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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Members and Friends,

Many thanks are extended once again to Bishop Robert Gruss and his staff for the excellent convention in and around Rapid City on July 9 and 10. Gratitude is also extended to the very fine staff at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

The convention got off to a great start actually on Monday as members flew in from various points around the country. Also, a contingent toured the Badlands and made the obligatory tourist stop at Wall Drug. The

Monday evening pizza party was a great reunion as slowly the room filled with all of the arrivals.

The first official day of the convention, Tuesday, was filled with interesting and enjoyable activities. The first, abbreviated, stop at Mount Rushmore was very worthwhile. The group picture taken there is a real "keeper." If anyone needs help finding a copy, just let me know.

We quickly moved on to the inspiring Crazy Horse Memorial. This was far from an abbreviated stop; in fact, it was an in-depth look at Crazy Horse not only from a distance but also up close and personal. It seemed that every member of our group was very moved by this visit.

Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski and Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear officially started the Crazy Horse Memorial on June 3, 1948. The Memorial's mission is to honor the culture, tradition and living heritage of North American Indians. Without Korczak, there would be no Crazy Horse Memorial. Its history revolves around his own extraordinary story, which is reflected in his log studio-home, workshop and sculptural galleries at Crazy Horse. His life and work are an inspiration to many, especially to young people.

The second generation of Ziolkowskis began writing a new chapter of the unique Crazy Horse story when Korczak died on October 20, 1982. His parting words to his wife Ruth Ziolkowski were, "You must work on the

mountain-but go slowly so you do it right.” The torch was passed, and Ruth and her sons and daughters, together with the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation board of directors, now are guiding Crazy Horse and the ongoing progress. We were honored to meet two of Korczak’s children working on the mountain during our tour.

Much to our wonder and amazement when we gathered for the luncheon that had been prepared for us in the visitor center restaurant we were greeted personally by Ruth Ziolkowski herself, and several of the family members assisted in the serving of the meal. I doubt that many of us will forget that luncheon and meeting the matriarch of this amazing family for a very long time.

After lunch at the Crazy Horse Memorial, our little caravan proceeded to Custer State Park. Custer State Park in the Black Hills encompasses 71,000 acres of spectacular terrain and an abundance of wildlife. A herd of 1,300 bison roams freely throughout the park, often stopping traffic along the 18-mile Wildlife Loop Road. The herd is one of the largest publicly-owned herds in the world.

Thanks to Bishop Gruss’ careful scouting we were able to leave the main road and discover a very large heard of bison crossing the track right in front of us. Many people left their vehicles and walked near the bison to take pictures despite the warnings of the park ranger who was there. Bison can weigh up to a ton and would be able to inflict serious damage on a vehicle, let alone a person. It did not require much encouragement for prudent people to follow the ranger’s directions.

After a full day, we returned to Terra Sancta for a brief rest and in the evening drove about 20 minutes to Bishop Gruss’ home for a wonderful meal that he provided for us, and personally prepared. All of the members appreciated Bishop’s hospitality, not only that evening, but throughout the convention.

Wednesday morning we were all able to get an up-close view of the B-1 bomber, the “Lancer,” at Ellsworth Air Force Base. Affectionately known as “The Bone,” the B-1 is a marvel of modern air warfare technology. The representatives there answered dozens of our questions about the aircraft and its capabilities. Some of the questions could not be answered due to the confidential nature of the information being requested.

Following an informative tour of the radar room and a pleasant lunch, we returned to Terra Sancta for a brief rest prior to the annual meeting. The meeting was animated and interesting. During the meeting, elections were held, and I was honored that my fierce campaign against several highly motivated contenders for the office of President was successful. Many thanks to all!

Following the meeting, the annual mass was held in the stunning Terra Sancta Chapel, after which the annual banquet was held in the dining room. After dinner members returned to their rooms to plan for their departures on Thursday morning.

Thanks to Bishop Gruss’ excellent planning we were able to pack quite a bit into two days, but remarkably the little rest breaks we had here and there made it all feel somehow relaxing. It was really a masterful act of organization, and I am sure that all the members appreciated it very much.

Sincerely,

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The 2013 NAPP Convention is history. Hopefully the reflections from President Allen and the pictures will convey something of the experience that was ours in Rapid City. At the risk of sounding repetitious, I must reiterate the wonderful accolades showered on Bishop Bob and his staff. It was terrific.

Our focus now is turning to Kentucky in 2014 where 50 years ago we approved the NAPP charter and constitution. It will be a homecoming experience for some of us. Put July 8 and 9 on your 2014 calendar

*This issue of the newsletter is larger than normal. We have the **President's message**, this page, some **Briefs** with news from members, random **pictures** with highlights of the convention, reservation page for the **September regional meeting**, **minutes** of the annual meeting, a **dues reminder** for the new 2014 fiscal year and the annual **financial report**.*

*This issue of the NAPP NEWSLETTER inaugurates the new **NAPP WEB SITE** that contains all the information that normally was mailed to you each August. All that information will now be available to you on line and the confidential user **name** and **password** will be given to you. Those who do not have computer access will still receive that via mail.*

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September 30th the Midwest region will gather at the Waterloo airport for a presentation by Bill Fox on the SR-71 Blackbird.



Bill was part of the famous Kelly Johnson "Skunk Works" and the Blackbird was one of their creations. A very interesting presentation on what can be and was accomplished before the computer age. Fascinating time!

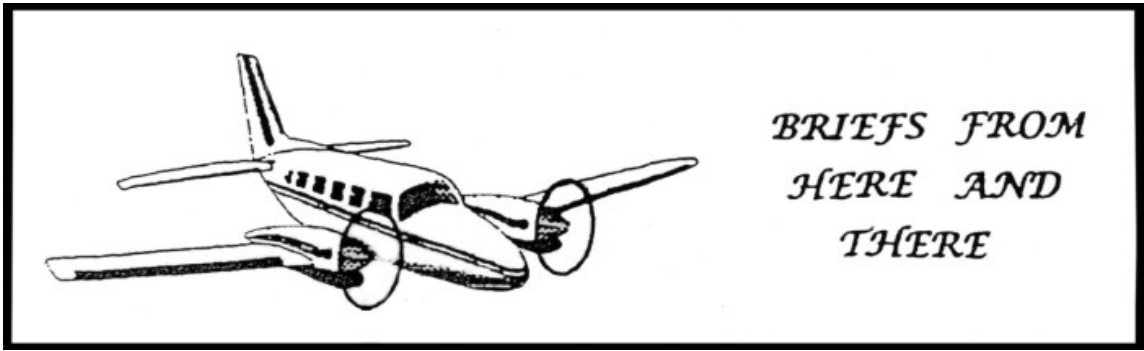
IMPORTANT DATES

**MIDWEST REGIONAL MEET
WATERLOO, IOWA
September 30, 2013**

**2014 NATIONAL MEET
50th ANNIVERSARY OF
NAPP CHARTER**

Place in Kentucky to be announced
Plan on attending both





George Gratton sent the following news item about the death of Fr. Knobby. He was our oldest member.

Fr. John T "Knobby" Walsh died Aug 8, 2012 in Rochester, NY of natural causes. His obituary correctly listed his name, as above. He was ordained June 3, 1944 and was a practicing Priest for 68 years. He is credited with receiving a M.Div. An avid pilot, he was licensed in 1950. Upon hearing of a formation of the National Association of Priest Pilots in 1964, he joined and attended meeting 2 in 1965, and last met with the group in Savannah Ga. in July 2011. He was a regular attendee at meetings and was a "call in" participant at the July 2013 meeting in Elmira. He was originally from Geneva, NY and served the Diocese of Rochester in several parishes. He is survived by one sister, Mary Cabrero, of Washington, DC and many loving friends, Priests, and pilots. His Funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Mathew Clark and fellow Priest Pilot Fr. Tim Brown.

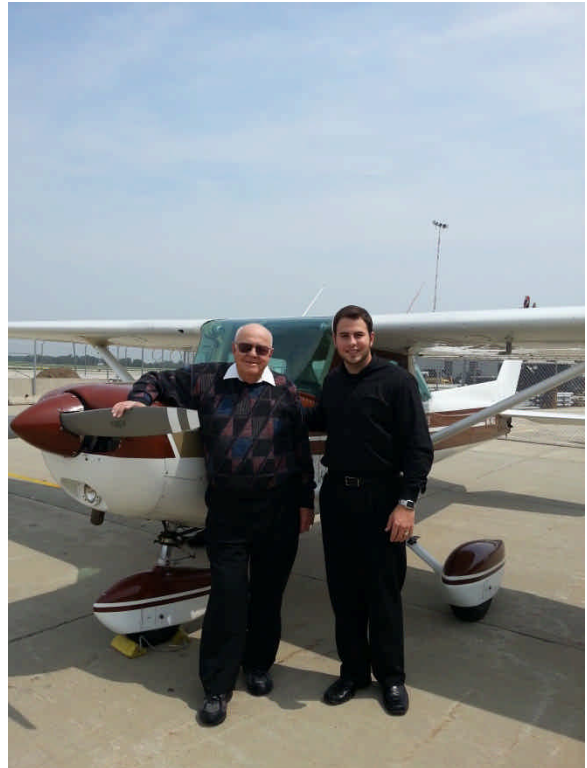
This one from Jerry Scanlan, Chicago

Sad to advise you that my oldest sister, Eleanor Huber passed away on July 14th after a very short hospitalization. She has not been in good health for over a year and had a live in caregiver. We did not expect her death. She just came home from a previous admission for Pneumonia. We enjoyed lunch with her at the Outback restaurant on Father's day June 16th. The Funeral was at St Gregory Church (our home parish as we grew up) on Friday, July 19th. Please keep my sister and her two sons in your special prayers. FR. JERRY

An NAPP Associate Member visit

The weekend of June 28 – 29, 2013 NAPP Associate member Matthew Giacomuzzi from

the Galveston-Houston, TX Archdiocese paid me a visit. Matthew will be entering St Mary's Seminary in Houston this fall. He spent some time in Omaha this summer and decided on the Iowa visit. Matthew has his private pilot's license and we shared stories about flying, time in my RV 6 and how the plane can be a useful tool in spreading the Gospel. Conclusion: it is a pleasant diversion in keeping one off the golf course.



Matthew was in need of a Flight Review and the C 152 proved a valuable tool in addressing those needs while he was here. He passed with flying colors.

It was gratifying to know NAPP has a future when such fine young people are out there.

NAPP CONVENTION
Rapid City, South Dakota July 9 – 10,
2013



The Group before Crazy Horse face



Arrival at Terra Sancta Center



Tour of the Retreat Center



The Badlands



Alien Invasion of the Badlands



They're still watching over us



There he is – Crazy Horse



Wow! Look at that face!



The Avenue of the States



John Schmitz and Friend



Another view



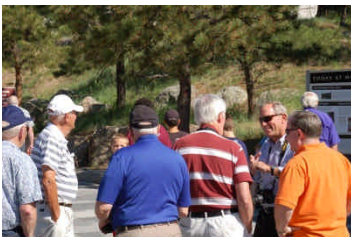
Borglund's Original Models



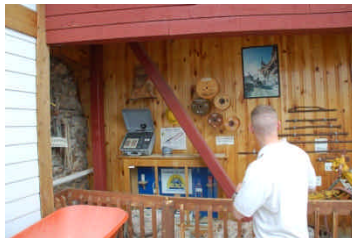
Ruth, Bishop Bob & Ames Reps



Bob Lacey & Crazy Horse tool



Gathering to Move on



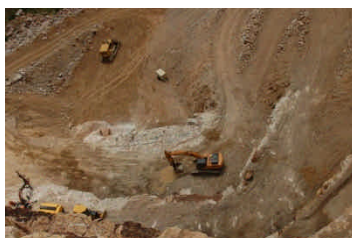
Native American Museum



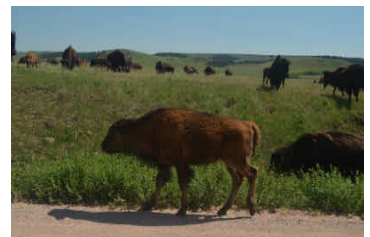
Custer Park attraction



Where Are We Going Now?



A view down from the face



A Second Park Attention



Ellsworth Air Force Base



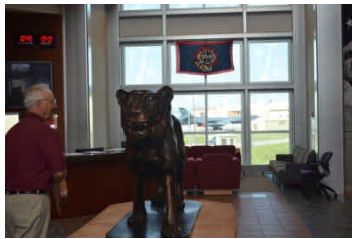
Another view



The Annual Meeting



The B-1 bomber



Is this for real?



Another View



B-1 Pilot speaker



This is what it's all about



Good food & Good conversation



More B-1 info from a tech



Your turn for Air Traffic Ctrl



Nearing the end as it must



Any more questions?



Finally! Time to eat



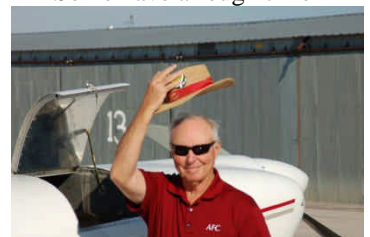
Some have a rough time



All lined up & nowhere to go



Bishop Bob & Pilot



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NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

July 4, 2013

NAPP CHECKING

OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2012^{***}	\$2,303.61
NAPP Dues	\$2,909.15
Convention Intake	\$2,125.42
Donations – Frank Mouch	\$1,000.00
Interest	<u>\$ 1.17</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	<u>\$8,339.35</u>
OUTFLOWS	
Newsletter	\$ 554.46
Postage	\$ 244.80
George Gratton – Convention Expenses	\$2,386.28
Donations:	
Diocese of Fairbanks	\$1,000.00
Flying Medical Service	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<u>\$5,435.54</u>
BALANCE JULY 4, 2013	\$2,903.81

NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 4, 2013

OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2012	\$3,936.14
Interest	<u>\$ 7.95</u>
BALANCE – July 4, 2013	\$3,944.09

NAPP TIME CERTIFICATE

July 4, 2013

OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2012	\$2,524.97
Interest	<u>\$ 30.20</u>
BALANCE – July 4, 2013	\$2,555.17

NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Monday, September 30, 2013

Waterloo, Iowa

Livingston Aviation – Waterloo Airport

HOST: Mel Hemann

Please phone, e-mail or mail RSVP by Wednesday, September 25, 2013

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

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

By: Car _____ **ETA** _____

DEPARTURE: _____

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LIVINGSTON AVIATION SCHEDULE

- 10:00 ish** Arrivals at Livingston Aviation, Waterloo airport (KALO)
Park at Livingston ramp
Lounge around and look over John Livingston memorabilia
(John was the inspiration for book **Jonathon Livingston Seagull**)
- 12:00** Lunch at local restaurant – Return to Livingston
- 1:00** **Presentation by Bill Fox, one of the engineers/architect of SR-71**
(Inspiring presentation of how the Blackbird came to be)
- 3:15** Plan location of next Spring's gathering
- 4:00** **DEPARTURE ---- *Whenever!!!!***

(If you want to come early or stay over, we can make arrangements).

*Your 2014 NAPP Dues are now due.
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KINDLY DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

THANKS