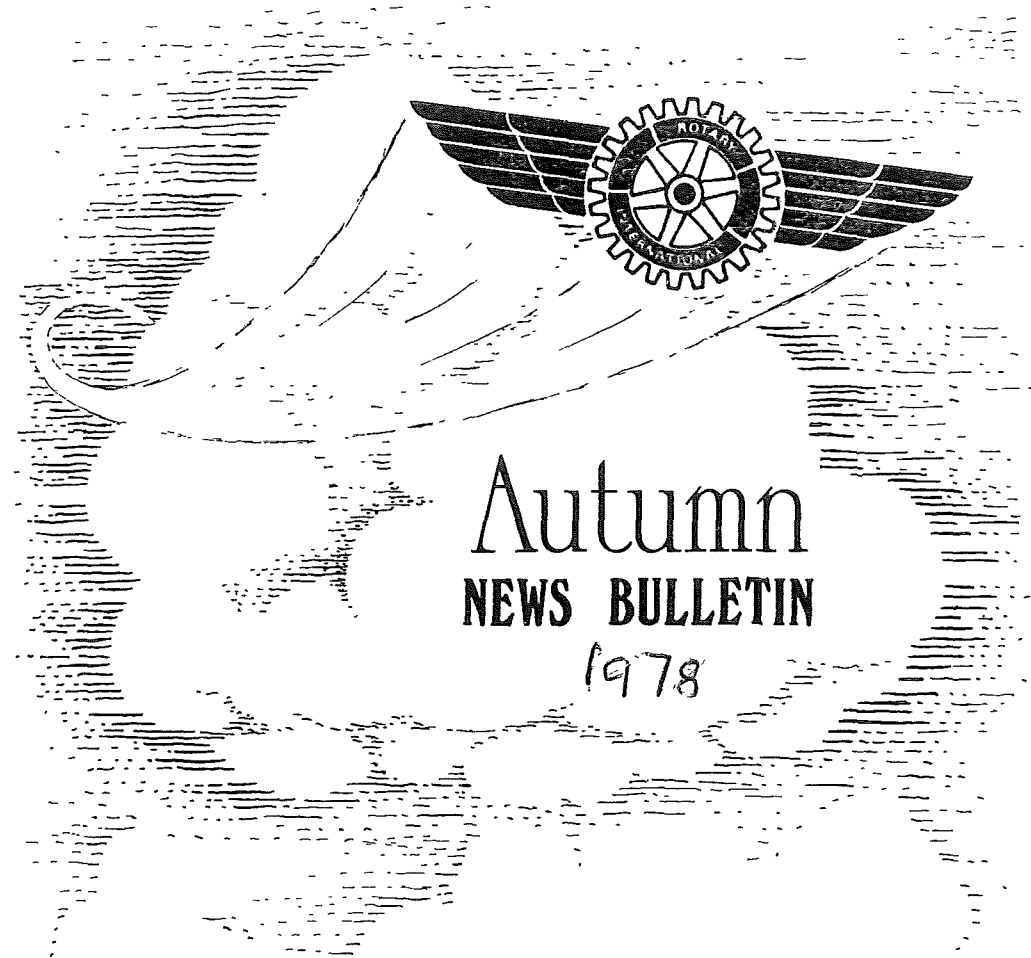


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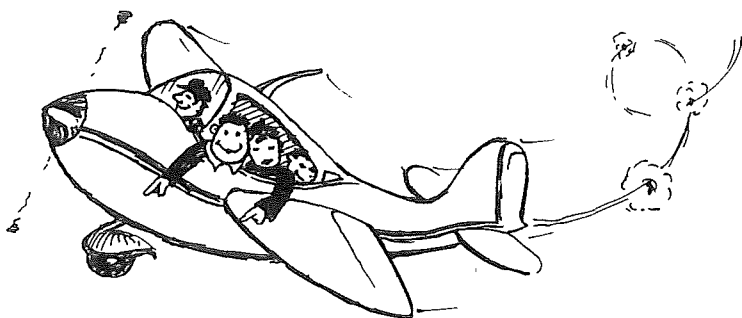


As all of us are Rotarians first and foremost we should know what fellowship is all about. As Flying Rotarians (a select and peculiar breed) we are privileged to know and share that ability to go up into the skies and look down, in isolation, on Man and his doings. To know the feeling of that first Solo. We must therefore make a greater effort in 1979 to bring our fellowship together, to attend as many "get togethers" and Rallys as we are able and to make the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians live. It is not enough to let our Secretary flog himself to death in an effort to keep the Society alive unless we are prepared to support him. So come on you Flying Rotarians - make an effort and lets get together during 1979.

DHB



SECRETARY'S REPORT 1978



Dear Rotary Pilots,

It is difficult to find anything to say about the 1978 season, mainly because of the weather.

The highlights were the Sunday Outing to Swansea where it seemed hundreds of deprived children were given flights and the Annual Saxmundham event organised by Peter Woodruff.

Problems organising these events are 1) Lack of Support by I.F.F.R. members, and 2) the weather. From my own experience I know that after trying to organise an "event" and then finding only a few of the faithful turn up is a little disappointing to say the least. I know Gwyn Howells was on "Tenter-Hooks" at Swansea because of Local commitments, but five aircraft turned up and we had a lot of fun and very happy children.

Having had a "go" at members who don't turn up, I would like to know what they do want, surely it can't be just a tie and badge!! I suggest that we divide the country into North, South, East and West. Could we ask Flying Rotarian Cockbaine to start the ball rolling in the North, with Gwyn Howells in Swansea, Peter Woodruff in Saxmundham, President Purley in the South, Charles O'Neale in Ireland and Reg Speares with yours truly in Jersey. I have just pulled these names out of the Hat, so if you have any better ideas lets have them, but let us do something to advance I.F.F.R. within R.I.B.I.

Sec. Report 1978 cont.

Another newsletter will be published during February, so I would like to have any dates and articles you wish to be published by the end of January.

I would like to apologise in advance to any members who didn't receive one of our new ties. We are sending them out, we hope before Christmas F.O.C. to members who have paid their 1978 Subscription. If you feel left out and have paid your 1978 sub, please let me know. Badges will soon be available (not before time did I hear) and I would like to hear from members who have (a) Never had a badge (First F.O.C.) and, (b) Those who have two suits and would like to purchase a new one. Please annotate your 1979 Subscription Form which is enclosed accordingly regardless of previous requests. Other goodies in the pipeline are Banners and Aircraft Stickers. Our thanks go to Len Smith for helping to organise this lot.

Before all the above is paid for the I.F.F.R. bank balance stands at £319.56, so any expenses involving postage etc. when organising events should be submitted to me.

As you will have realised, due to lack of communication with the States we have gone semi-independent but have not as yet any properly constituted committee or rules. I therefore put myself up for re-election as Secretary and I am sure Francis would also stand again as Chairman.

Please let me have your comments and nominees for inclusion on a ballot form to be issued with the February Bulletin. From the experience of the last two years I would suggest a Committee of Four, i.e. Chairman, Secretary, Public Relations, Events Organiser.

Any I.F.F.R. members flying past Compton Abbas please call in. A call on 122-7 about 10 minutes before arrival will give me time to meet you on arrival if I am in the country.

Happy Christmas and good flying in 1979.

Phil Pickford

On Sunday, 6th August 1978 some 50 deprived children, with the Mayor of Swansea, and a number of Swansea Rotarians were anxiously waiting at Swansea Airport. They had been keeping an anxious eye on the weather as well which could not have been described as very good. All eyes were looking eagerly out and all ears listening in anticipation. Not in vain, as a little while before lunch time they saw in the distance a dot which soon became recognisable as a light aeroplane. They heard the engine and - yes it looked as though it was intending to land at Swansea. This was followed by another, and another and soon the circuit was busy with aircraft.

Then aircraft had flown from all parts of the British Isles to this I.F.F.R. Fly in. After all the Rotarians had landed safely, been met by Rotarian Gwyn Howells and a number of willing Swansea Rotarians and had lunch, they all returned to the Airport for the main purpose of this mission.

All the children were given flights of about twenty mins. "round the bay", some aircraft making two or three sorties. For the children we hope it was an adventure and a thrill they had been looking forward to - and we hope will look back on with pleasure! It was certainly something that they may not have had the opportunity of doing had it not been for Rotary. For the Rotarians who took part it was rewarding and a sense of satisfaction was achieved at helping, or giving some pleasure, to those less fortunate than ourselves. It made the whole point of the Fly in more meaningful. We felt less selfish about the day out and there was a worthwhile objective in going to Swansea.

The Mayor entertained the children to tea, and an entertainer was busy keeping them laughing as we all quietly slipped away. Each flew back to their starting point feeling that we have enjoyed a flight but also done something for someone else as well as enjoying our flying. We had tried to combine our interests in Rotary and flying in a way which in some small way helped to translate our ideals into actions. Our thanks to Gwyn Howells and his colleagues who arranged it all, and to our hard working Secretary Phil Pickford. We hope one could sum it up by saying - a good day was had by all.

Len Smith

Dear Phil,

What a lovely day we had. Everyone here thinks that I.F.F.R. the most splendid organisation. Really you shouldn't have come after flying all the way from Boston. But everyone appreciated what you did. All the members here think that it's the best thing that Rotary has put on in years.

I thought that you would like to see the letter which I received from the Chairman of the Community Service Committee.

Once again, thanks for everything.

Gwyn Howells



Dear Gwyn,

I hardly know how to begin to thank you for your very hard work and extreme kindness in making our venture at the Airport such a resounding success. When you first mentioned the possibility of giving under privileged youngsters this thrill of a lifetime, my initial thoughts of enthusiasm were accompanied by fears of apprehension but during the past week those fears were dispelled by utter amazement of the most matter of fact approach by your colleagues in I.F.F.R. Your fellow members just arrived - and in a moment, they all won our admiration and complete example of Service before Self.

Whilst the children's reaction was very evidently one of pure joy and needs no further comment, I would be very glad if you would kindly convey our most grateful thanks to I.F.F.R., the Flying Club and all those who brought their planes to Swansea Airport with such cheerfulness and gave such enormous pleasure to all of us who were there, making it one of Rotary's most worthwhile efforts in the history of our Club.

Please also convey our thanks to your wife, Enid and to David and Jonathan who worked so hard, doing those apparently unnoticed tasks but without whose efforts, the success of the venture would have been impaired.

I would appreciate it if I may leave it to you to see that I.F.F.R. were informed of the extent of our sincere gratitude.

Kindest regards,

Fred H. Merrifield



PROPOSED FRENCH VISIT IN 1979

The French I.F.F.R. members would like to visit with their aircraft our country in force during the next year and as there would be at least 20 planes coming over I would suggest either the weekend of 14th April (Easter) or 21st April as most suitable. Please let me have your comments and suggestions.

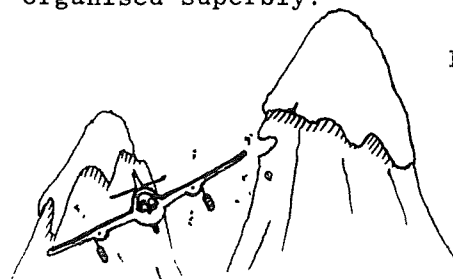
REPORT ON FRENCH I.F.F.R. RALLY

About 20 aircraft converged on the aerodrome of Sariat in the Dordogne which is one of the most beautiful and unspoilt parts of France with the Dordogne river winding itself from west to east, approximately 50 miles east of Bordeaux. Sariat airfield itself is on top of a hill with a small aeroclub and an excellent restaurant where on arrival we were served a fantastic meal including a lot of Foie Gras which is the speciality of the region and their heavy but lovely red wine. In the afternoon all the participants - 45 in all - mostly French with the exception of one Swiss and one Italian aircraft and the writer, were all driven to the Domme and Dordogne region and visited some of the literally hundreds of medieval castles dotted around the countryside. The dinner we had at an old abbey was again a gastronomic affair and the rotary fellowship was at its best being reinforced by the mutual experiences of flying.

On Sunday, 10th, each aircraft was given a special timing for aerial circuit which took us through Beynac and we had to arrive at the aerodrome of Condat sur Vezere which has a 600m runway which literally goes up the mountain with a level difference of 34m. We had to come in on the base-leg into a valley, turn for finals between two mountains and stall onto the rising runway and stop on the top (practically with an anchor). It was great fun and everybody managed the hairy landing and afterwards enjoyed yet another memorable meal in the open on the airfield.

When we took off late Sunday in the afternoon (down the runway into the valley and with a steep 90° turn to get out of it) we could look back on a super weekend which the French under the guidance of Jean Recullet had organised superbly.

Francis G. Willinger





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