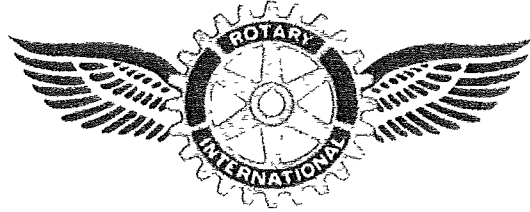


INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS



THE ROTATING BEACON United Kingdom Section

SPRING BULLETIN 2003

We have a full programme of events in Europe this summer, so why not make a note now of the dates below and resolve to come and join us at least once this year

Provisional European Diary 2003

April 9	United Kingdom	Wednesday meeting at Brooklands Air Museum
May 2-4	Southern Ireland	UK Section Fly-in to Waterford, Ireland
May 17-18	France	French Spring Meeting at the Vendee Air Park
June 7	United Kingdom	Liferaft practice at Retford Pool
June 19-22	Austria	German/Austrian Section meeting in Vienna
June 27-29	Italy	Italian Section meeting in Verona
August 21-24	Sweden	Scandinavian Section meeting at Kalmar, South-east Sweden.
Sept 5-7	Germany	German/Austrian Section meeting in Nuremberg Or Black Forest district
Sept 12-14	France	French Section meeting - Marseilles district

The date and place of all International IFFR activities can be found on the IFFR Website: www.iffir.org. Celebrate with us the Centennial Year 2003

SINTRA TROPHY

As you will have seen from the recent World IFFR Bulletin, following the loss of the four IFFR members in Portugal last July the UK Section resolved that they should be remembered in two ways. A trophy would be presented in their name to the Aero Club of Portugal in recognition of their assistance at the time, and a memorial would be placed at the crash site on Sintra Mountain. The trophy has been completed and was illustrated in the World Bulletin.

The crash site is located in a National Park and permission was required from the Park Authority for the placing of the memorial stone which has also been completed. The Rotary Club of Sintra has provided help with the actual erection of the stone. It is proposed that the official presentation of the Trophy to the Aero Club of Portugal shall take place at a dinner on the evening of Saturday 10th May followed by the unveiling of the memorial the following day in the presence of the District Governor.

The cost of the memorial and trophy has already been covered by the generous donations received from UK members in memory of their departed friends, members of the family, and from the Iberian Section and two Portuguese Rotary Clubs.

Anyone wishing to attend the ceremony should contact Angus Clark or Luis Henriques for further details and arrangements regarding transportation and hotel accommodation.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **U.K. SECTION IFFR**

Tower Hotel, Waterford, Sunday 4th May at 9.00 am.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's report
3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
4. Approval of Accounts for 2002 and annual subscription - see Accounts below
5. Election of Officers (nominations welcome but no change proposed)
6. Emergency diversion scheme
7. Proposals for future program

If you are unable to attend the AGM but wish to submit nominations for office or invitations for future IFFR events please send them to the Secretary by post to John D. Ritchie, 84 Broadway, Letchworth, Herts SG6 3PH or by email to john@ritchieiffr.freemove.co.uk as soon as reasonably possible.

To remind those who missed the last AGM the current Officers are:
Chairman Ian Kerr, Vice-Chairman John Bowden, Immediate Past Chairman (and European Vice-President) Angus Clark, Secretary/Treasurer/Editor John Ritchie, Event Co-ordinator Rodney Spokes, Michael Pudney is Officer without Portfolio.

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United Kingdom Section

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT : JANUARY-DECEMBER 2002

<u>Income</u>			
	Subscriptions for 2002		
	Received 2001	620.00	
	Received 2002	1,335.00	1,955.00
	Subs for new members for 2003	50.00	
	Sales of badges & ties	85.50	
	Bank interest	2.17	
	Surplus on Leicester meeting	40.90	
	Donations - Le Quesne Memorial fund	50.00	
	Total income		2,183.57
<u>Expenditure</u>			
	International Subscriptions	1,096.85	
	Bulletins (3) Printing & postages	249.13	
	Purchases :		
	: Share Bottlang Guide	45.00	
	: Colortise : IFFR ties	276.13	
	: A.E.Matthews : Badges	179.28	500.41
	Membership advert	82.25	
	Phone charges on Iberian Flyout	378.00	
	Donations :		
	General Aviation Awareness Campaign	200.00	
	Jersey R.C. for G.Le Quesne charity	100.00	
	<u>Total expenditure</u>		2,606.64
	Total income less expenditure		-423.07
	Deduct 2003 new member subs received		50.00
	<u>Shortfall</u>		-473.07

BALANCE SHEET 31st DECEMBER 2002

Funds at LloydsTSB Bank - Treasurers Account		
Bank Balance at 1.1.02		3,075.04
Less :		
2002 subscription received in advance	620.00	
Excess of Expenditure over Income	423.07	1,043.07
Bank Balance at 31.12.02		2,031.97
Deduct new member 2003 subs		50.00
Net assets (excluding stock of ties & badges)		1,981.97

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BUDGET 2003

Income :	85 Subscription renewals @ £20	1,700.00
	8 New member Subscriptions @ £25	200.00
		1,900.00
Expenditure :	International subscriptions	
	85 x \$15 @ \$1.55=£1	823.00
	10 x \$25 @ \$1.55=£1	161.00
	G.A.A.C donation	225.00
	Bulletins etc	350.00
	Bottlang subscription	50.00
	Secretarial expenses	30.00
		1,639.00
<u>Reserve</u>		261.00
		1,900.00

John D. Ritchie

R.J.Harrison

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Examiner

FIRST FLIGHT CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Although many Rotarians will be pre-occupied with activities within their Clubs to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary, for us in the Flying Rotarians there is a prior and possibly more exciting anniversary to celebrate. Notwithstanding the efforts of many European pioneers to take to the air in a powered machine, it now seems accepted that the first established flight of a flying machine heavier than air took place in North Carolina, USA on the 17th December 1903.

This is naturally to be celebrated in style by the most aviation-orientated country in the world, and IFFR is proposing to take its place among the many other enthusiasts.

The World Bulletin gives brief details of the likely program, which like all matters aeronautical may be circumscribed by the weather, and it has occurred to us that there may be members from the UK who would also like to be present. Over the past twelve months return flights to America have become relatively economical although the destination is some appreciable distance from the major airports served by transatlantic airlines.

If anyone wishes to take part and lets me know soon, I will enquire of our American members whether any of them can provide seats in their own aircraft to take you to and from the airport of entry to the celebrations.

John D. Ritchie - email john@ritchieiffr.freerve.co.uk - phone 01462-684941

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2004 **WINGS AROUND THE WORLD** **An invitation to hear Polly Vacher**

Most of you will be aware that Polly Vacher will be setting off in May to fly around the world pole to pole returning to England in early February 2004. Stuart Sawle is President-elect of the Rotary Club of Rochdale Eighty-Six and will be supporting Polly's chosen charity (Flying Scholarships for the Disabled) in his presidential year starting July 1st. Polly has kindly agreed to address his Club's Charter Dinner, to be held in Rochdale, on Friday evening May 21st 2004.

Stuart has extended an invitation to IFFR to join his Club on its charter anniversary, meet Polly and hear, first-hand, of her exploits. He is happy to co-ordinate hotel accommodation for any that need to stay over - Rochdale is blessed with several good value hotels that charge less than £50 per room per night. Manchester Barton is just 14 miles down the M62. Rochdale Eighty-Six is a dual gender club and members are often joined by partners on Charter anniversaries, so ours would be welcome too.

The Committee is proposing to make this the first meeting on 2004 so please note the date in your diary for 2004 (when you get it!) A reminder will follow later in the Winter Bulletin.

SALES PITCH

IFFR ties in dark blue and UK badges are available from the Treasurer at £6.50 for the tie and £2.50 for a badge including postage. Don't phone, write or email - Just send the money to IFFR-UK at 84 Broadway, Letchworth, SG6 3PH

DON'T KEEP IT SECRET

With two thirds of the UK members having email addresses, in the interest of speed and economy we use this means of communication whenever possible. However several members have changed their email address without telling the Secretary who then 'loses' them. To shorten the print-out and to keep your address confidential, messages to all members are often sent as 'blind carbon copies'. Please excuse us from addressing you personally in that case.

LIFERAFT PRACTICE AT RETFORD POOL

Last summer your committee considered what events might prove most interesting to members over the coming year. Among these was liferaft practice and this has now been organised to take place at Retford pool on Saturday 7th June. Glen Friswell, Managing Director of South Eastern Marine Services who supply liferafts for use in light aircraft, will be providing advice and tuition. He will bring liferafts, lifejackets and overalls to simulate clothes so you will only need a bathing costume.

Those who are flying in can land at Gamston airport and Colin Walker, our IFFR man on the spot, has arranged transport to the pool then on to a local hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation. Colin is also trying to arrange a visit on the Sunday morning either to Scampton, base of The Red Arrows, or Waddington. This will depend on the status of the RAF come the day.

The cost will be £30 per person to include everything other than hotel and dinner. Bed and breakfast will be £40 per room so with 2 sharing will be a modest £20 each.

If you are interested, please contact Ian Kerr on 01569 764989 or email him at iankerr@ifb.co.uk as soon as possible as places will be limited.

COME THE FALL

As you will see from the front page, all the UK events this year take place early in the flying season. There are weekend meetings in Germany and France in the late summer but if any member wishes to volunteer to hold a one-day lunchtime meeting in September or early October please let one of the Committee know. He will be happy to discuss details with you. All you need is an airfield with a restaurant. We can circulate the date and details by email at no expense to you.

YOU PAID FOR IT - WHY NOT USE IT ?

A gentle reminder to all pilots that IFFR-UK subscribes to the European VFR Bottlang service. Your Secretary deals with the monthly updates and can supply copy charts and airfield information at short notice on request by post or email. Just ask. Phone 01462-684941 or john@ritchieiffr.freemove.co.uk

SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Several pilots have been inviting members of their Club to take introductory flights to encourage the support of IFFR. We have produced a short leaflet for passengers which they are invited to read while waiting to depart. You are welcome to adapt it as necessary for your own aircraft and airfield.

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

DO read the Passenger Information Sheet. It is a legal requirement for all passengers to be briefed before a flight, for private as well as public air transport
DO keep your seat belt on while in the air. You will be more comfortable.
DO enjoy yourself. Flying is fun, relax while in the air and ASK if you want any information. A headset is available but don't expect to understand all you hear.
DON'T smoke anywhere on an airfield. It is strictly forbidden as a fire risk.
DON'T approach the aircraft while the engine is running, and only enter and exit from behind the wing on the step provided after the engine has stopped
DON'T use your mobile phone in the aircraft. It may interfere with the radio equipment and in particular with the navigation equipment

General Notes for those unfamiliar with light aircraft

The black lever takes the place of the accelerator on a car, and the blue one the gear lever which alters the pitch of the propeller to best efficiency. The red one is the fuel control which adjusts the mixture according to height and closes down the engine. The long lever on the floor controls the flaps, which help to give lift at lower speeds on take-off and landing. There are two altimeters, which may show different heights. One will be the height above mean sea level for use away from the airfield and the other the height above the airfield for landing. Henlow is 170 feet above sea level.

Some Frequently Asked Questions

How big is it ? It is about 33 ft wide, 28 ft long, and 8 ft high, and it weighs 2000 lbs empty and 3400 lbs fully loaded. (Just over 1½ metric tonnes)

How fast do you go ? Cruising speed is about 120 knots (150 mph) but ground speed depends upon the wind

How far can you go ? With full tanks (315 litres or 70 UK gallons) the range is about six hours, which at 150 mph is 900 miles. BUT to allow sufficient reserves in case of headwinds or emergency on the ground we never fly for more than five hours.

Can you fly at night ? Yes, the aircraft has the necessary equipment but most of the club airfields including Henlow close at sunset so we rarely do.

Can you fly in cloud ? Yes, the artificial horizon and other instruments make it possible although it is not always legal in controlled airspace (Luton, Stansted etc)

Do you have radar? No, that is only used by the airliners for weather information and not for navigation. We check the weather before flying.

Do you need permission to fly ? No, Henlow like many others is an uncontrolled airfield with the radio only for information purposes.

What does it cost to run? About £100 per hour of which fuel accounts for half and insurance, maintenance and parking charges account for the remainder