The Kiwi Chief’s Final World Newsletter

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Firstly let me heartily thank the 115 odd members of our Fellowship that attended our ZOOM AGM, what an amazing medium and as the months go by Zoom will get better with more features.

I feel this will be the go-to format for all general and annual meetings internationally (Head Office) and I am sure, Sections. Although George Chaffey and myself were the front for the AGM, it was run by Secretary Ian and WPE George in the background. I am indebted to those two fellows for their diligence and preparation. Being able to highlight the various PWP’s and Section Leaders was an advantage, as was being able to see the surprised looks on Bob and Victor’s faces when I presented them with their well-earned awards.

From comments I have had, most mastered the technology and enjoyed the meeting. Some members told me it was great to put real faces to names that had only been previously on emails in the past. I also found this beneficial. The hour after the meeting closed was amazing with fellowship, ideas and stories, so in my view a well worthwhile 2 hours.
To my knowledge there have been no official IFFR Flying events this year so not much to report for a Newsletter. I read with interest that the UK Section Annual Lunch at the RAF Club went ahead in December. Looking at the photos of some dear friends enjoying the lunch and surroundings at the event, made Judy and I quite envious.

Some say the last six months was a hell of a way to finish my term however I can assure you it has been interesting seeing how all members of our fellowship managed their way through their various countries restrictions on flying and daily life.

For my part, Judy and I were, with our aircraft, at the bottom of the South Island 5 hours away when our Prime Minister announced a total lockdown and the weather only improved enough on the last day before it all shut down, to get home! (note to self: I must get an instrument rating).

Our term, I say our, as being the International WP was a team effort with Judy and in reality started at the rescheduled AGM in Berlin where I came in as WPE.

We supported Svend and Carina right through to the Hamburg Convention including both Convention Fly-outs. Apart from attending various Fly-Ins and hosting Svend and Carina in New Zealand, the highlight for me was being with Svend when he chartered our very successful new Hong Kong Section.
After a long train ride across Canada with support of friends from the USA, Australia and New Zealand, I received the Presidential Chain in Toronto.

Our two year journey has been well documented in Newsletters and we have had a blast. The hospitality shown to us by Sections and individual members has been nothing short of amazing. To see how vibrant, active and diverse Sections are shows me that our Fellowship has a great future.
We had amazing support from our NZ Section and many fellows from around the world on this journey, which started at our first Fly-In in 1996. At that Fly-In we were made most welcome by a fantastic bunch of people and wherever we have been in the IFFR world since, it has been the same.

I truly believe that over the 24 month period Judy and I have seen the world. We have been to some of the most out of the way places and seen amazing sights, much of which would have not have happened if we had not had this enthusiastic worldwide network our fellowship provides.

I am now handing the chain over to George Chaffey in a difficult time but I am sure, under his leadership our fellowship will thrive and survive.

Remember to keep

Flying Well
Flying Safe
Flying Often

All the best,

Phil Pacey
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International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
Flyer of the Year awarded to

Victor Brito

For 70 years of outstanding dedication to Aviation and imparting this experience through Rotary and the Fellowship.

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IFFR World President 2018/20
International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
Presidential Citation awarded to

Bob Tucknott

For many selfless years of outstanding service to the Fellowship, Angel Flight and the Community.

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