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**News from the President**

Warm greetings from New Zealand and the South Pacific where our flying season is just getting started.

It’s been a busy few months for Judy and me as we’ve travelled to various events around the world with plenty more still to come.

**Australasian fly-ins in Melbourne, Australia and Stratford New Zealand:**

Judy and I first headed for the Melbourne fly in from October 12-14. I was lucky enough to catch the Bathurst 1000 Motor Race on the way, before we drove around the Southern coast of Australia to Melbourne. The fly-in was ably organised by past chairman of IFFR Australia Mike McFarlane and his wife Sali and we had a wonderful time.

Our local New Zealand event from 26 to 29 November in Stratford (West Coast of the North Island) unfortunately turned into a drive-in due to a dismal weather forecast. The background to the photo of my Cessna 206 in the last newsletter shows the area on a good day, but unfortunately we weren’t so lucky this time. Nevertheless, NZ president Garry Goodman ran a successful and worthwhile event with the help of Michael Bryant and Eric Linklater.

Don’t miss the full details of these two events later in the newsletter.
Hong Kong Squadron first anniversary celebrations: 3–8 November 2018:

Our next adventure was to visit Hong Kong to celebrate with the first anniversary of the Hong Kong Squadron. For the first anniversary dinner we enjoyed a fabulous banquet with cake cutting and many toasts. There were also entertaining talks from Lilly Fenn on her exploits in Africa and from Captain Michael Chan about acquiring new helicopters for the Hong Kong government, and receiving an international award for his Flying Services efforts during the recent typhoon. I presented the Hong Kong Squadron with a plaque from the IFFR to mark the occasion.

We were honoured to be invited to the combined 60th birthday and 32nd wedding anniversary celebrations of Hong Kong Charter President Eric Chin and his wife Christine, and what an amazing party it was! We joined his family and many Rotary friends at the Hong Kong Football Club – a fantastic venue packed with a more than a century’s worth of sporting memorabilia.

Eric and Christine joined Judy and me on our visit to the China Airshow at Zhuhai Airport. We arrived via the new Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge (HZMB) which is made up of a 55-kilometre bridge–tunnel system consisting of a series of three cable-stayed bridges, an undersea tunnel, and four artificial islands. It is both the longest sea crossing and the longest fixed link on earth. This $20 billion mega-infrastructure project was only started in 2011 and is truly breath-taking in its scale. It is currently open only to drivers with special permits, so when we arrived at the Chinese border post set up to handle thousands of cars per hour, ours was the only vehicle – quite spooky! Eric jokingly suggested that the bridge had been temporarily closed to allow the IFFR world president to cross….hmmmm!
Once in China we met up with fellow Rotarians Penny Wong and Annie Fong who escorted us to the Airshow. To say I was impressed by what I saw there in the way of aircraft and military hardware would be a massive understatement – it was truly awe-inspiring and more than a little terrifying. We saw military hardware ranging from small arms to what appeared to be mobile ballistic missile launchers – and everything in between. I noticed quite a few attendees in military uniforms from around the world, complete with their entourages. There were also many Russian-designed jet fighters and bombers and many armed drones including a 5-ton MIL Helicopter converted to a drone.

On the civil aviation side we saw a massive AG600 amphibian powered by four 6-bladed WJ-6 turboprops. It looked like a civilian airliner with a boat attached beneath it and was a spectacular sight (I was told off for taking too many photos!). Alongside the Mooneys and Airvans there were some interesting copies - a three-door, five-seat Cirrus copy and a brand-new Cessna 152 copy with three seats and a 0.235 motor.

The Airshow really was like a Disneyland for pilots and they almost had to drag me away. My only disappointment was that I didn’t see the thrust-vectoring fighters as we were in the entrance hall although we certainly heard them! I’m hugely grateful for the efforts of Eric and Michael to get the tickets and to Penny and Annie for helping us with translations as we went around.
After all that excitement it was very nice to spend the evening relaxing with the group at the Zhongshan Hot Spring Resort nestled at the southern foot of Luosanmei Mountain, Sanxiang Town, Zhongshan City. The resort is quite large and absolutely beautiful with stunning views of the mountain and lake. The following day we did some sightseeing at the 15th Century Whampoa port and museum before returning to Hong Kong on the high-speed train reaching 307km/hr, which was pretty impressive.

Upcoming events:

- For us the next trip is already underway – We’ll be joining the UK Section for their Christmas lunch which we are greatly looking forward to. Look out for a full report in the next newsletter.
- I hope to see many of you at the convention in Hamburg from the 1st to the 6th of June 2019 where we will hold the Annual General Meeting and Banquet for members. There will also be a fly-away after the event which is set to be a fantastic experience for those who can take part. Please see the full details in the report below, including how you can register.
- I would encourage you all to check the web http://iffr.org/events/ for fly-ins near you or near to where you may travel.

As you can see, Judy and I have certainly been clocking up the air miles visiting the various chapters around the world. It’s an immense privilege to be the president of this fantastic organisation, and despite a dose of airline flu we’re determined to visit as many sections as possible in Europe and the Americas during the northern summer in 2019.
I’ve been made aware that some members of our fellowship have been caught up in the recent California fires and the earthquake in Alaska. Judy and I wanted to pass on our thoughts to all those affected and our thanks to those members who have been helping in any way they can.

On a more positive note, we’re planning on spending our (hopefully) hot summer Christmas day swimming in the pool with the grandchildren. Whatever you may be planning, we wish all fellows and their families around the world a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

And remember:
Fly Well
Fly Safe
Fly Often

All the best,

Phil Pacey
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Introducing Andrew Mladen- President of the Australian Section
This is the first opportunity for me to introduce myself to all the members. Many of you know me already, however, there are many members whom I have not yet met. I joined the Toowoomba Rotary Club in 1985 and one member of this club was a founding member of the Australian Section of the IFFR. It took Stow Kentish some time to convince me to join the IFFR, but I did so, and my wife Joan and I decided that we would attend the Chinchilla Fly-in in 1990. Joan was not a good flyer at that time, and the Aero Club only had a Beagle Pup available, so we took it to the Fly-in and enjoyed meeting with so many enthusiastic aviation minded people. We then bought a share in a Cessna 182 VH-GWF. This was the original 1956 C182, before the C182A. We attended more fly-ins including a marathon (for us) flight to Perth. In 2001 we purchased VH-KKV, which is a Cessna R182. We have travelled to most parts of Australia in this aircraft and will continue to enjoy the many fly-ins in the future. I am honored to be your president for this two year period and I have two main goals I would like to achieve. Firstly, I would encourage you to be persistent with any Rotarian you meet with an interest in aviation to join our fellowship. We need more members to enable us to enjoy the activities we look forward to so much. Secondly, I hope that, with Fly-in Chairman Rodney and Committee, we can continue to show you some great locations, interesting activities and to make great friends in our Fellowship. Safe flying
Melbourne – The Long Way Round

Our first destination on our journey to the Melbourne Fly-in, was in the heart of the central west of New South Wales at Narromine. Four aircraft were to rendezvous here from Queensland and Sydney. Richard Paine was trapped in the Sydney Basin by the rather severe weather at the time, so we were reduced to three aircraft. Our plan included a stop at Dubbo to collect Alan Lunghusen on the way. This was Alan’s first IFFR Fly-in and he travelled commercially to Dubbo from Melbourne to join us.

We had free time at Narromine to see the town sights, view the Glen McGrath statue, check out the Aero Club and enjoy the pleasant weather. In the evening we attended the meeting of the Narromine Rotary Club at the Ex-Services Club. Here we heard how this little club took on big projects and made a difference in their community. Top of the list was action to alleviate the stress on rural people who are having a dreadful time with the drought. One of the projects was to arrange family fun days in small communities where families could get together for a B-B-Q, talk to neighbours, kids could play together on jumping castles etc. Drought Aid consultant, Ruth Simmons was guest speaker and she told of the severe stress and trauma people were enduring in the hope that it might rain soon. I am pleased to announce that the IFFR fellowship donated $1,000.00 to the Rotary club to help sponsor one Family Fun Day. In making the presentation, I did advise that it is common for our attendance in a region to bring on a break in the drought. The next morning, at around five am, Narromine was surrounded by thunderstorms with rain.
Not a lot of rain, but I think it gave people hope that it will rain again. The main weather system was situated on the east coast of NSW and this precluded any idea of us flying to our next planned stop at Wollongong. After a bit of ringing around we decided we could overnight in Temora. The weather was fine but there was a decidedly strong easterly wind (40 knot) which made us work hard at landing in Temora. Another afternoon exploring the town’s sights, and a visit to the Temora Aviation Museum, kept us busy. I took the opportunity, as I always do when in Temora, to visit what I call the “Swift Memorial”. The first time I saw it some years ago, the inscription to a departed aviator impressed me so much that I have asked Joan to have it applied to my grave-stone. But not just yet.

The wind kept up relentlessly all night and was still blowing at the airport where we witnessed wheelchair bound people taking flight in a Foxbat Ultralight aircraft. During our preparation for departure, Audrey Peachey became a victim of the severe wind as she was blown off the wing of the Cirrus. It took a while for the pain in her hip to settle but she managed to mount up again for the flight to Lakes Entrance.

The wind had abated a little in Victoria but Audrey was most uncomfortable after she alighted. Rodney thought it best to seek medical advice so called an ambulance which promptly whisked Audrey and Rodney off to Bairnsdale Hospital. Here it was determined that Audrey suffered a crack in a bone near her hip and she was booked in for a night’s stay. Back at the airport our numbers increased with the arrival of Mike and Sali McFarlane who had flown in and World IFFR President, Phil and Judy Pacey and Alan and Maisie Grady who drove in their cars on the way to Melbourne. The wind had also followed us to Lakes Entrance and the sailing cruise aboard the restored pearl-lugger “Pam” was a test for sailors and passengers alike. The boat loved it, sailing the beautiful lakes, with all three sails up, at a leisurely 6 knots. The rest of the afternoon was taken up with sight-seeing and then dinner in a nice café. Next morning after a short flight across southern Victoria we arrived at Moorabbin airport where Mike had commandeered some tie down spots for us. We were collected and chauffeured to
our Melbourne accommodation by Mike and Ern Dawes. All the while, Rodney had put Audrey on to a commercial flight to the Gold Coast, while he drove back to Bairnsdale in preparation for his solo flight home the next day.

After a “bit” of shopping, we joined up with all the other members to walk down to the river quay for a cruise up the Yarra River, the first item on a packed weekend itinerary. This is how some of us got to Melbourne the long way round.

Andrew Mladen- President of Australian Section

Report from IFFR New Zealand of our Stratford visit by Peter Armstrong

Over the weekend of 26-28 October 2018 the New Zealand IFFR held its 6 monthly fly-in or in this case drive in. Due to inclement weather those of us contemplating flying decided to drive, in my case having picked up our Australian IFFR visitors Mike and Salli Mcfarlane from Melbourne on Thursday 25th as Mike and Salli were booked to fly-out home on the Monday afternoon prudence dictated that we drive.

A full program had been organised by Michael Bryant and his Manawatu contingent of Eric Linklater and Garry Goodman for the 23 attendees.

Stratford lies to the East of Mt. Taranaki, mid way between New Plymouth and Hawera. It is the centre of a rich dairy farming area, and the western gateway to the “forgotten Highway” and Taumarunui. Our visit coincided with the Taranaki Garden Spectacular, more later.
In true Kiwi fashion the weekend kicked off with a visit to the Midhurst Tavern, for buffet and get together.

On Saturday 27th by bus we travelled to the Tawhiti Museum the museum has two main sections, the museum and the “Traders and Whalers” display.

The Tawhiti Museum is a truly unique enterprise. The creation of artist Nigel Ogle, its attention to detail is simply stunning. Widely acclaimed as the best private museum in the country, the museum uses life size exhibits and scale models to present our heritage in a series of super realistic and engaging displays.

All these displays were designed and built on the premises in the 'Body Shop' and accompanying studios, which were viewed as part of our museum visit.

'Traders & Whalers' is one New Zealand’s most innovative historical presentation. Two years in the planning and over two years of building, this attraction set out to challenge its guests with a stunningly creative and hauntingly real environment as the basis for a study of the Taranaki coast in the 1820 - 1840 period, it succeeded!

We then departed for the Elvis Presley Private Museum, Hawera. where Kevin, David Wasley (KD) has been an avid collector of Elvis records and memorabilia since 1959.

When it comes to Elvis jokes, Kevin, David Wasley (KD) has heard them all. He’s often told it wouldn’t do to get all shook up with his paintbrush in his job as a contract painter and paperhanger.

Step inside KD owns the Elvis Presley Memorial Record Room at 51 Argyle Street, Hawera, and don’t let the fact that it’s in his garage put you off. It is a veritable shrine to the singer from Memphis who died 16th August, 1977, though KD, self-styled curator will argue, “it’s a celebration of Elvis’ life” he says, “not his death”. And so, very definitely,
it is. Elvis on the walls and the ceiling. Elvis on the glasses, mugs, ties, cufflinks, book sleeves, album covers, even the barstools.

Clearly a case off Elvis has not left the building.

Early afternoon we departed for the Hollard Gardens (a garden of National Significance) for a walk through the informal and intimate gardens with a huge variety of native and exotic plants. Many are rare and endangered.

Given it was spring, the vibrant colour (through the rain) of The Swamp is a must-see,

From there in heavy rain it was on to Dawson Falls, none of us were game in the conditions to take the short walk (20min) down to the falls, instead we viewed the park information in the Conservation Centre located on the mountain.

That evening we dined in a local café where we were entertained by Alan Beck from Beck Helicopters.

Beck Helicopters was the first Taranaki based helicopter operator, and is the longest surviving New Zealand helicopter operator, being continuously operated by Alan’s family, since 1972.

It was established with a single Bell 47 helicopter but now operates three Bell Iroquois and one Bell Jet Ranger helicopter, throughout New Zealand, Australia, and the USA

Was originally established to service the need for spraying operations throughout Taranaki, they quickly saw the need for an accurate topdressing service, remote lifting, air transport, surveys and search and rescue operations. With the purchase of a Bell 206 Jet Ranger in 1977 they quickly established ourselves within the agricultural helicopter scene throughout New Zealand.

Alan give us a talk on this interesting company from its inception through to the present day

Sunday 28th:

A quick IFFR meeting was held where our group passed its condolences to Ian Manderson over the recent passing of Rose, his wife. Arrangements were also discussed for our next meeting to be held Easter 2019 in Nelson schedule to coincide with a visit to Omaka Classic Fighters Airshow in Blenheim. This is a thoroughly recommended must go to airshow. Current registrations are around 40 individuals, half from outside New Zealand
From there we were off to the Pioneer Village—a great outdoor museum featuring forty buildings representing authentic structures circa 1850 – 1950. Some of us took a nostalgic stroll through yesteryear to experience the outdoor museum as it was presented to the Taranaki pioneers in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

No visit to the Taranaki Pioneer Village is complete without taking a ride on the ‘Pioneer Express’ train, even more memorable given the rain, the train kept slipping so all the IFFR heavyweights (not me!!!) got out and gave the train a push. It was a popular way to view the complex as it encircled the property.

Next stop the Taranaki Aviation Technology and Transport Museum) a hands on museum. For me it was the first time in 30 years that I had seen the old Teleprinters and Telex machines that I was a technician for - 50 years ago – oh the nostalgia!!

Other key interesting and interactive displays included

- The ability to operate a telephone exchange and manually transfer calls
- Experiencing early radio and recording techniques
- Following the evolution of computers and communications technologies
- Playing cashiers with vacuum and wire monetary transfers across the museum
- Study the huge scale model of Taranaki’s gas-to-methanol plant
- Try your hand at hot-lead typesetting and press printing
- Some of us relived our agricultural heritage – from threshing machines to milk pumps.

It was back to Egmont Village and Kauri Cottage for lunch, then off to “Pukeiti” the Rhododendron spectacular on the slopes of Mt Taranaki, beside the Egmont National Park. Its new Rainforest Centre sits at the entrance to Pukeiti and features a multi-media interpretation area, function space and direct access to covered areas housing the largest public display of vireya rhododendrons in the world.

It also offered us panoramic views of the rainforest garden and coast with easy access to a tree-top lookout over Pukeiti’s famed waterwheel.
Our weekend concluded with a transfer to Stratford Mountain House Restaurant for a fine dining experience.

The Mountain House is part of Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust, they bring an awareness to the environment, sacredness of the land, and an insight into the Maori culture. Profits from The Mountain House are extended towards a range of activities that directly contribute to the health, wellbeing and support of the Ngati Ruanui peoples. They believe Mount Taranaki is a sacred and beautiful place for all to enjoy, and from the photos attached you can all see the beauty of our environment.

That concluded our magical weekend, next morning Monday 29th most of us made our way home but for some they chose to enjoy more of the Taranaki Garden Spectacular during the rest of the following week.

Peter and Margaret Armstrong
UK Norfolk Fly In June 2018

Here is a selection of images from the UK’s June 2018 fly in to Norfolk of the east coast of the England.

Aircraft arrived for Norwich event.

Cake celebrating 50 years

Group at Norwich Hotel.

Distinguished senior members.
Ideas to promote IFFR and increase membership

Last month I introduced the notion of AIDA, the steps taken in decision making to buy a service, product or, who knows, to join IFFR. This brings about another acronym used in marketing speak, the 6P’s that are essential to be considered before going to market. For many of the readers the 6P’s may be familiar: Product, Place, Promotion, Price, People and Passion must be defined.

- **PRODUCT:**
  - WHAT IS THE IFFR PRODUCT. To me IFFR is an international worldwide group that shares the love of flight, airplanes, active or passive, that have the “bug”. Beyond this, it is a unique group that does meet each other at fly-ins in international settings which provides interesting views and personal contacts that bring understanding about other countries, cultures. Professionally through my working life I had a lot of business friends in a large number of countries. In IFFR I have found interesting personal relationships that matter.
  - WHAT IS THE IFFR PRODUCT DEFINITELY NOT. A group of well to do, middle age, clearly successful, individuals, that spend their glamorous life flying their expensive toys visiting exotic places that you see on TV and can only dream of. Avoiding and, when necessary, undoing this image is paramount to our success in attracting new members. This is not a closed, by invitation only, unaffordable network. This is a fun organization affordable to the average person doing unique things and everybody is welcome, as long as there is a “bug” creating a passion for conquering the sky.

I am sure you all can think of your own passion elements to be part of IFFR. Share this with everybody you meet. You’ll be surprised how many people are interested in the ins and out of flying and dream about unknown horizons as they sit on their holiday flight. If you approach that curiosity and show that if hundred of thousands ordinary people can understand and learn about the activity of flying, the shortest way to learn more is to join IFFR and explore these horizons.

Well this takes care of the first and last P in the 6Ps. Think about IFFR as a marketable product, the passion we all have for the product and how we can talk affectionately about humanity exploring the third dimension by decollage (French for take-off, literally meaning “unglueing” which is a nice way to describe the feeling). Now the quiz question is “what is the French word for landing?” Collage?

Next time we’ll get serious about Place, where to start “mining” new members and how to Promote our wonderful Fellowship. Stay on this frequency and remember AIDA!

Han Klinkspoor- Membership Chairman

PS: Opinions (positive and negative) on this contribution and ideas are welcomed by the editor.
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Braunschweig/Wolfsburg Autostadt

The Autostadt (Automobile City) is a visitor attraction adjacent to the Volkswagen factory in Wolfsburg, Germany, with a prime focus on automobiles. It features a museum, feature pavilions for the principal automobile brands in the Volkswagen Group, a customer center where customers can pick up new cars, and take a tour through the enormous factory, a guide to the evolution of roads, and cinema in a large sphere.

Aviators: 07:00: Loading the bus with luggage. Then separate transfer to the airport.
Non-aviators: 07:15: Departure from Hamburg to Braunschweig. Approx. 220 km bus journey to Braunschweig airport. At 11:00 aviators pick up at the airport. 11:45: Guided tour through the “Autostadt” at Wolfsburg and free time. 16:00 bus transfer to Hotel Landhaus Seela. There dinner together and overnight.

June 7th

Erfurt

Erfurt’s old town is one of the best preserved medieval city centers in Germany. Tourist attractions include the Krämerbrücke (Merchants’ bridge), the ensemble of Erfurt Cathedral and Severikirche (St Severus’s Church) and Petersberg Citadel, one of the largest and best preserved town fortresses in Europe.

Departure from Hotel 08:00h. Aviators transfer to the airport. Approx. 220 km bus ride, to Erfurt, 11:30h Aviators pick up.
1-hour city tour on the bus for the first orientation, lunch break (lunch together) and then: 2 hours guided walk through the old town of Erfurt. Afterwards, check in at the hotel Radisson Blu about 17h -. Free time in the city, dinner on your own and overnight at hotel.
June 8th
Eisenach/Wartburg

Eisenach's picturesque old town lies at the foot of the Wartburg in the middle of four valleys. The rich cultural tradition of the city is closely connected with Luther and Bach, with the work of St. Elizabeth, with Telemann, Goethe, Wagner and Liszt.
World culture and history, but also picturesque historic streets and squares, as well as time-honored churches will meet you during the Old Town tour in Eisenach.

Like hardly any other castle in Germany, the Wartburg Castle above the Thuringian city of Eisenach is connected to German history. Because of its outstanding cultural and historical importance, it was declared in 1999 by UNESCO as the "World Heritage of Mankind".

Drive by bus to Eisenach/Wartburg 09:00h, approx. 75 km, arrival 10:30h. Short guided tour of Eisenach and lunch on your own. 15:00h bus ride to the Wartburg, exclusive guided tour through the Wartburg. 18:00h back to the hotel, dinner together in Erfurt and overnight at hotel.

June 9th
Würzburg

Würzburg is a city in the German state of Bavaria. It is known for its Baroque and Rococo style buildings, especially for the 18th-century Würzburg Residence, with pompous rooms, a large fresco by Venetian artist Tiepolo, and an ornate staircase. With its numerous wine bars, wine cellars and wineries as well as the characteristic Bocksbeutel, a specially shaped wine bottle. Würzburg is the heart of the wine region Franconia.

Departure from Hotel 07:30h. Aviators transfer to the airport. Approx. 200 km bus ride, to Giebelstadt airfield, 11:00h Aviators pick up, continue to Würzburg (20 min), free time/lunch on your own, 15:00 short guided city tour (1h). Hotel check in, free time, 19:00h dinner together in Würzburg and overnight at the hotel Mariott.
June 10th/11th
Speyer

June 10th
Speyer was founded by the Romans, it is one of Germany's oldest cities. Speyer is dominated by the Speyer Cathedral, a number of churches and the Altpörtel (old gate). In the cathedral, beneath the high altar, are the tombs of eight Holy Roman emperors and German kings. The world-famous Museum of Technology is also noteworthy.

Departure from Hotel 07:30h. Aviators Transfer to the Giebelstadt airfield. 10:00h Aviators pick up at Speyer airfield. 11:00h cathedral and city tour. 13:00h lunch on your own. 15:00h hotel check in, free time, 19:00h dinner together

June 11th

10:00h visit of "Technik Museum Speyer", (3h recommended) Lunch on your own, 15:00h Boat trip on the idyllic old Rhine creeks (Approx.1.5 h). Free time, 19:00h dinner together

In "Technik Museum Speyer" since 1991, technology fans get their money's worth. Exhibits from the fields of aviation, railways, fire brigades and shipbuilding will find their admirers in the Technik Museum.
Koblenz

Koblenz is a city situated on both banks of the Rhine where it is joined by the Moselle. This place was established as a Roman military post by Drusus around 8 B.C. Its name originates in the Latin (ad) confluenter, meaning "(at the) confluence" of the two rivers. The actual confluence is today known as the "German Corner", a symbol of German reunification that features an equestrian statue of Emperor William I. The city celebrated its 2000th anniversary in 1992. After Mainz and Ludwigshafen am Rhein, it is the third-largest city in Rhineland-Palatinate, with a population of around 112,000.

June 12th
Departure from Hotel 08:00h. Aviators Transfer to the Speyer airfield. 11:30h Aviators pick up at Koblenz airfield. 12:30h Lunch in the old town together. Afterwards guided tour through the old town of Koblenz. 15:30h Hotel check-in, free time. Suggestion: Individual exploration of the attractive old town, numerous points of interests and restaurants waiting to be discovered by you. Dinner on your own.

June 13th
After breakfast at the hotel, we will take the bus at 09:00h for a 5-hour excursion (5-hour guided tour in English) along the Moselle to Eltz Castle. We experience medieval and pure nature in a unique landscape. Castle Eltz has an incomparable architecture and original furnishings from eight centuries. It offers a craft and treasury of world-class gold and silver work. After visiting the castle with free time and common lunch, we will take the bus back to Koblenz. The rest of the day is at leisure.

June 14th
After breakfast at the hotel we go to the Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer at 09:45h for a 2-hour castle tour on the river Rhine. We dive into the lower part of the Unesco World Heritage "Upper Middle Rhine Valley". The mooring for the ship is about a 15-minute walk from the hotel. It is recommended to walk through the Empress Augusta and Konrad-Adenauer plants along the Rhine. The ship will leave at 10:15h. Lunch and afternoon are at leisure. Suggestion: A visit to the Ehrenbreitstein fortress. We meet for farewell dinner at 19:00h in the hotel. (Dress code: smart casual)

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Departure

Aviators Transfer to the Speyer airfield by bus. (Time t.b.d.)
Other transfers may be possible at additional costs.

Changes to the program are possible and will be announced in due course.
The number of participants is limited to 52 because of the limited number of seats in the bus.

Travel expenses:  
1.310,00 € per person in double room  
1.610,00 € per person in single room  

We intend to have the payment divided in two tranches. A non-refundable registration fee of 120 € should be paid immediately after receiving the registration confirmation, by January 31st at the latest.
The second installment for the balance has to be paid by March 31st. In case of cancellation for any reason, partial refunds will only be made if there is money left at the end of the event.

Please check if your travel insurance may cover non-refundable amounts.

What is included?: Hotel rooms with breakfast, bus, badges, landing/parking fees, tip (Driver, service), guides, entrance fees relating to program, nine meals together (Beverages - except water - excluded), boat trips (without food and beverages).

Please pay the mentioned amount on account:

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Registration: Via attached registration form designed by Ingo Neufert.  
Please fill out the form, it can be completed on the computer, and send it to:  
neufert@maringo.de  
The form and the program are also accessible via:  

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Rising Like the Phoenix

As Rotarians and IFFR members, we are blessed with friendships around the world... friends and acquaintances with whom we are able share our experiences and our love of flying.

Adversity can sometimes cause us to better appreciate the blessings and friendships we have in life. Although the deadliest fire in California history recently destroyed the town of Paradise, like the legendary Phoenix, Paradise will rise from the ashes... with recovery efforts being led by two IFFR members. As Rotarians around the country have rallied to help, it has caused us all to realize how fortunate we are to have our homes, our families, our friendships, our IFFR compatriots... throughout the world.

We wish you all ...our dear friends here and around the world...a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Joyeux Noël, Frohe Weinachten, glædelig jul, god jul, Feliz Navidad, Buon Natale, Felix Natal, boldog Karácsonyt, Vrolijk kerstfeest, Shèngdàn jié kuāilè, Nollaig chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ur, ...

And to all.... Warm Friendships and Fabulous Flying in 2019.

George & Carol Chaffey
President Elect, 2020-22

Christmas Greeting from the most recent Past World President

Carina and I likes to thank you all for the fabulous hospitality we encountered during our years as WP and First lady.

We do hope to see lots of you during the coming flying season and wish you all a merry Christmas a prosperous and happy new year.

Carina & Svend Andersen
"Christmas Greetings"

As we race towards another Xmas, we look back on another successful IFFR year. During the year the NZ Section held two enjoyable Fly-ins, first in March to the Chatham Islands which are 800 kms east of the main NZ islands. There we enjoyed the company of others, great sight-seeing and excellent seafood.

In October the group met again in Stratford but unfortunately Marlene and I were unable to attend this fly-in. From all reports, another fabulous weekend was enjoyed by all.

The Australian section also held two fly-ins which Marlene and I were able to attend, one in Launceston in Tasmania, where we saw some of the history of this very old area and the other in Melbourne where we enjoyed visits to a winery and chocolate factory.

The Hong Kong Squadron continues in good heart and is growing on strength. Marlene and I thoroughly enjoyed the convention in Toronto and the post convention fly around in N.E. USA.

We send our very best wishes to IFFR members around the world and hopefully we will see many of you at various IFFR events during 2019, including the Hamburg convention.

Best wishes for a very happy Xmas

Ian Jenner and Marlene Marsden
Australasian Vice President

On behalf of the IFFR UK Section their families & friends I wish everyone connected to IFFR a very happy Christmas and a safe and happy 2019. The UK section has had a very busy year with fly-ins around the UK and very good support of events in Europe and further afield. We always enjoy the friendship and enjoyment experienced whenever we all meet up.

Peter Jude- UK Section

Greetings and a Merry Holiday Best to you all IFFR’s, spouses and others;

It’s getting cold here in the Midwest or North Central US and my flying has all but come to a halt as it does this time of year. I did find however, that the use of Chains has helped me maintain altitude when flying through the heaviest of snow storms.

Our Americas IFFR events have also come to a drastically slow pace and sporadic occurrence which should allow all of us some time to start thinking of new and exciting adventures, gatherings and fellowship opportunities for the upcoming year throughout the Americas. My goal for 2019 is for our IFFR Americas section to host at least one event each month from March through October with at least one in every section or region. I will be encouraging all of the Section Chairs and Squadron Leaders to help to make things happen. Because our only goal is to plan events and gatherings and host fellowships, this should not
be too daunting of a task for over 800 Americas members to handle. All ideas and potential gatherings will be considered and encouraged.

The first largely attended event of the 2019 year is typically Sun N Fun in Lakeland, Florida. No special plans as of this time but keep watching at the time grows near, we will come up with something. The International Convention is in Hamburg Germany from June 1 through June 5 which most of you already are aware of and I also encourage as many IFFR members as possible to attend as this will certainly again be a world class event and will allow many of our America’s members to meet our European counterparts and engage in some International Fellowship at its finest. Plans for the Fly-About are getting set in stone and space is limited so please book early.

July also always bring about EAA Airventure and this year we have the opportunity to help our Oshkosh Rotary Club with their volunteer commitment and serve with them as they work the Banquet of Eagles. This will allow IFFR members to help do the serving plus each volunteer gets a free meal and we get to meet several hundred EAA members and display our motto of “Service Above Self” as Rotary Members.

September and October roll into the AOPA Town Hall Meetings and I would like the IFFR members to again attend these meetings if possible once the 2019 schedule is announced.

I encourage all European and NON-Americas members, regardless from where you are from, who may be coming to the US for pleasure, business, IFFR or other flying events to get ahold of myself or any of our Board, Members or spouses and make us aware of your travel plans and please allow us to help you with any needed assistance and just take some time to allow us to get to know you better. This is the meaning of Fellowship!

Of course we will support all fly-in efforts and please get any event dates and times to Tony Watson for the newsletter and Peter Moore for the Website.

I look forward to meeting, greeting, seeing and fellowshipping with each and every one of the America’s and World membership in 2019, (or as many as possible) and please always feel free to reach out to myself or any of our Section Chairs, Squadron Leaders or Officers with ideas, concerns or suggestions. “All complaints go to George Chaffey”

May you be blessed in the New Year and keep you wings level and attitudes up!
Tim and Linda Freudenthal, 2018-2020 America’s VP
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from SC Americas!

We hope your holidays are bright and your New Year is filled with Joy!