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INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP of FLYING ROTARIANS

United Kingdom Section

MIDSUMMER MEETING - MANCHESTER - 27/28th JUNE

Venue : WILMSLOW MOAT HOUSE, Phone 0625-529201 : Fax 0625-531876
Incorporates extensive Leisure Facility - bring your swimsuit & sneakers.
Room & Full Breakfast : Double £22.50, Single £32.50, per head.
Dinner price £15-18 (to be agreed with Hotel). No deposit required.

PROGRAMME

Arrive Manchester International Saturday morning. Parking Southside near M. S. F. Aviation (Blue Portakabin) - For Entry/Exit Lane and ATC Information contact Irwin Rodgers : Phone 061-336-3846 or Fax : 061-336-0824
Saturday afternoon : Visit to Quarry Bank Mill (National Trust Property)
Dinner in Hotel. Lounge suits & party gowns. Speech by Irwin only !
Sunday : Details to be provided by Irwin on arrival at Manchester

SCANDINAVIAN SECTION RALLY - 14-16th AUGUST

The formal invitation has now been received from Ake Nerell, the Scandinavian IFFR President. The meeting will be held in HANKO on the southwestern tip of Finland. Travel by air either to Hanko, EFHN or to Helsinki/Malmi EFHF, 140km away from which bus transport will be available to Hanko. The Hanko runway 03/21 is 1400 x 12 metres asphalt and equipped for night VFR. Customs on request and NO LANDING FEES. The weekend cost is estimated at FIM 950-1,000 inclusive of accommodation, meals and transport. Participants are expected no later than 17.00 at Helsinki or 19.00 at Hanko. The detailed programme of events will be available later, but efforts are being made in conjunction with the local aero-clubs to fly across to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, on the Sunday afternoon. This offers a great opportunity to break new ground behind the old Iron Curtain. For more details write or fax LUNDQUIST REDERIENA, N. Esplanadgaten 9B SF-22100 MARIEHAM Finland. Phone +358-28-26050. Fax +358-28-15411. TLX Finland 63113

SPRING MEETING - MILTON KEYNES

Once again our first event for 1992 was marred by inclement weather, but the determination which found Barry Paget driving up from Bodmin when that field was closed by mist and rain ensured that a dozen members ranging from Scotland to Cornwall via the Midlands and Kent assembled in time to listen to one of the pioneers of aviation in England between the wars speak to us about Test Pilots whom he had known. Don Middleton, formerly with Airspeed Ltd, illustrated his talk with slides of pilots and planes that have now largely passed on, but the age of the majority of IFFR members meant that the names involved were well within the memories of those present. After his talk Don was kind enough to answer numerous questions from various directions, the wives who as usual were well represented at the meeting being as keen as the pilots for more details. The evening was spent enjoying an excellent dinner at the comfortable Forte-Crest Hotel, but the tour of the New Town the following morning by car was spoiled by the heavy rain, although this held off long enough for the ritual inspection of the famous concrete cows. The party dispersed before lunch, the two aircraft who had succeeded in flying into Cranfield departing into lowering clouds.

WEST COUNTRY MEETING - EXETER - 25/26th JULY

Venue : CREST HOTEL, EXETER. Phone: 0392-412812 Fax: 0392-413549
Inclusive Charge for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast - £50 per head. £10 non-
returnable deposit required for each booking. PLEASE BOOK DIRECT.
IFFR Contact - Russell Thompson : Phone 0626-890409(H) or 0392-72862(B)

PROGRAMME:

Arrive Saturday morning - Hosts at Airport : Exeter Flying Club 0392-67653
Customs in Main Terminal on request. Public Car Park for visitors by road.
Afternoon Visit Maritime Museum and Guided City Tour.
Evening.- Dinner in Exclusive Dining Room in Hotel - No speeches !
Sunday : A.G.M. See details below - Ladies welcome to attend.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

United Kingdom Section : I.F.F.R.

to be held at the Exeter Crest Hotel on Sunday 26th July 1992 at 10 am.

A G E N D A

1. To receive and approve Annual Report from the Chairman
2. To receive & approve the Accounts for year to 30th Sept. 1991
(Published in the Winter Edition of 'The Rotating Beacon')
3. To receive and approve the current membership & financial report from
the Secretary/Treasurer
4. To determine the annual subscription for the year 1993.
5. To elect the following Officers for the Section :
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Vice-Chairman
 - (c) Secretary/Treasurer
 - (d) Events Co-Ordinator
 - (e) Bulletin Editor

Nominations are requested for all offices, including any wishing to
continue in office. Members may nominate themselves, as identity of
proposer will not be disclosed. Post of European Liaison Officer to be
discontinued due to improved communications between Sections.

6. To consider the venue and approximate date of the next AGM
7. To receive report of IFFR World Annual Meeting in Orlando.
8. To consider support for General Aviation Awareness Campaign.
9. To consider comments received on the Programme of Events & Bulletin
10. Any other competent business

John D. Ritchie : Secretary

GERMAN SECTION MEETING - KIEL, NORTH GERMANY

Those of us who regularly attend International IFFR Meetings in Europe sometimes wonder why so few of our members make the effort to participate. It cannot be through lack of opportunity, and there is plenty of help available on request for those making such a trip for the first time. The 1992 German Section Meeting illustrated to perfection the efforts made by the host Club to provide a programme which appealed to all tastes, including the many wives who regularly support our meetings. This year only three aircraft from the U.K. flew to Kiel where we received a warm welcome from our hosts, Edi Wismeth of the Kiel Club, recently retired as Commandant of No 2 Naval Air Squadron based at Eggebek, and Winfried Aufterbeck the President of the German Section. 17 aircraft and more than 40 Rotarians and wives were due to attend, although illness unfortunately prevented participation by Marc & Ruth Bonnet from Switzerland and Kjell & Vibeke Akerman from Denmark, both of whom are regular supporters. We send them our sympathies.

The first evening saw us assembled at the country estate of Frd. Hirschfeld where we enjoyed a sumptuous buffet in the company of Rotarians and wives from the three Kiel Clubs. Speeches were kept to a minimum and there was usually a whispered translation by our bilingual hosts.

Friday saw the highlights of the visit. After an early start 14 planes ranging from Barry Paget's Wassmer to a Seneca II flew to the Naval Air Base. This is not normally open to civil aircraft, and we had been carefully briefed on procedures and given a fixed time to report Point Echo for clearance into the MATZ. Those within 30 seconds of the allotted time were awarded a smoked eel, and later Barry was given the same trophy as the pilot making the longest flight to the Rally. After landing in a crosswind gusting to 25kt which made for interesting arrivals, we enjoyed a tour of the Base personally conducted by the Commandant, Naval Captain Pfiffer. This included attendance at a flight briefing for a real sortie, visits to the Radar Room and the Tower where the flights were managed, and a detailed look at the Tornado Fighter Simulator with a full description, in English throughout, of the training programme. At the end of the visit a mass departure saw us all back in Kiel in time for lunch before taking the ferry across the harbour to Laboe, to visit the vast Marine Memorial to seamen and airmen of all nations who lost their lives at sea during the hostilities, followed by a tour through a U-Boat now beached nearby.

The bus was waiting to carry us back to the Hotel, and after a quick change we set off to the SmokeHouse of Rotn Frd. Witt, a local butcher who both cures his own meats and entertains his friends there. We stood in the warm sunshine, foaming beerglass in hand, watching a folkgroup dance before settling down to an informal evening of schnaps, sausages & stories.

The next morning the bus took us on a conducted tour of the city, largely rebuilt after the war save for the City Hall which was retained as a landmark by the R.A.F. and ending with a visit around the Crown Prince Harald, one of the two ships on the regular ferry run between Kiel & Oslo. The luxurious appointments surprised those accustomed only to the cross-Channel North Sea ferries, and our guide from Color Lines provided a generous mid-morning Planters Punch which was reluctantly declined only by those pilots due to depart that afternoon. Then back to the airfield for a sit-down lunch and off away home. In spite of warnings of thunderstorms the weather remained fine sunny and warm throughout, and your correspondent as U.K. Treasurer is still wondering how the German Section was able to provide such lavish hospitality at a cost of only £80 per head plus hotel. It was the best event of its kind which we can recall, and set a standard which it will be hard to match in coming years. Now that you know what you have missed perhaps we can look forward to your company at future events.