



USAIRE NEWS – September 2005

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We trust all members enjoyed their well-deserved summer vacations. To start off the new USAIRE year, our South-West Chapter organized a very successful social event on Sunday, 18 September. Identified as the “Gers Garden Party”, it was held at Chateau Larroque near Gimont (32). More than 80 USAIRE guests and spouses/companions attended the luncheon at this impressive Chateau, as described in its web site <http://www.chateau-larroque.com>. Again, congratulations to our SW Team.

USAIRE’s Advisory Committee also held a meeting in September. Its members include executives from Boeing France, DGA, EADS, A.T.Kearney and Safran. The Committee will propose high-level guest speakers and themes for our luncheons.

Upcoming Events

Friday, 7 October: This is the first luncheon of our new year in Paris to be held at the Hotel Marriott. Our guest speaker is Bernard Loth, VP & General Manager of Rockwell Collins Subsidiaries in Europe. He will speak on “How to Achieve Transatlantic Partnerships through Industrial Presence in France” Notice has recently been e-mailed to our members.

Friday, 7 October: The Board will also hold its Annual General Assembly meeting, at 11h30, just before our next luncheon. All Full and Associate members may attend. Notice has just been e-mailed. If unable to attend, please send your proxy to (michele_messaoudi@raytheon.com). Full members are encouraged to apply for positions on the Board. This is your opportunity to become a more active participant in our Association.

Friday, November 25: This is advance notice of our annual Thanksgiving dinner-dance. Mark this important social event on your calendar. It will be held at the Hotel Marriott, Champs-Élysées. You will enjoy a tasty turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Musical entertainment will be provided by the 3-piece orchestra we had at the Golf dinner in June. Remember that each dues paid-up member is entitled to two free invitations to this annual social event.

Other News from the Board

Our membership is increasing dramatically. We are starting our 2005-06 year with 76 members, a net increase of 13 since October 2004. In addition to those reported in our July Newsletter, we welcomed:

Sep	Alkan	Countermeasure & ground handling equipment manufacturer.
Aug	Armaris	Joint venture Thales (defense electronics) & DCN (shipbuilder).
Sep	Boeing, France	Represents US manufacturer of commercial, military & space products.
Sep	Cirrus IM	Sells smoke detection systems, de-icing controllers, aircraft computers.
Aug	Consultant	Aeronautical engineering & marketing consulting.
Sep	EADS ATR	50% owner of ATR, world leader in the civil turboprop market.
Sep	Koinautics	Business Development & IT services, biometric authentication security.

The Board encourages all members to promote USAIRE and to advise us of potential candidates for membership. We look forward to an exciting new year for USAIRE.

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