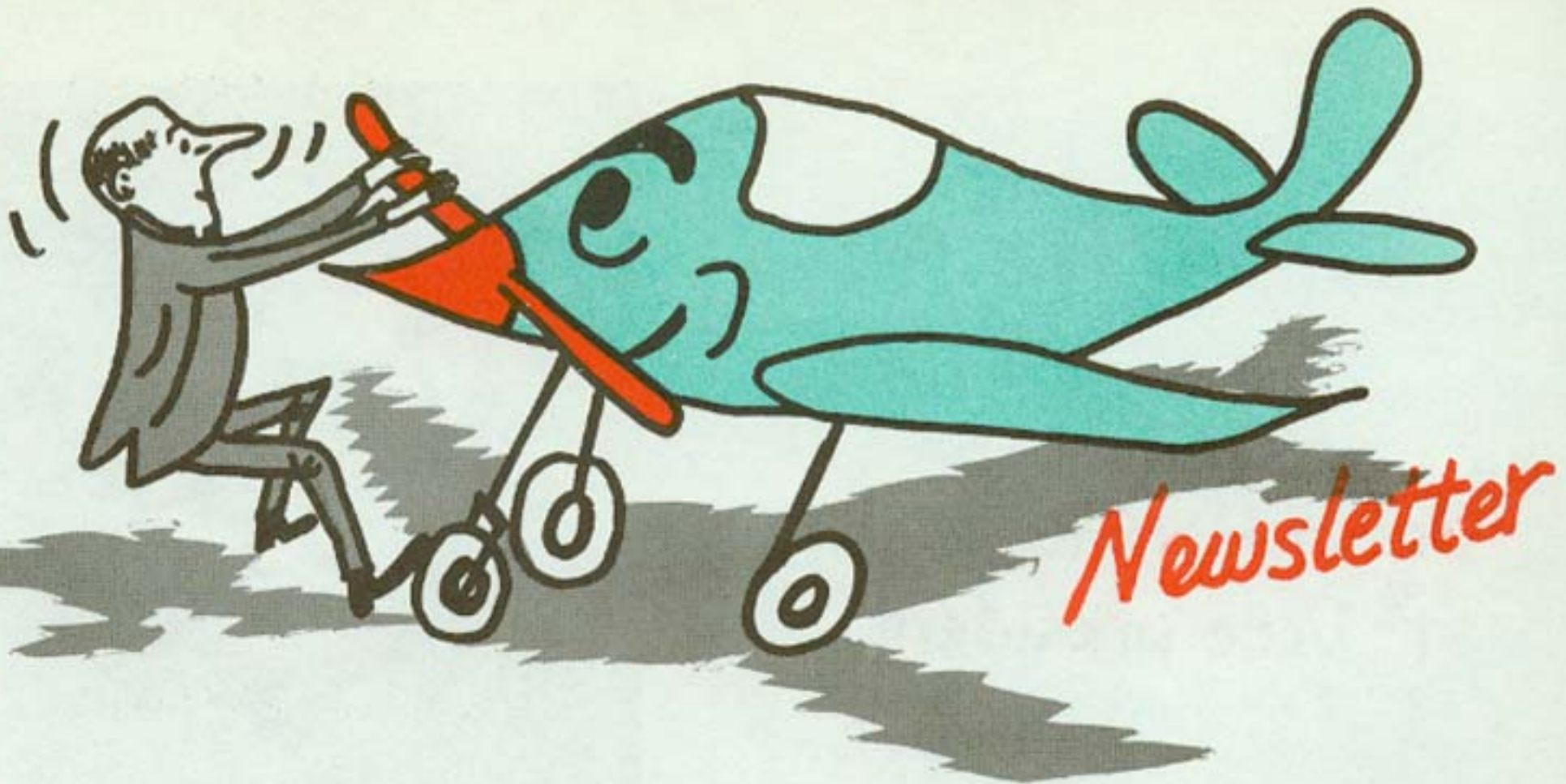


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AT THE END OF NOVEMBER ONE OF OUR MEMBERS SENT ME A LETTER AND CLIPPING ABOUT A FLYING PRIEST, REV. GEORGE BALDWIN, WHO CRASHED ON A MOUNTAIN SIDE IN SCRANTON. HE WAS INSTRUMENT RATED AND WAS MAKING AN APPROACH IN BAD WEATHER WHEN THE RADIO FAILED. I KNOW ALL OF US WILL WANT TO REMEMBER HIM, EVEN THOUGH HE WASN'T A MEMBER OF NAPP. THESE TRAGEDIES MAKE BIG HEADLINES, SO LET'S ALL FLY WITH CAUTION, SKILL AND PREPAREDNESS. R.I.P.

DICK SKRIBA

John Hemann
1st vice president



John Hemann was born in Stacyville, Iowa, attended Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and was ordained from Mt. St. Bernard Seminary, Dubuque, on January 30, 1960. Since then he has served in city parishes in Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Mason City and presently is a member of a Team Ministry in Waterloo and Evandale, Iowa. His parish work has also been mixed with teaching in high school for 12 years. As a member of the Pastoral Team of two parishes, along with three other priests, three sisters and one lay person, he is responsible for Parish Family Life and Communications. John presently is Pre Cana Director for the Waterloo Area and functions as a Marriage Counselor as well as teaching Marriage Enrichment in the city wide adult education program.

In 1968 he began taking graduate classes at Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque and has also spent some time in summer work at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

John is a Charter member of NAPP and has attended every convention except Rapid City and Emporia when military duty kept him away.

He began flying on July 16, 1963, soloed on August 26, 1963 in an Aeronca Champ. On July 8, 1964 he received his private ticket in a Tri-Pacer. During his ten years of flying he has been a member of a Club in Dubuque, owned in partnership and later alone, a Cherokee 140. Presently he shares ownership in a Bonanza with brother Ev and Father Dan Knipper, both NAPP members. John has logged over 600 hours which have taken him to both Coasts, Canada and Juneau. His log book shows that he's visited 28 states and 5 Canadian Provinces. He is presently working at his IFR rating.

On April 19, 1966 John enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard as a Chaplain and presently serves with the 34th Inf. Bde. which is Headquartered in Boone, Iowa. His military rank is that of Captain and he is presently in line to become senior chaplain for the Bde. next year. During summer field training and once in awhile on a weekend drill he's gotten some dual time in military fixed wing and of recent years has gotten some dual chopper time.

John has had a secret ambition for sometime. It was to offer the first Mass on the Moon. Now that the moon shots are terminated he has revealed his secret. (But he's got another one up his sleeve which he won't even share with the editor of this newsletter, his own blood brother).

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Periodically I will make a few personal observations regarding some NAPP matters that come to my attention by virtue of the fact I put out the newsletter. One of them deals with a matter of membership renewals.

You will notice that in this newsletter we carry the notice or application for renewing your membership. This is the policy that has been in effect for 6 years. We will carry this notice again in the February issue. As in the past, those who have not renewed by the end of March will have their names removed from the roster. The only exception to this will be those in foreign countries where surface transportation is slow. As always, NAPP policy states that anyone not having the funds for annual membership is invited to just notify us and we'll be most happy to continue having you on our list.

The renewal form we are using is the same we have used in the past. Some have objected to the matter of hours, etc. on the form. I talked to Dick Skriba about this and I guess we're just not creative enough (or too lazy) to come up with something new. So we're running the same thing again. If you don't feel up to filling out all the blanks just ignore it. But be sure and include your phone number & the area code. The forms will be returned to Dick Skriba, he'll keep a record of all members and I'll include the membership card for '74 with the next newsletter.

From my personal point of view, and I'm sure I speak for Dick and Treasurer Charlie Teufel, the sooner you send in your \$10 the easier it will be for us. We don't get paid for anything we do and it does take time - a lot of it in fact. Personally I think it is important because I think NAPP and the fellowship is important for priests. So I'm happy to do it but any help you can offer is deeply appreciated.

A little matter of explanation is perhaps in order regarding the last newsletter. I ran out of letterhead stationery for the first page so some of you drew a blank on that one. We've had more printed and all should receive a beautiful front page this time. Also, they had a change of personnel at the printing shop and I didn't tell them to print on both sides of the page. Ergo, the reason for all the blank pages.

Charlie has asked that those from other Countries stipulate that the amount is \$10 U.S. The exchange rates screw up Charlie's book keeping system. So he would appreciate that very much.

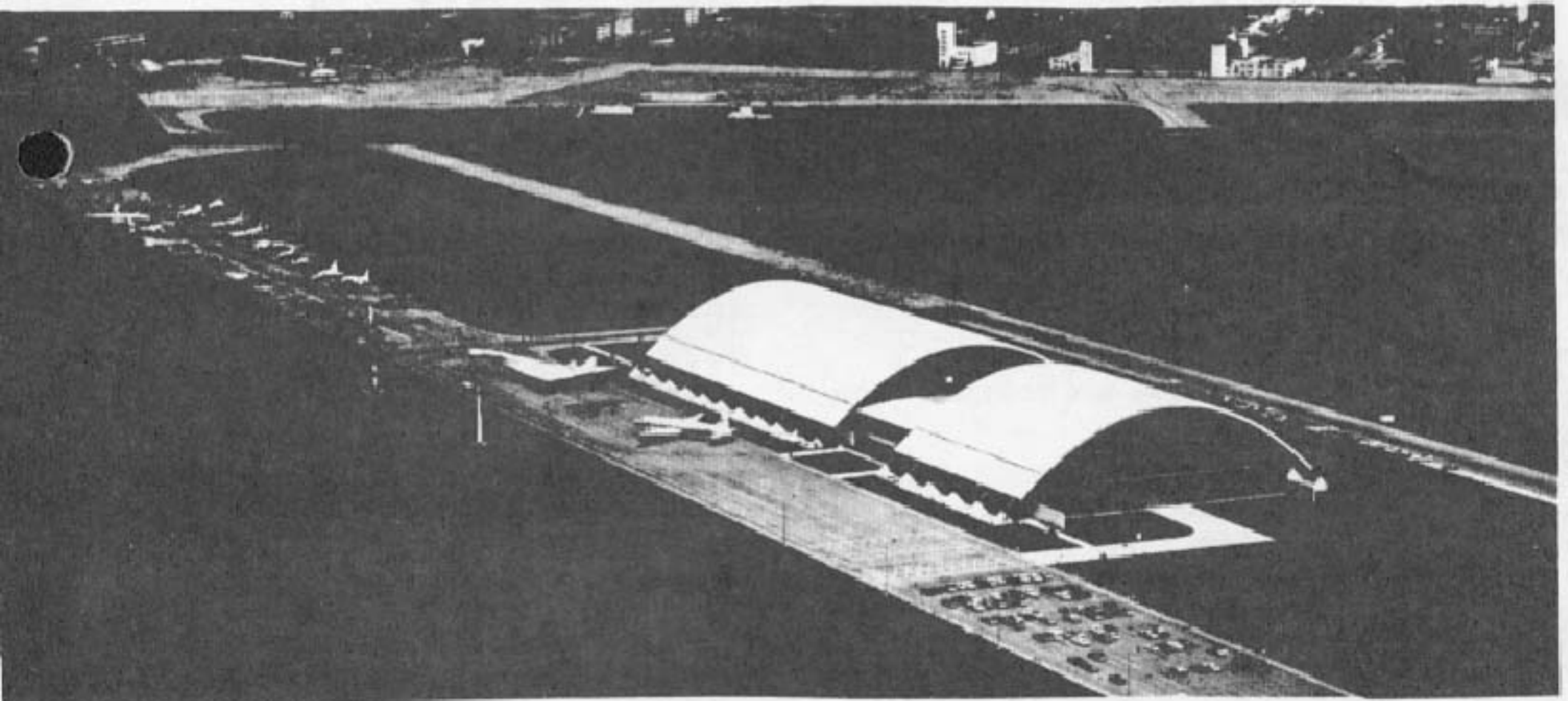
A fine elderly widow in one of our parishes does all the addressing of the envelopes for us. On December 1 she had a fire in her house. She was able to get out the back door but her house suffered quite extensive fire and smoke damage. Presently she is staying at her son's house and I'm sure will again do the envelopes for us.

Lastly, a note of thanks for the many fine words that you send this way. I am deeply appreciative of the support the officers and board of directors gave to me during the four years I served as NAPP president. As editor of the newsletter it has been, and continues to be, a matter of personal gratification

to be in contact with so many wonderful priests from all over the world. I guess the fact that we've always got enough matter for a newsletter every two months indicates that YOU too are interested in each other. So I hope you keep sending in those things that you're doing. I know I goof once in awhile and lose some item or forget to put it in but I assure you it's not intentional.

A final thought! With the possibility at the time of this writing that our get-togethers in the future might be in jeopardy due to a gasoline shortage it seems that NAPP membership is all the more important. It does provide a bond, a link, between a very special and unique group of men - PRIEST PILOTS. No other organization can make that statement.

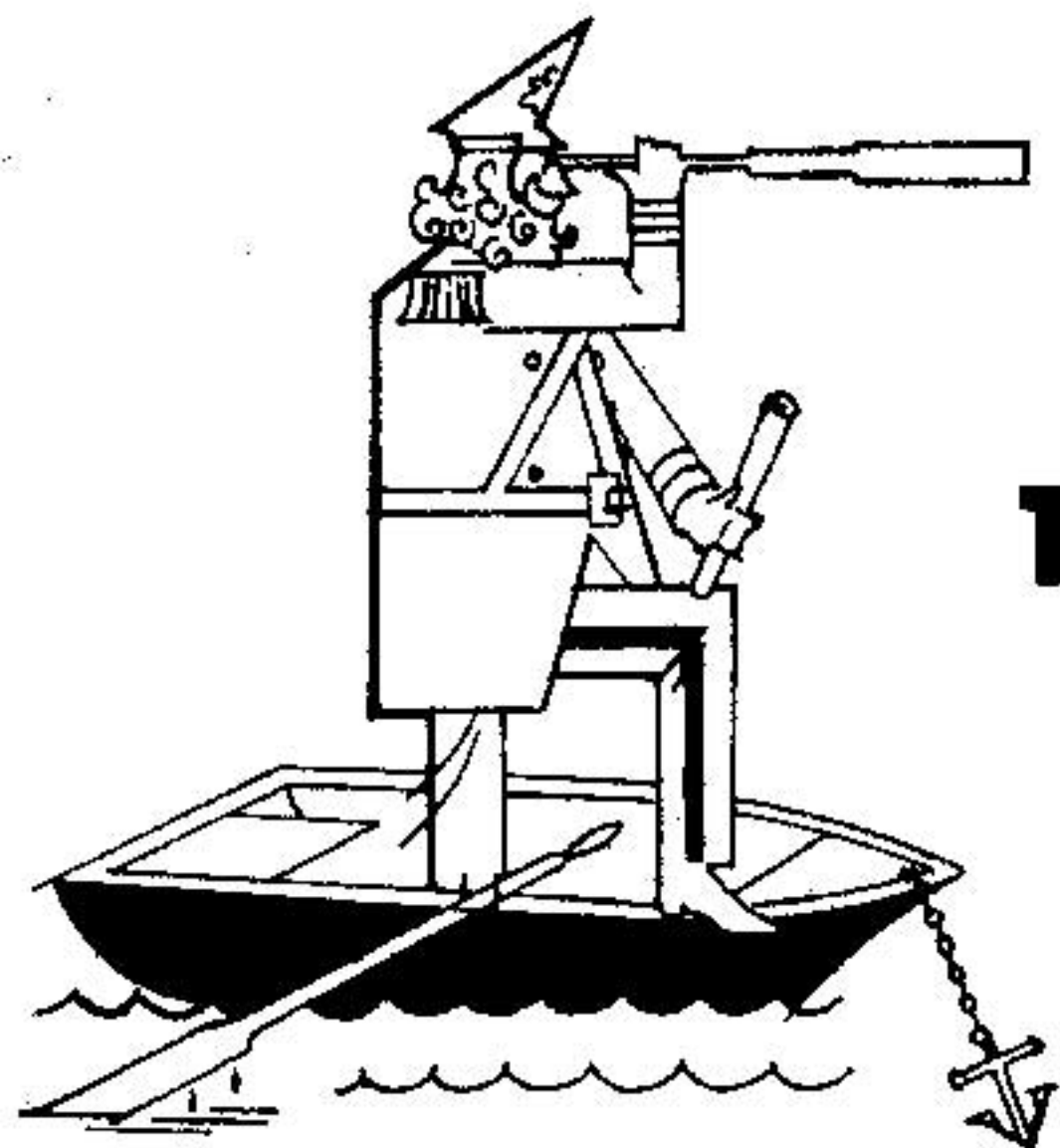
WHOOOPS! Another final thought. A book just recently published by Random House, N.Y. 10022 is entitled INTO THE WIND by Sally Buegeleisen. It's the story of Max Conrad, our favorite honorary member. Even when you know Max personally as many of us do and have heard him tell in his own humble and matter-of-fact way about his flights the book still is intriguing in that it brings out the life-long struggles of a man who is deeply in love with his God and his family. I found only two errors in reading it. Sally got some of the particulars regarding Max's two attempted flights around the world over the Poles reversed, especially in naming the origins of these flights. But I guess that isn't that important. I'd say it's MUST reading for all and I for one, Max, am happy the story has been written and proud to have you as a member. Hope you can be in New Orleans in July of '74!



AIR FORCE MUSEUM

Central Regional Director John Herzog informs us that plans are progressing nicely for the planned Spring meeting at Wright-Patterson AFB near Dayton, Ohio. The date is Monday, May 6. All members are invited. Mark the date. More details will follow in subsequent newsletters.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW?



Try



PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
July 15-17
1974

News From the World of NAPP



The following letter comes from Fr. Louis A. Foley, O.F.M., Winsted, Conn.

After nine years working for Friar Magazine, Butler, N.J., I have been transferred at my own request to parish work in this beautiful Nutmeg State. In packing and moving from New Jersey, I put away my list of NAPP members in a secure place, so secure that I haven't yet found it. Hence I'm sending this change of address to you since you will be doing the newsletter.

I do not fly, have no license nor will I get one with this ticker, but I enjoy reading about you people. I went to Boston College for a year with Bob Sennott and I have flown with Jack Lawler. Other than meeting some of you at the Norwood affair some years back, I know no one else, but I'm happy that others can do the things I would like to.

Keep up the good work, keep me on the list, and may the wind be always at your back!

Tom (Tank) De Carlo sends the following news from Des Moines, Iowa:

Well, I got my IFR ticket on October 25 in a 1971 Cardinal RG. P.J. McDonald taught me. Thanks for teaching him.

I also flew The Team for the "LIFE" TV show around the State to film in the four Dioceses of Iowa. We went to Sioux City, Dubuque, Davenport, Burlington, Charles City and Fort Dodge. I shot still pictures and did the audio. The show on respect for life will be seen all four cities. It will probably have been on by the time this makes the newsletter.

P.J. and I are both in the Bondurant Flying Club. We have 7 members and 2 airplanes. A Cessan 182 - 1959 model and The Cardinal 177/RG - 1971 model.

P.J. and I also did a story on the Flying Priest and his student for the Des Moines Register and Tribune Picture Magazine.

Well, that's about it for now. We, P.J. and 2 other Priests and myself, flew to Seattle for a vacation in August. I flew to New Orleans and the Midwest - Biloxi, Owensborro, Cincinatti and Goshen, Ind. Also flew to D.C. on business. I have been doing a lot of flying but the winter and the schedule is taking its toll. I plan on Denver for Thanksgiving.

John G. Birk sends the following from St. Joseph's Church in Dayton, Washington 99328:

I was not appointed the Director of the Propagation of the Faith for our diocese as I thought I would, but as a promoter of our mission in Guatemala since I am too far removed from the Chancery Office (129 miles) to spend three days a week there for work. My trip to Guatemala is all lined up. Father Young is not able to make it down when I intend to go down so I am looking for someone else that might be flying down at that time to share expenses with. I will be leaving April 22nd and return May 17th. It is during the dry season just before the rainy season begins in June.

I do enjoy the newsletter so very much. Keep up the good work. I feel a real fraternalism.

NAPP Co-Founder Henry Haacke writes from his new address:

Just got the latest copy of the newsletter and congratulations on an excellent edition. Happy to learn that Dick Skriba is the worthy successor in the Presidency to carry on the excellent work performed by you and Bob Sennott. Thanks for all you did and do for us Flying Padres.

Enclosed is a news item about a flight I made in Hawaii. Also, I am active in Boone Composite Squadron CAP. I have flown several SARCAP Missions as search pilot or observer.

Please note change of address. I have a nice little country parish of 65 - 70 families, no school and no problems. Only 13½ miles from Covington in south eastern Kenton County. Across the road from the rectory is Thornhill Dragstrip shown on the Cinn. sectional. It is an emergency airstrip, wide and well paved. But I mostly go to CVG for CAP Bird Dog O-1 Flying.

Local Priests Offer Mass At Hawaiian Leper Colony

Three Covington Priests, Rev. Albert E. Ruschman, Rev. Richard Niehaus and Rev. Henry Haacke, concelebrated Mass at the Hawaiian island of Molokai Leper Colony made famous by Father Damien, Thursday, October 11. The Mass was offered in the church built by the Belgian priest who ministered to the lepers until he himself contracted the disease and died.

In Damien's time, no one who entered the colony was again allowed to leave it. Damien stayed for 16 years. His cause is being considered for canonization. Then, the only approach to the island was by sea. Today the airplane provides additional access.

To reach Molokai, Father Haacke rented a Cherokee 140 at Honolulu International Airport and personally piloted the priests to Kalaupapa airport on Molokai island. Thirty miles of water separate Oahu and Molokai islands, but the priests wore life preservers in the single engine plane and were required to report on leaving Koko Head and again on reaching Ilio Point on Molokai. Army helicopters are available for immediate rescue of any plane in trouble. After visiting the leper colony, now numbering only 150 patients, and saying Mass, the priests circled the entire island of Molokai en route home to Honolulu and were able to get good views of Maui and Lanai islands also on the return flight.

Father Haacke recalled that in the check-out for renting the plane, he was required to make several touch and go landings on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor and had quite a good view of the remains of the Arizona and Utah destroyed during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.

Editor and newsletter "putter together" Mel Hemann of Mason City, Iowa flew to Chicago the day after Thanksgiving to attend the 2nd annual National Youth Pro-Life Coalition Convention. Accompanying him in Mooney 6070Q were 4 High School students, 5 sleeping bags and 4 suitcases. All of that coming out of a Mooney at the Elgin airport caused about as many popping eyes and quizzical stares as one sees in an old Marx Brothers' movie.

About the same time another member of the flying Hemann trio, Ev, was winging his way with the Bonanza to visit relatives in Wichita.

Dick Funke of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Dubuque, Iowa flew the Club's Cherokee 6 to Washington, D.C. for the Canon Law Society meeting in early November.

This one (Mel again) has been appointed by the Archdiocesan Family Life Director to two positions. The one is regional director with the responsibility for all Family Life activities and programs within that region. The other position is Archdiocesan Co-Ordinator for the Marriage Encounter movement.

Redemptorist John Bellon wrote the following toward the end of October:

Just finished preaching two Spiritual Renewals for Jim Kremer, one at Burwell - home parish - and Ericson, Nb. mission parish.

We did quite a bit of flying in his 172 Skyhawk during these two weeks - the Lord blessing us with ideal flying weather.

Jim regretted not being able to go to Alaska with us but plans on New Orleans if he can get a padre for supply. I am trying to get him one but if any of the NAPP know of priests who can supply in the summer in July - our dates for the convention - it would be a wonderful gesture to mention them so more NAPP could make use of them and be able to swell our attendance.

Was at Ben Bauer's in Algona, Iowa for a Eucharistic weekend first weekend in October. Saw Dave Hogan and Frank Nemmers there too.

Been showing Alaska slides to all. Brings back fond memories of a most wonderful trip and meeting.

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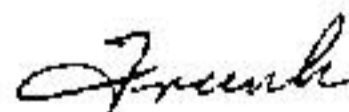
Dear Charlie,

Many, many thanks for the gift.

It was my pleasure to have the gang. Sorry we were not able to do better by the weather.

Cod bless.

Sincerely,



Francis T. Hurley
Bishop of Juneau

National Association Priest Pilots

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Renewal

New Member

NAME INSTITUTION

ADDRESS: PHONE

CITY: STATE ZIP CODE

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DATE OF BIRTH: DATE OF ORDINATION

SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT NAPP:

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