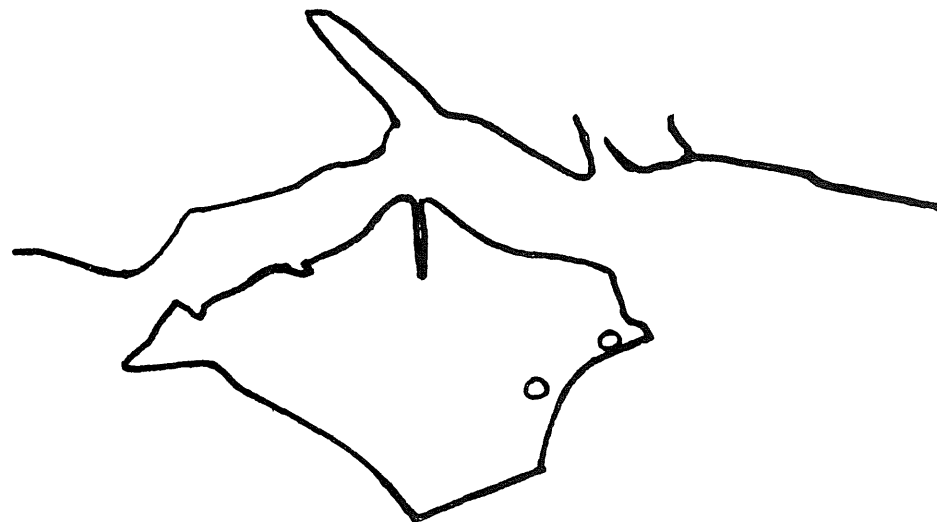


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I. F. F. R. - U.K. - A.G.M.

The final meeting of the season will be the Autumn assembly at Sandown, Isle of Wight for the weekend 5 - 6th October. We are moving around the country each year and will be looking further North next Summer, possibly even as far as Edinburgh.

This weekend will start with the fly-in to Sandown Airfield on Saturday morning. It is a grass strip 884 metres long heading 05/23 with radio 123.50. 100LL fuel available, if required. The landing fee for single engine aircraft is £5 including VAT. For those needing a hard runway, Bembridge will be open, details available from them by telephone. If flying to Bembridge, please telephone locally for a taxi to Sandown Airfield.

About 1400 hours we shall visit the A.R.V. Aviation Plant to see the new self assembly £15,000 all metal two seater which they manufacture. After the visit, transfer to the Hotel Holliers, Church Road, Old village, Shanklin. Dinner, bed and breakfast is available at £17.50 per head in double rooms.

On Sunday morning from 10 till 12 the A.G.M. will be held in the Conference room at the Hotel to be followed by lunch and an afternoon departure. When the number of ladies attending is known, we will arrange something likely to entertain them during the meeting.

To enable Hotel bookings to be confirmed, please telephone Mike Coy on 0926-612300 a.s.a.p. giving names and details of your requirement. Last year we had 20 participants and a most enjoyable weekend at Stratford-on-Avon. Unlike most Rotary Meetings, wives are particularly welcome at IFFR events and any suggestions to enable them to participate more fully in our activities will be gratefully received.

A.G.M. AGENDA

- 1. Appointment of Officers for 1986
- 2. Financial Report - Subscription 1986
- 3. Spring Meeting - Jersey again ?
- 4. 1986 Summer Programme of Events
- 5. Anything else you like to discuss

EUROPEAN ROUND-UP

I.F.F.R. in Europe has really got going. This Summer there have been International Fly-in Meetings at Jersey (on which we have already reported) Venice and Strasbourg in addition to the local meetings. Charles Strasser was present at all three and although the date and distance prevented further participation from the U.K., a good turn out assembled in Venice to enjoy the customary Italian hospitality.

Strasbourg is only a half-day from South East England and 7 U.K. aircraft joined about 20 French and 2 Swiss for the French Reunion held at Neuhof the Club Airfield in the middle of the City. They came from Bedford, Jersey (2), Elstree, East Midlands, Manchester and Shoreham and ranged from a Beagle Pup to a Seneca. We landed amid parachutists and gliders to be warmly received and regaled with a barbecue lunch beneath the trees in the hot sunshine.

Bernard Seng, IFFR member and President of the Strasbourg Rotary Club with Jean Recullet and Marc Bonnet the French and Swiss IFFR Presidents welcomed the visitors and after receiving gifts we left by coach to tour the city with just sufficient time to shower and change before the Civic Reception in the Mairie. There orange juice was as much in demand as the wine as we were dining in the cave of a noted Alsace wine growing company run by a Rotarian where the simple meal was accompanied by a wine tasting and illustrated by some slides and a commentary in both french and english on the wines of the district.

The highlight of the evening however was the Organ and Trumpet Recital with special lighting effects held about 11.30 p.m. in the magnificent setting of Strasbourg Cathedral. After a concert memorable in its nature and composition, the party strolled home through the old quarter of the city to the comfortable Conference Hotel.

The next morning coaches left at 11.00 a.m. to take us to the Rhine Cruise where we partook lunch while battling up stream against the strong current and later gliding through the commercial part of the city back to our waiting transport. Then off to the airfield, a quick glance at the weather satellite receiver in the Club hanger (a must for any modern Flying Club) the filing of flight plans, a final photograph and a Customs

departure recorded (like our arrival) on the back of a crumpled envelope by a relaxed official who was enjoying the sunshine as much as we were.

As we flew slowly home, the evening air was filled with the dulcet tones of english voices requesting V.M.C. crossing of the METZ TCZ and demanding of Paris INFO the latest weather for various U.K. destinations. The brisk headwind extended journey times, but with the exception of the Beagle Pup whose occupants enjoyed another night of French hospitality at Vitry, the remaining aircraft reached their home bases by sunset.

Our congratulations for the longest journey go to Feroz Wadia of Edinburgh who was so determined to participate that he took a commercial flight down from Edinburgh to Manchester there to join Erwin Rodgers. Their aircraft was the only one to spend as much time in english airspace as in french and we were delighted to hear that the weather had improved sufficiently to let them safely back home. Another successful event concluded and something new to look forward to for next year.

THE MISSING GENERATION

When your Editor was a child power flying was forbidden in Germany by the Versailles Treaty. Now D - Registered aircraft are seen and heard all over Europe but in spite of determined efforts we have not succeeded in finding a single German Rotarian Pilot willing to join IFFR. With the RI Convention to be held in Munich in 1987, it is essential that we establish a German Section able to receive the Pilot Delegates. Would you be willing to spend a few days next Spring in making a tour of Germany, visiting Rotary Clubs and spreading the IFFR Gospel? A knowledge of German would be useful, but far from essential particularly when flying. Any member with a German contact club would be particularly welcome as pilot or passenger. We did a Mediterranean Tour in 1978 and a German Tour should be much easier to arrange and operate. Ideas and information please to Ives Branson, or John Ritchie.

Dear GIRLS

Having just returned from a super trip to Strasbourg one thing became apparent, the dearth of female members of crew in some aircraft, (though one did bring three women to two men!) IFFR is as much for wives and families as it is for the men - we can all enjoy their hobby.

Much of Rotary is a men only affair - quite rightly. Some of us are members of Inner Wheel, others for one reason or another do not join that organisation, but Rotary is fellowship the world over and IFFR supports that. Some of the men are not aware how welcome the girls are, and some of the girls are not sure about whether they should come, but the answer is always YES. IFFR functions are planned to that end.

I do know that some wives are hesitant about flying, but it is much safer than driving. (How many husbands check the car inside and out whenever they take it out of the garage?) and if you have a four seater, it is even better when you take another couple (or family) with you. Or perhaps stretch the weekend and enjoy a little mini holiday.

The Europeans are always most welcoming with activities geared to the womenfolk as well as the men and very soon meetings become one big party.

BUT that is only a relatively little part of it. The Committee here plan several "get togethers" during the year and work very hard to make them interesting to all the family and to hold them in different parts of the country so many can attend. Sometimes I think they get rather disappointed by the returns. I look at the directory, some members I know well, others I talk to on the telephone, but there are many we have met only once.

Come to SHANKLIN for the AGM and let us have a BRITISH weekend. The programme is aimed at arriving for an informal lunch, then an afternoon to spend as you wish, followed by the IFFR Dinner in the evening, where we all swop stories (and some get taller than others!!) On the Sunday morning the men hold their meeting and something is arranged for the

wives, perhaps a visit or a tour of the locality, followed by lunch, after which we all go our separate ways, faces having been put to names, new friends made, and we all look forward to the next time.

Mary C. Ritchie

FOR THE LADY PILOTS

The Swiss Section of the Federation of European Pilots invite ALL women Pilots to a Flyin and Annual Reunion at Geneva, Cointrin on the weekend of 4 - 6th October. Males are welcome as co-pilots, navigators etc. The registration fee is 390SF per head, double room (about £130 per head including meals and accommodation). Full programme details available from the U.K. Chairman, John Ritchie, telephone 0462-684941 evenings. This is the same weekend as our A.G.M. but please pass on the information to any Lady Pilots whom you know whether or not they are members of the F.E.P.

SALES PITCH

For the Men

Charles Strasser has produced a range of items bearing the IFFR Crest and set in a circle between the letters IFFR - The Flying Rotarians. The badges are all embroidered in blue and gold and your Club name can be included at £2 extra if desired. A combination price list and order form is enclosed and samples of the completed items will be available for inspection at Sandown. The quality is excellent and the number of orders placed at the Strasbourg meetings where they were well received by Pilots of every nationality justifies the initiative of our Jersey members.

I F F R WORLD SERVICE

The latest bulletin from Pennsylvania gives details of well attended IFFR meetings in Kansas City where 24 aircraft flew into the RI Convention 1985, in Mexico and in Australia as well as our own Jersey Rally.

Advance notice is given of events in Caracas Venezuela on 6th - 9th November and in Muncie, Indiana on the 17th June next. The Italian job will be some time in June and the French always unite on the first weekend in September. Next year the RI Convention is in Las Vegas which may stretch the resources of the European Members but in 1987 the RI Convention will be held in Munich, Germany. Three U.S. Pilots are already planning that voyage. For us in the U.K. it will be a chance to show the other Rotarians what IFFR is really all about.

Every IFFR Pilot should plan N O W to bring his regular "Stewardess" and another non-pilot Rotarian to the Convention. If the Americans can cross the Pond surely we can cross the Channel.