



## International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

August 2010

### **Americas Section of IFFR Announces Annual Western Hemisphere Meeting in Long Beach, California in coordination with AOPA annual convention**

The AOPA meeting begins at the Long Beach Convention Center early on Thursday 11NOV10 and concludes with an optional dinner-dance and fundraiser on the Queen Mary Saturday evening 13NOV10. We will fly into Long Beach International Airport (KLGB) on Wednesday 10NOV10 and take the AOPA shuttle to then Long Beach Convention Center.

We have a limited number of rooms at The Varden Hotel available. The Varden provides free wireless internet, complimentary wine tasting and snacks each evening and complimentary continental breakfast each morning. It is a ten minute walk north of the Convention Center at 335 Pacific Avenue. Room rates at the Varden begin at \$109 per night; reservations may be made by calling 562 432 8950 and identifying yourself as IFFR; explore this boutique hotel online, and reserve online at [thevardenhotel.com](http://thevardenhotel.com). Reserve today to stay here. We have an alternative for housing for those who insist on staying across the street from the Convention Center and near the waterfront. The Avia Hotel Long Beach (285 Bay Street) will provide IFFR members a \$149 group rate for a room. They can be called at 562 436 1047. This hotel may be explored at [aviahotels.com](http://aviahotels.com); from that URL to go the Long Beach location.

Our annual meeting will be held in or very near to the Convention Center Friday or Saturday of the convention. Details of this will be forthcoming. This is an official makeup Rotary meeting for us Rotarian pilots!

Questions may be directed to me at [michael@mtgraves.com](mailto:michael@mtgraves.com).

Mike Graves, IFFR #L37, Vice President, Americas Section

### **IFFR HOTEL INFORMATION FOR NEW ORLEANS ROTARY CONVENTION**

The 2011 Rotary International Convention will begin with opening plenary sessions Sunday 22May2011 and conclude with a closing plenary session on Wednesday afternoon 25May2011. The Southern Skies Flyabout will begin the following morning (Thursday 26May) and will conclude in Savannah, Georgia on Saturday 4June.

Our annual IFFR banquet at the RI Convention will be held Monday evening 23May, so as not to conflict with opening plenary sessions. Our end-of-flyabout dinner will be held a day before the last day of flyabout activities; this will be in Savannah on Friday 3June.

Marlyn McClaskey has kindly offered to coordinate, Friday before the convention (20May), a Fly-Inn and barbeque in Slidell, Louisiana just 20 miles north of New Orleans at the home of her friend. More on that as it develops.

Please sign up for your New Orleans Hotel NOW. This must be done through RI housing as our attempts to secure room block in and out of RI hotels have not been successful. Register

through the RI housing site for your hotel in the following order on the Rotary Convention housing form:

Hotels for IFFR Members Rotary International Convention New Orleans:

**Close to each other and .8 miles from Convention Center**

Choice 1 - #26 - Omni Royal Crescent Hotel, \$163

Choice 2 - #36 - St James Hotel, \$159

Choice 3 - #29 - Pelham Hotel, \$159

**Close to Convention Center**

Choice 4 - #6 - Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center, \$190

Choice 5 - #35 - Springhill Suites, \$190

Please join our World President Peter More, and his gracious partner Shirley in New Orleans.....this is months away but a hotel reservation today will assure your best chance to be staying with the IFFR crew. Thanks for all you do in IFFR and in Rotary.

Michael Graves, IFFR L#37, Americas Section

July 22, 2010

Greetings IFFR Americas Members,

I trust this letter finds you well and happy. I want to report to you what recently happened in Americas, at the IFFR Convention, plus coming events.

Our **Rotary International Convention** in Montreal was a big success. Here are some highlights.

1. The IFFR Booth at the House of Friendship was busy. Twenty four new members were recruited for Americas.
2. The IFFR 2010 Banquet was on Sunday June 20 at the Delta Hotel Montreal, Concerto Room. Sixty Flying Rotarians, partners and friends attended this dinner event featuring a four course meal. It was during this event that on behalf of IFFR members, I presented outgoing World President Feroz Wadia with a replica of his aircraft that he flew around the world. King Schools donated a door prize, an IFR Refresher Course set that was won by lucky Bev Fogle. This was also Bev's birthday. Michael Graves did a wonderful job in emceeding the event.
3. IFFR AGM was held at the Convention Center Room 525 on June 23, 2-4PM. During our business meeting outgoing World President Feroz Wadia passed the chain of office to incoming World President Peter More for the term 2010 to 2012. Peter More, chair and nomination committee members PWP Feroz Wadia, PWP Brian Souter and PWP Angus Clark nominated Americas VP Michael Graves as the World President to serve in 2012-2014. By unanimous vote, the members in attendance confirmed this nomination. Congratulations Michael.
4. Following the AGM, our member from Ontario, Gerd Wengler (#4133) shared with us his adventure to Alert Canada at the northern edge of his country. Thank you Gerd for a most interesting and enjoyable presentation.

5. The fly-away that followed was superb. We had 14 planes and a motor coach with about 50 participants. Destinations were Quebec's old town and fortress; Ottawa the capital and museums; Parry Sound and lake cruise, and to Toronto's City Center Airport with side trip to Niagara Falls and a winery. Toronto highlights were celebration of Canada Day with fireworks on the Lake and farewell dinner atop the CN Tower. See pictures on [www.iffir.org](http://www.iffir.org)
6. Many thanks to Karen Hicks for working with RI Housing to secure our Montreal accommodations. Shirley More on the Annual Banquet at the Delta Hotel. Dean Pepper and Ben Currelly of the RC of Cobourg and Bob Hunter were the driving force in Canada who planned and executed an excellent nine day event, they are indeed a magnificent ambassador to Canada. If you think all this is fun, come join us in 2011 in New Orleans for the Fly-Away and Coach-Away.

### **Day In The Sky, Watsonville April 17, 2010**

Watsonville Airport hosted their sixth annual "Day in the Sky" event for local children with disabilities. Larry Wolfsen brought out his beautifully appointed Saratoga to share with the children. Chas Eldridge parked his 1944 Willys next to the Saratoga, the kids loved it ... especially the horn. The day ended with a magnificent fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz.

### **Coming events are:**

September 24-27: North West Section; chair Bev Fogle organized a weekend in beautiful Victoria Canada.

November 11-13, Fly-in and AGM in Long Beach during the AOPA Expo

### **Membership Dues:**

***It is that time again to submit your membership dues. Your membership dues expire each year at the end of December. Your expiration year is indicated on your mailing label. We have a special program of \$40 for one year or \$140 for four years. Kindly send your remittance to our new secretary/treasurer Steve Henderson, IFFR Americas, 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076. Please do so without delay as we want to include you in the coming edition of the Membership Directory.***

In June, I had officially left this office of IFFR Americas President and it was assumed by Michael Graves (#L37). As noted above, Mike will also be the IFFR World President Elect. Like his soaring, he will take this organization to new heights!

I want to thank you for your wonderful support and friendship. I hope you had as much fun as I did. It is an immense honor to be serving you as the IFFR World President. Remember, we are all here to serve you, our IFFR members. Come participate and enjoy the fellowship.

Stay well and safe travels,

*Peter More*

President, IFFR

Please join me in thanking Diana Livingston, an IFFR member and spouse to another IFFR member, for many years of dedication and organizational excellence as Secretary-Treasurer of the Americas section of IFFR. We all owe Diana a great debt for putting us on track as a Section.

Following in Diana's rather large aviator's shoes is Steve Henderson. Steve is an accomplished and dedicated aviator, and an organizational personality by nature.

Steve, this is where you please put in a rather immodest bio...you deserve it for undertaking this crucial task...I will leave you to brag as if you were a neglected PDG!

Thanks to Steve, Peter, and all who serve in Rotary and in IFFR.

Mike Graves

#### YOUR NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER

Hi everyone! I grew up in Fresno, California, graduated from Cal State University Fresno in 1971 and obtained my CPA certificate in 1974. I've been married to Leslie for 41 years, and we have four children and nine grandchildren. They're all smart and good looking, by the way!

I didn't start flying until 2003, but am trying to make up for lost time. I have my Seaplane license and instrument rating. I chase clouds with my 1974 Citabria 7GCAA, but only at a straight and level attitude. So far I haven't gotten the urge to do rolls, loops and whatever else other (real) Citabria pilots do. Most recently, I attended Oshkosh AirVenture for the first time last year. What a thrill to fly a four day cross country and be asked to "rock your wings" on the last approach. I was grinning like a kid at Christmas!

I am currently Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Watsonville, District 5170 (26 years), and also Treasurer of The International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians, aka ICUFR.

I look forward to serving as your Secretary/Treasurer. I'll do my best to live up to the standard set by Diana. I also look forward to the opportunity to meet and fly with as many of you as possible in the near future, beginning with Long Beach in November. I hope to see you there!

Best wishes and happy flying to all.

Steve Henderson



**IFFR AMERICAS Dues**  
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2010 Dues \$40  2011 Dues \$40  2012 Dues \$40  2013 Dues \$40

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