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## Lafayette man heads international body of Rotarian pilots

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George Chaffey with his vintage aircraft. Photo provided

Canada border; southernmost in Key West, Fla., and easternmost in Eastport, Maine.

Because there is no supplemental oxygen on board, Chaffey rarely flies higher than 12,000 feet, and is prohibited by FAA regulation from exceeding 14,000 feet.

He generally flies between 8,000 and 10,000 feet, as this, he learned, is the most fuel-friendly altitude. As for speed, it is generally in the range of 100 mph.

He says his chief role as leader of the 1,200-member organization is as a goodwill ambassador, "buzzing about like a honeybee" to attend IFFR meetings in different regions of the world.

Have there been any close calls? "Knock on wood, no," said Chaffey. "No serious mechanical issues. The main nemesis is weather. If the forecast bodes ill, I stay on terra firma." The plane, named Lady Bird, is hangared at Buchanan airfield in Concord.

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