kicking and having real fellowship fun! How do we tell and excite the GA community about us? Decreasing GA pilot population numbers, adverse economic factors has led to our pool of prospects becoming smaller and smaller. GA is under siege and AOPA and national organizations are very busy representing the GA community, fighting to keep breathing room for GA and that’s where it ends for them. No social agenda. It seems that, unless there is another linking pin (such as Rotary, or a flying club), pilots are not really heros in socializing. I see (or do not see) that in the hangar where I rent space, I only know 20% of the pilots that have their airplane there and it is really hard to attract their attention. On the other hand, judging by the attendance to major airshows, there is a huge enthusiast base that is interested in flying. Flight simulation groups exist in every country and is a lively internet community (and not just for the big iron). Maybe there are some opportunities there.

We must reach out and get ourselves known. Ways may not be easy to find, but we have to go at it, grab every opportunity, or else, extinction of IFFR amidst the endangered species of GA pilots is our fate.

On a positive note, over the past weeks we have had in Europe our years worth of rain and bad weather, so we should be looking forward to an excellent continuation of the summer flying season with exciting destinations as Berlin, Bodo and Sankt-Johan ahead of us. And to our dear British IFFR friends: Come and enjoy Europe while you still can. You have a lot of friends overseas....

Many happy landings in 2016 and keep 'em out of the trees!

Han Klinkspoor

Regards from Holland

Han Klinkspoor

Recruitment Tools....
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 bo@sitdown.se www.IFFR.org

FROM AMERICAS... GEORGE CHAFFEY

The

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Better and Better and Better and Better every month!

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Report from Seouł

Korea, Seoul: May 30th 2016 2:30 PM

IFFR AGM minute of meeting:

In accordance with IFFR By Laws, the IFFR annual general meeting (AGM) was called to order by World President-Elect Svend Andersen at 2:30 pm at the Seoul Convention in Room 209A of the Kintex Center.

Following opening remarks by WPE Svend, various attendees introduced themselves and discussed their flying interests or experiences. Participants included, among others: Svend Andersen (Denmark - Bonanza), Ross McConnell (Australia - hot air balloons), Rita Rae Fontenot (Louisiana, South Central Americas - Piper Cherokee, formerly hot air balloons), George Chaffey (California, SW Americas - Luscombe), Ses Brydegaard Rasmussen (Denmark - ultra light), Niels Rasmussen (Denmark – ultra-light), Jay Jayakandhan (India - gliders, ultra-light, Cessna 152), PWP Sam Bishop (California, SW Americas - Piper Cherokee), Tim Puliz (Nevada, SW Americas - Twin Comanche), Ryan Gee (Utah, SW Americas - Cessna 182).

PWP Sam Bishop gave a short report on the purpose and function of the IFFR Safety Committee.

It was moved by Sam Bishop, seconded by Ross McConnell and unanimously passed to recess the AGM, to be continued on the appointed day during the Post-Convention Fly-Away in Berlin, July 17th 2016 at 4:30 PM. The meeting was recessed at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Svend Andersen

WPE SVEND ANDERSEN - SEOUL CONVENTION REPORT

IFFR goes Far East,

This year Convention in Seoul, Korea was very special. The number of attendees was high, very high indeed – the first day. Apparently the second day (Monday) was a working day, so lots of locals had gone back to do their job, leaving some more space to us.

House of friendship was larger than ever, with lots of shopping possibilities. The fellowship sections were smaller than usual and were situated close to the stage where frequent performances made it hard to make conversation at the stands.
Our stand was as usual a meeting point for all. New members from many countries were enrolled, and both old and new enjoyed fellowship during the 4 days of convention. The dinner took place at the Hotel Lotte, which was great and the conversation fluent as always. The IFFR part was professionally arranged by George Chaffey and Peter More. The AGM was initiated in accordance with our bylaws and Sam Bishop gave a short report from the Safety committee. Further dealings were recessed until the meeting in Berlin. As there were no further points on the agenda the meeting turned into a presentation of what planes people were flying. And everything goes from hot air balloons to skydivers, fast and slow planes. George found a new soul mate for his low and slow squadron in Ross McConnell, Australia who flies hot air balloons.

After the convention a number of us joined the DJ Sun – post convention Korea tour. 3 buses with around 100+ Rotarians, of which were 12+ IFFR members, toured Seoul, and the country side going south to Pusan. We were treated to a packed program of visits to impressive war memorials, lots of monasteries and temples. Korean and fusion dining as well as afternoon tea at the late WP Lee’s house in the countryside. Yet another great tour under the great Rotary umbrella.

Svend

**DOMINIQUE AND THE FRENCH LEGION..**

*Dominique and Jean-Luc and the French*

Congratulations to Dominique and Jean-Luc and the French Section for hosting a splendid weekend in Clermont-Ferrand. 44 members and friends attended, the long distance award went to Michael Oeff and Renate Schafer from Berlin with Thomas Morf from Switzerland arrived early after climbing to FL250 and averaging well over 200Kts.

**Dont forget 9th to 11th Sept at Tours.**

Link to photos

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**TED'S SAFETY CORNER**

**Safety thoughts for the month**

I have been blessed with a wonderful life in aviation, **almost 60 years since I first flew solo**.

licensed for 55 years (had to wait till I was old enough to get a licence), owned aircraft for 50 years. Over those years I have managed about **20,000 hours**, day and night, single and multi engine, IFR and VFR, private and commercial, good weather and bad, and have never even scratched an aircraft while I have been sitting in it. I have also been very lucky.

Fifty winters flying in Tasmania, gales of wind, low clouds, lowest safe 6,300 ft, freezing level about three or four thousand, and instrument approach to minimums on most days. No problems there with currency and about 900 hours single pilot hand flying in actual IMC.

Fifty summers, about **10,000 beach landings**, countless landings in paddocks, dried swamps, unprepared ground, islands and cropduster strips. A couple of engine failures on takeoff which can be discounted as maintenance errors with a long strip and no problems, several sick engines, down a cylinder, nothing ever structural, which says a lot for the reliability of modern well maintained aircraft.

I have flown all the usual lighties, from Tiger Moth to Chieftan and some oddities as well. The Dornier 27 would have been my favourite aircraft if it had a decent engine. Over the years I have learned my personal minimums, some are lower than the legal requirements, some are higher.

Many pilots have crossed my orbit, and I theirs, and I have found that subconsciously I have been dividing them into two different categories, the “survivors” and the “others”. I have been to quite a few funerals of the “others” but none of the “survivors”. That is not to say that members of the “other” group won’t survive a lifetime of flying, most will, but some will not.

You can generally tell a “survivor”, he is the one who knows his aircraft inside out, has read the handbook many times, knows and understands it exact limitations, and flies within them- **ALWAYS**!

Always fly in the middle of the air, not too high, not too low, not too fast, not to slow.

The **“survivor”** not only does his preflight inspection thoroughly but intelligently. He looks underneath with a lot more than a passing glance, that is where fluid leaks appear
and that area is often neglected. He does not launch into low clouds or overcast unless he is completely current on instruments, has briefed himself thoroughly, has carefully checked the weather and is confident that he can handle the conditions, including electrical, instrument or autopilot failure without raising his pulse rate in the least.

A superior pilot uses his superior skills to avoid situations that may require the use of his superior skills. He never ever trusts electrical things, they can fail with depressing regularity. He will never ever turn on an automatic pilot unless he has identified three different ways of turning it off. He knows he can handle a total electrical failure even if he has to hold his Maglite in his teeth.

When our “survivor” flies at night, multi or single, he always flies IFR. In his mind Night VFR translates into Night Suicide. He is confident but cautious at night, he knows that clouds don’t always go down to meet the ground, but night always does.

He never, ever flies with minimum fuel. He has reserves as regulated but always has enough extra for any eventually. He would rather leave his suitcase behind and put in its weight in fuel if conditions and weight are marginal. The only time you can have too much fuel on board is if you are on fire.

The “survivor” will never take his aircraft anywhere his brain has not been five minute before.

There are many more things that separate a “survivor” from an “other”. If you are a “survivor” you can probably identify an “other”, the converse is not often true.

Which are you?

This will be my last article in the newsletter, I have submitted my resignation to Svend effective the annual meeting. I don’t at present hold a medical, I am fairly unlikely to regain one in the near future, I don’t feel that I can lead from the front any longer and feel it is time I passed the baton.

I have had eight years in the safety committee and feel proud that we have assessed, designed and implemented our guidelines and improved the safety culture within our ranks, as long as the guidelines continue to be strictly adhered to. Your safety committee members, Sam Bishop, Angus Clark and Jack Welge are an amazing team, the most hardworking and inspiring people you would find anywhere. We all have different viewpoints but have never argued, even though we came from different directions and backgrounds we always
agreed in the end. You can be very proud of them. The past world presidents I have served under have all been extremely supportive, to a man they have stepped back and allowed us to do as we thought best as a completely independent committee with absolutely no interference, only encouragement. They, and the other members of the safety committee deserve your thanks.

I wish you all safe flying. Ted

'keep the shiny side up' in 2016.

Best wishes, Ted
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Note from James

Ted Richey, one of our most experienced pilots with over 20,000 hours and has agreed to support my newsletter and include his Safety Tips... please send your comments and thoughts to Ted.

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THIS TAKES A LOT OF WIND!

Don't forget... the AGM's in Berlin on Sunday 17th July.

Go to 'Member Manager' to view all AGM Papers!

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Ian flying at FL24 testing his oxygen system, He's delighted to say it works!!
HOW TO GET INTO MEMBER MANAGER..

The Home of all Official IFFR information..
For Members who have a password.

1. Link from WWW.IFFR.org
2. Login into Member Manager.
3. Top left go to the drop down menu called 'FOLDERS'
4. Open and all present and past details are available.

New to Member Manager

1. Your login details will be part of your email address before the @ symbol followed by password changethispwd.
2. You can change to a password of your choice.
3. To do this select 'applications'.
4. Select 'edit my info'. change your password then click 'submit' top right.
5. If you cannot manage send me an e-mail for help!

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The World Events

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

2016

- 25th to 31st July... Oshkosh
- 27th July ... The Traditional Oshkosh Rotary Club's Annual Nature Pavilion Luncheon

2016

- 16th to 23rd July... Berlin... JA & CAA attending
- Official AGM 17th July at 4.30pm
- 4th to 9th August... Bodo Scandinavian Section Weekend.
- 9th to 11th Sept... Tours French Weekend,
- 1st to 4th Sept.... Kitzbuehel German/Austrian Weekend
- October... Australia Townsend Fly-in
- 28th to 30th Oct. Gisborne NZ Weekend
- 7th December ... The Annual UK Section RAF 'end of season' Luncheon.

2017 Atlanta Fly-out
Watch for booking instructions

WORLD SCORE BOARD

The World Score Board
Americas 345
Australia 107
UK 147
Germany-Austria 99
Scandinavia 87
France 47
Switzerland 67
New Zealand 41
Benelux 44
Italy 39
Total 1053

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