



## THE AIR COMMS MONTHLY WORLD NEWSLETTER

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FORWARD TO A FRIEND 

**AIR COMM'S COMMENTS - THE BIGGEST, WILDEST, WHACKIEST, HAPPIEST  
AIRSHOW IN THE WORLD!**



**Oshkosh Altogether 2015**  
**Minnesota 10,000 Lakes Flyout**  
**Celebrating**  
**50th Anniversary**  
*of the*  
**Flying Rotarians**

reserve by 31st October 2014

*The Oshkosh Altogether and 10000 Lakes Committee (WS Ian Kerr, Mark Hagen & Tim Fruedenthal, on the ground in Wisconsin and supported by Sam Bishop and George Chaffey in California) is at **full steam**.*

*Bookings **are flowing** to Ian in Scotland.*

*The Atlantic telephone lines have been running hot!*

*Thank you to many members for contacting me with your questions and **constructive comments** and suggestions.*

***Yes**, there will be extra transport on Wednesday 22/7/15 so keen aeroplane enthusiasts can watch and participate in the **'Night Flying Display'** at Airventure.*

***Yes**, When staying in Brainerd you have a whole day free to enjoy one of the **oldest and finest** American holiday resorts..*

*Maddens. [www.maddens.com](http://www.maddens.com)*

***Yes**. I'm organising the Aircomms Squadron. Departing Wautoma at 8.00am 22nd Wednesday bound for the Airventure.. landing right in the middle of the action. How's that for a start to our **50th Anniversary Special Celebration Day**. One of thousands landing into Wittman Field that morning!*

*Cannot wait to include the adventure in my Log Book!*

***Yes**, You don't have to go fishing, but Sam **'big ones only'** Bishop will certainly be putting on a day to remember! He's promised all the gear, the right bait, a decent sun hat, a comfy seat and **BIG FISH TOO**.*

[WWW.EAA.ORG/EN/AIRVENTURE](http://WWW.EAA.ORG/EN/AIRVENTURE)

[www.exploreminnesota.com](http://www.exploreminnesota.com)

***Full programme available here***

## 20 DAYS TO GO



The  
countdown's started  
**20**  
days to go  
Send your registration  
to  
Ian Kerr  
Now

***Madden's Hotel...***

***one of the oldest and finest holiday resorts in America***

offering

Float Plane conversion

trap shooting

private boat hire

a fabulous 18 hole golf course

a wonderful gym full of things for ladies

walks of any distance with packed lunches provided

[www.iffr.org](http://www.iffr.org) and then onto Oshkosh Registration

## KIRUNA... THE SCANDINAVIAN WEEKEND



President Rolf welcomed 25 members and friends to their recent meeting at Kiruna in Sweden in August

Kiruna is 67N and in the arctic circle and has the largest underground iron ore mine in the world... exceeds 1400m depth and produces 80,000 tons of ore per day.

Scandinavian members were joined by eight from the UK, two from Latvia, Han and Geineke from the Netherlands and Ulrich Starke from Germany.

Thank you Rolf and team for a super and interesting weekend.

## THE GERMAN/AUSTRIAN WEEKEND IN COLOGNE 29TH TO 1ST AUG



This was our view from the weekend hotel balcony.  
Once again, congratulations to President Frank and his team for putting on another splendid weekend.  
All members and friends (84 attended) welcomed Gunther Hayn (the first Austrian) as the incoming President who takes office in the new year.  
Gunther and his Partner Gerti fly a beautiful Mooney, and enjoy travelling throughout Europe and beyond.

## HAN KLINKSPOOR TO SPEARHEAD RECRUITMENT



Increasing Membership is part of **My Vision 2014/6**  
I'm delighted to announce Han has agreed to be my right hand man on all matters... increasing our membership.  
His action **will include:**

- **Creating a Recruitment Committee.** 'keep it small and effective but watch out he's after 6 good men and or women to support the initiative!
- **Planning and Managing** an awareness programme.
- **Offering a support** service to Section Chairs
- Providing a monthly **Spearheading Recruitment** featuring in the Newsletter
- Placing specific advertising in the Rotary International press and other suitable media outlets.

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Watch for Han's monthly  
**Spearheading Recruitment**  
feature

## ROY MARSDEN 1934 TO 27 SEPT 2014



I first got to know Roy and Marlene during my two years as World President. Alisma and I had the privilege of enjoying their hospitality at their home in Taupo. We were to enjoy their company not only in Taupo but also in Fly Ins elsewhere in New Zealand and indeed on IFFR events around the world. I remember the post Montreal Convention with particular pleasure. With Marlene by his side laughter was never far away but there was also a serious side to Roy. He was someone you knew that you could rely on and someone who did what they said they would do.

It was these qualities that made Roy an excellent candidate to take over from the long serving Tom Surowka as the World Secretary of IFFR. He didn't simply continue with what had gone before – he built on the existing foundations in a truly professional way. The Member Manager facility, an asset the Fellowship has still to make full use of, took a lot of hard work but that was what Roy was about. Liaising with the different Sections around the world will never be an easy task as each has their own priorities but Roy was never fazed by that. By the time he handed over the reins as Secretary Roy had created a solid administrative base for which the membership worldwide should be truly grateful.

I will remember Roy not only as a friend but also someone to whom IFFR owes a big debt. Our sympathy goes to Marlene.

ANGUS CLARK

IFFR WORLD PRESIDENT 2004-2006

Roy with his wife Marlene and PWP Fereoz Wadia

## FABULOUS FRENCH SECTION NEWSLETTER



***It all looks French to me but the pictures tell the story!***

Over the past twenty years Catherine and I must have popped across the English (no French) Channel about 40 times.

In the early years in a very old rented PA28 180', mostly red as the paint was peeling off, it had a ADF and a VOR which I didn't know how to use, no life raft or flares but we survived.

The old piper was soon upgraded to a TB10, now with full safety equipment and my VOR skills had been improved.

Followed by a TB20, Bonanza, and PA32.

Some eight years ago we purchased our beloved P28RT N8105Z.. Yes, fitted with everything possible.

We sometimes with the French IFFR Members but, mostly just touring on our own have crossed all corners of this most fantastic country.

I'm not sure where's my favourite area, but one thing's for sure.... **the wine and cheese is perfect no matter where!**

Thank you France.

Attached is the French Section's latest Newsletter...

[Newsletter \(French Version\)](#)

[Newsletter \(English Version\)](#)

Congratulations Dominique & Jean Luc

[www.iff.fr](http://www.iff.fr)

## ICECREAM EATERS IN BUDAPEST!



Eat your heart out Charles Strasser,

IFFR's Icecream Connoisseur .....

The Clarks and Alexanders enjoying possibly the best icecream in the world!

## WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT!



32 delightful seconds of how dad likes his new I-Pad  
Watch the following short clip that takes less than a minute.  
A daughter is visiting her father and is helping in the kitchen.  
She asks:

"Tell me, dad, how are you managing with the new I-Pad we  
gave you for your  
birthday?"

This clip is spoken in German but it's totally understandable in  
any language.

[www.snotr.com/embed/8965](http://www.snotr.com/embed/8965)

## NAME THE PLANE COMPETITION



As seen on the grass in Voslau. Please note this special  
aircraft only has one wing, possibly no tail wheel.

### QUESTIONS

- what engines!
- Which airline!
- Country of origin!
- Passenger capacity!
- Year of manufacture!

and the **Answer is**.....from **Gunther Hayn**  
incoming German /Austrian President.

It is a Vickers Viking, more exactly a Vickers 639 Viking 1,  
actually a Viking 1A conversion from type 498 for BSAAC.  
It was built in 1951.

It was operated by Austrian Aerotransport which bought it in  
1958; later by Austrian Airlines, whose logo it still carries.

The engines were Bristol Hercules 634, rated at 1,690 hp.

The Viking 1A carried 21 pax only, the later 1B carried 24.

This specific plane sat on the visitors deck of Vienna Airport  
for many years, owned by the Airport after it went out of  
service.

Later it was used by a nearby cafe for kiddies birthday parties  
and suchlike and finally it was transferred to the Voeslau  
Airfield.

There it sat right in the back where no one could see it but was transferred to a more visible position by a group of vintage airplane lovers. Unfortunately, corrosion took its toll and in March of this year, a storm broke off its right wing. The tailwheel, however, is still there.

## CHAIRMAN'S VISION



Chairman's

***Vision and Mission***

Link [here](#)

Its all very simple... ***communication and more communication!***

## BOARD ACTION



Minutes from the last board meeting - link [here](#)

Safety Report to the board - link [here](#)

## FRIENDS

***FRIENDS***

***Friends*** Background - link [here](#)

Application Form - link [here](#)

## PROMOTIONAL VIDEO



Two of the Best

***Flying Rotarian***

**recruiting tools** ever produced!

[Australia Video](#)

[Americas Video](#)

Thanks to Mal in Australia & Peter and Michael in America.

## IFFR AMERICA NEWSLETTER



### **October edition**

V/President George Chaffey

**Big congratulations** are in order for the America's latest Newsletter.

George helped by Peter More and Tony Watson have certainly set new standards in communicating with their members. **Best ever!**

Newsletter from America click [here](#)

## WE NEED YOUR COMMENTS . . .



Please send your news, views and interesting articles to [Bo Johnsson](mailto:Bo@iffro.org) our webmaster for inclusion on the [www.iffro.org](http://www.iffro.org)

## THE AIR COMM'S WORLD ROTA 2014/15



### **The World Events**

- **16th to 20th October** New Zealand Whitianga Fly-in
- **23rd October..** UK Leicester Luncheon **JA Attending**
- **10th December..** The UK RAF Club Annual Luncheon **JA Attending**

### **2015**

- **February..** JA in Australia and hopefully joining events and beers with members!
- **1st May..** Kassel German/Austrian weekend **JA Attending**
- **6th to 10th May...** The French Tour **JA Attending**

- **30th May. to 1st June** The Benelux 'Fields of Flanders' weekend Saturday to Monday for a change. **JA Attending**
- **19th June..**The UK Goodwood weekend **JA Attending**

**July 21st**  
**'Oshkosh Altogether'**  
**with the**  
**25th July 'til 1st Aug 2015**  
**Minnesota 1000 Lakes Flyout**

8.00am Thursday 23rd July IFFR Board Meeting\*

8.00 am Friday 24th July IFFR AGM\*

Boarders Inn & Suites, Wautoma

\* These dates are only proviisional

**JA ATTENDING**

- **14th August..**The Scandinavian Svendburg Denmark weekend **JA Attending**
- **27th August..** Swiss Basle weekend **JA Attending**
- **18th to 20th Sept...** Fete de Lens (tbc) **JA Attending**

***IFFR.org America... for their very exciting Programme***

## RAF CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH



### **The Christmas lunch at the RAF Club 10th December.**

The menu's been agreed, the wine's being cooled and Alisma's working on her table planner!

The RAF Club (opposite Buckingham Palace... OK, it's their back gate) is simply filled with original paintings of every RAF aeroplane ever commissioned into the famous service.... and has great food too.

### ***Possibly the most famous Lady flyer of our time!***

Polly Vacher who is a supporter of Flying Scholarships for Disabled People (fsfdp.org.uk) has kindly agreed to join us for luncheon and speak.

## PETER ARMSTRONG REPORT FROM NZ



The sheep have been shorn, the lambs are arriving and spring is in the air. New Zealand IFFR section is busy organising the first fly-in of my term which will be at Whitianga 17/18/19/20 October. Date was designed to avoid clashing with our Australian IFFR colleagues. Planned events in detail are on our [www.iffr.org.nz](http://www.iffr.org.nz) web under next Fly-in. The reality of flying in New Zealand since our IFFR get together in Australia has been tempered by weather – rain, rain and more rain so not a lot has occurred.

A more complete update of photos and experiences will be provided after our fly-in. With a month to go we have 19 folk participating, with numbers to increase (hopefully) as we get closer to the 17th October.

## IFFR FLY/DRIVE-IN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014, STAFFORD, VA



The Stafford Rotary Club has invited IFFR to their Wings and Wheels Festival at the Stafford Regional Airport (RMN), Fredericksburg, VA on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The event is the largest USA airshow sponsored by a Rotary Club! IFFR is invited to have a display booth there in the expectation that Rotarians interested in aviation will also want to join the Fellowship.

The airshow website

([www.staffordrotary.org/Wings&WheelsFestival.cfm](http://www.staffordrotary.org/Wings&WheelsFestival.cfm)) provides additional information about this free tenth annual event together with driving, parking and fly-in information. IFFR members coming should notify Tom Johnston ([tomjohnston@verizon.net](mailto:tomjohnston@verizon.net) or (c)717/391-0965) and at the event check-in at the IFFR booth in the vender area.

Support Rotary and enjoy fellowship with other flying Rotarians at this great Wings and Wheels Festival in Virginia! Thomas M. (Tom) Johnston, Chair, NE Section, Americas International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

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## THE WORLD SCORE BOARD

### **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO IFFR**

#### The World Score Board

America	300*
United Kingdom	128
<b>UK Friend</b>	<b>14</b>
Australia	107
Germany/Austria	98
Scandinavia	94
France	60
Switzerland	53
New Zealand	40
Benelux	38
Italy	37
Portugal	29
Vladimir and Moses one each	2
Others	15
Total (excluding Japanese x 27)	<b>999</b>

**\* well done America**

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