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World President Report to IFFR Members – December 2020

From WP George Chaffey

As 2020 draws to a close and 2021 dawns, Christmas & New Year’s Greetings to all our IFFR members worldwide. Enjoy your families and friends.

We recently had our first-ever mid-year Special General Meeting (SGM) for all members where our three Vice Presidents discussed what’s been done in 2020 and what’s planned for 2021. Although over 200 IFFR members registered, a Zoom glitch prevented many members from joining at the outset of the meeting, so I’ll recap those items that most affected IFFR members around the world.

We opened with the headline from the World Newsletter... **“We’re Flying”**... because that’s what we do! And because, despite all the event cancellations this year, IFFR members did a lot of flying... to section events, in small groups, and on your own. Because of you, and the flying you did, you “kept IFFR flying”. Thanks to all of you for that. Keep it up.

IFFR News Around the World ----- July - October 2020

WE'RE FLYING!

Yosemite Valley... July 2020.

From President George: It's been a challenging year, but this is a great time for optimism in IFFR. When cancellation of the RI Convention made our traditional AGM impossible, we held it on ZOOM... and all agreed it was BETTER. We'll continue to innovate. To paraphrase RI President Holgar ... IFFR is not just a fellowship you join, it's an invitation to endless opportunities.... for Friendship, Flying, Fun and Service.

In this year of challenges, we'll continue following the wisdom of Winnie & Phil:

- "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." (Winston Churchill)
- "Fly Well, Fly Safe, Fly Often." (PWP Phil Pacey)

My job is to go anywhere, anytime to support you. Just ask. We are Flying, we are Meeting, and we are Planning 2021. Read on ...

Tailwinds to ya', --- George

WHAT'S COMING IN 2021. The key SGM reports were made by the three IFFR Vice Presidents -- Alan Dias, Nik Ammann, and Mike McFarlane. The following activities and events are already being planned for 2021 in your Regions, so mark your calendars, and look for more news as we go.

Americas Region 2021 --VP Alan Dias

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Americas - 2021

- Sun N' Fun Airshow, Lakeland, Florida April 17-18
- Oregon International Air Show, Hillsboro, Oregon May 21-23
- Hood River Museum, Hood River, Oregon TBA
- Summer Solstice Fly-In, Fireweed, Arkansas June
- EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin July 26 – Aug 1
- Reno Air Races, Reno, Nevada September 15 – 19
- Albuquerque Intl. Balloon Fiesta, New Mexico October 2 – 10
- Formula 1 Races, Austin, Texas October 22 – 23

+ And many more to come!

Europe-Africa-Middle East Region 2021 – VP Nik Ammann

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Europe, Africa & Middle East - 2021

- IFFR Italia: Spring Meeting TBA
- IFFR France/Andorra May TBA
- IFFR Germany/Austria: Potsdam, Berlin 7- 9 May
- IFFR Benelux: Teuge, Netherlands 21 – 23 May
- IFFR UK: Lincoln, England 25 – 27 June
- IFFR Germany/Austria: Rostock (Eurofighter) July TBA
- IFFR Scandinavia: Vejle, Denmark 5 – 8 August
- IFFR Germany/Austria: Baden-Baden (Karlsruhe) 20 – 22 August
- IFFR Italia: Salerno 3 – 6 September
- IFFR France: September TBA
- IFFR Switzerland 2 – 3 One day meetings TBA

Australasia - Asia 2021

• IFFR New Zealand, Timaru (South Island)	26 – 29 March
• IFFR Australia, Airlie Beach, (Queensland)	25 April
• RI Convention, Taipei, Taiwan	13 – 16 June
• IFFR Post-Convention Flyaround (Hong Kong & Mongolia)	17 – 25 June
• IFFR New Zealand, Hastings (North Island)	15 – 18 October
• IFFR Australia, Ballina (New South Wales)	October 2021
• IFFR New Zealand, Invercargill (South Island)	8 – 11 April 2022
• IFFR New Zealand, Northland (North Island)	14 – 17 October 2022
• IFFR New Zealand, Christchurch (South Island)	31 March - 3 April 2023

Past World President PHIL PACEY. On behalf of IFFR, WP George presented Phil Pacey with a detailed model of Phil's Cessna 206 in appreciation for Phil's service as World President. Great job Phil.



ROTARY CONVENTION & IFFR TRIP TO MONGOLIA. As of now, the Rotary Convention in Taiwan is still on, and so is the IFFR post-Convention trip to Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia. Asian Section Chair Eric Chin briefly summarized the planned IFFR event---June 17-25, 2021. Details will follow in early 2021.



WORLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT... IFFR Adapting to Challenges. Although it's been a year of challenges for everyone, including IFFR, the good news is IFFR has been adapting to the challenges... not to survive, but to make things better.

Pandemic. The pandemic challenge most directly affected IFFR members around the world.

-When it cancelled our AGM in Hawaii, we adapted...and held the first ever virtual AGM on Zoom---which everyone agreed was better.

-Because of that, we held the first-ever Special General Meeting (SGM) in December with more members registered than for any prior IFFR event.

-All three Regional VPs are now regularly holding Zoom meetings with their section chairs.

-Various sections are now regularly holding Zoom meetings with their section members.

We are all adapting to the pandemic... to make things better.

Fellowship logos. All Rotary Fellowships, including IFFR, are having to rethink their logos to conform to RI's new branding rules. IFFR leadership will carefully review our options, adapt for the best interests of IFFR, and report back...to make things better.

Membership. A year ago, RI adopted new rules expanding membership eligibility in all Fellowships to any interested individual. IFFR leadership will carefully review this new rule, adapt for the best interests of IFFR, and report back.... to make things better.

CONCLUSION: It's been a challenging year, but we'll continue working to make things better. During 2021, I will strive to join you at IFFR events around the world. Count on it.

Meanwhile, keep your sense of humor, and while the pandemic continues,.....



Be safe... wear a mask. I do.

And remember the words of PWP Phil.... Fly Well, Fly Safe, Fly Often.

Tail winds to ya',

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