The Big Dane’s Last World Newsletter

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Welcome to this issue of the world news. As this will be my last issue, I would like to thank all who have contributed to the world news over the years. You have all been part of making this the place to look for what’s going on in IFFR. As most of us are far and apart, a frequent communication is important to make us a coherent group, so thanks for all your information, jokes, fun pictures and odd newsflashes.

Since the last newsletter, we have introduced the GDPR which is aimed at keeping our personal data secure and out of reach. This also means that our old and much-loved directory presently is reduced to a name and location list. All data is available to our members on Membermojo, but for the time being, you have to seek the more specific data there.

This year’s Annual General Meeting was well attended with lots of known faces and a few new ones. The revision of the bylaws was approved as were the budget and accounts from last year. The election of George Chaffey as incoming president 2020-2022 was also unanimously approved. The coming Fly about in Germany was also approved. Our auditor is once again Angus Clark, securing that our finances are reported correctly and handled with care.

The inauguration of our new president Phil Pacey 2018-2020 was made part of the AGM.
World President Svend Andersen’s Report Toronto June 25th, 2018

Firstly, I would like to thank you on behalf of Carina and myself for the kindness and hospitality we have received on our visits to the section and squadron meetings. We have enjoyed meeting so many engaged members and their families. Since last year Carina and I have been busy working up airmiles touring the planet to participate in IFFR meetings.

After the convention in Atlanta we joined the SE fly about perfectly planned and executed by Dale and his team. We enjoyed discovering much of the American colonial history as well as seeing some of the sights you normally just hear about. Chattanooga, Monticello Williamsburg. The flight into Washington was also exciting, constantly waiting to be intercepted by an F16, which fortunately did not happen.

Back in Europe we first joined the UK fly-in taking us to Chester. A great fly in with many known faces. Outings in traditional Welsh weather with humidity around 110% but who cares, you are among friends and having a great time.

Our next adventure was a short stop at Oshkosh for an IFFR meeting arranged by John Ockenfels. Great venue, how can you not like this destination.

Once again back in Europe we joined the Scandinavian fly in at Turku, Finland. Lots of UK participants as well as members from Portugal, Germany and Benelux.

Later we flew down to Lausanne in Switzerland, Yet another fantastic weekend. Francois Frochaux had been the organiser of this event-filled weekend. We dined at the Olympic headquarters and did some Olympic mountaineering to reach another fantastic place high above Lake Geneva where both wine and food was served without limitations.

In September we joined the Italian fly in at San Marino. This small nation with only 33,500 inhabitants was having their national celebration that weekend, so we were greatly entertained and treated as VIP guests in the country.

At the end of September, we circum-navigated the globe and landed in Auckland New Zealand. We were meet by Phil and Judy Pacey who took care of us the whole time we were there. We toured the South Island and visited lowlands, wine country, skiing locations and landed on a glacier by helicopter. The IFFR fly in was arranged in Westport on the western cost of the South Island. A great little town far from all and thus had it all. After 2 weeks in Kiwi-land we pushed on to Melbourne Australia where we were hosted by Mike and Sali.

Mike took us in his Cirrus to Tasmania for the Australian fly in. Another great weekend with lots of new faces as well as a few well known. Sally and Mike flew back to the north island, and we stayed on with Ted and Colleen for some days of sightseeing and a bit of flying.

In November we were back in Ian Jenner’s domain. We arrived in Hong Kong for the charter meeting of the new Hong Kong Squadron. Eric Chin the newly appointed HK Squadron leader had gathered 68 new members of which 30 were present at the Charter meeting. A fantastic and energetic experience supported by both Ian Jenner and Marlene, Phil and Judy who came up from New Zealand and a great bunch of new energetic HK IFFR members.

The last event in 2017 was the annual Christmas lunch in the Royal Airforce Club in London. For any airman this is a perfect venue to meet fellow aviators. The place has the ambiance of the traditional English club and garnished with the long tradition of military aviation. Thanks to John and Diane the UK section has offered this very popular venue and event to IFFR members for a long time.

Starting off this season (2018) in Europe, we went joined the Benelux fly in. This time a family outing as our daughter Søs, son in law Neils, and our new grandson Max joined us for a great weekend in the city of Groningen in the northern part of Holland. Again, a great number of UK members came across to the continent to join us for the weekend.

June 1st we were supposed to fly commercially to the Italian fly in. A weekend we had been looking forward to, but Royal Dutch Airline KLM decided to cancel the trip on us. This was the 4th cancelation I experienced from KLM within 6 months, so not an airline to trust.
However, we made good use of the weekend, a small improvised popup fly-in at the north German airport Flensburg. In all 3 IFFR members and we managed to hijack the local aeroclub president and induct him as a new member.

On June 9th we flew to Norwich, on the east coast of England. Again, a great weekend with a huge attendance. The UK section was celebrating its 50 years anniversary, and what a party. Even section chair and international president were made part of the entertainment.

On the business side, I think we are on plan. My intention throughout my time in office was to do some housekeeping and with the new By-laws at the table created by Ian Jenner, Angus Clark and George Chaffey, I think we are prepared for the future. The regions have been combined to the 3 active ones, Australasia, The Americas and Europe. The eligibility side has been modified to follow the RI policies. Further the Japanese section has been closed as there was no activities and no response from the members there when prompted for a response. The new bylaws draft with corrections was accepted by the AGM unanimously.

Also, with last year’s motion regarding dues, leaving it up to the executive board to make the call for dues of between 0 to US$10 per member, making sure that IFFR world funds did not drop below US$25,000. With this decision we managed to leave the money where it is supposed to be – in the sections.

In terms of members we have expanded, both the Americas and the Australasian regions have increased their numbers greatly. We still need new members and preferably young ones who can add and transform our great fellowship, so it also has a place in the future. With the new bylaws we have opened for a broader membership and thus may inspire younger people not only to join IFFR but also Rotary. The Rotary which is the foundation for what we are.

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Numbers collected by Rodney Spokes UK section

This year’s post convention fly-out has been put together by Gary and Connie Dehnel. Special thanks are in order as I know it has been a lot of work setting up all the destinations, striking deals with the hotels and planning events along the route. I am personally looking forward to this, less work and more play.

Before ending let me extend my sincere gratitude to my trusted wing man for the last two years, Ian Kerr. Ian deserves thanks for all that he has done for the organisation and for the support he has given me.

My great appreciation of what the Vice presidents have achieved, and the support rendered during the last two years are in place. Ian Jenner, George Chaffey, Vladimir Kogan and Thomas Morf.

Safety in our organisation is extremely important. We can and must all contribute to this.
Any World or Vice president dreads that something happened on their watch which could have been prevented by timely diligence. Our safety organisation with Jack Welge, Michal Bryant, Christian Denke and Nestor Sam Bishop has been looking after us and keeping us safe at fly ins and fly abouts over the last two years and they have done a great job. On behalf of the organisation I would like to thank them all for their effort and commitment.

A lot of others deserve thanks and special citations:

- My consultant in legal matters John Bowden from the UK section.
- Han Klinkspoore who has been cross feeding us hints on how to get new members.
- Angus Clark for keeping us on the straight and narrow auditing our accounts.
- Bo Johnsson for keeping the web site in the air and integrating the world news into the web site.
- All our section chairs and their teams around the world putting a lot of effort and time into organising and arranging activities for us all.
- Also, I would like to extend my gratitude to Lynn for her never-failing support to IFFR.

Last but in no way least, thanks to my wife Carina. Thanks for coming on this journey with me, thanks for your support and gentle well thought advice. I have enjoyed it all immensely.

Svend Andersen
WP 2016 – 2018
Signing off.
The Banquet
The Banquet was held at the Royal Canadian Military Institute. 82 IFFR members and partners attended and enjoyed this special and historic venue. With the participation came also membership of the club for the remainder of the convention, with rights to revisit the Institute and use the facilities. Member Mike Mushet and Gerd Wrengler had made it possible for us to have the banquet. We do appreciate that Mike Mushet had the possibility to participate. We owe them both great thanks for providing this opportunity for us.

IFFR member Ravi Bansal, NE section gave a very lively and humorous presentation from his around the world flight which resulted in lots of questions.

Trailing the key note speech, Ravi was named Flyer of the Year, given the award for his flight around the world to raise donations for the Rotary Cancer hospital in Ambala, India. A US$1000 donation was given to the charity in the name of IFFR.

The story of his adventure can be found below in this newsletter.

President Phil Pacey NZ made his first address to the members at the Banquet stating his aim to focus on a continuation of the expansion of the membership. Also, the focus would be to adapt our organisation to the changing environment that faces GA around the world. Changes that both challenge us, but which also provide new opportunities if we are open to them.

President Phil also presented his team. VP Europe is Thomas Morf, VP Australasia is Ian Jenner, VP Americas is Tim Freudenthal. As Member executive officer Han Klinksproor will continue with a team consisting of Mike McFarlane Australia, Eric Chin HK and Rankin Whittington from the Americas. As safety committee Jack Welge will continue with Michael Bryant from NZ and Christian Denke from Germany. Last but not least, Ian Kerr will continue as World secretary and Treasurer.
The mission of this round the world flight was to bring awareness for cancer and raise $750,000 to buy an urgently needed MRI machine for 'Rotary Ambala Cancer and General Hospital' in Ambala Cantt., India.

Founded in 2005, with the goal of bringing free healthcare to a very poor and underserved community, the Rotary Ambala Cancer and General Hospital had a very humble beginning with a nurse, its only employee, going from home to home bringing awareness of cancer to the poor. Since then, with the help and incredible generosity of the Rotarians and citizens of Ambala, the hospital has grown into a 100-bed facility.

Much has been accomplished but a lot more needs to be done! One major diagnostic piece of equipment the hospital does not have and needs urgently is an MRI Machine (the very basic tool needed for diagnosing cancer). The equipment costs $750,000, way beyond the hospital’s ability to buy it.

Please support me in this endeavor to raise $750,000 for the hospital to buy an MRI machine.

The Pilot Ravi Bansal, PhD a retired entrepreneur with a passion for flying and a wannabe Drummer is the pilot/owner of this Cessna 400.

This mission for me is very personal as it not only is an adventure that I have been dreaming about for a while, but will also help bring awareness about cancer in the rural community around Ambala and get the hospital a needed MRI machine now.

For further information see www.raviworldflight.com Here

**Hamburg Convention June 1st—June 5th 2019**

Convention days.

**Monday June 3rd**
The IFFR AGM will take place in the afternoon at the convention centre.

**Monday June 3rd**
IFFR Banquet is planned to be at the Hamburg harbour hotel “Hotel Hafen Hamburg” a short ride from the IFFR Hotel.

The Banquet will be at 7:00pm with drinks 6 for 7pm.

**Tuesday June 4th**
Visit to Airbus factory Finkenwerder

**Hamburg Post Convention Fly Away June 6th -15th.**

The post-convention Fly Away is in the making. The initial plan will take us through some of Germany’s most beautiful cities and interesting parts. Starting off with a visit to VW Autocity in Wolfsburg. On the 7th-9th Visit to Erfurt and Weimar to see some of the historic sites as well as experiencing the ambiance of the old city centres. Next stop is Giebelstadt then on to Speyer where we will visit the technical museum, the Dom and also the very charming Old city of Speyer. The final destination for the fly out is Koblenz where we will experience a cruise on the Rhein between the rolling hills filled with wines. We will stay 3 nights in Koblenz as it has lots to offer. A more detailed plan will be sent out later this year. Registration around January 1st. The fly out will be limited to 50 persons.
With the encouragement of World President Svend, it was my great honour to charter the IFFR squadron of Hong Kong, Macau and China in D3450. I would like to summarise the annual activity as follows:

1. Soft Charter on June 27th, 2017
   In the last JPM on June 27th, 2018, while I was DG, we had a soft launch with 23 members.

2. Charter Ceremony
   Followed the soft launch on June 27th, 2017, Rotary International Fellowship of Flying Rotarian (IFFR) Hong Kong Squadron charter ceremony was held on November 26th, 2017 in Hong Kong Aviation Club. This is an RI recognized fellowship programme to promote fellowship among Rotarians in the world via aviation as an interest. There are more than 70 Rotarians in D3450 joined as charter members. We enrolled 80 members.
IFFR World President Svend K Andersen and his wife Carina (from Demark), World President Elect Phil Pacey and Judy (from New Zealand), Vice President Australasia Ian Jenner and Marlene (from New Zealand) arrived HK to officiate the event.

During the charter ceremony, two distinguished Honorary members are appointed who are Captain Michael Chan, Controller, Government Flying Services and Chairman Pilot Hogan Loh, Exco committee, Hong Kong Air Cadet Corp. Two professional pilots will provide expert advice and support in aviation knowledge sharing to the IFFR HK and our members.

Thanks for DG HW Fung, DGE YC Ho, DGN Wilson Cheng, PDG David Harilela and PDG Eugene Fong joined IFFR.

Our Vice Squadron Leader PP Lily Fenn arranged 2 helicopter flights for our World President Svend and team. We also visited the Hong Kong Aviation Club on the same day as the charter ceremony with introduction by our Honorary Member Hogan Loh before the charter ceremony.

World President Svend and Team also visited the Government Flying Services in HK International Airport hosted by the Controller Captain Michael Chan who explained the details of operation of GFS in Hong.
3. Annual Dinner
We held our 1st Annual Dinner with inspirational talk on May 5th, 2018:
Modern Use of Helicopters" by PP Lily Fenn
"How can I become a pilot?" by Mr. Jason Ng and Mr. Felix Hue
20 members attended, and our honorary member Captain Michael Chan also attended and helped to update our use of helicopter knowledge

4. Visit Hong Kong Aviation Club, Shek Kong Airport
With the lead of our honorary member Pilot Hogan Loh, 9 members visited the Hong Kong Aviation Club, Shek Kong Airport which is managed by Military forces. Pilot Hogan is the Chair of Executive Board, Hong Kong Air Cadet Corp and a senior member in Hong Kong Aviation Club. Members had 2 hours visit and were updated on the operation of HK Aviation Club and how they promote private flight flying and learning.

5. Year Plan 2018-19
Our Year Plan is exciting!
Raise Fund HK$ 150,000 in 3 years to sponsor One Youth Flying Scholarship in Scotland.
Nov 6th-8th 2018 Visit Zhu Hai, PRC Air Show.
2 Visits to Flying related sites, Flying Knowledge enrichment talk, and an Annual Dinner will be arranged.
June 2019 Join RI Convention. See you all in Hamburg, Germany.
Target to grow members to 100 by end of June 30th, 2019
Meet the new NZ IFFR President 2018-20

Garry Goodman has been elected President of the New Zealand section of IFFR at the Annual General meeting held at Chatham Island on Saturday 14 April 2018.

Garry and his wife, Joce have been active participants in IFFR since joining in September 2008. He is a member and past-president of the Rotary Club of Palmerston North (which meets on Mondays at Noon) and a Paul Harris Fellow, and has been a Rotarian now for 36 years since joining in Invercargill.

Garry grew up on the North Shore of Auckland and is a Fellow of the Institution of Professional Engineers NZ – a civil engineer spending most of his professional life in local government with the latter years as Chief Executive of Palmerston North Airport Ltd until “retiring” in 2011.

He now runs his own small consultancy providing assistance to the airports’ industry association and a number of airports around New Zealand and the pacific. He is currently a director of the Chatham Island airport company.

Garry started flying with the Manawatu Districts Aeroclub in 1993 and has held his PPL with ratings on 7 different aircraft until deciding in the last couple of years that he just wasn’t getting in enough flying time. His work however keeps him in touch with aviation and amongst other things he represents NZ Airports on the CAA’s New Southern Sky working group to modernise air navigation in New Zealand.

In “retirement” he is doing a lot of voluntary community type work – as a Justice of the Peace and Court Marriage Registrar; providing database and software support for St John Health Shuttles nationally (software development is his hobby); and as Chairman of the Manawatu District of the NZ Automobile Association (and he is on the National Council of the AA).

Garry and Joce enjoy walking regularly (they recommend the Paekakariki to Pukerua Bay escarpment walking track - approx. 10km with millions of steps! - that they just did recently) and touring on their Kawasaki 1400GTR (Concours 14) sport touring motorbike. Between them, they have six children and eight grandchildren and enjoy the opportunities for family get-togethers.
Planes Places and Faces

New member in the Scandinavia section.

New member Janine Heldorf Olsson, VP NetJets Europa, was surprised with a sponsored membership from her Rotary Club of Skovshoved in Denmark.

The WP gave a presentation of fellowship in general and IFFR specifically in the Janine’s club, and the present club president Torben Nygaard initiated the surprise membership enrollment.

Janine is incoming president of Skovshoved Rotary Club, and now also a member of our IFFR Fellowship.

Welcome to Janine.

Popup Fly in at Flensburg airfield.

As Carina and I could not make the Italian fly-in I joined my local flying club for their visit to Flensburg Aeroclub. Here we were joined by Ulrich Starke from the German section, making it up for an improvised IFFR Fly in. In the picture is Jens Pisarski, Ulrich Starke and me.

Ulrich took the initiative to finally induct the president of the Flensburg Aeroclub, a long time Rotarian and now also an IFFR member. Dr. Martin Sprengel was inducted very appropriately at his home airport of Flensburg.
News from the World Secretary Ian Kerr:

It has been a pleasure to work with Svend over the past 2 years and I look forward to working with Phil, a fellow member of the Rotary E-club of Aviation.

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

To log in 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'. Only your address held in Membermojo is recognised.
4 Within a minute you will receive an email - in the email message press 'click here to sign in'.

To log in from a mobile phone:

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

You can also enter membermojo.co.uk/iffr into your browser which takes you direct to the sign in page.

Check your details and upload a photo:

Select 'Your membership' and 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 and upload a photo then press 'Save' at the bottom to save all changes.

How to find details of other IFFR members:

Select 'Your membership' and scroll 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 colour 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.

Please ignore the 'Payments' option as payments are made via your section.

If you wish you can select 'Set password' under 'Your membership' but this is not necessary as you can simply sign in using your email address. However, a password speeds up access.

Ian Kerr