Special Announcement
IFFR 2020 Pre-Convention Flying Activity

2020 GOLDEN FLYAWAY
IFFR PRE-CONVENTION FLYAWAY
MAY 29 - JUNE 4, 2020

This is breaking news, and as such our reporting is a work in progress. Expect more information in the next newsletter on our IFFR Americas website. - Editor

Before you head to the Blue Pacific of Hawaii and the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu, experience IFFR’s Golden Flyaway ... in the Golden State of California. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Golden FlyAway will feature great weather, the unique San Francisco area, Historic Gold Rush towns, picturesque Carmel & Big Sur on the coast, and lots of flying over diverse territory (Sierra Nevada mountains, foothills, valleys, and gorgeous coasts).
San Francisco with Oakland Bay Bridge, and with Fisherman’s Wharf, Morro Bay, Monterey Bay, Lake Tahoe panorama

**More Convenience & More Flying:** Our hotel all week will be the Crowne Plaza on the Buchanan Field airport in Concord, California (KCCR). Your hotel room remains the same all week, so you will not have to move. All activities will be day events, leaving from the hotel and returning at night. Being right at the airport, flyers can walk to their planes ... no delays in transportation ... which means more time for flying. There will be buses or transportation for non-flyers. However, even on the days when the pilots are out flying (most days), the destinations will often be the same so there is still a “shared experience” by everyone. E.g., one day may be in the historic Gold Rush town of Columbia, where the non-flyers may bus there directly, while the pilots may fly through parts of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and valleys (e.g., Yosemite), ultimately joining the non-flyers for time together in Columbia.
Diversity: Although these will be convenient day trips, the experiences will involve very diverse geography (from 14,000-foot mountains to scenic coasts) and very diverse architecture / culture (from urban San Francisco, to rustic Gold Rush Columbia, to the quaint Carmel-By-The-Sea, to the agricultural Central Valley and the famed Napa Valley wine country). And much more.

How & When: If you are going to the Hawaii Convention, fly by airline into San Francisco or Oakland, spend 6 days with the IFFR Golden FlyAway (May 29, 2020 to June 4, 2020), and then fly by airline on to the Convention either June 5 or June 6. Easy. If you are not going to the Convention, then just come and join the rest of the IFFR members participating in this unique FlyAway. IF you are on the west coast, you are already here. If you are from elsewhere in the US and Canada, what a great reason to fly to beautiful California. If you are from outside California, you can rent an airplane from one of the local airports (details coming soon). Of course you can fly to California yourself and enjoy this FlyAway, and even park your plane there while attending the Convention in Honolulu.

Cost & Registration: This FlyAway is initially be limited to only 52 participants. It will be first come-first served: the first 52 who register and pay the deposit will be guaranteed participation. Beyond that, we will have a waiting list. The cost is: (1) $200 deposit, to be paid to Steve Henderson, IFFR Treasurer, and (2) final payment of $900 no later than December 15, 2019. IFFR has arranged a block of rooms available for IFFR members. Registrants will make their room registrations directly with the hotel. NOTE: Because we make financial commitments based on registration, if a registrant withdraws for any reason, refunds of deposits or final payments will not be made until after the FlyAway has concluded and we know our financial status.

So: Email Steve that you wish to participate and particulars, and payment by check to IFFR, Steve Henderson, 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076; or PayPal to iффramericas@gmail.com using “send money to friends or family;” or credit card info (if you don’t mind paying transaction fee) - Fax Steve at 831-322-0004 or call/text 831-818-1488 .  -- World President Elect George Chaffey

RI CONVENTION, HONOLULU, HAWAII 2020

RI Convention will return to Honolulu, Hawaii after a 51 year absence. We’re planning a physical AGM there along with our annual IFFR banquet. We’ve blocked some rooms with ocean view at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, our “official” hotel, for arrivals on June 4th, 5th and 6th, blocked through the 10th. You should’ve received an email blast about this in the last couple of days. Already 10 of the 40 rooms we booked are spoken for, so if you’re planning on joining us in Hawaii next year, you need to act quickly to secure your housing with IFFR. We need first and final night room charges to secure the deposit.

Make reservations through our treasurer Steve Henderson - tell him you want a room and give your arrival date. Then send him money, US$780. A check payable in USD to IFFR, mail to: Steve Henderson, 561 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076. Or, via PayPal to iффramericas@gmail.com using “send money to friends or family.” Or, via credit card, but you’ll be charged US$808.45 to cover merchant processing fee. Steve has numbers for fax and for texting or calling: fax 831-322-0004 or call/text 831-818-1488.  

What’s Happened

Several events and one fly away have occurred since our last newsletter. In early June we had many members enjoy the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. We held our physical Annual General Meeting and our ever popular Annual Banquet and all were well-attended. While in Hamburg a few of our members were also able to visit the Airbus facility (but no picture taking allowed in or near).

Many of our members also went on the Fly About / Coach About after the convention that was a very nice tour