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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

As one of four members of Blue Spruce Aviation, LLC, I've been honored with the responsibility of assessing the various monthly charges. At first I was a bit intimidated by this important duty. Now I have to admit I kind of enjoy it.

Utilizing Microsoft Excel I created a workbook with four sections. The first page is a summary of all members with total hours flown and balance due. The next several pages encompass account detail for all members including Hobbs time flown, monthly dues and prorated expenses. These pages look a lot like a credit card statement.

Then there is a section detailing MX Hobbs time in order to document "missing" tenths.

The final section is a copy and paste from the Blue Spruce checking account where I show expenses and deposits, indicating which deposits have been credited to which member. This section also accomplishes our responsibility for balancing the BSA checking account each month.

The reason I'm bringing this up is that I know some of us are in flying clubs or share airplane ownership with others. I think this Excel spreadsheet is pretty slick, and I would be happy to share the template with any of you who would be interested. One of the neat aspects of the workbook is you can enter beginning and ending Hobbs time and the time-of-flight is automatically calculated, as is the resultant cost-of-flight.

If any of our members are interested in seeing the workbook please let me know (contact information below) and I can ship you a copy of the template. As your President I would be happy to do so with no charge. Just don't copyright it yourself and make money on my invention.

As was probably the case with most priests in our group the Christmas season was a whirlwind. With Christmas and New Years falling on Wednesday many of us went for nearly 21 days without a day off. Although there were several opportunities to get together with family and friends it still seemed like a blur. When we finally got to January 1 I felt myself wondering "Where

did the holidays go?" I am sure many of us had that feeling.

Prior to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend I had a wonderful opportunity to spend a couple nights at the Inn at Amish Door in Wilmot, Ohio. It is a great spot to stay, just to the east of Holmes County where Ohio's Amish community is concentrated. Then on the last Friday of January I had the chance to spend an overnight in Toledo visiting some good friends. I'm looking forward to the last weekend before Ash Wednesday when I'll be spending five nights with some good friends in Key West. So I'll certainly more than make up for being frazzled and dazed during the holidays.

Hopefully by the next letter we will have had some great flying weather here and I will have more aviation news to report.

Sincerely,

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In early January I mailed two \$1000.00 checks to this year's NAPP donation recipients. One check went to FMS (Flying Medical Services) under the direction of NAPP member Pat Patten in Tanzania. Pat has a thank you note and update on the new pilot (featured in the October newsletter) flying for him.

The second donation went to the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. Several months ago Bishop Don Kettler left Fairbanks to assume leadership of the St. Cloud Minnesota diocese. The check was sent to the Administrator and has been cashed. I notified Bishop Don that we had remembered his former "stompin' grounds" and had a nice thank you note from him.

A CAVEAT: One thing I forgot to mention earlier. The "new" NAPP web site is currently set up so that only the Administrator can make changes. Currently that means John Zapp or myself. It isn't that we are power driven hogs or control freaks but until the site is up and running and everyone understands what's going on we feel the prudent thing for the time being is to let us do your work for you. If you have any changes or corrections that need to be made let **ME** know and we'll take care of it. Thanks!!!

TWO REMINDERS

The Midwest NAPP members will be gathering in Cherokee, Iowa on Monday, April 28, 2014 Gene Murray is our host.

In July Al Ruschman will be hosting NAPP 50 years of flying. We will be hosted by Al in Kentucky where we gathered 50 years ago. Sort of like the Super Bowl ... gathering in Kentucky but Ohio is the landing site.

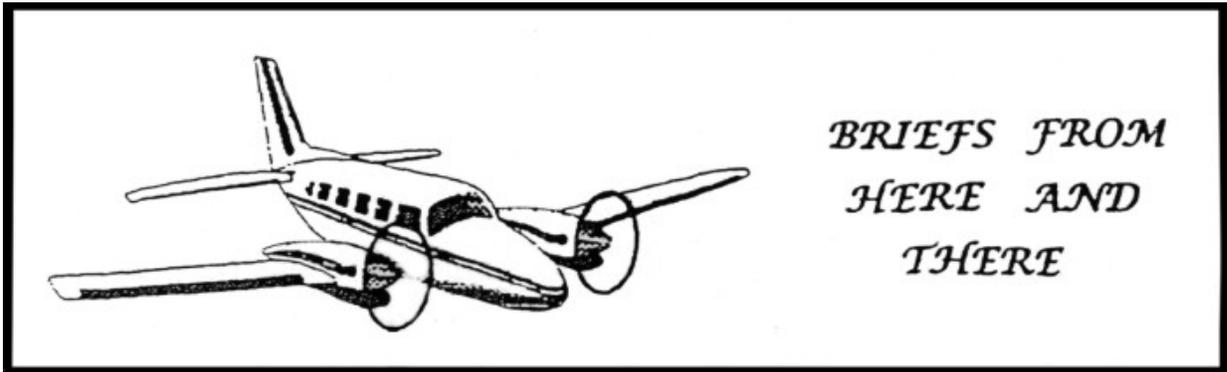
Reservation forms and additional information for both events are attached. Get it on the calendar and WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!!!

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In December Pat Patten wrote from Tanzania

Hey Mel,

Thanks for the very fine Christmas newsletter. Good, good stuff, all the way around.

Thanks again for helping Elsa get her instrument rating. She is doing very fine. Training is coming along well. We hope she will be on her own in about a month-and-a-half. I flew with her for three very full days of clinics this week Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. She did eleven quite good landings on very short dirt airstrips. We saw well over 400 patients. Then just before finishing clinics on Wednesday afternoon, we got an emergency request to take an unconscious nine-year old girl with a brain tumor the three hundred miles from Arusha to Dar es Salaam. We flew to Arusha. Instead of going home to dinner and bed, we fit two new landing lights on the plane, refueled it, and put in a stretcher and the patient, her mother, and a nurse. We were airborne at sunset for Dar, where the nearest neurosurgeon works. It was a two-and-a-half hour flight in a very, very dark Arica where there are no ground lights except for an occasional bush fire. Night flight here is always IFR. Elsa had a Snickers and a Bounty bar in her briefcase. They tasted good after an already long -- and continuing long -- day. The candy bars must have gotten splashed with avgas at some point because, though they tasted good, both had avgas after-tastes. We burped avgas for the next two days. We got to bed at 11 and had to get up again at 3 AM to get the plane back to Arusha. We reconfigured it -- stretcher out and seats back in -- and refueled it in time to be on its way to Loliondo clinics -- another hour's flight at 7:30 AM Thursday morning.

like. Brian saw another 400 or so patients from Thursday through Saturday, one with a bullet wound to the head.

It's very kind of you and NAPP to keep supporting us with the annual thousand dollar gift.

We are grateful to you all.

Pat and the FMS Crew
Flying Medical Service

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Miles Barrett included the following with his 2014 NAPP dues
Mel

GREAT work on the letter and the instrument rated student in good timely fashion. Well made web page, too! I printed out the current Directory front and back and it looks good on 10 pages. I used PayPal to put the 2014 dues in this year from the web page link. Great service, thanks.

Sorry to miss last summer and hope to make both the April gathering in Iowa and July gathering in Kentucky this summer, God willing.

I finished my CFI and had my 1st students to solo, USNA Midshipmen in less than 10 flight hours from KANP inside the DC-SFRA. They were awesome on radio as well in a busy airspace

WX and maintenance on the club plane has curtailed my CFII completion but I hope to get it done this month in my own plane before Christmas. I get to cover Fort Belvoir Hospital Christmas through 26 January 2014 as my 'retirement' coverage for active duty priests in the Archdiocese for the Military Services of USA. I like the 'mini-deployments' and the variety of ministry with all the branches. Covered USCG Training Center in Cape May, NJ over 1st Sunday of Advent. And cover local parishes here in Cape May when home.

My Piper Arrow III, N42PG is flying often and the CAP has a C-172 I give free lessons to cadets in and cross country flights to a grass strip in northern Jersey where I tow gliders for Cap.

Blessings on you and all the NAPP families and friends this Christmas and may God bless us with a fruitful peaceful year ahead.

Pax Christi, carpe diem!

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*For years we have sent a complimentary copy of the NAPP newsletter to the Antique Airplane Association located in Blakesburg, IA.
I got this from them at Christmas*

Dear Flying Priests,

We appreciate your newsletter and they go into our Airpower Museum library here on the Antique Airfield. Our very best to all your members and our best to all of you for a great year in 2014. Bob Taylor & Crew.

Antique Airplane Association/Airpower Museum.

*We've got some extra space
So will use it up to remind
You about our two
Upcoming events with the
hope you'll make the effort
to join us.*

**IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID
YOUR 2014**

**NAPP DUES THERE IS A
REMINDER ATTACHED.**

**PLEASE PAY AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.**

THANKS

NAPP 2014 50th Anniversary Convention

Covington, Kentucky

Arrival Monday, July 7th- Transportation provided to Hampton Inn and Suites.

Monday Evening

- 5:00 pm Social Hour
- 6:00 pm Pizza (Bring pictures and share memories)

Tuesday, July 8th

- Morning mini buses tour to the Bluegrass. Visit famous Runnymede Horse Farm.
- After lunch we are on to Woodford Reserve Distillery, Versailles, Ky. for tour and tasting.

Wednesday, July 9th

- Morning mini buses tour to Start Skydiving at Middletown Airport, Middletown, Ohio.
- Professional jump show provided for us. An opportunity for tandem jumps for those who wish is available at a cost of \$119. We will need to know ahead of time if you would like to skydive.
- Afternoon buses leave from our home base to chancery and Cathedral, Basilica of the Assumption for annual meeting, Mass with Bishop Roger Foys, and dinner.

Thursday, July 10th

- We are on the road and to the airports for departure.
- Looking forward to having you back in Kentucky where it all started 50 years ago.

**NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION
50 YEARS OF FLYING 1964-2014**
July 8 – 9, 2014
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

IFR/VFR Fly-ins: Cincinnati Municipal Lunken Airport – KLUK
FBO: Landmark Aviation (Free tie downs in public area)
Commercial Fly-ins: Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International - KCVG

HOSTS: Bishop Roger Foys; Fr. Al Ruschman (cell: 859-468-5987)

Please phone, e-mail or mail RSVP by Monday, June 16, 2014

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

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By: Pvt Plane N _____ **-ETA:** _____

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Commercial Flight _____ *Airline* _____ *Flight No* _____ *ETA* _____

DEPARTURE INFO: _____

RESERVATIONS TO:

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St.Thomas Catholic Church
26 E Villa Place
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Email: josbu@sttschool.org (Phone) 1-859-441-1282

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Hampton Inn & Suites
10 Hampton Lane
Wilder, KY 41076
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BOOK YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATION
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Mention NAPP for Special Convention Rate of \$95 plus tax per room when making reservations

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