The Kiwi Chief’s World Newsletter

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News from the President

Greetings to you all from a very wintry New Zealand where we have cold wind and rain in the North and snow in the South. I hope those of you in the Northern Hemisphere are enjoying some good flying weather.

This month ZK-NOC looks a bit forlorn due to a fuel leak fix. I can assure you the engineer who put the wing back on came with me on the test flight!

Judy and I have had a very busy time since our last newsletter in March:

Combined New Zealand / Australia fly-In 18-20 March 2019

We had a good time in Nelson with members from New Zealand and Australia. Chris and Murray Allison did a brilliant job of organising the events despite many things being closed during the Easter break. We did attempt to take in the Classic Fighters Air Show at Omaka but unfortunately the weather was not on our side.

Pre-convention travels in Europe via Los Angeles

We set off on our convention trip on the 18th of May. Our first stop was Los Angeles, California where we had an enjoyable couple of days outlet shopping and dining out with Alan and Jennie Dias.

We arrived in Brussels on the 22nd of May and met up with Huub and Luciana Van Heur, who kindly showed us around. We also had the honour of attending the Benelux Section 25th Anniversary fly-in and banquet, which was a really enjoyable event.

Our next stop was with Han and Gienke Klinkspoor in Holland where we saw the famous dikes and canals, followed by a few days in Denmark with former IFFR WP Svend Andersen and his wife Carina. Svend kindly flew us in to Uetersen-Heist GmbH for the convention in Hamburg in his Bonanza.

Some favourite photos:

Huub & Grandson...  Benelux Banquet  3 Monkeys: WS Ian, WP Phil & First Lady Judy
Rotary International Convention 1st - 5th of June 2019, Hamburg, Germany

The convention was a wonderful event and I hope that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed it as much as Judy and I did.

Having all the IFFR members in the same hotel, conveniently located walking-distance from the Convention Centre, helped immensely with the logistics. We particularly appreciated the great fellowship, with members drinking and dining together and generally enjoying each other’s company.

We had a fantastic corner booth for our IFFR stall in the House of Friendship. Members mingled with visitors and we were pleased to see that our fellowship attracted plenty of interest, with many new members joining from all over the world.

AGM and Banquet:
The IFFR Annual General Meeting was held in the main convention centre. I was very pleased to see how many of you were able to attend - it was standing room only! Congratulations to George Ritchie who has been elected World President Elect for 2022-2024.

George is a lawyer and lives with his wife Caroline in Hertfordshire in the UK. I wish him all the best in the role and I’m sure current Vice President George Chaffey is looking forward to working with him too, although it could be a little confusing to have two Georges, both lawyers, as president and vice president!
Following the AGM we enjoyed an excellent Banquet at Hotel Hafen, in Hamburg. It was my great privilege to give a presidential citation to Ron Wright from the UK for his very long and dedicated service to our organisation. The Flyer of the Year award went to Lance Weller for his important work with Angel Flight in New Zealand, which ferries ill and disabled children to their hospital for treatment.

The past, present and future first ladies of IFFR!

Airbus factory visit:
Another highlight of this week was a visit to the Airbus A320 and A380 Factory at Finkenwerder. It was truly amazing to see close up how they put these awesome machines together. Security was very tight as you can imagine so unfortunately there are no photos to share but it was fascinating to hear the guide explain how it all works.

Post-convention fly-out to Koblenz. 6-15 June 2019

During the fly-out I was delighted to fly with Norbert Kirchgaesser, from Germany, in his C210, along with passengers Eric and Christine Chin from our Hong Kong Section. I also had the opportunity to fly with two members of the Europe region; Vice President Thomas Morf and Nick Amman. We flew in the magnificent PC12, which is an example of how far single engine aircraft have come.

The fly-out was a huge success and I would like to pass on my thanks to Norbert, Christian Denke, Ulrich Starke and Svend Andersen who did much of the organisation. Be sure to read the full report of the fly out later in the bulletin, which was kindly put together by Peter and Shirley More, Andreas and Patricia Funke and Ulrich Starke.
Isle of Wight fly-In, United Kingdom: 28th - 30th June 2019

Following the convention and fly-out we were hosted by the UK Section on the Isle of Wight, staying with PWP Feroz Wadia and his wife Raye. The Isle of Wight is a fascinating place and I highly recommend visiting it if you get the chance. Lovely scenery, lots of interesting history and it's also the home of the Britten-Norman Islander aircraft.

The fly in was held in the wonderful Bembridge Hotel which was quintessentially British. Everything went well and my thanks must go to Peter Jude and the UK Section for a wonderful event.

The tours over the weekend included a hovercraft ride to Southampton Naval Dockyards where we saw HMS Victory, HMS Warrior as well as the remains of the Mary Rose, which are housed in a huge specially air-conditioned building. We had a very interesting visit to the Bembridge Lifeboat, which is a special service dedicated to saving lives at sea. The boat sits in a shed with a large slide attached ready to be launched at short notice in an emergency. On Sunday we visited Queen Victoria's Summer Residence at Osborne House - a truly magnificent building and gardens.
From the Isle of Wight, Judy flew to Biggin Hill on the 1st of July with Diana and John Davy in their Cirrus, while "poor me" had to take the ferry and then drive to Surrey on my own - chivalry is not dead after all! We visited Sir Winston Churchill's former home, Chartwell, and John very kindly flew us over the channel to Le Touquet in France for lunch which felt very indulgent and was a lot of fun.

We finally departed for New Zealand on the 3rd of July - quite exhausted after seven weeks away but very content with a wonderful trip and the opportunity to spend time with (and fly with!) so many of IFFR members along the way.

Upcoming Events:

Our next adventure will be with the South West Section of the Americas joining Penelope Cornwall, George and Carol Chaffey, Tim and Vicki Puliz and others for the Reno Air Race from the 11th - 15th of September and Flabob Air Show on the 21" of September.

On the 23" of September we'll be returning to New Zealand for just one night before flying to Australia for the aptly-named Kangaroo Island fly-in in South Australia, which will take place from the 27th – 29th of September.

After that we're looking forward to our next New Zealand fly-in which will be held from 18th-20th of October in the amazing Geothermal region of Rotorua - famous for its boiling mud, geysers and hot springs.

And finally, we're already looking ahead to next year's convention from the 6th -10th of June 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Please keep your eye on the website and your in box for details of the pre-convention fly-out in California from the 29th of May to the 4" of June 2020.

We very much look forward seeing old friends and meeting more IFFR members in the coming months.

And, wherever you are, don't forget:

Fly Well
Fly Safe
Fly Often

All the best,

Phil Pacey
WP

ps Hot off the press, congratulations to IFFR member Vicki Puliz who has been appointed a Rotary International Director for 2021-2023
Before you head to the Blue Pacific of Hawaii and the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu, experience IFFR’s Golden Flyaway ... in the Golden State of California. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Golden FlyAway will feature great weather, the unique San Francisco area, Historic Gold Rush towns, picturesque Carmel & Big Sur on the coast, and lots of flying over diverse territory (Sierra Nevada mountains, foothills, valleys, and gorgeous coasts).
More Convenience & More Flying: Our hotel all week will be the Crowne Plaza on the Buchanan Field airport in Concord, California (KCCR). Your hotel room remains the same all week, so you will not have to move. All activities will be day events, leaving from the hotel and returning at night. Being right at the airport, flyers can walk to their planes ... no delays in transportation ... which means more time for flying. There will be buses or transportation for non-flyers. However, even on the days when the pilots are out flying (most days), the destinations will often be the same so there is still a “shared experience” by everyone. E.g., one day may be in the historic Gold Rush town of Columbia, where the non-flyers may bus there directly, while the pilots may fly through parts of the Sierra Nevada.
Mountains and valleys (e.g., Yosemite), ultimately joining the non-flyers for time together in Columbia. **Diversity:** Although these will be convenient day trips, the experiences will involve very diverse geography (from 14,000-foot mountains to scenic coasts) and very diverse architecture / culture (from urban San Francisco, to rustic Gold Rush Columbia, to the quaint Carmel-By-The-Sea, to the agricultural Central Valley and the famed Napa Valley wine country). And much more.

**Programme**

**Friday May 29 ---WELCOME DINNER** (at the hotel)

**Saturday May 30—SAN FRANCISCO:** Venues/activities in SF and SF Bay. Everyone together. Dinner in San Francisco.

**Sunday May 31—CARMEL-MONTEREY-BIG SUR**

**Non-Flyers:** Bus to Carmel, 17-mile drive, tour/visit/shop Carmel and area; if time, maybe Big Sur area. At end of day, bus returns to hotel.

**Flyers:** Fly via Paso Robles, Hearst Castle, up the Big Sur coast to land at Monterey. Depending on the numbers, either met by the non-flyer bus at airport, or by a separate bus for flyers, for a day in Carmel, Big Sur. At end of day, Flyers return via the coast, over Half Moon Bay, SF, North Bay. Dinner: on our own.

**Monday June 1—COLUMBIA GOLD RUSH COUNTRY**

**Non-Flyers:** Bus to historic Gold Rush town of Columbia, in the Sierra foothills (now a California historic park); enjoy the town and activities. Bus returns at end of day.

**Flyers:** Fly via over Yosemite, maybe land in Pine Mt. Lake for coffee; land in Columbia, join Non-Flyers in town. Flyers return via a northern route (TBD).

Dinner: On our own.

**Tuesday June 2—SAN FRANCISCO/ EASTERN SIERRAS-LAKE TAHOE**

**Non-Flyers:** Sf-based day (TBD). E.g., MOMA (Museum of Modern Art), Aquarium, Cliff House, Chinatown, Fisherman’s wharf, Hiller Museum down the Peninsula, TBD. Lots of alternatives.

**Flyers:** Fly over Yosemite, through Tioga pass, over Mono Lake, etc. with lunch stop in Minden. (There will be an alternative route as needed, likely via Truckee). Flyers return via Lake Tahoe, over other spots like Napa Valley, Golden Gate Bridge and SF. Dinner—on our own.

**Wednesday June 3 —CLASSIC CARS & WINERIES/MOUNT SHASTA & NORTH COAST**

**Non-Flyers:** Famous Behring Car Museum (in Blackhawk). Lunch at Blackhawk Grill. Afternoon in nearby Livermore Valley for winery tours/tastings.

Dinner with Flyers at a Livermore Valley Winery (TBD).

**Flyers**—Fly up the Sacramento Valley to Redding (faster planes may go to 14,000 ft. Mt. Shasta), then to coast to Shelter Cove for lunch. Then fly down the coast via Mendocino, Ukiah and fly down the Napa Valley. 

Join non-Flyers for dinner in Livermore Valley.
Thursday June 4 – NAPA VALLEY WINE COUNTRY. Everyone.

Tour famous Napa Valley; tours/tastings at wineries. Special tour and wine tasting just for IFFR group. See Castelo di Amorosa home page: https://castellodiamorosa.com/home/
Farewell dinner (TBD).

How & When: If you are going to the Hawaii Convention, fly by airline into San Francisco or Oakland, spend 6 days with the IFFR Golden FlyAway (May 29, 2020 to June 4, 2020), and then fly by airline on to the Convention either June 5 or June 6. Easy. If you are not going to the Convention, then just come and join the rest of the IFFR members participating in this unique FlyAway. If you are on the west coast, you are already here. If you are from elsewhere, what a great reason to fly to beautiful California. If you are from outside California, you can rent an airplane from one of the local airports (details coming soon). Of course you can fly to California yourself and enjoy this FlyAway and even park your plane there while attending the Convention in Honolulu.

Cost & Registration: This FlyAway is initially limited to only 52 participants. It will be first come-first served: the first 52 who register and pay the deposit will be guaranteed participation. Beyond that, we will have a waiting list. The cost is: (1) $200 deposit, to be paid to Steve Henderson, IFFR Treasurer, and (2) final payment of $900 no later than December 15, 2019. IFFR has arranged a block of rooms available for IFFR members. Registrants will make their room registrations directly with the hotel – see Hotel Booking details below. NOTE: Because we make financial commitments based on registration, if a registrant withdraws for any reason, refunds of deposits or final payments will not be made until after the FlyAway has concluded and we know our financial status.

Booking and payment

Email Steve Henderson at ifframericas@gmail.com that you wish to participate and particulars, and payment options are as follows:

By check to IFFR, Steve Henderson, 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076; or

By PayPal to ifframericas@gmail.com using “send money to friends or family;” or

By bank transfer to IFFR Americas bank account at Santa Cruz County Bank Routing number 121143736 Account number 023010648 . Address is Steve Henderson’s above. Transferwise.com is good for international transfers; or

Send credit card information to Steve (if you don’t mind paying the transaction fee) – Fax Steve at +1 831 322 0004 or call/text +1 831 818 1488 .
ARTICLE II: GROUP ROOM RESERVATIONS

2.1 Sleeping Rooms and Rates.

Rooms are either one King bed or two Queen beds $159.00 per night

The above rates will be offered, on a space-available and rate-available basis, to Event attendees 3 days prior and 3 days after the dates of the Event.

2.2 Taxes.

The above rates do not include any applicable state or municipal taxes, fees or assessments which are currently at 13.07%. Group shall be responsible for any applicable taxes, fees or assessments, the amounts of which are subject to change by applicable government agencies with or without notice. If Group is claiming tax-exempt status, then (1) Group must present all documentation required by Hotel and pay in the manner specified by Hotel and (2) Group hereby accepts all liability and agrees to indemnify Hotel for all taxes paid and all costs incurred, including attorney fees, if a taxing authority requires that Hotel remit tax for the room nights covered by this Agreement.

Early Departure Fee.

All sleeping rooms shall be subject to an Early Departure Fee equal to one night’s room rate, plus applicable fees, taxes and assessments. Group assumes responsibility for disclosing, to all attendees of the Event, this early departure fee.

2.6 Sleeping Room Reservations.

Each individual guest must make his or her own reservation by calling +1-925-825-7700. Guests making such reservations must identify themselves as members of Group IFFR. If you prefer to book using a web link, this will be emailed to all members separately.

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. If a guest does not cancel a reservation within 48 hours before 6pm of the guest’s check-in date, then Hotel may charge the credit card one night’s room fee plus any applicable taxes.
The IFFR Hotel for the Hawaii Convention is the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Because we ran out of rooms in Toronto and Hamburg, we reserved 40 rooms in Hawaii, but some of those are already gone, and we only have 20 left.

We have a short deadline for those who want to be at the hotel. If you want a room in the IFFR Hotel in Hawaii, you should act NOW. It is First Come, First Served. You must do two things:

1. **RESERVATION:** Email or call Steve Henderson ([ifframericas@gmail.com](mailto:ifframericas@gmail.com)) tell Steve you want a room and give your arrival date.

2. **PAYMENT:** Send $678 USD to Steve Henderson, Americas Secretary/Treasurer (that is the first and last night’s room cost, which includes all taxes and fees – your reservation is not guaranteed until we receive the money). Payment can be done as follows:

   - By check to IFFR, Steve Henderson, 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076; or
   - By PayPal to [ifframericas@gmail.com](mailto:ifframericas@gmail.com) using “send money to friends or family;” or
   - By bank transfer to IFFR Americas bank account at Santa Cruz County Bank Routing number 121143736 Account number 023010648. Address is Steve Henderson’s above. Transferwise.com is good for international transfers; or
   - Send credit card information to Steve (if you don’t mind paying the transaction fee of $24.75) – Fax Steve at +1 831 322 0004 or call/text +1 831 818 1488.

**ARRIVAL DATE:** Tell Steve your arrival date. If he doesn’t know otherwise, he will reserve your room for arrival on Saturday June 6. We also have a slightly smaller number of rooms for Thursday and Friday arrival, so be sure to let Steve know if you want a room for Thursday night or Friday night.

We have very short deadlines. Some of the room block may cease to be available after September 30. If you change your mind before September 30, you get your money back. After September 30, you forfeit $339. If the room block is filled at any time from now on, you will just be on the waiting list. So, if you think you will go to the Hawaii Convention, do not delay and let Steve know immediately.
IFFR Banquet, 8th June, 2020

The IFFR Banquet is at the Hale Koha Hotel next door to our IFFR Hotel Hilton Hawaiian Village. The Banquet will be at 7.30pm with arrival drinks 6.30pm for 7.00pm. The Banquet will be a buffet Hawaiian style.

The price will be $80 US per person.

1) Registration with President Phil Pacey at email paceyhome@yahoo.com

2) Payment to Steve Henderson, see below for details. Your seats are secured when payment has been received. Make sure Reference is your name.

Please register and pay before February 29th to secure your seat.

In case of dietary requirements do let us know so we can advise the catering staff.

Payment details:

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Australasia | Nelson Fly In | Kev Scheuber

Fly in Nelson 19 to 22 April 2019 through the eyes of Townsville IFFR member Kev Scheuber.

At the invitation of our New Zealand counterparts we ventured south from Townsville Queensland, Australia to Brisbane then continued across the Tasman to arrive in Christchurch in early hours of the morning. We took advantage of the IFFR trip to do some sightseeing pre and post the organised event.

After collecting our hire car we took in the beautiful scenery, spectacular blue lakes, freezing glacial viewing, wine tasting - all very impressive and different to what we are accustomed to in North Queensland. The lingering impact of the earthquakes will be a lasting memory as we felt for the impacted communities having only the previous month had our hometown severely impacted by floods.

Meeting up with old and new IFFR friends at the Rutherford Hotel was still the highlight of our trip. Sharing stories ( and finding out that we were at Franz Josef at the same time as our as our Aussie mates from Toowoomba) both touring and flying makes for easy conversations and companionship.

A number a great activities were organised including the wearable art display. Having not seen a similar display we were a little sceptical however within a short time were engrossed in the skill and imagination of the creators of these costumes. The automotive museum was impressive and well worth the visit. Other activities including the Founders Heritage Park were also very impressive.

One activity that we found to be outstanding was the visit to the Garden City rescue helicopter. The staff gave a great overview of their operations and gave us a good appreciation of this vital service to the community and the commitment of the staff. Another highlight was that we all saw the team depart on another emergency as our session came to a close. It was certainly a team effort as they were airborne in minutes.

While it was disappointing that the Omaka air show was a little wet the spectacular scenery on our bus trip to the venue, the museums and other attractions still made it a most enjoyable day.

Nelson is a great city and our thanks go to Chris Allison and her team for organising a great Fly-in. Great food, interesting activities, quality information but most importantly the comradeship of IFFR members has left us with wonderful lasting memories - thank you New Zealand we will be back.

Kev & June Scheuber
Benelux 25th Anniversary | Huub Van Heur

May 24th-26th 2019, World President Phil Pacey and his wife Judy were visiting our 25 years celebration of IFFR section Benelux at EBBT, Antwerp, Belgium. (Benelux consists of three countries: Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg.)

The Fly In celebration was very successful because of a very interesting program and beautiful weather.

On Thursday and Friday people were coming from New Zealand, Norway, England, Scotland, Belgium and the Netherlands at the airfield of Brasschaat (EBBT).

After lunch at the Royal Aeroclub of Brasschaat, we visited the Gunfire Museum. We admired a very interesting and extensive collection of military weaponry (tanks, rockets etc.) of the rich Belgium military history of both World Wars.

On Saturday we visited Antwerp, after Brussels the second city of Belgium with an important harbour. We visited the cathedral at the centre of town, the beautiful MAS museum at the waterfront and we made a boattrip through the harbour. In the evening we enjoyed a nice gala dinner with live music and speeches, songs and dancing into the late hours.

During the gala dinner a new member of IFFR Benelux: Maurice Tax was installed by our World President Phil Pacey, a big honor for our new member! Maurice got just his PPL. Still again a distinguished member of the IFFR Benelux.

On Sunday everybody went home with a fine lunchbox.

*Huub van Heur, President IFFR Benelux*
Early morning one part of our group gathered in Hamburg for their first stage to Wolfsburg. Two buses were available: one for the non flying guest and all the luggage the other one to drive the pilots to the airports. To organize one bus for all cases was a very good decision! At days with poor weather all the grounded pilots could travel by bus and could pick up their planes later on.

Well on our first morning the weather god was not on our side. Thunderstorms west of Hamburg which was not good news for our friends who tied down their planes in Uetersen..... Anyway all friends came together in Wolfsburg to visit the „Autostadt Wolfsburg“.

Here VW built up a sensational exhibition for all their brands. A world of experience for all of us with limited time to explore.

The next morning we had great weather to visit Erfurt and all the missing planes could be picked up in Hamburg. With bus and by foot we learned more about the medieval city of Erfurt, the Krämerbridge, the Cathedral and the St.Severi Church.

Via bus we arrived in Eisenach the next day and visited this city in the sign of Martin Luther including the Wartburg which has been renovated impressively.
The weather was nearly perfect so we could fly to Gieblstadt the airport close to Würzburg our next stop. Here we a great sightseeing tour in the afternoon to learn a little bit more about Würzburg.

Our next stop was Speyer which we all reached by bus (really poor weather). Speyer is one of the oldest cities in Germany founded by the Romans. And of course we had an interesting guided tour through the city. All planes could be picked up late afternoon and then we met for dinner to close the day.

The next day the “Technik Museum Speyer” was on our agenda. A world renowned museum presenting planes, old cars, trucks, locomotives and other remarkable technical achievement.

As expected all planes had to stay in Speyer (weather) so we travelled by bus to our final destination the city of Koblenz. Here we could see how an old city developed into a modern one during the last decades.

The “Deutsche Eck” with their emperor statue was very impressive especially to our foreign friends.
Alongside the river Mosel we visited the castle of Eltz which is still in use today and completely restored.

All planes arrived in Koblenz now and we had a great and mandatory boat trip on the Rhein. And this was also the evening for our farewell dinner discussing all the travel experiences in best mood.

Sunday was the day of travelling home.....

Over 50 IFFR friends had the opportunity to gather new impressions of German cities landscapes and German culture especially those who had a very long trip to Hamburg. Within 10 days with some good and some poor weather we travelled in best mood meeting old friends and new ones. And of course all this with best food and „some“ drinks!

Our special and warm thank you goes to Norbert Kirchgässer who organized this Fly-Away perfectly. Thank you very much for this unforgettable IFFR event!

Urlich Starke, IFFR Member Germany
The German/Austria section of IFFR organized a tour of central Germany following the RI Convention in Hamburg. A total of 13 planes and 55 members with their spouses participated. First stop was the Autostadt VW factory in Braunschweig. This is the largest automobile factory in the world. The buildings and landscape of this “car city” is modern, well designed and truly impressive. Particularly impressive is the automated cylindrical garage tower where new cars are retrieved and lowered for delivery to customers.

Next stop was Erfurt. This was the hometown of JS Bach and Martin Luther. Bach grew up in Erfurt and later moved to Leipzig. We were given a walking tour of the buildings where Luther and Bach grew up. The next day we toured the Wartburg castle where Luther lived briefly and while there he translated the New Testament to German for easy reading by the common people.

We spent two days in Speyer. The highlight was the Technik Museum. Especially interesting is boarding a Russian submarine and a Lufthansa 747. There is also an IMAX theater. We could have spent a whole day there but had to cut it short for a cruise on the River Main.

Koblenz was our last stop where we spent three days. This is where the River Moselle joins the River Rhine. Everyone, including the pilots, came on the coach as weather was not good for flying. We went to an old restaurant established in the 17th century. We toured the Moselle/Eltz castle, had a walking tour in the old town and a River Rhine cruise.

On our last day many of us took a cable car up to a fortress with a spectacular view overlooking the city as well as the Moselle and Rhine confluence. Our farewell dinner was at a charming old country mill called Alte Muhle Horeth. Our dinner featured a delicious wild boar main course. It was a great finale to our German tour.
Of the four legs of flying, two were delayed due to weather. With the coach, that was not a problem as pilots were able to go back for their planes and join the group again the following day. Many members outside of Europe had the opportunity to fly with the European pilots. I had the pleasure of flying with Andrea and Patricia Funke in their Cirrus SR22T from Speyer to Koblenz, my highlight of the tour.

In summary, I will say all 55 participants had a wonderful time. The German organizer was impeccable in planning and executing the whole event. The attention to detail was outstanding. Members all enjoyed the tour as well as the fellowship. We all express our thanks to Norbert Kirchgaesser, Christian Denke, Ulrich Starke, and Svend Andersen for their many months of planning. As we said goodbye we looked forward to our next world event in California prior to the RI Convention in Hawaii.

*Peter & Shirley More*
Hamburg Post Convention IFFR Fly-Away Report | Andreas & Patricia Funke

First and foremost I would like to thank the organisers of the fly away. There was nothing missing and everything was well prepared with an entertaining programme.

It quickly became apparent, on the first day, that new and unfamiliar members quickly developed a friendly base in the community. In sum, the weather played well as all programme items could take place dry. For security reasons the aircraft had to stop twice and be picked up the next day. Organisationally this was not a problem.

It was especially nice that those who had travelled by airline had the opportunity to experience the Fly Away in their friends’ planes.

The evenings, with excellent food and drink, rounded off the days. Not infrequently the theme of “flying” was omnipresent, but even the exchange on very private topics made it clear what it means to have Rotary friendships.

As a reminder of this trip I have sent a few photos to our World Secretary Ian Kerr who will share them.

We hope to meet again soon, either at one of the upcoming meetings in Europe or at the World Convention in Hawaii in 2020.

Andreas and Patricia Funke
Section Germany-Austria
A wonderful full house with 30 members and guests in a relaxed night of wine, food, laughter and fellowship.

We welcomed 9 new members including 2 CX Pilots and we reviewed our activities and learned new things in aviation about ‘What’s happening in the cockpit?’ from Captain Joel Lee from Hong Kong Airlines ‘The greatest failure is the failure to try’, and Training with Attitude, Skills and Knowledge.
I would like to give some additional advice on the use of the Member Directory in Membermojo, our member database.

Names can be looked up with last name first, followed by first name such as:
Kerr Ian

You can also look up with first name only so if you enter Ian you will be presented with 12 possibilities. This may be useful if you have perhaps forgotten a member’s last name.

Even if searching the name Peter, one of the more common names, you will be presented with only 32 possibilities which may help you find the person you are seeking.

All members have also received a Member Listing and for each section, or region in the case of Americas, names are displayed both alphabetically and within State, county and town. For data protection purposes no further information is included as this listing is not password protected. But full details may then be found in Membermojo.

Around 25% of members have added a photo to their record – if you haven’t yet done so why not add one to your record.

Ian Kerr
World Secretary and Treasurer
Dear Fellow IFFR mates (M/F)!

It’s been some time since I last wrote to you, so perhaps a short summary on what IFFR marketing is all about. In previous installments we touched base on the Acronym AIDA (Attention -> Interest -> Decision -> Action), a universal term to describe the sequence everybody goes through when enticed to actively participate in a buy/sell or other similar environment (like it used to be in my distant past when, us boys and girls, were cruising the local hangouts for a pleasant evening). I think you get the picture again…. Taking that a step further, here come in the 6 P’s. We covered Product (our fantastic fellowship), Passion (our shared love for flying and/or talk about it) and Place (where do we look for potential new members). The remaining P’s are Price and Promotion. Price is a complicated subject, always in relation to what you think the value of the return is. What is the real price of IFFR membership. Paying membership dues is one thing, but what about the cost of owning and operating an airplane, participating in fly-outs and trips to far away destinations? We have to be honest about this cost issue when discussing IFFR with prospective joiners. There is certainly expense involved, but we should avoid projecting and, if necessary correcting, the image of a bunch of successful rich people, playing with expensive toys, going to exotic places to play and sip cocktails. Look at leisure boat harbours in our countries. Many of the floating toys that are moored there match the catalog price of decent sized GA aircraft. And they ain’t going as fast and as far as our flying kit! As the saying goes “one mile of water-, motor-(UK) or highway (US) gets you nowhere, one mile of runway gets you everywhere…”. Yes, cost of ownership is different, but still. One can be part of the IFFR, share costs, passion and international friendship. That is a very interesting return on the material and immaterial investment. IFFR membership is composed of “everyday” women and men that could be living down the road or in your apartment building. And: you don’t have to be a 747 Captain or an Airforce Ace to join. Flitesim flyers are also good company! Passion counts! Promotion, of course, is key. If you don’t preach the message, the masses will not know what a splendid opportunity they miss. In an earlier installment I discussed the hunting ground and the tools to get the prospects into the AIDA chain of small decisions that (may) lead up to becoming a member of our fine group of the IFFR fellowship.

Let me just finish with what we touched on at the Hamburg AGM: We’re holding our own in total worldwide membership numbers, but that is not good enough. The fact is, that drilling down, the spectacular start of the Hong Kong squadron (92 members, by the way not all active pilots…) offsets the decline in the rest of the IFFR world…. . The grand walk of life will catch up with us. We need to go out and hunt for new and younger blood that will carry the banner forward.

Go out and preach the gospel of our Worldwide Aviation Fellowship!

Han Klinkspoor

Pilot to Delivery: “Delivery Good morning. Papa XXX is ready for start-up and pushback”
Delivery to Pilot: “Papa XXX you will have a slot delay of at least 45 minutes. Standby for further”
Pilot to Delivery: “In that case cancel the good morning”
Congratulations to Christian Denke, Safety Officer, and the Planners and Organizers of our Fly Out from the Rotary International Hamburg Convention. I do wish my spouse, Ava, and I could have flown with you, but alas, business forced us to return early from the convention and the wonderful hospitality of IFFR in Germany.

That, however, brings me to this month’s Safety Column.

As we had been busy preparing for the Hamburg R I Convention, I had not scheduled my usual Owner-Assisted Annual for my Cessna 182. I let the A&P and his shop, with which I have worked for over 8 years, pull in my aircraft and begin the Annual without me. In fact, they also finished the annual without me.

Reassuringly there were few squawks that had to be addressed, and but for a very persistent leak in my pitot static system the plane would have been ready in about 3 weeks. That should have been my first red flag as my Annuals are usually one week or less. Still, I was having window glass replaced around the cockpit and I had been warned of delays.

After the plane was returned too close to a business trip, I regrettably ended up taking the car.

It turned out to be a wise idea. My close friends in the A&P Shop had missed one or two matters with all the downtime.

When I finally began my preflight following the Annual, I first noticed the landing lights were disconnected. That’s a small thing and I know to check as it has been overlooked on the past. Continuing on, I noted that for some reason some hardware on the cowling had been changed, but all else seemed fine and the new window glass looked exceptional.

The runup was as expected and the takeoff and subsequent landing were fine. The left seat was a bit balky in its movement on entering and leaving the plane, but it had been disconnected to increase the work area while the pitot static system was leak tested and I assumed it only needed a bit of lubrication.

But I have the habit of cleaning up and getting everything ready for the next flight after putting the plane back in my hangar, and that’s when I noticed! The seat I had been sitting in while piloting the plane for the last hour or so was not completely attached to the seat tracks. It was secured with only 3 of the 4 rollers.

I know we’ve all had similar experiences and we all pride ourselves on our flying, but the details matter.

My learning experiences from this are:
1. Always, always completely preflight the airplane from the Pilot Operating Handbook after any work is performed on your aircraft.
2. Remember that you are a test pilot on the first flight out of Annual.
3. Remember the best mechanics inadvertently miss things.

Mike Busch at Mike.Busch@SavvyAviator.com has an excellent EAA Video on this topic entitled Errors of Distraction. https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8B2be294b5w&autoplay=1.

Enjoy your fall flying weather, stay safe and I look forward to visiting at a fly-in this year.

Yours in Rotary,

Jack Welge
IFFR Safety Committee Chair
The IFFR America’s region has had a very busy spring and early summer season with fly-ins and fly-outs all across America, Canada and of course the Hamburg Germany Fly-About. I could not attend the Hamburg event, but, we did tour the Airbus Hamburg manufacturing facility which was an over the top experience and enjoyed all of the International Convention and IFFR events that went along with the Germany experience. Getting back to the US sent us right into the summer events including EAA Airventure in Oshkosh Wisconsin from July 22 through 28. The evening event on Tuesday and the Noon event on Wednesday were both well attended. World President Elect, George Chaffey, had front row parking for his “Lady Bird” grand champion aircraft.

Going into the remainder of the summer are events in Nanaimo, British Columbia Canada, Beckworth Airport, Fredericksberg, TX, Reno Nevada, California (FlaBob airport) and Galveston and Kingsbury, Texas. Going into 2020, we look forward to the Golden Flyaway, May 29-June 4 as the Pre-Convention Fly About event and then the International Convention in Hawaii from June 5-9. We will all be there to support our own George #1 getting sworn into office and enjoy the sights and events of the 2020 convention. IFFR is a member driven, member supported and member service Fellowship and without the effort of all of the Squadron, Section and Board members and leaders as well as the executive committee, this fellowship would not and could not exist. I will continue to remind our members that we serve to enhance the Rotary experience and enrich and encourage our members and associates to get the most out of Rotary as we give to our communities and the world.

I sincerely hope that each and every member gets a chance to enjoy the events and fellowship that comes with membership in our organization and as always, keep your wings level and attitudes up!

Tim Freudenthal, Americas VP 2018-2020

AUSTRALASIA REGION REPORT

During Easter Weekend, 19th - 22nd April, the Australian and New Zealand Sections combined to hold a joint fly-in to Nelson at the top of the South Island of New Zealand, attended by 42 members and partners.

A major airshow has been held in New Zealand each Easter Weekend for many years, alternating between Wanaka (near Queenstown in the south of the South Island) and Omaka (near Blenheim and Nelson in the north). This year it was at Blenheim and we decided to base our weekend at Nelson and coach to the airshow on Sunday.

Omaka Aerodrome has grass runways and is a popular stop-off point when flying from the North Island to the South Island and is home to a number of restored or new-build WWI era aircraft. It has an aircraft restoration company and is home to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre opened in 2006 with the backing of Sir Peter Jackson (renown film director) & the help of Weta Workshop.

Unfortunately the weather turned bad around mid-day on Sunday and the afternoon flying was cancelled but this gave us time for a leisurely lunch in the cafe and a slow wander through the Heritage Centre to enjoy the aircraft on display and the dioramas that bring the exhibits to life. We did manage to see flying during the morning and also the Bristol Freighter aircraft taxiing which is an impressive sight & sound with its 2 Bristol Hercules radial engines.

Our weekend organisers laid on an excellent weekend of interesting places to visit and food to enjoy.

Next events are a weekend at Kangaroo Island, Australia, from the 27th - 30th September and in Rotorua N.Z. from the 11th -14th October. Marlene and I are looking forward to attending both events.

Hong Kong Squadron Leader, Eric Chin reports they have only had 1 event there due to the summer season, but he, Christine and Fiona will travel to Scotland later in August. This dinner is reported elsewhere in the Newsletter. It was lovely to see Eric and Christine in Hamburg and have them on the post convention tour during which time they enjoyed their first flight in a light aircraft.

Come down under and join us in New Zealand or Australia sometime, we can assure you of a great welcome.

Best wishes to all.

Ian Jenner
VICE PRESIDENT -AUSTRALASIA