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News from the New President
Warm greetings from New Zealand! Here in the South Pacific it’s springtime and our best flying weather is just around the corner.

In this, my first newsletter since taking over the controls from Svend, I’ll recap some of the best bits of 2018 so far and fill you in on what’s coming up over the next few months.

What’s been happening in 2018:

The International Rotary Convention 23-25 June 2018
Of course, the biggest event this year has been the International Rotary Convention, which took place in Toronto, Canada.

The IFFR booth in the huge House of Friendship was a hive of activity with many of our international members connecting with old friends and making new ones. A big thanks to Ian Kerr and team for setting up and staffing the booth.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 25th of June in the convention centre, and was well attended. Later the same day around 80 members enjoyed our banquet at the magnificent Royal Canadian Military Institute, which houses an impressive array of military memorabilia and weaponry – truly a night to remember.

I was very humbled to be presented with the presidential chain by outgoing president Svend Andersen and I look forward to leading our wonderful fellowship throughout my term as president. It was my great pleasure to present Svend with an engraved crystal award in recognition of the outstanding work he has done during his two-year term. His calm approach has certainly made the handover easier for me. My wife Judy also presented Svend’s wife Carina with a New Zealand Paua shell necklace.
**Fly Away USA 28 June – 7 July**
The fly away was a huge success and we had a great time flying over the North Eastern United States thanks to the organizational skills of Gary and Connie Deanell, who expertly dealt with unplanned events like our dinner venue burning to the ground (thankfully well before we arrived!).

My personal thanks to Tim Pulitzer, Sam Bishop and Burt Dibble for allowing me to fly with them.

I must mention Thomas, who drove the bus following the aircraft very safely and professionally in his trademark cap, given to him by Madonna!

For the full run down on the fly away, check out the Americas Websites August Newsletter for August which has full details:

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**Farewell dinner 7 July**
At our farewell dinner it was a great pleasure to see Tom Johnston presented with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award by the FAA. The award recognises individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as "Master Pilots". I am sure all members will join me in congratulating Tom for an outstanding achievement.

**Upcoming events:**

**Australasia October 2018 and Easter 2019:**
In Australia the Melbourne fly in will take place from 12 - 14th of October, closely followed by a New Zealand fly in to Stratford in the North Island from the 26th – 29th of October.

During Easter 2019 New Zealand will host another fly in, this time to Nelson in the South Island. We will be attending the famous World War I airshow at Omaka, where IFFR members will have the rare chance to ride in the PBY Catalina. Anyone who remembers the New Zealand fly away back in 2000 will be familiar with the magnificent Catalina.
Hong Kong November 2018:
Judy and I are very much looking forward to our upcoming trip to Hong Kong in November and attending the annual dinner of the branch there.
Eric Chin and his team have been very active, organising visits to various aviation installations and setting up a flying scholarship to the UK.
We are very excited about travelling with the group to the Zhuhai Airshow in China, so look out for a report of how it went in the next newsletter.

Hamburg Convention 1st – 5th June 2019
I hope many fellows can attend the convention in Hamburg next year, where we will hold the Annual General Meeting and Banquet for members.

For those who have not had the chance to attend the International Rotary Convention before I assure you it’s worth the trip. It truly is a wonderful experience to mix with Rotarians from all around the world and a unique opportunity for far flung IFFR members to meet each other in person.

Stay tuned for details of the post-convention fly away which is always great fun as well as a time to experience the true meaning of our group’s fellowship.

Local section’s events:
All Sections have fly ins and events planned for the rest of this year and many more planned for 2019. Keep watching your local website and our International website iffr.org for details.

A few other things you need to know:

• We need member aircraft photos for the IFFR website – please send yours to Bo Johnsson our webmaster at bo@sitdown.se
• We have held our first online board meeting and I also attended the Americas meeting thanks to the wonders of modern technology.
• Our Membermojo is working well and proving useful – it’s a password-protected list of members’ details.

If you haven’t seen it yet, log in and check that your details are correct and up to date – if not you can edit them there in the Membermojo. A PDF list of World members will be produced towards the end of the year with name and area details only.

Until next time wishing you many happy days flying. And remember: Fly Well
Fly Safe
Fly Often

All the best,

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Road to Toronto, from Australasian VP Ian Jenner

In June 2018, the Rotary International Convention was held in Toronto and at the IFFR AGM held during the convention, our friend and NZ IFFR member Phil Pacey was inducted as World President of IFFR. Having decided we should be there for this momentous event, we then turned our minds to finding an interesting way of getting to Toronto. Why not fly to Vancouver (served directly by Air NZ from Auckland) then take the VIA Rail train to Toronto with a couple of stops along the way. This seemed like a reasonable plan so Judy Pacey started work on options and possibilities and eventually bookings were made to travel from Vancouver to Jasper by bus, driving through the Rockies with stop-overs at Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise. Our group was multi cultural with Phil and Judy Pacey, Ian Jenner and Marlene Marsden, Keith and Heather Mitchell and Peter and Margaret Armstrong from NZ, Mike and Sali McFarlane from Australia and Alan Dias and Jennie Manders from USA.

Our journey continued as we were bused back to the Jasper railway station to board the train heading for Toronto with stops at Edmonton (2 nights ) then to Winnipeg (3 nights) and onto Toronto. Our train was due to depart at 17.30, but on arrival at the station we were told the train was running late and further updates would follow.

We quickly learned that VIA Rail passenger trains come a very distant second to freight trains on the line and the freight trains were both regular and long. Our train eventually departed at 0500 so our 6 hour evening journey to Edmonton became a daylight trip and we did not need the hotel room we had booked.

That experience of delays was repeated for each leg of the journey; we calculated over the 3 legs we each lost 32 hours of our life due to train delays. Despite that the group enjoyed the experience of travelling across Canada, sleeping on the train in comfortable beds and certainly enjoyed the food and beverages on board.

Our IFFR hotel in Toronto was very comfortable, with views of the lake and planes landing or taking off at Billy Bishop Airport. It was great to catch up with other IFFR members and friends at the convention and in the House Of Friendship; as always, the IFFR booth was a busy place and the centre of attention for several days.
The big day arrived and the IFFR members taking part in the flyaway boarded their coach for the journey over the border to the USA, except for a few brave members who had flown their planes into Billy Bishop, and one un-named NZ member who had planned to fly but then woke up to the fact that he could not enter the USA that way and spent a very expensive cab ride to catch up to the coach. The flyaway was very well organised by Garry and Connie Dehnel with stops at Syracuse, Ticonderoga and Laconia and visits to historic places including Fort Ticonderoga and the Mt Washington hotel at Bretton Woods.

A specially enjoyable outing (for me anyway) was a trip on the Mt Washington Cog Railway which is said to be the first cog railway in the world.

Final nights were at Portsmouth, which is a very historic old port city and looked more like an English village than an American town.

All too soon it was time to say fond farewells to the group and head our separate ways until we meet again - hopefully in Hamburg, June 2019

_Ian Jenner, VP Australasia_
The Swiss Delegation visits Linköping, the Aviation Capital of Sweden

The Scandinavian section of the IFFR has invited to Linköping this year. Linköping is located about 200 km southwest of Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. It is a small town with a famous history. The town is home to one of the largest aircraft manufacturers in Europe: SAAB. The company SAAB produces aircrafts for general aviation, but above all aircrafts for military use (Gripen). The program of the Scandinavia section seemed to be very attractive and exciting.

That’s why a group of IFFR members from Switzerland registered and departed the Monday before the begin of the meeting in Zurich.
11 people with 2 airplanes made their way to Linköping. We flew with a Cessna 400 with 2 persons on board and the Pilatus PC12 with 9 POB first to northern Germany to the Baltic Sea to the island of Usedom. Here we enjoyed the beautiful landscape with cycling, swimming, walking and above all the fine food at the common dinner.

On Thursday the journey continued to Linköping. We landed at the company-owned airfield of SAAB with a special permit. After the landing we were warmly welcomed by our Scandinavian friends.
With the bus we drove then to the hotel. In the evening we were invited to the town hall and greeted personally by the Mayor in the meeting room of the parliament. Later we met for a dinner in Linköping.

The visit of SAAB on Friday was a highlight of this fly-in. You probably think, that SAAB is the producer of cars. In fact, SAAB is an abbreviation for “Swedish Airplanes Ltd”. They once started as an airplane factory and later on became a producer of family cars and commercial trucks and buses. Later on, the Ford Motor Company took over the car business – and we all know what happened. The visit to SAAB was very impressive.

In the afternoon we had the opportunity to visit the Open Air Museum in Linköping. This was attended by many participants.
Dinner was then served on a ship. This ship had to go through 7 locks to Lake Roxen and managed 18.8 meters from the Göta canal to the lake.

On the ship there was not only shrimp eating, but a lot of singing and dancing. I was really surprised by the exuberance of our IFFR friends.

The next day on Saturday, we visited the beautiful small village Vadstena on Lake Vättern. Situated on the shore of Lake Vättern, the second largest lake in Sweden and by far the deepest, it was a natural stop-over in the 11th century for pilgrims on the route to Trondheim in Norway. In the 13th century the village was the birth place of Jarl Birger, who became the nation’s first “prime-minister”. His great-great-great-granddaughter Birgitta founded a monastery and built herself a church, completely out sized for that small village, and later became Sweden’s only Saint, canonized by the Pope in Rome despite Sweden being part of the Protestant Christianity. Being such a small place, but of such importance, no wonder that the King of Sweden decided in the 16th century that he needed to build a thoroughly fortified castle to protect the land from the evil Danes.

After lunch we went back to Linköping to the world famous Air Force Museum at Malmen Airfield. This museum is one of the most beautiful and impressive I have ever seen (www.flygvapenmuseum.se). In the middle of the beautiful old airplanes the traditional gala dinner took place. I was especially pleased with a lot of conversations among each other and the wonderful friendship within the IFFR family.
On Sunday it was time to say goodbye. The Swiss delegation won’t forget this wonderful weekend. The Fly-In was really great, perfectly organized by Inga-Lill and Roland Johnsson and their team with Lydia Banderby, Bo Johnsson and Rolf Mikkelsen. I would like to thank you very much for organizing this wonderful weekend in Sweden.

Thomas Morf, VP Europe
Membership Corner: ROFL, MTOW, DINKY, TORA, NIMBY, TOGA, AIDA & IFFR

Dear IFFR fellows,

In this day of pressing agendas, endless acronyms and emojis, I’d like to talk to you about AIDA. Some of you will probably say: YES, and please add pictures of the beautiful Ethiopian princess from Verdi’s masterpiece. Unfortunately I have to disappoint you.

A.I.D.A. is marketing speak and serves as “aide de memoire” for the steps to market a product. What product and what does this have to do with IFFR?

Well folks, IFFR membership is a product, it needs to be marketed, otherwise IFFR will be out of business in a foreseeable future.

As I have written in this Newsletter before, it is imperative that we all get out of our cockpits and start working the world outside to attract new membership. In June during the Toronto Fly-out, Mike McFarland, Ranking Whittington and myself (aka the WCM - World Committee on Membership) sat together to kick idea’s around on how to interest and attract new members in IFFR. That brought about the idea to use AIDA as a guideline to roll out and make every IFFR member an ambassador for our fellowship.

This is the first instalment of a series talking about AIDA:

- **Attention** - Hmm, what is this?
- **Interest** - Tell me more about it
- **Decision** - Hey, I’d like to be involved in this
- **Action** - Where and how do I join?

As I can’t take up all of WP Phil’s newsletter, stay on the frequency for the next issue, where I will be talking about the 5 P’s in marketing and ways to attract ATTENTION for our fine bunch of flying world citizens: IFFR!

By the way: following this course is easy, just read every issue of Phil’s newsletter and by the end of the series I’ll issue a signed testimonial that looks good on your CV.

Stay tuned!

*Han Klinkspoor, Membership Committee Chair*
IFFR Safety Report #4

Flying Rotarians -

It was wonderful to see a number of you at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, and returning from that venue caused me to reflect on how extraordinarily lucky we are to be Aviators as well as Rotarians, and if only for brief periods, as completely in control of our destinies as our Creator and Air Traffic Control Centre will allow.

That uniqueness and our common bond of Rotary unite us fraternally with as strong a bond as that of many orders.

The bond makes us glad to be Flying Rotarians, but it can push us past our safe minimums when flying in groups with our more experienced pilots.

It is said pilots go through four stages of proficiency in flying, Cautious, Compliant, Confident, and Complacent.

As the last two can kill, minimums’ checklists are recommended, but even when using safe minimums, peer pressure or stress to complete the mission can concoct a deadly mix when we are overly confident or complacent.

We as Flying Rotarians have experienced an exemplary safety record over the past several years, but that record is measured solely by flights completed without incident and it is only as good as the next flight we take.

Fly well, fly safely, be aware of the four C’s and enjoy our events this fall.

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2018 Flying Day Report: Successful Flying day for young carers across the globe

On 19th May the Rotary E-club of Aviation, of which WP Phil and I are members, held a day flying young carers, the youngsters aged from as young as 5 to 16, who help care for parents or young siblings who cannot manage day to day on their own without their help through illness or incapacity.

What made the day different is that, due to the international make up of our club, the flights took place throughout the world as you can see below.

Auckland, New Zealand

Gold Coast, Australia
In total 50 youngsters enjoyed a day they will never forget.

Ian Kerr, IFR World Secretary & PP Rotary E-Club of Aviation
Report from the Americas

Greetings from the America’s IFFR V.P. Tim Freudenthal and all of our members. 2018 has so far been a prosperous year for our membership as we continue to see growth in numbers. The Toronto convention was again a truly great time for IFFR members to get together and share flying stories and catch up with old and dear friends.

Seeing Phil Pacey getting installed as our World President by the outgoing Svend Anderson reminds us of how time flies when it was only a few short years ago that baton was passed down from James Alexander. It seems like only a few day ago. Looking forward we have George Chaffey coming up through the ranks.

Going into 2019 our Americas goal is to enhance, support and continue to grow our membership here in this region and expand some flying events to include more members and get total Fellowship involvement. We are expanding our leadership through our Section Chairs and Squadron Leaders which should help to generate some attendance at flying events throughout the flying season.

We are encouraging a good turnout for the 2019 Rotary Convention in Hamburg Germany and we are all looking forward to meeting our European membership that have not had the chance to visit America or any of the events that we hold here. We are still waiting for the final plans on the fly-out through Germany and we are expecting a good turnout from the America’s.

We encourage all of the World Members to visit us at IFFRAMERICAS.ORG and keep up with the events that we have throughout the year. Our best attended event each year is the EAA Airventure held in Oshkosh, WI. This year, 2018, we had about 25 IFFR members attend the noon Rotary lunch at the convention grounds from 4 countries plus the U.S.A. This is a great time to get together for a purely Aviation event and catch up with fellow members.

Until we all meet in Hamburg, best of flying wishes to you all and keep your wings level and attitudes up!

Tim Freudenthal, VP Americas
High & Fast, Low & Slow — meet World President Elect, George Chaffey

George Chaffey, from near San Francisco, California, is our World President Elect.... that’s a high position, and he’s been moving fast in IFFR...high & fast. But, he’s also known as the Wing Leader of the Low & Slow Squadron...low & slow.

And for good reason.... he flies a 1948 Luscombe 8F (Lady Bird, named by his wife Carol).... stick and rudder taildragger that cruises at only 100 mph. At IFFR flying events since he joined in 1992, George & Lady Bird are often first off, last in.

In the last few years, he’s flown Lady Bird on many 10,000-mile cross-country adventures around the United States... to participate at Oshkosh, to attend Rotary Conventions in Los Angeles, New Orleans, Atlanta, to present programs at his Law Firm’s offices throughout the US, and visit IFFR and other friends. The USA is big, but as George puts it... “the United States is a REALLY BIG country in a Luscombe” .... especially when westbound over the expansive southwest with a prevailing 20 knot headwind... allowing those pesky Volkswagens below to pass Lady Bird.

So, you might ask, why hasn’t George bought a faster airplane? Well, that’s what he originally planned to do.

George was introduced to flying as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia, West Africa. One of the fellow lawyer volunteers had owned a Luscombe, which interested George, who then became hooked after flying with bush pilots all around Liberia (he has interesting bush plot stories). He returned to the US, and in 1971 found a Luscombe to be his “first” airplane before he moved up to faster and better. But in 1982 a friend beautifully restored Lady Bird, and she was 1983 Reserve Grand Champion Classic at EAA’s AirVenture in Oshkosh....what a great honor, winning a “Lindy” (as the top Oshkosh awards are called), and with it, the right to park every Oshkosh in the honored “Past Grand Champions” section near the Red Barn (HQ of the Vintage Division) and at the center of action. Now Lady Bird had cache... and furthermore, she and George were spending many more thousands of miles together as they crisscrossed the country together. Selling Lady Bird would have been like trading in the beloved family dog....“Skippy, you’ve been a great dog and the family loves you dearly, but now we want a bigger and faster dog, so.....”. Couldn’t do it.

And so, Lady Bird and George have continued on together....occasionally being overtaken by westbound Volkswagens... often taking a bit longer than others... but they’re two old friends having just a little more time together.

George finding his doppelgänger at the Banquet! photo courtesy of Rankin Whittington