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News from the President

Spring is here! It has for a while when consulting the calendar but somehow it has taken quite a while for the Siberian cold to loosen its grip in northern Europe. With Spring in the northern hemisphere all fly boys and girls get an urge, and yes – it’s the urge for the skies.

Remember to check all the vital elements, such as insurance, certification and medical currency, have you done the required number of landings within the last period, is the plane polished, clean and ready.

IT is also time to make the reservation for the fly-in events you would like to join this spring/summer.

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For the Americas activities do look up IFFRamericas.org for lots of fun stuff planned throughout the year.
Convention time in Toronto is also approaching. As far as I know the 40 rooms at the IFFR hotel are booked out. We will have friends from all over the world joining both for the Convention but also for the Fly out.

Gary and Connie Dehnel have been very busy in organizing the fly-out and Carina and I are looking forward to the “Quintessential New England experience”. We are in total 47 participants now, but there is still room for a few more.

The AGM will be held on the 25th June in the convention centre Room 803B at 2:00 PM.

For a revision of our By-Laws an experienced team within our fellowship has been working on the formulation since May last year. The revision team consist of PWP Angus Clark, WPE George Chaffey and VP Ian Jenner with the latter chairing the committee.

The objective was to update the fellowship By-laws considering the changes in RI policies on membership eligibility as well as some of the “housekeeping” needed, but not reflected in the 2017 revision.

The “housekeeping part” included shaping some of the weaker formulations so they are more precise, further the By-laws did lack compliance with our current way of conducting our business, that has also been adjusted.

In addition to these some geographical and sectional changes are proposed in the revised by-laws.

The proposed draft as well as the current by-laws will be forwarded to all members registered in Membermojo during the coming week. This to comply with the 60 days requirements for by-law changes.

As a new thing the annual board meeting will be conducted a few months prior to the AGM. To get as many as possible of the board members to attend, we will make use of the modern technology and execute the meeting using a web based virtual meeting room. I encourage that all able board members take this chance to participate.

Carina and I will participate in most of the European fly-in meetings this year. A few we had to opt out of due to family matters like our daughter having her 30 years birthday and grandson getting baptised. We look forward to meeting all our friends and get to know new ones during this season.

So, go join the fun of IFFR, do it safely and keep the shiny side up.

Svend Andersen
Toronto, Banquet, House of Friendship and AGM

IFFR Banquet June 25th, 2018

The Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Avenue, Toronto, ON, M5G 1S9

Banquet will begin at 6:00 PM with drinks in the Library at 5th floor. Seating for dinner will be at 7:00 PM in the Otter room on 4th floor. http://www.rcmi.org/

Registration for the Banquet with George Chaffey at cell phone: (925) 699-3343 or E-mail to gchaffey@Littler.com. Please register before May 15th. To secure your seat at the banquet.

Prestigious venue, exquisite atmosphere, fabulous food, and worldwide IFFR company in a world class city. It doesn’t get any better than this. All for just US$90.00 per person.

Reservations: To join us, make your reservations by emailing George Chaffey gchaffey@Littler.com and say you are coming and how many (with names). First come, first served.

Payment: Pay either by check or PayPal.

1. Check. You can send a check ($90 USD), made out to “IFFR”, to Steve Henderson, Americas Secretary-Treasurer, at 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA, 95076; Or.

2. PayPal. You can pay by PayPal from anywhere in the world. If you have a PayPal account, just send the money to IFFR Americas’ email address...ifframericas@gmail.com. If you have no account, it’s easy to set up (you’ll need an email address and a password). Go to www.paypal.com and sign up.

We’ll see you in Toronto and at the Banquet! Full details including the actual seating time for the banquet will be shared here shortly. As we mentioned in our last edition, there are a few artifacts there, too, including the original seat from the Red Baron’s WWI Fokker Dreidecker triplane.
Convention days:

Toronto Convention: Saturday June 23rd—Wednesday June 27th
The IFFR booth #240 is open at the House of Friendship from June 23rd.

IFFR AGM Monday June 25th
Note This is an official announcement.

The IFFR AGM will take place in the afternoon at the convention centre room 803B at 2:00 PM
**Convention Hotel:**

IFFR activities during, before and after the Rotary International Convention are the pinnacle activity of the year for IFFR, and you surely don’t want to miss any of them. Our “official” IFFR airport is the stunning Billy Bishop Airport (formerly Downtown Island), and once you’ve taken the quick ferry to the mainland, a short taxi ride from our official hotel, the fabulous Westin Harbour Castle Hotel.

All the 40 rooms we blocked at the Westin have been claimed for at least six months. Plans do change, so we do have a waiting list if you want to stay at our “official” IFFR hotel. Email or call George Chaffey [gchaffey@littler.com](mailto:gchaffey@littler.com), 925-699-3343) to get on the standby list. But don’t let not being able to stay with us keep you from the RI Convention. You can still enjoy all IFFR activities during the Convention if you stay elsewhere.

**Meanwhile, get excited!**

Flying into Toronto’s Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (CYTZ) is one of the most memorable things you can do in personal aviation. And clearing incoming Canadian customs there is a snap.
**New England Fly About June 28 - July 6, 2018**

The Fly About after the Convention will take place entirely in the USA, with those in the USA planning to assemble in Buffalo, New York, and those at the Convention at Toronto before joining up for the tour.

Beautiful parts of New York, New Hampshire, and other states will be visited. The outline of the trip can be seen in the brochure shown in events at IFFR.org. Gary Dehnel is the primary organizer, contact him at gcdehnel@verizon.net. There’s also some more information on the registration form (see below).

Registration fee totals US$900 per person, due immediately if you want to secure a spot. There were still a small handful of spots as of April 17. More pressing may be the room blocks at the various hotels. The registration includes the bus (and all costs associated with that), at least 5 dinners of various kinds, 2 or 3 lunches, and the fees for several tours. Registration form: also shown at IFFR.org.

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**IF YOU’VE ALREADY SIGNED UP:**

Within the last week you should’ve received an email with several attachments from Past World President Sam Bishop, who is the “Air Ops Coordinator” for the Fly About. There’s always some paperwork to complete for any group travel, and we have some additional requirements that have grown from our desire to practise appropriate risk management on our travel choices.

There are 3 Word files, 2 Excel files, a request for emergency contacts and the most recent copy of the Flyaway “Flyer.” Please review and complete as appropriate and return to Sam well before you head for Toronto or Buffalo. If you haven’t received his email, check your junk file first, and if nothing is there, get him to send you another email. Phone Sam at (831) 274-4024 or email him a sambishop@totlcom.com.
It’s all about safety:

GROUND LOOP – is it always due to pilot error?

One morning, flying down through Mexico I had 3 Rotarians on Board. We were taking supplies to an orphanage in Baja California. It had rained the day before, but this was a bright, clear day. I touched down on a long, undulating, hard pan dirt runway, it was hard and smooth as a baby’s bottom. Towards the end of the roll out, still at about 15 kts., I realized that the ground ahead was a different color, it was a much darker brown ………………..it was mud!

I jammed the left rudder and spun around. The right main tire dipped into the mud and came back up as we completed the ground loop. Everything was fine, although my passengers had to be calmed down as I explained why in the world I just did such a violent maneuver while we were “safely” on the ground.

Had I not ground looped, the nose wheel would have dug in and we would have either flipped, or the prop would have been stopped short which, of course, would necessitate a complete engine teardown and inspection for damage. As it was all was fine.

My point is this. On any landing, be ready for the unexpected and be ready to ground loop. On an off-airport landing, you might be able to stop faster. On a runway, a car could drive out in front of you, another airplane could taxi across in front, there could damage to the runway, maybe you landed longer than you expected and are about to run off the runway, etc. etc. If you do not have the ground loop option in your mind, you will very likely plow straight ahead and damage you, your passengers and your airplane, whereas if you ground loop there will be little or no damage to your plane and none to the folks inside.

I was chief pilot for a volunteer group called Los Medicos Voladores (Flying Doctors) for many years and I still fly with them. This is one of the techniques I taught our pilots, especially in conditions where a burro, cow or deer is likely to wander out on the runway! “Think Ground Loop”.

Sam Bishop
PWP
Meet Aleene Althouse Section chair of IFFR Americas South west

Aleene “Ace” Althouse is a personal risk advisor and owns an insurance agency representing State Farm.

She is a wife, mother and joined Rotary in 2006, and currently is Membership Director for her Rotary Club.

She obtained her pilot’s license when she was 22, and although she is not “current” with her flying, she hopes to remedy that soon.

Her husband, Brad, is also a pilot and builder (as a hobby). He built a Steen Skybolt and is currently working on an RV-4 project. Together they live in Santa Cruz, have one daughter, and a menagerie of animals.

Meet Rankin Whittington, Section chair of IFFR Americas Southeast

Rankin grew up on a farm in Amelia, Virginia, USA. He has a degree in English from Guilford College, a Quaker school in Greensboro, North Carolina. He met Sandra Shansky there and they were married in 1970. Rankin was a public welfare social worker and has a master’s degree in social work administration from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He was a county director of social services for seventeen years. In 1994 he founded a company to provide services to people who have mental or physical disabilities so that they may remain at home and not have to live in institutions. The company had more than six hundred employees working from eight offices when it was sold in 2015 to a New York hedge fund. In semi-retirement, Rankin leases out office space from four buildings and sings in a men’s chorus. One of Sandy and Rankin’s daughters lives in New York City and the other is in Chapel Hill, where her husband is on the faculty of the UNC medical school. Rankin is a Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor. He has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has been president of two Rotary clubs. Rankin soloed a J-3 Cub when he was seventeen and flew hang gliders. He has owned a C-150, a C172, and a Starduster Too. He currently owns a C-182 and a Super Decathlon. Rankin has been a member of IFFR since 2000 and has been on most of the convention fly-outs since then.

Rankin and Sandra Whittington
News from the World Secretary Ian Kerr:

Use of our new IFFR database of all members - it’s called Membermojo

Firstly, from a computer or tablet

1. Go to iffr.org
2. Press the tab at the top on the home page with label 'Membermojo'
3. On the next page enter your email address and select 'Sign in with email'.
4. Within a minute you will receive an email - in the email message press 'click here to sign in'.
5. Scroll down to 'My details' and select 'View or edit details' to see your own entry. If you select 'Edit' at the bottom you can amend any of your details then press 'Save' at the bottom.
6. Now go back to the top and select 'Your membership'. This then shows the earlier page and if you go down to select 'Member directory' you can enter a name of any IFFR member in the world in the box, using last name followed by first name, and when it displays in an orange color press on the name and you will see the member's details. You can return to ‘Your membership’ page at any time to select another member.
7. Please ignore the ‘Payments’ option as payments are made via your section.
8. If you wish you can select ‘Set password’ but this is not necessary as you can simply sign in using your email address.

Secondly, from a mobile phone

Go to iffr.org
Press the button with lines on the right side of the blue bar at the top
Press the word 'Membermojo'
Continue as from number 3 above

Ian Kerr