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IFFR members in the United States number many hundreds and pay a \$10 annual subscription in exchange for which they receive an American Membership List and News Letter. IFFR Headquarters insist that any non-American section should pay them the same subscription although the information supplied is valueless to non-Americans. Many European members object to paying a subscription on this basis and want to propose a reduction to a nominal subscription for Europeans as a matter of principle. But unless they are paid up IFFR members they cannot propose a resolution or vote. And if they pay up on principle, how can they support the reduction as a matter of principle?

Answers please on the back of a US Flight Plan to the Chairman of the IFFR in Italy, Switzerland or the United Kingdom. Many members feel strongly about this and sympathetic consideration at the R.I. Conference in Birmingham next year would assist the promotion of general aviation through Rotary in Europe which would benefit those Americans who build most of the aircraft used in Europe. Can one of our District Governors be moved strongly enough to assist us all?

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Phone now, you'll never have time to write.

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SPRING MEETING

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS - EUROPE

A meeting was held of the officers of the British, French, Italian and Swiss Sections of IFFR at Valenciennes, France on 18th/19th June. A total of 12 members accompanied by wives flew in in five different aircraft for the purpose of negotiating arrangements to improve contacts between European IFFR Members. On arrival they were met by members of the Valenciennes-Escout Club and taken to the Town Hall where they were honoured to receive a civic welcome by the Mayor.

After lunch, the business session opened by considering the situation arising from the fact that while the majority of French members had paid the \$10 per head capitation fee to IFFR in America and were accordingly recognised as being duly affiliated, members in the other countries had declined to pay the American subscription in full although it had been indicated that a nominal subscription paid on a National basis was acceptable in principle. The French delegates urged that the remaining Europeans should follow their example but the other delegates contended that their members were unwilling to pay a charge for which no benefit could be enjoyed by European pilots and which simply served to reduce the cost of IFFR to the American pilots. No agreement was reached on this subject, but the British members expressed the hope that the matter would be further considered by IFFR at the RI Conference in Birmingham in June 1984.

Proposals were then put forward for compiling a single European List of Members, giving names, addresses and telephone numbers and the airport at which the Member is based. Denis Bothwick agreed to prepare a printed list on receipt of the relevant information and it was agreed that copies would be distributed in bulk to each European Section for distribution to its own Members and each Section would contribute towards the cost approximately in proportion to membership. Copies would be made available to non-European IFFR Members visiting Europe on request.

The meeting then discussed methods of notifying members of IFFR events in Europe to which members from other countries were invited. The French indicated that they held their Annual Reunion on the second week in September each year and the Italians on the first weekend in June. The Swiss and English had no particular policy but it was agreed that the Secretaries, when fixing events, should keep these dates in mind and should notify their own members and the secretaries of other sections as early as possible of each International Event. The French issued an invitation to their forthcoming meeting in September although the venue had not been determined and the Italians issued an invitation to Parma, Italy for the 1st/2nd/3rd June 1984.

The French representative then described arrangements made each year for an early Summer meeting organised entirely by a Rotary Club with an IFFR Member and an active flying club to hold an open-day at which displays of flying, gliding and aerobatics were given and members were invited to offer trial rides to fellow Rotarians while the flying club provided flying for the public. All the profit, which was frequently considerable, goes to the Charity Fund of the Rotary Club undertaking the arrangements. It was suggested that other sections could consider requesting one of their Rotary Clubs to promote such an event with the co-operation of the local flying club.

The meeting closed with agreement that contact should be renewed with IFFR members where known in Belgium, Holland and West Germany. In the evening a dinner was held with the local Rotarians and their wives, who joined the delegates, and sincere expressions of thanks were tendered to Ives Branson for his efforts in arranging such a successful meeting and to the Rotary Club of Valenciennes-Escout for the considerable assistance given by providing ground transportation, and organising accommodation and meals for the visitors.

THE FRANCIS WILLINGER TROPHY

<u>Participants</u>		<u>Aircraft</u>
France	Jean Recullet Jean Rapin Solange Rapin	Robin F-BVMZ from Bourges
Italy	Lucinio Ferretti Ampelio Simonazzi Raul Tentolini P. Bianchini	Piper Navajo I-FEST from Milan
Switzerland	Marc Bonnet Ruth Bonnet	Beech 95 HB-GFF from Geneva
United Kingdom	Ives Branson Sheila Branson Peter Gresham Denis Bothwick Peggy Bothwick	Piper Aztec G-ARYF from Biggin Hill
	John Ritchie	Piper PA28 G-ATAA from Elstree

PILOT PROFILE

CHARLES G. STRASSER

Age late 50s. Chief Executive of various companies now based in Jersey, Channel Islands. Formerly member of Newcastle under Lyme Rotary Club. Founder Member of UK Section IFFR in 1966. Now flies a smart Seneca Twin. Entered the 1978 IFFR tour of the Mediterranean and has attended many UK meetings. Last seen at the French Section Annual Meeting at La Rochelle in September 1982 and would like to see combined French/English Meeting at Jersey.

Objective:

To choose the UK IFFR member who has done most to promote Rotary Fellowship through the medium of general aviation in the preceding year.

Method:

Two fly-in meetings will be held:

1. At Lashenden (Headcorn) Kent on Sunday 24 July 1983
2. At Shoreham, Sussex on Sunday 21 August 1983

IFFR members are eligible to attend either or both meetings and are encouraged to bring with them fellow Rotarians from any Club.

Rules:

1. Attendance to qualify for the competition must be by air.
2. Points will be allotted under three headings:
 - (a) Distance
 - (b) Passengers
 - (c) Accuracy of forecast arrival time
3. The entrant must be an IFFR member and be the pilot in command on arrival.
4. Any IFFR member making a qualifying attendance at both meetings will be automatically credited with his best performance in the competition.
5. The award will be presented at the AGM to be held at Southend Airport in early October 1983.

Marks:

To encourage participation in aviation by Rotarians who are not experienced in general aviation, marks will be allotted as follows:-

- (a) For each fellow IFFR member travelling as passenger 10 marks
- (b) For each fellow Rotarian who has previously flown as passenger in light aircraft 25 marks
- (c) For each Rotarian on his first general aviation flight 50 marks
- (d) For each nautical mile from first departure point with passenger (direct line) 1 mark
- (e) For any IFFR member qualifying in both events 50 marks
- (f) The intended arrival time may be communicated in advance by phone to the organiser on the preceding day. If so, 50 bonus points will be awarded reduced by 1 point for each minute early or late on touch down 50 marks

Expenses:

Each member shall be responsible for his own expenses including flying costs, landing fees and refreshments.

Air Navigation Orders:

Every pilot entrant shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with all relevant Air Traffic Control Rules and Regulations and all instructions from thereunder. The organisers reserve the right to reduce marks or disqualify any entrant for breach of such rules and regulations.

Insurance:

Entrants should satisfy themselves that they are adequately insured for third party and passenger liability as the organisers accept no responsibility in this respect.

Procedure:

Phone to organiser named below at least 24 hours ahead.
Note: There is usually parachuting at Headcorn on Sundays. Call RT 12200 for advisory and DON'T join overhead. Grassfield. Circuits 1,000 ft. L.H. Snacks available or bring your picnic lunch. Air Warfare Museum open Sundays. Shoreham has hard and grass runways. Restaurant on airfield. Within reach of beach. Call Approach RT 123.15 for joining information.

Organisers

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Lashenden</u>	<u>Shoreham</u>
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NOTE:

The Organisers reserve the right to withhold the award of this Trophy if there is insufficient support for either or both events.

PILOT PROFILE

DR. GWYN HOWELL

Age mid 50s. Medical Doctor in Swansea. Married to Enid also a doctor and a J.P. He took to the air after learning nav. and met. in submarines and flies a Piper Cherokee from Swansea. Fluent Welsh speaker (especially on RT in IMC). Joined IFFR in 1974 and has attended most recent IFFR meetings being the only member to attend the 1982 AGM by air. Organised charity flights for children at Swansea for three successive years.

(I wonder whether he uses radar or sonar for his approaches. Ed.)

PROPOSED UK AIR DAY

1. Select 3 airfields in Southern England with nearby Rotary Clubs from list.
2. Weekend to be suggested by IFFR in May or June 1984. Exact day to be arranged with local airfield management.
3. Invite local IFFR members to arrange flights in MAX. 3 aircraft at any one airfield.
4. Invite Rotary Club to host MAX. 50 members, wives and children to tea and free "round the houses" flight.
5. Invite airfield management to accept maximum 40 additional movements (20 landings and 20 take off) during a three hour period on the day chosen and to discount or waive landing fees.
6. Assuming 3 passenger seats per aircraft and 15 minute flight with 15 minute intervals to load and unload, each aircraft makes 6 flights over 3 hour period. This should avoid overload on ATC or pilots.
7. Little if any positionary flying will be needed so cost to pilots will be minimal.
8. Indemnity insurance for accident claims against Rotary and IFFR to be arranged on block basis with aviation insurance brokers to MAX. £1 million.
9. Cost to pilots = 1½ hours flying
Cost to Rotary Club = Refreshments only
Cost to IFFR = Accident Insurance Premium
10. Local bad weather or SNAFU will not ground whole operation.

N.B. If the project is acceptable, the first priority is to obtain quotation for insurance cover, and then obtain sufficient IFFR pilots. After adequate arrangements are made in principle, approach airfield management and local Rotary Club.

AIR DAY - LIST OF AIRFIELDS

<u>Airfield</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>
Blackbush	Camberley
Cambridge	Cambridge
Compton Abbas	Shaftesbury
Cranfield	Bedford
Denham	Ruislip Northwood
Fairoaks	Woking
Ipswich	Ipswich
Lashenden	Maidstone
Rochester	Chatham & Gillingham
Shoreham	Brighton
Stapleford Tawney	Harlow
Wycombe Park	High Wycombe

R O T A M S

- 83/5 Invitation received to French IFFR Annual Meeting 10th/11th September. Venue to be announced. This is our only event abroad this summer, please phone so that details can be sent to you immediately they are available.
- 83/6 Our AGM will be held at Southend on Sea Airport on Sunday, 1st October. Overnight accommodation available. Arrival by 12 noon desired. Afternoon meeting for members (ladies can sample the whelks on the pier). Evening dinner/dance. Please advise numbers not later than 18th September to assist accommodation and catering arrangements.
- 83/7 Advance notice received of Italian IFFR Summer Meeting on 1/2/3 June 1984 at Parma, Italy (the Home of the Ham). British especially welcome - 80 participants in 1982. Overnight stops at Dijon and Geneva for UK members will make it a real holiday.
- 83/8 Please advise Chairman or Secretary if you propose to attend the RI Convention in Birmingham in June 1984 so that details of IFFR Section Meeting there can be given to you. Any member based at Coventry or Halfpenny Green is asked to contact now whether or not attending the Convention.
- 83/9 No further Bulletins will be sent to members who have not paid 1983 Subscription of £5 by 30 September 1983.

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