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**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Dear Members and Friends,

Many thanks to George Gratton and all of his helpers for the excellent job organizing the 2012 convention in Painted Post, Corning, Elmira and Hammondsport. Fantastic work, George! And, thanks for all the special attention paid to arranging all of the complicated ground transportation details. It was a monumental task, and you and your assistants were definitely up to it.

Eastbound from Wellsville I'll never forget the Elmira approach controller telling me that Painted Post was "twelve o'clock, three miles," yet it was nowhere to be seen! Then the GPS indicated twelve o'clock and one mile and the

runway was still hidden. A moment later, at 4,300 MSL I looked below me and there was 7N1 hiding in a valley far below.

The visual approach for N6271D was a long, descending 360 degree turn to the right coming through pass between two peaks to end up on downwind at 2,500 MSL with 800' to loose to get to pattern altitude abeam the numbers for runway 32. The hairpin short approach to final was exhilarating, and both 72D and her pilot had the kind of landing that you can walk away from. Then the airplane was topped off and tied down in still-flyable condition.

George arranged an excellent schedule of interesting activities. The Corning Museum of Glass, the National Soaring Museum, and The Glenn Curtis Museum were among my favorite parts of the convention, but there were many more. The banquet at the Curtis Museum was wonderful!

Please don't forget to mark your calendars for the week of July 8, 2013 for next year's convention which will take place in Rapid City. The 2012 convention will be a hard act to follow, but I'm sure it will be up to our usual high NAPP standards. I hope we have another awesome turnout.

Currently 72D is undergoing the annual inspection, which is typically a time many pilot/owners wonder about the effect on their wallets. Have you ever noticed how the most beautiful flying weather comes around when the airplane is in the shop?

Sincerely,

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As usual the 2012 July NAPP Convention in New York was a wonderful experience. Host George Gratton and the local personnel he recruited provided a very informative and enlightening time for all. If glass is your thing – the Corning Glass museum provided something from time immemorial to the present. If gliders interest you – what better place than Harris Hill, the soaring capital of the U.S. Some members took advantage of the opportunity to silently soar amidst the clouds. If the history of flight, cars, motorcycles and boats turns you on – what better place to view it all than the Glenn Curtiss museum. For aviation aficionados where could you find a better setting for the closing banquet?

In summation it's pretty hard to beat a good thing.

*The NAPP membership voted at the annual meeting to give the 2013 following monetary donations:*

1. \$1000.00 to the Diocese of Fairbanks Alaska
2. \$1000.00 to the Flying Medical Service in Tanzania, East Africa to assist NAPP members Pat Patten and Jacek Rejman in their Flying Service.

*The checks will be mailed in January 2013.*

This newsletter contains the following:

1. President's message
2. The stuff on this page
3. 4 pages of pictures from the convention
4. NAPP Annual Financial Report
5. Minutes - 2012 NAPP Convention

All of you will receive via U.S. mail a printed copy of the new 2013 NAPP directory. I am including in the envelope in addition to the Directory another sheet.

That sheet has the reservation form for the September Midwest regional meeting in Linn, Missouri. I decided to put the dues reminder notice on the back of that form. Please note on the bottom I have checked the line that applies to you.

## **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING DATES IN MIND**

NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL

September 24, 2012

Linn, Missouri

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**NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**JULY 9 – 10, 2013**

**RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

*Get them on your calendar*

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**NAPP CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS - CORNING, NY**  
**JULY 10 – 11, 2012**



**Nine Planes flew in for the convention**



**President Al Corrigan. Presidents have to eat too.**



**It's Monday night and time to renew friendships**



**Jack & Mel register members & collect the loot**



**Of course host GEORGE GRATTON has to speak**



**A better world follows this important discussion**



**Nick & Al: Who is Penitent? Who is Confessor?**



**Host George asks "Will this night ever end?"**



**Harris Hill – National Soaring Museum**



**Gliders all over the place – floor to ceiling**



**Assembly room for the Museum Tour**



**Who is the NAPP member going aloft in the glider**



**Group under a familiar glider. Wright Flyer**



**It was a short flight**



**How cluttered can a panel be?**



**The Pawnee makes a better tow than this winch**



**Glenn Curtiss Air Museum**



**It did fly at one time – in the good old days**



**The sign tells it all**



**Away she goes**



**The famous P 40**



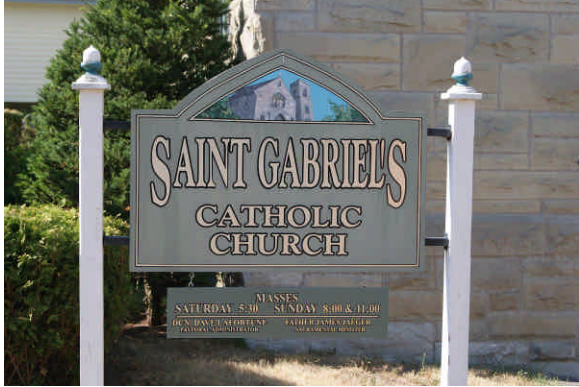
**Ideal for a nice cool ride – especially in winter**



**This one needs a little more touching up**



**2012 NAPP Annual Meeting about to begin**



The Holy Place for all flyers



The food will be served shortly



Entrance to St. Gabriel Church – site for Mass



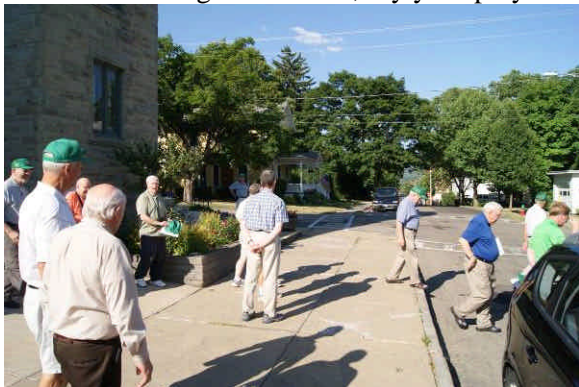
Drinks are now being served



It won't be long. Meantime, say your prayers



Our speaker enlightens us about Curtiss Wright



And now!!! THE BANQUET



As the oldest NAPP member present he receives the oldest bottle of tainted water

# NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

July 4, 2012

## NAPP CHECKING

<b>OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2011<sup>***</sup></b>	<b>\$4,067.01</b>
<b>NAPP Dues</b>	<b>\$2,364.03</b>
<b>Convention Intake</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Memorial – Robert’s Ev Memorial</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Hats</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b><u>\$ 364.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$8,525.04</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>\$ 774.47</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$ 311.96</b>
<b>Kelly Sullivan Loughren</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>John Hemann – Convention Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,285.00</b>
<b>Donations:</b>	
<b>Archdiocese of Anchorage</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Flying Medical Service</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>San Martin</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Scholarship – Phil Gibbs</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>United States Treasury</b>	<b><u>\$ 400.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$6,221.43</b>
<b>BALANCE JULY 4, 2012</b>	<b>\$2,303.61</b>

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**NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

July 4, 2012

<b>OPENING BALANCE – July 4, 2011</b>	<b>\$6,042.75</b>
<b>Transfer to Time Certificate</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>NAPP Dues</b>	<b>\$ 375.00</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b><u>\$ 2.91</u></b>
<b>BALANCE – July 4, 2012</b>	<b>\$3,920.66</b>

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**NAPP TIME CERTIFICATE**

July 4, 2012

<b>OPENING BALANCE – October 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Interest 2011</b>	<b>\$ 9.96</b>
<b>Interest 2012</b>	<b><u>\$ 15.01</u></b>
<b>BALANCE – July 4, 2012</b>	<b>\$2,524.97</b>

## MINUTES OF THE 2012 NAPP MEETING

July 11, 2012

Hammonsport, New York

Total number of attendees is 25.

**3 Charter Members:** the Reverends John Hemann, Mel Hemann, Al Ruschman and Phil Schmitt.

**29 Regular Members:** The Reverends Bill Appel, Miles Barrett, Al Corrigan, Phil Gibbs, Jim Flavin, Jack Fitzgerald, Bob Lacey, Joe McCaffery, Mike Mikstay, Gene Murray, Tom O'Neill, Jack Paisley, Bert Pepowski, George Remm, Nick Rossello, Al Ruschman, Nick Rossello, Francis G. Scanlan, Owen Shanley, Al Werth, John Wolesky.

**8 Associate Members:** Dan Baier, Jack Boyle, Bill Boyle, George Gratton

The meeting was called to order promptly at 3:30 pm. with President Al Corrigan, presiding.

### **Words of Remembrance and Opening Prayer:**

The group took time to remember members who had passed away within the last year: Bill Bevington, Ev Hemann, Ed Higgins and Jerry Whiteman.

George Gratton opened with a prayer.

President Corrigan offered words of thanks to George Gratton for hosting.

### **Minutes of 2011 Convention:**

The minutes of the 2011 meeting were distributed, reviewed and accepted with the provision of recognizing Al Ruschman as a charter member.

John Wolesky made a motion to accept the minutes and that was seconded by George Gratton. The minutes were then unanimously accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasure's report was then handed out for review. As of July 4, 2012: the checking account showed a balance of \$2,303.61; the savings account showed a balance of \$3,920.66; and, the NAPP time certificate showed a balance of \$2,524.97. Mel Hemann did report that a transfer of these funds did occur from the Archdiocesan D&L (deposit and loan) into an NAPP account in Cedar Falls, IA. Al Ruschman gave an explanation of procuring an EIN (Employer Identification Number) for a one time deal of \$400.00 because of U.S. Treasury stipulations for non-profits.

George Gratton moved to approve the budget. John Wolesky seconded it. It was approved.

### **Regional Reports:**

#### **Eastern Region:**

Official thanks were conveyed to the Eastern Region for hosting. No report.

#### **Central Region:**

Fall meeting (September 2011) in September had been cancelled. John Hemann and George Remm gave a report on the Spring gathering (May 2012) in Davenport, IA. The group enjoyed a great lunch and a tour of an ultra light facility that has been in production for 30 years.



John Hemann also spoke about the Fall 2012 gathering on September 24th with John Schmitz as the host. The place and activity has yet to be determined.

### **Western Region:**

There was no report.

### **2013 Convention Report.**

John Hemann had reported that both Rapids City, SD (KRAP) and Bishop Robert Gruss are expecting us in July 9-10, 2013. This will be NAPP 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We made a formal acceptance of this site as our location for the next convention as John Hemann made a proposal. George Gratton seconded the motion. All approved and it passed.

### **NAPP Directory and New Members:**

Mel Hemann reported that the directory should be on-line by the end of July 2012. There are 28 members that do not have computers. These will be sent a hard copy.

We now have one seminarian that is a regular member. We also have 3 seminarians that are new members who attend Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, TX.

President Al Corrigan has put our convention on a blog, [priestpilot.blogspot.com](http://priestpilot.blogspot.com). Al has also developed a facebook page for NAPP.

### **Annual Gifts:**

Discussion took place as suggestions were given by the executive board regarding possible recipients of the \$1000.00 gifts. Al Ruschman made a motion that the diocese of Fairbank receives a donation. George Gratton seconded the motion. It passed. John Hemann made a motion that Flying Medical Services receive a donation. Phil

Schmidt seconded. It passed. A motion by George Gratton to table any more donations for the fiscal year was offered. Joe McCaffery seconded. It passed.

### **Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer:**

Nominations were requested from the membership for the position of 1st Vice President and Treasurer. Just as soon as the nominations were opened and the current office holders were nominated for another term, the nominations ceased. George Gratton nominated John Schmitz. John Hemann motioned to close nominations. Jerry Scanlon seconded. Jack Boyle nominated Mel Hemann. Jerry Scanlon moved to close nominations. Joe McCaffery seconded. The vote was unanimous that John Schmitz and Mel Hemann serve another term. John Schmitz as 1st Vice President and Mel Hemann as Treasurer.

### **Other Business:**

### **Future Convention Sites:**

The floor was opened up for discussion regarding the where and when of the future convention in 2014. Customarily the West Coast regions would be hosting but we hardly have any representation from the area of the country. Two sites were proposed: Covington, KY (Al Ruschman) or Cape May, N.J. (Miles Barrett). They will give us a firm yes or no within 6 months unless the West Coast comes through with a plausible proposal.

### **Board of Directors:**

Al Ruschman is to be listed among the names of the Board of Directors for the organization.

### **Adjournment:**

As is customary, Phil Schmitt moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe McCaffery seconded. The meeting ended.