The Big Danes Monthly World Newsletter

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News from the President

So what’s new in November -a few but important things!

First of all, Carina and I like to thank the dedicated group of members which made it to the WP lunch at the Typhoon restaurant in Santa Monica airport on October 30th. A small report can be found in this newsletter. A special thanks to Peter and Shirley for arranging it and for hosting everybody.

We got ourselves a new WPN. Check out the news from the USA. Payback from the world account of the 30,000 US$ to the sections has been finalized. Lots of cash transfers which was not always easy. All incoming payment for the year dues from the sections was offset in the payment, saving the organisation quite a lot in bank charges. Thanks to our world secretary Ian Kerr for a job very well done.

Speaking of cash; as a consequence of a well-planned Fly out in Berlin this summer. Gerhard and his team has been able to refund € 144 or in cash US$ 150 from the payment for the participation in the July Berlin Fly-out. I like to appraise the German team for this gesture which is the core spirit of the fellowship. It is great to know that although the entry price tag for participation is high, surplus will be handed back at the end of the event. So Gerhard, Ingo, Michael, and Ulrich thank you for a great event and for a superb handling of the fly out. We do look forward to coming back for the convention in 2019.

Of the many motions passed on our last AGM we are still working on a few. Most was easy to implement and some are somewhat more complicated to resolve. The executive board is working to get all motions implemented as soon as possible.

In this issue, we have tried to combine both the traditional content with reports from international events and some people profiles. Further the News has been spiced up with reports from non IFFR events and from other Rotary flying activities who prepares the IFFR members for tomorrow. I do hope you will enjoy the Newsletter. Svend
It is really a privilege to report that George Chaffey has accepted to become World President for the period 2020-2022.

Sam Bishop has reported to Phil Pacey that:

“The American Past World Presidents were appointed to a committee to nominate a candidate to submit for IFFR World President 2020-2022. I was honored to chair that committee.

Our unanimous choice was George Chaffey, probably one of the most qualified and experienced candidates IFFR could ever ask for. He has been extremely successful in his leadership of the Americas Region and has taken the lead organizing many worldwide events, including our IFFR participation in the recent Brazilian and Korean Rotary International conventions. Had it not been for him I believe that IFFR might not have been represented at all!

George was nominated by our committee and his name was then presented for a vote by the entire Americas Board. They were unanimously in favor and commented that he is an already recognized world leader for IFFR and will be a great President.”

George and Carol live in Lafayette in the San Francisco Bay Area. They fly the renowned “Lady Bird”, a 1948 Luscombe which has been in the family since 1971 and was a Reserve Grand Champion at Oshkosh.

George is a Shareholder in the law firm of Littler Mendelson, the largest U.S. law firm specializing in employment and labor law on behalf of management. After joining Littler’s San Francisco office, he was a founding member of the Firm’s Walnut Creek office, where he now works. Prior to joining Littler, George was an instructor of law at Grimes School of Law, University of Liberia in Monrovia, Liberia (when Carol and he were Peace Corps Volunteers), and he later served as executive director of a county-wide legal services program in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Following his service as District Governor in 1997-98, George has been continually involved in regional and worldwide training of future club presidents and district governors.

Congratulations George and Carol. Svend
**IFFR Townsville Fly in**

*Aussie Fellowship at work*

An enthusiastic group of thirty-two Australian IFFR members, plus our future IFFR World President 2018-20 Phil Pacey and Judy, made their respective ways to the tropical city of Townsville in Far North Queensland. It was an action packed fabulous weekend full of fun and fellowship mixed with just a hint of frivolity with everyone enjoying the local sights, sounds and the many culinary delights.

Arriving from nearly every state in Australia and New Zealand our members, drove, flew in the big kerosene canaries or arrived in a cross-section of general aviation aircraft. Six of the seven GA flew in convoy around Queensland from Hervey Bay via Emerald and Charters Towers arriving in Townsville just before lunch on the Friday in readiness for a big weekend!

From the historic outback towns of Emerald and Charters Towers to experiencing the best ever whale watching off shore in Hervey Bay with a “movie” to prove it to meeting fellow aviators for the first time, making new friends, and quietly working on recruiting the latest batch of IFFR members to share our great fellowship’s future experiences.

Who was it that said the journey is as important as the destination? Perhaps it was me; well whoever it was, it’s correct as half the fun was getting to Townsville via the scenic route meandering around interesting country towns with lots to see and do in each, all having been hand-selected by Andrew & Joan Mladen.

*All famous people*

Townsville is home to a significant Royal Australian Air Force base, which during the whole of our stay was operationally active with a major exercise in progress. On our sequenced arrival one of our party Rodney Peachey stopped a flight of six F/A-18’s from taking off on runway 02 while he taxied to the apron. Pres Mike, was
instructed to “hold short” and enjoyed an unexpected close-encounter with the Hornets, providing a spectacular view as the six F/A-18s took off in front of him with all the speed, noise and turbulence you would expect causing his little Cirrus sitting quietly on the ground to shudder in their wake – all very exciting for aviation enthusiasts.

The weekend after our visit a crowd of 80,000 lined Townsville’s the Strand on Saturday for a spectacular Airshow, with many thousands more visiting the RAAF Base on Sunday for an open day, as part of the north Queensland city’s 150th anniversary celebrations. It seems only Past President Sam Graham and Natalie stayed on to experience this event.

Sorry, I digress, so now reverting back on course with the original story after my slight diversion.

The planned Townsville sightseeing itinerary under the meticulous leadership of Past IFFR Presidents Colleen & Ted Richey went very smoothly. On the Saturday, the bus departed at 9:30am with team IFFR visiting the “highland” overlooking Townsville and the Airport from Castle Hill and the “lowlands” at sea-level, with lunch at Bushland Beach Tavern, then back to Townsville for a visit to the Museum of Tropical Queensland which has a great display on HMS Pandora, which was wrecked north of Townsville.

On Sunday it was the Military Museum, or a visit to the local Sunday markets for those with a mind for some retail therapy, then off to the Billabong & Sanctuary, up close and personal for wildlife and crocodile viewing, then Harvey’s Range and lastly afternoon tea at the Heritage Tea room for special“non-fattening” scones, jam and cream washed own with coffee or tea.

All creatures great and small

A highlight of the weekend was the traditional Saturday night dinner with a local Club; namely, the Rotary Club of Townsville Sunrise whose Pres Paul Ryan and his members made us all very welcome with lots of fun. The Chief Pilot from the Royal Flying Doctors Service in Townsville, Captain Warren Schmitt, provided an interesting, informative and very entertaining presentation on the RFDS, its planes and people. Following Warren, IFFR Pres. Mike McFarlane delivered a short presentation outlining the 70 Rotary Fellowships available to Rotarians.

Good food and fellowship all intermingled with plenty of fines, lots of laughter and fun ensured that a jolly good time was had by all.

The next Australian Section’s IFFR Fly-In will be at Wagga Wagga in South Eastern NSW in early April 2017.
Mike McFarlane  
Section head Australia

Planes and wildlife

IFFR and St Christopher club of Vilnius Lithuania

Dear IFFR members,

I have received this mail from the Rotary club of St. Christopher in Vilnius Lithuania. They are looking for an international contact to IFFR. Further they are looking for young people interested in coming to their summer camp and learn to fly gliders. Please do review the information below and attached, and reply if you are interested if you have potential young candidates in your network, or just like to learn more.

I will be in touch with Rita Sakus, and more information about this initiative will appear in the coming newsletter.

Svend Andersen  
World President IFFR

“Dear Mr. Andersen,

I am writing from St. Christopher Rotary Club in Vilnius, Lithuania to tell you about one of our Club’s projects here in Lithuania that we hope you will find interesting enough to start a dialogue with us.

Since 2010, our St. Christopher Rotary Club of Vilnius has been organizing a very successful two-week international summer gliding camp for 12-16 year olds here in Lithuania. Every year, we bring together kids from around the world who share a love and passion of gliding. Each year, these bright young teenagers spend two weeks learning how to glide with one of our nation’s top instructor’s. In their free time, the teens also explore various adventure parks, cities and sites that our small country has to offer. The young flyers live in dorm-type housing located right at the Pociunai Gliding Club together with an adult leader who supports the students in their gliding experience. By the end of the two week gliding training, students can proudly fly a single-seater glider.

It’s also a yearly tradition that our Rotary Club throws a farewell party with Rotary and Rotaract members, while each young participant gives a brief prepared powerpoint presentation of where they are from, their interests and how they got to the camp.
To the best of our knowledge, this is the *only gliding camp in the world for teenagers*, thus we are very keen in promoting it among the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

Kindly review the attached file, which we hope you will share with your organization and that will then, in turn, help us build connections and diversify the participants' profile even further. We'd like to encourage the exchange of ideas and best practices of IFFR and our Rotary Club in further promoting and growing our international summer gliding camp initiative.

On behalf of our St. Christopher Rotary Club, we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Kind Regards,

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Stop press!!!!

*George getting pinned*

It finally happened! Our long time honorary IFFR member George Ritchie has been inducted in a proper Rotary club on November 23rd. After a lengthy search, George chose the Westminster International Rotary club, and was accepted. The induction was witnessed by Pam and Rodney Spokes as friends and representatives of IFFR.

Welcome George, we do know that this is not Round Table, but we do think that you, in time will settle in to the mode and charm of Rotary.

Svend
New Aussie Section Chair

Mike McFarlane (President / Chair IFFR Australia)

Mike is now a semi-retired former Investment Banker who has been a Rotarian for 17 years. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Kew in Victoria, Australia, a Paul Harris Fellow and Society Member who has held District positions of Assistance Governor and Vocational Chair plus having been a District Ambassador for Interplast and the Sumba Eye Program International Charities. He joined IFFR in 2004 and has been the Australian Fly-In Chair for the past 4 years prior to his current role.

A keen flyer he is a MECIR pilot who currently owns a Cirrus SR22 GTS G5 which he uses for Angel Flights and sharing the joy of flying his wife Sali, family and friends on interstate and outback Australia excursions to wild and wonderful places. Previous planes owned have been a Cessna 337G, a Piper Seneca II and a little Zlin 242 aerobatic aircraft; clearly he has a very understanding wife!!

Mike and Sali are looking forward to seeing many IFFR members at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta in June 2017 and renewing old acquaintances.

McFarlanes 3 favorites Sali, plastic fantastic and his Garmin.
The plan ready for the South East Fly-away starting right after the convention in Atlanta on June 15th. The route will take us out of Georgia through Tennessee around Kentucky into and around Virginia. The tour will take us through American history, rural areas showing us the great variety of cultural influences and diversity.

As usual a bus will be providing surface transportation for participants not flying and provide luggage transport for the flyers. Please do note that the trip starts in Atlanta and ends in Manassas. So like most of our fly-always there is not planned for a return to the starting point to be part of the trip.

The Hotel list will be available shortly, and we do encourage all participants to book their rooms early as most hotels are not willing to give us a full block booking. We recommend that the hotel room should be booked as soon as the registration has been send in and a confirmation of participation has been received.

Dale and his team has made a great plan for our post-convention fly away and I do expect that it will be a fully booked within a short time.

For further details and registration click on the link.
Svend Andersen
A small team of Danish and German gyrocopter pilots made their way to Island using only their gyrocopters as transport. No trailer or containers, even the boarding on the ferry was done under own power. See the amazing video from their circumnavigation of Island.

Picture and video by Michael Palmbo, Denmark.
Lunch with the world president at Santa Monica Airport

The family, or part of it had arrived the day before in Los Angeles. To make an event of it, Peter More had arrange for a Presidents Lunch at the Typhoon restaurant overlooking the great Santa Monica Airport. Carina, my son Tim and his girlfriend Julia and I arrived in good time and were met by Peter who was there to prepare the Luncheon.

Due to the weather, the turnout was somewhat small but of great quality. Trudy and Bob Phillips came by car, VP George Chaffey came commercial from SFO, Shirley and Peter came from just around the corner and to make it a fly in, Honorary Deputy sheriff Bob Tucknott flew in with his dog. Lots of Aviation talk as well as catching up. Peter and Shirley, had ordered the lunch so no hard decisions had to be made. A great afternoon.

Peter picked up the tab as he claimed it to be his birthday party, we all appreciated that, and retaliated by singing a birthday song. It was not pretty, but well meant. Thank you Peter for arranging and sponsoring the event. Thanks to all who showed up and made it a day to remember. A special thanks Bob for making it a real fly in event, by bringing you plane – and the dog.
Waiting for Bob to arrive

The plane and Bob
IFFR Profile: First officer in the Safety Committee Chair Jack Welge

Ava and I celebrate our 39th Anniversary this year after having met in the University of Texas Longhorn Band back in 1969. We have two daughters, Kirsten and Kathleen. Kirsten works for the University of Minnesota Medical Center and has a BS from Caltech and an Masters in Public Health from UCLA. Kathleen works for Cake, a Sysco company, in San Jose and has a BS in Computer Science from the University of Texas at Tyler. Kathleen also holds a Level 4 Certificate in Japanese Language Proficiency following course work at the University of Arizona.

I obtained my Airman Certificate in 2008 after practicing law continuously since 1977 except for a brief period of reduced practice while caring for Mother during her 10 year final illness following her diagnosis of Alzheimer’s. The Airman Certificate was intended to allow me to travel quickly to business sites around the state and it has served admirably. In law practice I had an extensive background of both criminal and civil trial practice, but following my pilot training I became involved with Aviation Law through volunteering with the AOPA Legal Services Plan and the State Bar of Texas and I am now a Past Chair of the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. During my time on the Board and as Chair we began giving Aviation Law Scholarships to deserving students.

I joined Rotary in 1979, and over the 37 years of Perfect Attendance to date, held positions of Chair of the four avenues of service - Club Service, Community Service, International Service, and Vocational Service. I am a Past President of the Longview Rotary Club. I have also served numerous times on the Program Committee, chairing it twice, and I had the privilege of proposing the first woman for membership in our Rotary Club. I currently serve as IFFR Safety Committee Chair and as the SouthCentral Americas Chair of IFFR.

I purchased my plane, a 1977 Cessna 182 Q, in 2009 and have greatly enjoyed all aspects of ownership including attending maintenance seminars sponsored by Cessna Pilots Association.

Yours in Rotary,

Jack Welge
Han’s column - Membership

Han at Bodø in Norway prepared to sail the maelstroms

The Fall season is upon us, the flying gets more local, as you can’t Dear fellow IFFR friends!

International IFFR fly-ins are, by now, sweet memories of an excellent (IFFR) flying season earlier this year. Now the challenge forward is to continue the fellow- and friendship through the-less-than-ideal-weather flying winter months, at least in the northern hemisphere.

One idea came from the recently chartered “Rotary e-Club of Aviation” chaired by IFFR World secretary Ian Kerr. In the biweekly meetings 20+ members from literally around the world “meet” in an Internet chatroom, where can you see everyone (and everyone sees you too btw…..), listening to interesting speakers and talk amongst themselves on a variety of subjects. Flying related of course. Americans meet during their lunchbreak, for Europeans it is late in the evening with a glass of wine at hand, and for the folks “down under” it’s a breakfast meeting the next day. This Club is developing as a real virtual club, where at Fly-Ins some actually meet in person!

As a matter of fact, our Italian section is about to start using web-meetings to unite and stay in touch with their “geographically challenged” membership. Excellent initiative by Giuseppe Berardo. Now here is an idea to extend the fellowship. It is actually very easy to set this up. Signing in for the meeting at the agreed time is a few clicks on your PC or Apple. Screen and audio wil get you right into the meeting. Inviting friends to share the fun is easy: give them the URL, double click and they enter the virtual meeting room. In today’s world of available (internet) technology with Facebook, LinkedIn and other social networks, IFFR has a great opportunity to use these tools and I invite the section leaders to consider this excellent idea in their local area to have yet another opportunity for fellowship around our common passion: FLYING or (if we are not flying) TALK ABOUT IT!
It's all about safety

Fuel for the whole trip.

Assisting an accident pilot with a National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report recently, gave the opportunity to reflect on statistical probabilities that an airman might be involved in a safety related incident.

The Nall Report put out by Joseph T. Nall through AOPA, identifies the number of noncommercial fixed-wing accidents and gives us a safety trend in General Aviation (GA) flying. A review of the most recent (25th) Joseph T Nall Report shows the rate of non-commercial fixed-wing accidents fell 12 percent in 2013, including an 18 percent decrease in the rate of fatal accidents. It is a dramatic improvement in the 25-year history of the report, but the third greatest area of safety concern for those of us flying GA aircraft continues to be fuel exhaustion.

With flight planning the greatest culprit, it pays to spend a little more time on fuel management. All of us have our stories, but one of the saddest recently involved the airman who rented the hangar facing mine. Although almost retirement age, he was recently married and had the complete support of his spouse in his flying and she had accompanied him on this last trip. His plane, an older Cessna 172, was well maintained and competed for his affections and available time.

Yet last January following his attempted return to his home airport, his aircraft was found in the woods only 1/2 mile from the end of the runway with substantial
damage to wings, fuselage, and empennage. Only his wife survived. The rest of the story appears that prior to his return flight of only 44 nm, he did not add fuel at the later departure airport, stopped only once for fuel, and finding none pressed on only to experience the unthinkable.

There were no doubt other factors, but regardless where we begin the accident chain, it was fuel management that turned his 172 into a glider.

All of us have minimum fuel requirements for our aircraft based on time of day that are reviewed at the time of the initial flight planning. We sometimes are tempted to rush through to get into the air, but that lack of planning can be disastrous.

Until next time, enjoy safe flying.
Jack Welge
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Upcoming Events

7TH DECEMBER
IFFR UK Annual RAF Club Luncheon
BOOKING FORM

3RD - 5TH MARCH
Dannevirke Fly-in, New Zealand
26TH TO 28TH MAY 2017
IFFR Benelux, Ostend

10TH TO 14TH JUNE 2017
Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

14TH - 16TH JULY 2017
UK Fly in, Chester
UK IFFR WEBSITE

10TH TO 13TH AUGUST 2017
IFFR Scandinavia Finland weekend

17TH - 20TH AUGUST
Lausanne, Switzerland
SWISS IFFR WEBSITE

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