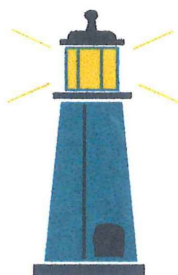


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THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO

Dawn to Dusk Competition.

We are requested to invite members to take part in this well respected and long established Competition which has been running for 35 years. Entries must be submitted by 30th June and the Competition completed by 11th August. Maximum crew 2 and entry fee is £25 solo or £30 for joint entry. Full competition requires eight hours in the air, but a half competition can be flown before noon or after 13.00 hrs. Full details and entry forms are available from your Secretary or from the Organiser, David Hamilton, 2 Park Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2EA

Oshkosh By Gosh

The Australian Section has arranged for a group from Australia and New Zealand to attend Oshkosh this year, leaving on 27th July. They have invited European IFR members to join them, and accommodation has been arranged with local Rotarian families at a cost of \$50 per person per night, the proceeds going to their Rotary projects. Contact Ray Wells, phone 0061-2-9868-3314 or fax 9876-3291 or Phil Yoder Email phil@icom-multimedia.com for more information.

Children in Need

You will have heard of the successful planning appeal by the owners of Little Gransden Airfield against the enforcement notices, which would have crippled their operations. They are celebrating by a Fly-in in aid of this charity on Sunday 5th September. See Pooley for airfield data and weight limitations, and phone Mark Jefferies on 01767-651950 for PPR.

European Section Meetings

Two aircraft bearing nine participants flew the 850 NM to attend the Italian Section Meeting in Elba in May. Dates have now been given for the remaining European Events this year. Can we succeed in giving similar support to these ?

June	12-13	Essen-Mulheim	German Section
August	20-22	Nykoping, Sweden	Scandinavian Section - Note revised date
Sept.	10-12	Valenciennes, France	French Section
Sept.	18-19	Hamburg Fuhlsbuttel	German Section
Sept.	24-26	Ghent, Belgium	Benelux Section
Oct.	1-3	Tarragona, Spain	Iberian Section

Remember that we have BOTTLANG VFR plates available on request. Check with the Secretary for further details and if you have seats ~~are~~ on offer for those without aircraft available.

Millennium Tour of Europe

Following detailed discussion by the European Section Leaders at Norwich the project to visit every Section has been abandoned due to logistical difficulties in the light of the full programme of events planned for the Millennium Year. Members wishing to take part in a week's tour next June starting from the U.K. and limited in numbers please contact us with your proposals.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following as new members of IFFR and look forward to meeting them at some of our future meetings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Airfield</u>
Derek Blake	Aldridge R.C.	Halfpenny Green
Howard Lipman	St. Annes-On-Sea R.C.	Blackpool
Graham Rettie	Aberdeen St. Fittick R.C.	Aberdeen
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THE ITALIAN IFFR RALLY - ELBA

Events run by the Italian Section of IFFR have always attracted the support of members from the U.K. These have ranged from the First European Meeting in Voghera in 1974, through the visits to Parma in 1984 and Varese in 1989, to the current International Fly-in at Elba this May. The Chairman, Ives Branson, flew his well-known Aztec G-ARYF from Biggin Hill taking with him, in addition to Sheila, John Bowden and Neil Smith. The Secretary with Mary in G-IFFR brought David Morgan and David & Gillian Rowe from Headcorn. Both aircraft landed at St. Yan, near Lyons, for a convivial evening before setting off next morning for Elba. With greater range Ives flew there direct, while we landed at Cannes for lunch and refuelling at the cheaper French price. (Avgas is about 72.5 ppl in France - £1.08 in Elba. If you hold over 300 litres it matters!). When we mastered the computer we even managed to get the latest weather.

The approach into Elba in a southerly wind is interesting! Between the hills at 1200ft, 60° turn right down the valley while losing 1,000 fpm, and 60° turn left to runway 16. Small wonder that it is a VFR approach only, but we watched the scheduled turboprops doing it without turning a hair.

Informal dinner on Friday preceded the Gala Dinner hosted by the President of the Rotary Club of Portoferraio on the Saturday evening. That morning we were scheduled to fly across to visit Siena, but the morning mist had collected in the valley there and the forecast (correctly) warned of afternoon rain in Elba so the flight was abandoned and replaced by a fascinating tour of the northern part of the island and of Portoferraio and its castle. The greetings during dinner reflected the sincerely international nature of the occasion. A French couple accompanying a Belgian couple, Two Swiss couples and a German member from Berlin. The World President Ern Dawes with Nola from Australia, and the nine British visitors with numerous members of the host Italian Section as well as some local Rotarians.

Sunday was spent at the airfield watching a Balbo of eight microlights arrive from the mainland for a day at the sea, lunching with our now established friends, and seeing them depart before we strolled back to seek dinner in a small restaurant in the town. Next day was spent in the air, climbing to FL065 to avoid the danger area on the western edge of the island before setting off back to St. Yan for lunch and then home in time for dinner. For those interested the distance was about 850 NM each way, the time in the PA32 with a southerly wind on both flying days was 8 hrs 15m outbound and 7 hrs 25m home at a cost of about £135 per head.

TIES-ARE-US

The new IFFR Ties have arrived! Ordered at the request of many members these are in dark blue with the IFFR Badge and letters IFFR embroidered in gold and a gold stripe across the blade. They are available by post at the price of £5.50 each on receipt of a cheque to IFFR-UK, sent to 84 Broadway, Letchworth, Herts SG6 3PH.

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U.K. SECTION INTERNATIONAL MEETING AT NORWICH

This well supported event was crowned by delightful Spring weather, which enabled members and their families to enjoy the full programme provided. No fewer than 58 people took part, including the World President Ern Dawes accompanied as usual by Nola who appears to enjoy IFFR activities as much as her husband, two past World Presidents Charles Strasser and Graeme le Quesne, and Section Leaders with their families from Benelux, Iberia, and Germany the latter accompanied by a strong contingent of fellow members and their wives.

Stirling Helicopters provided handling at the airport for the many aircraft involved, bringing U.K. members from as far away as Stornoway and as close as Southend. The planned visit to RAF Coltishall was replaced by a coach trip to North Denes Airfield at Great Yarmouth where Bond Helicopters kindly gave guided tours of their facility which provides transportation to and from the many nearby North Sea Oil Rigs. While the pilots studied the complex arrangements for the safe and expedient carriage of personnel the ladies marvelled at the size of the machines which can carry up to 12 passengers plus two crew, all for a 30 minute trip, at all times and in all weather.

An informal evening followed, new friendships being made and old ones renewed, before departure on Saturday morning for a cruise along the beautiful Norfolk Broads, seen at their best in warm sunshine. Lunch was taken on shore and the party returned in time to watch cricket on TV or stroll round the busy city and do some shopping.

The Gala Dinner that evening saw an unusual event. After a welcome to all present and thanks to the organisers from the U.K. Chairman Ives Branson, the World President prefaced his response by making a presentation of Commemorative Certificates to five members who had achieved more than 25 years in IFFR, including the oldest member Ray Stebbings IFFR # 65 and Charles Strasser both of whom had been members for more than 30 years. Ray has promised to give us a recollection of how things were in aviation in those days to appear in a later Bulletin.

Sunday morning saw some of those with long journeys depart early, while the rest were taken by foot on guided tours of a city not well known but full of historical interest both to our continental guests and the British members themselves. In all, a most successful re-union which should encourage attendance at forthcoming activities

U.K. Annual General Meeting

This was attended by 20 members, lead by their Chairman Ives Branson. All the Officers were willing to continue for a further year and there being no other nominations were re-elected en bloc. The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the membership situation and submitted the draft Accounts & Budget with an explanation why they had not yet been sent for audit. These were accepted, and a proposal that a donation of £200 be made to the General Aviation Awareness Campaign was unanimously agreed. Requests were made that members should make every effort to recruit new members, and that Email addresses be provided where available to speed communications. Thanks were expressed from the floor to all those who have contributed to the continued success of the Section.

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U.K. SECTION FLY OUT FROM SOUTHEND TO DIEPPE FRANCE
IN AUGUST 1998. HOW MANY CAN YOU RECOGNISE ?





CESARE CARDANI, PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN SECTION
HEADS THE TABLE AT THE FAREWELL LUNCH AT ELBA

The Italian Pilots have all departed home, leaving him to entertain Ern & Nola Dawes,
Ives & Sheila Branson, David and Gillian Rowe, John & Mary Ritchie, and
Their passengers, David Morgan and John Bowden. Picture taken
By Neil Smith, which is why he isn't in it

