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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Many thanks to Al Ruschman for all of his hard work preparing for and executing the 2014 National Convention. The plan was very well conceived and carried out flawlessly. Many other assisted Al including our member Bill Appel. Thanks to everyone who played a role assisting Al in this effort.

I would certainly want to acknowledge Bishop Roger Foys and the Diocese of Covington who were very generous in hosting our group for the mass and wonderful dinner on Wednesday evening. I doubt that I was the only attendee who was so pleasantly surprised and impressed by the majesty and beauty of the Cathedral Basilica.

On the Monday evening of our arrivals we had a lengthy sharing during which every member spoke about the impact of aviation on

his life and priesthood. It was a rich and memorable conversation. It was a bit more structured than our usual Monday evening. However, because it was our Golden Anniversary it seemed like a great way to begin our time together.

The Clay family was very gracious in welcoming us to Runnymede Farm and providing us with a very interesting tour and a delicious lunch. Our tour of the Woodford Reserve Distillery was also quite interesting, and the tasting was one of my favorite parts of the day.

Our Tuesday dinner at Pompillios in Newport was interesting because that restaurant was one of the locations for the filming of the movie "Rain Man." The food, drink and conversation were all enjoyable as well.

The skydiving tour and experience will always be a special memory for the Convention attendees, particularly for the seven who took advantage of the opportunity to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. It was inspirational seeing some of our elders participate in this high adventure.

Now that summer is winding down many of our members are gearing up for another year of priestly work. I hope that in the midst of such business we can also get a lot of flying done, not only for the sheer pleasure but also to keep our skills and proficiencies sharp.

Sincerely,

Allen Corrigan / N6172D
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In this issue of the newsletter, we have pictures of some of the 2014 NAPP convention events. As usual, it was a great event. Host Al Ruschman and his crew did a fantastic job in our celebration of NAPP in the area we first gathered 50 years ago.

The newsletter pictures are scenes from the Runnymede Horse Farm in Parish, KY. The Clay family hosted us with a very personalized tour concluding with lunch prior to our departure to Versailles, KY for a tour of the Woodford Reserve Distillery.

The next day we travelled to Middletown Regional Airport where a group of the more adventurous NAPPers became sky divers. Charter member Phil Schmitt made the 50th anniversary special and is without a doubt the only NAPP charter member to exit a perfectly good airplane, Unfortunately no one recorded the momentous event.

From the August 1-14 National Catholic Reporter
Bishop Robert Gruss of Rapid City, S.D. (*host of*

2013 NAPP Convention) got off his motorcycle when he entered the seminary over 25 years ago. But now Gruss is back riding, this time to raise money for a new Newman Center for Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D. Gruss led the pack in the first ever Ride with the Bishop Rally and Poker Run. The July 27 event started with Mass, followed by a blessing of bikes, a poker run, and concluded with lunch and an auction

I got a short note from Pat Patten's family. 8 NAPP members donated \$4050.00 to the FMS Tanzania appeal for funding in replacing the loss of their planes. Thanks to one and all.

Two pages in the newsletter are copies of a promotional brochure from CAA (Catholic Aviation Association). You can do with the information as you wish. It was passed out at the annual Convention

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAPP Midwest Gathering

September 29, 2014

Cherokee, Iowa (KCKP)

Host: Gene Murray

(See Reservation Page for information)

NAPP 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 7 – 8, 2015

Des Moines, Iowa

(Mark your calendar).

(Details will follow in the months ahead)

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Courtesy photos

Members of the National Association of Priest Pilots from all over the country flew into the Diocese of Covington July 7-10 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the association's founding in Carrollton, Ky. This group photo was taken at Runnymede Horse Farm, Paris, Ky. Bishop Roger Foys celebrated with NAPP with a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, and a reception at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Curia offices.

Priest Pilots return to Ky. for 50th jubilee

David Cooley
Assistant Editor

The National Association of Priest Pilots (NAPP) was officially established in Carrollton, Ky. in July of 1964. What began with an original meeting of over 70 pilots from all over the United States has transformed into 50 years of aviation and Church history; 50 years of fellowship, adventure and evangelization.

NAPP holds annual meetings all over the country — last year everyone met in North Dakota — but this year members returned to Kentucky, July 7-10, in honor of its golden anniversary. The group spent the first day together at Runnymede Horse Farm, Paris, Ky., and Woodford Reserve Distillery, Versailles, Ky. Next, they travelled north to Middletown Regional Airport, Ohio, for a tour and skydiving demo. Bishop Roger Foys celebrated Mass with the members of NAPP at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption the evening of July 9, following a tour of the Cathedral grounds.

"Congratulations and happy anniversary to the National Association of Priest Pilots of which I understand the first meeting was held here in the diocese in Carrollton, Ky.," said Bishop Foys during his homily. "I'm glad you are back to celebrate your 50th anniversary. I am especially grateful to Father Albert Ruschman who provided us with this opportunity and for inviting me to celebrate this Mass with you."

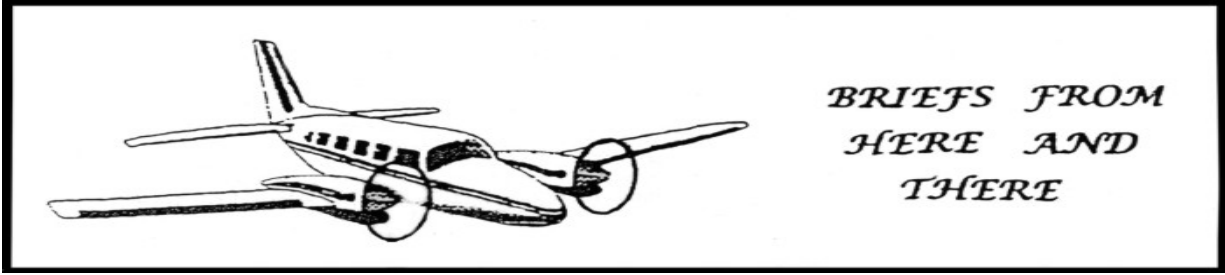
Bishop Foys spoke about his memories as a young boy in a Catholic school where the sisters would often invite Church missionaries to come speak. "They would come and tell us these stories about what they were doing in foreign lands and how they were converting people and bringing the Gospel, bringing the Good News to them," he said. "I would have never

of thought back then, this was in the 1950s, that some time in my life, our own country would be — in a real way — missionary territory."

Bishop Foys spoke about the need for missionaries in dioceses all across the country, which competes with the importance of sending consecrated men and women all over the world to help whenever possible. "It is amazing what human contact can do; just a kind voice or a pleasant smile," he said.

"The mission that Jesus gave to his disciples is the same mission that he gives to all of us," said Bishop Foys. "I am a firm believer that the Lord puts us where we are, and in the time we are, for a reason. The reason is pretty much the same as it was back then — to build up his kingdom. So, this Mass is a devoted Mass to evangelization. May all of us, no matter what our vocation, take that call to evangelization seriously — to bring Christ to everyone."

Father Ruschman, retired, a charter member of the National Association of Priest Pilots, said about the three days of events. "The response of the members was very positive, the three main visits were interesting and engaging. The interaction among members is always special as we review the happenings of the past year, like Father Joe McCaffrey flying with the Blue Angels. On Monday eve each of the members spent several minutes sharing how they got into flying and the opportunities it presented for growth and ministry. The business meeting brought a motion to discuss and work toward a 50-year history of NAPP. For me the prep for the meeting was work; my local team were always great with suggestions and put on the convention without a hitch. The places we visited had generous owners and staff which made for happy visits. Thanks to all who helped especially the dear Lord who made it all possible."



Clay Family Home --Runnymede Horse Farm



Just look at that thorough bred



Gallery of Famous Family Horses



Explaining the finer points of a great horse



The back yard. Wonderful spot for lunch



What are YOU staring at?



I'm thirsty! Let's go to a distillery



Guys, believe me. It's good!!!



Hey! We found one



Look at the size of those cookers



This is a distillery?



How can we get inside those kegs?



Interesting history of Kentucky bourbon



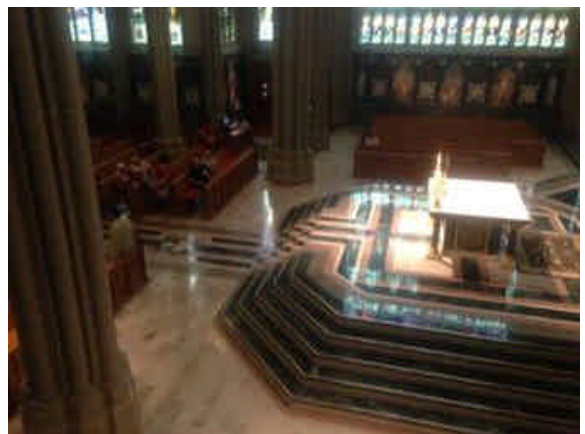
I thought it would never end



2014 ANNUAL NAPP MEETING



Newly Ordained
BILL APPEL with MILES BARRETT



Bird's eye view of altar in **Cathedral
Basilica Covington, KY**

Prayer for the establishment of the

Catholic Aviation Association

O God, we pray that You would gather together the People of God from all aspects of aviation into a fraternal association where we may encourage and support one another as we pursue our aviation hobby, interests and careers. Through the grace and power of your Holy Spirit, inspire and enable this association to be a witness to Your eternal plan and to Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in the world of aviation. May each member of the association be strengthened in their faith and emboldened to live godly lives and share the Good News in their particular community and/or business environment.

As the Catholic Aviation Association begins to form, we ask that You would inspire volunteers and benefactors to come forward to assist in developing, promoting and funding this effort, recognizing that they will play a foundational role in helping others live out their faith while pursuing their dreams of being involved in the field of aviation.

We ask all this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

The
Catholic Aviation Association

is a
Ministry
supporting

The People of God
in all phases of
Aviation

CAA is a new initiative started in
The Year of Faith
in response to the call for
The New Evangelization
of
Our Culture

Please join our Community
and

FLY TO HIM!!!

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"FAITH, FLYING & FELLOWSHIP"

*Going into all the world
to proclaim the
GOOD NEWS!*

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Catholic Aviation Association

VISION

The vision of the Catholic Aviation Association is to be a witness for Jesus Christ in the world of aviation by promoting the integration of...

FAITH, FLYING & FELLOWSHIP

We intend to serve, support, and equip the People of God in all segments of the aviation community so that they will be enabled to live out their faith in the public square, achieve their aviation related goals and find fellowship and community with other like-minded people.



**Our Lady of Loreto
Patroness of Aviation**

Catholic Aviation Association

MISSION

Our vision will become reality as we:

Spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in the aviation community

Establish Catholic Aviation Association Chapters throughout the U.S. in order to draw together the People of God in the aviation industry and provide a venue for fellowship

Oversee the establishment and operation of local flying clubs, to be known as Cupertino Aviation Clubs

Our activities will include:

Creating and maintaining a website and social media network that will enable Christians in aviation to locate and communicate with one another

Providing inspirational and educational materials that will encourage and help the People of God in the aviation community live out their faith in the public square.

Presenting a witness to the aviation world by publishing articles about the People of God involved in aviation

Funding a merit based scholarship fund to help individuals in their training and education efforts as they seek to further their aviation careers

Promoting the involvement of young people in the aviation industry by developing a youth mentoring/flying program that will teach life lessons while offering ground, simulator and in-flight training

Catholic Aviation Association

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Honor God, the Creator of all things, by always seeking and teaching the Truth

Serve all the People of God in the universal Family of God

Treat all people with dignity

Through reason and faith, teach the reality and implications of natural law and Divine Revelation, both in the physical and spiritual realms

Promote the welfare of all our members and their families

Safeguard people, resources and the environment.

Maintain the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct

Adhere to the teachings of God as supernaturally revealed to the People of God



**St Joseph of Cupertino
Patron of Aviation**

NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

July 4, 2014

NAPP CHECKING

OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2013	\$2,903.81
NAPP Dues	\$3,004.12
Convention Intake	\$2,380.00
Donations	\$1,710.00
Interest	<u>\$ 1.03</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$9,998.96

OUTFLOWS

Newsletter	\$ 630.04
Postage	\$ 37.45
Convention Expenses - Terra Sancta	\$2,175.00
Donations	
Diocese of Rapid City	\$1,000.00
Diocese of Fairbanks	\$1,000.00
Flying Medical Services	\$1,000.00
Crazy Horse	<u>\$2,250.00</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$8,092.49

BALANCE JULY 4, 2014 **\$1,906.47**

NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 4, 2014

OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2013	\$3,944.09
Interest	<u>\$ 6.06</u>
BALANCE – July 4, 2014	\$3,950.15

NAPP TIME CERTIFICATE

OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2014	\$2,555.17
Interest	<u>\$ 22.03</u>
BALANCE – July 4, 2014	\$2,577.20

2014 NAPP Minutes
Pastoral Center - Covington, KY – July 9, 2014

Total number of members present was 32.

5 CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mel Hemann, John Hemann, John Herzog, Albert Ruschman and Phil Schmitt.

18 REGULAR MEMBERS:

Bill Appel, Miles Barrett, Allen Corrigan, Jack Fitzgerald, Phil Gibbs, Merlin Kieffer, Jim Keirnan, Bob Lacey, Bill Menzel, Gene Murray, Tom O'Neill, Jack Paisley, George Remm, Jerry Scanlan, John Schmitz, Peter Sweeney, Al Werth and John Wolesky.

Excused; Joe McCaffery was at the convention but was not at the annual meeting.

8 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Jack Boyle, William Boyle, George Gratton, Vincent Kearns, Mike Makelbust, Nick Patterson, Fred Wright and John Zapp

1 GUEST:

Val Boyle, O.Carm.

The **ANNUAL MEETING** was called to order at 3:08pm in the Pastoral Center at the Cathedral in Covington, KY.

The **MINUTES OF THE 2013 MEETING** were distributed and reviewed. George Gratton made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and it was seconded by Jim Keirnan. The minutes were approved.

OFFICIAL WORDS OF GRATITUDE FROM THE CHAIR: Our President, Allen Corrigan, on behalf of NAPP expressed deep appreciation to Fr. Al Ruschman and all his helpers for hosting this 50th Anniversary gathering.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS: Allen Corrigan, our President, reported to the group that he submitted the necessary paperwork.

TREASURER'S REPORT was handed out for review. George Gratton moved to approve the Treasure's report. Jack Boyle seconded. Unanimous approval of the report.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

EAST: Al Ruschman reported that he had met several times with his helpers to prepare for this national convention. The region is in the planning stages to do a regional fly-in to Carrollton. George Gratton reported that Owen Shanley has ill health but is improving. Tim Brown and other associate members couldn't make it for various reasons. George also mentioned that Nick Rosello broke his shoulder and sends his regrets

MIDWEST: John Hemann spoke of the Midwest gatherings during the Fall, Monday, September 30th in Waterloo (ALO) with Mel Hemann hosting us. Bill Fox was our presenter and he spoke on the SR 71. We were pleasantly surprised by the company of a U-2 pilot who just happened to be in the vicinity at the same time.

The Spring meeting that was to be hosted by Gene Murray was canceled due to inclement weather. Graciously, Gene Murray has agreed to extend that invitation to this Fall as he will host us on September 29, 2014 Cherokee, IA

WEST: No regional reports were given.

ANNUAL GIFTS:

After some discussion of our financial wherewithal and our mission there were two proposals for contributions: Proposal for \$1000 donation to Anchorage, Alaska. Proposal for \$2000 donation to Tanzania. A motion to this effect was made by Jerry Scanlon to offer these amounts to these causes. This motion was seconded by Jack Fitzgerald. The motion was unanimously approved.

WEBSITE REPORT:

John Zapp: gave update and report on website. He is working on past newsletters - for the sake of uploaded archives. If we want to include past pictures they need to be digitized. Once that is done it is easy to put them on-line. John was looking for someone else to scan the pictures.

Comments were made to the effect that this website would be a great place for the membership to archive and share some of the stories they have accumulated over the years of being a member of NAPP. Mel Hemann continues to update the directory to keep it current. We were reminded of the password for the website and we were also reminded that we do utilize PayPal on the website as a possible way to do an automatic payment for membership. Jack Fitzgerald made a suggest that we create a pictorial directory of the airplanes we fly. If we have digital pictures of our planes we should just send them in.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS took place for the positions of 2nd Vice President and Treasurer.

George Gratton nominated George Remm; John Hemann seconded. Allen Corrigan moved that all nominations cease. George Remm consented and agreed to serve for another term.

**An error was made in the elections. 2nd VP George Remm was elected last year. 1st VP John Schmitz was due this year. Consultation and an executive decision results in John Schmitz serving another term)*

For the position of Treasurer, George Gratton nominated Mel Hemann. Fred Wright seconded. Nominations were closed and Mel Hemann accepted.

CONVENTION SITES:

Mel Hemann stated that San Diego was not a possibility in 2015. Henceforth, a lengthy discussion ensued about potential sites for future conventions. Miles Barrett offered the possibility of Cape May in New Jersey. Many concerns were brought up about the expenses and the unusual accommodations in this location. Therefore, other possibilities arose. Allen Corrigan offered a site in Cleveland, OH. Gene Murray offered the possibility of Sioux City, IA. Tom O'Neill mentioned Worcester, MA. Mel Hemann mentioned Des Moines, IA and George Gratton surfaced Lakeland, FL. Bill Menzel summarized the common sentiment of the group by stating that the place in which we stay should easily foster fraternity among our membership. Therefore our accommodations should be in one hotel with adequate spaces for communal gatherings and all for a reasonable price. In other words, the ability for us to gather and socialize is more important than the venues the various locations can provide. After that statement the following proposal was submitted

2015 Convention – July 7-10: It was motioned and approved that Gene Murray will host us in Sioux City, IA or Des Moines, IA pending a conversation with his nephew who is in upper management with the Comfort Inn and Suites conglomeration.

2016 Convention – nothing was determined.

GUEST PRESENTERS:

Al Ruschman had visitors to the meeting to discuss writing a history of NAPP as a commemoration to our organization on its 50th anniversary. Paul Tenkotty, a public history professor at Northern Kentucky University and Jim Ott an aviation writer and publisher both spoke to us about this possibility. A brief discussion took place on producing a history of our organization when Merlin Kieffer made a motion to form a sub-committee to take on this task. This proposal was seconded by George Gratton. All approved. The subcommittee consists of Bill Appel, John Hemann, Bob Lacey and Mel Hemann.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND OTHER NOTES: John Zapp reminded us about the importance of recruiting so that our membership stays strong. After the meeting was adjourned it was made known to me that Bill Boyle had agreed to take the picture albums of previous conventions and scan them into a computer file. This will make archiving these memories much more convenient and will allow the entire membership to enjoy them through the website. Thanks Bill Boyle!

A **MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by Phil Schmitt and John Hemann seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Gibbs
Secretary

NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING
 Monday, September 29, 2014
 Cherokee, Iowa
CHEROKEE COUNTY REGIONAL - KCKP

HOST: Gene Murray

Please phone, e-mail or mail RSVP by Thursday, September 25, 2014

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

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

By: *Car* _____ **ETA** _____

DEPARTURE: _____

RESERVATIONS TO:

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SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 10:00 ish** Arrival at Cherokee airport (KCKP)
- 11:00** View restored 1920s vintage American Eagle Biplane & Stinson Reliant
- 11:30** Lunch at Danny's. **Speaker: Larry Rapagnani**, retired project engineer
at Edward's Air Force Base
- 1:00** **Chuck Sand CEO** at Sands of Iowa, Soybean & Corn seed production
Plant will give tour of the Marcus plant
- 3:15** Plan location of next Fall's gathering
- 4:00** **DEPARTURE** ---- *Whenever!!!!*

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

2015
DUES NOTICE FOR NEW FISCAL YEAR

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