

# INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS

**United Kingdom Section** 

## THE ROTATING BEACON

## **SPRING 1998 BULLETIN**

#### **PROGRAMME**

March 21-22	Informal Meeting in Isle of Man - contact Ian Kerr
April 17-19	Iberian Section Annual Meeting - Oporto, Portugal
May 9-10	Spring Rally at Shobden for Brecon - full details within
May 21-24	German Section Meeting, Augsburg, Germany
June 18-25	IFFR A.G.M. and American Flyround from Indianapolis
August 7-8-9	Granite City Air Rally, Aberdeen - contact Ian Kerr
August 14-16	Scandinavian Section Weekend at Bornholm, off Denmark
August 29-30	Summer Meeting - Duxford, Southend, and Dieppe
Sept 12-13	French Section 25th Anniversary Meeting - Loire Valley.

More details of the above events and spare seats are available on request. Phone or Fax the Secretary on 01462-684941 if you would like take part.

#### THE EUROPEAN DIMENSION

As you can see there are IFFR events taking place all over Europe this summer. Too many members have not yet enjoyed the real thrill of attending an IFFR meeting either because they cannot have the use of an aircraft for long enough, or because they no longer hold a licence. At the same time there is an appreciable number of members with seats to spare who would like to attend some of the events if they could fill the aircraft to share the expense. For them, now that cost sharing by club members is permitted, I am opening the:

#### IFFR BUCKET SHOP

Like similar organisations in the commercial field I shall need to know who wants a lift and to which events they wish to go; who has seats to spare and at what anticipated cost, and where interested members can join the aircraft. I will then try to pair off the parties. Unlike a commercial organisation I will make no charge for this, which is a service that IFFR ought to provide for its members. Seats are likely to be available for all the European Weekend Rallies as well as home based meetings.

Please phone or fax me - JOHN D. RITCHIE 01462-684941 - with details of seats you would like filling or events for which you need seats. If you are attending a foreign IFFR event please let me know, even if you have no seats to spare, as European event organisers sometimes like us to contact you in the event of diversion, delay or similar problems. To reach me in the air try G-IFFR - not hard to remember!

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

NAME	CLUB	BASE
Shaun Doherty	Rotherham Sitwell	Netherthorpe
Peter Sanderson	Rotherham Sitwell	Netherthorpe
Kevin Young	March, Cambs	Lt. Gransden

#### SPRING FLY-IN: SHOBDON: MAY 9 & 10

Note the date for this event - NOT as shown in the World Bulletin

#### **PROGRAM**

Saturday 9th May:

By 12 Noon Arrive Shobdon - Special landing & parking fee £5. only

12.30 Coach to BRECON stopping for lunch etc at Rhydespence

Coaching Inn, then on to CASTLE HOTEL BRECON

PM: Visiting Brecon - 900 year old Historic Town

7.30 pm IFFR Dinner at the Hotel, joined by local Rotarians - lounge

suits and 'cocktail frocks'.

Sunday 10th May:

AM

EITHER:

Visit to the famous Museum of the Royal Regiment of Wales at the Barracks, conducted by Rotarian Rodney Ashwood, former Curator

#### OR:

Visit the Cathedral Heritage Centre, care of Rotarian Peter Jenkins

1.00 pm Lunch at the Theatre Restaurant

2.00 pm Coach to return to Shobdon for departure

#### **TARIFF**

Registration fee: Payable to Brian Strawford - £13.50 per head

Castle Hotel: £25 per head for twin or double - £35 single.

IFFR Dinner: £12.90 per head - Theatre Lunch £8.50 per head

#### **BOOKINGS**

Closing Date: Sunday 15th MARCH after which Hotel reservation closes Registration: Brian Strawford, Llynfi House, Llangorse, Brecon LD3 7TR

with remittance of £13.50 per head to cover ground transport etc.

Castle Hotel: Phone 01874-624611 or Fax 01874-623737 quoting IFFR

#### **CONTACT NUMBERS**

Shobdon Airfield (EGBS) - Phone 01568-708723 - Fax 01568-708935

09/27 842 metres Asphalt - Elevation 318 ft - 100LL available

Castle Hotel: Phone 01874-624611 or Fax 01874-623737 quoting IFFR

Brian Strawford: Phone 01874-658283 or Fax 01874-658575

## THE HILLIA'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

As devotees of "NEIGHBOURS" will appreciate, our Australian cousins are a reverend and God-fearing lot. The following admonitions are taken from their recent Bulletin, but bear repetition for the benefit of Pommie Pilots:

- 1. Beware of the intersection departure, for verily the runway behind thee and the altitude above thee are valued as a hole in the head
- 2. Tarry not upon the active runway, for mad confusion may result, causing thee to make like a chopping block
- 3. Ignore not thy checklist, for manifold are the switches, values and handles waiting to take vengeance upon thee
- 4. Look both to thy left and thy right as thou journey through the sky, lest in thy absence thy fellow pilots have occasion to buy drinks for thy partner, or console her in other ways
- 5. Buzz not, lest thou incur the wrath of thy neighbour and bring the fury of the CAA upon thee
- G. Watch closely the measure of thy fuel, for verily a tank of air shall cause thee grave embarrassment
- 7. Push not upon the scud, lest the Archangel Gabriel wait for thee upon the other side
- 8. Trifle not with the thunderstorm, for the wings and tailfeathers of thy chariot are like to be shorn and with thyself cast upon the firmament
- 9. Be wary of weather prophets, for the truth is not always in them 10. Check frequently thine airspeed on finals, lest the ground shall rise up and smite thee.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Norman Macleod of Stornoway Rotary Club, IFFR member #3427 who has welcomed visiting IFFR Pilots to the Western Isles ever since the first Fly-in to the R.I. Convention in Birmingham in 1984. His Club has presented him with a well earned Paul Harris Fellowship and we are delighted to add our congratulations and good wishes to Norman and Dolly who have been regular attenders at IFFR events for many years. *Slainte!*