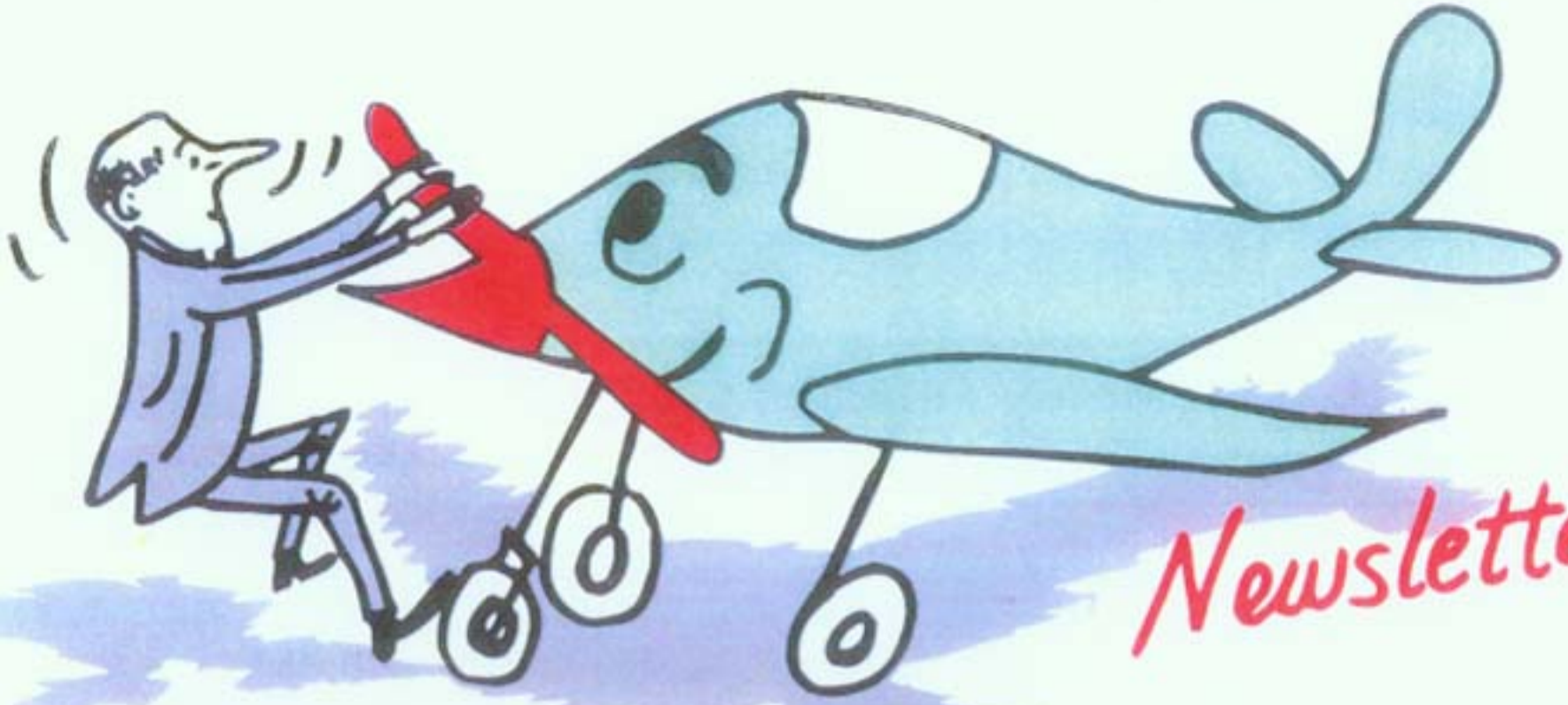


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Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tower:

Landing traffic, be advised that there's still a turkey on the runway.

Pilot (speaking immediately):

Tower, Cessna ### clear of the active.

Tower:

Thank you ... (laughter) ... but I meant the real turkey.

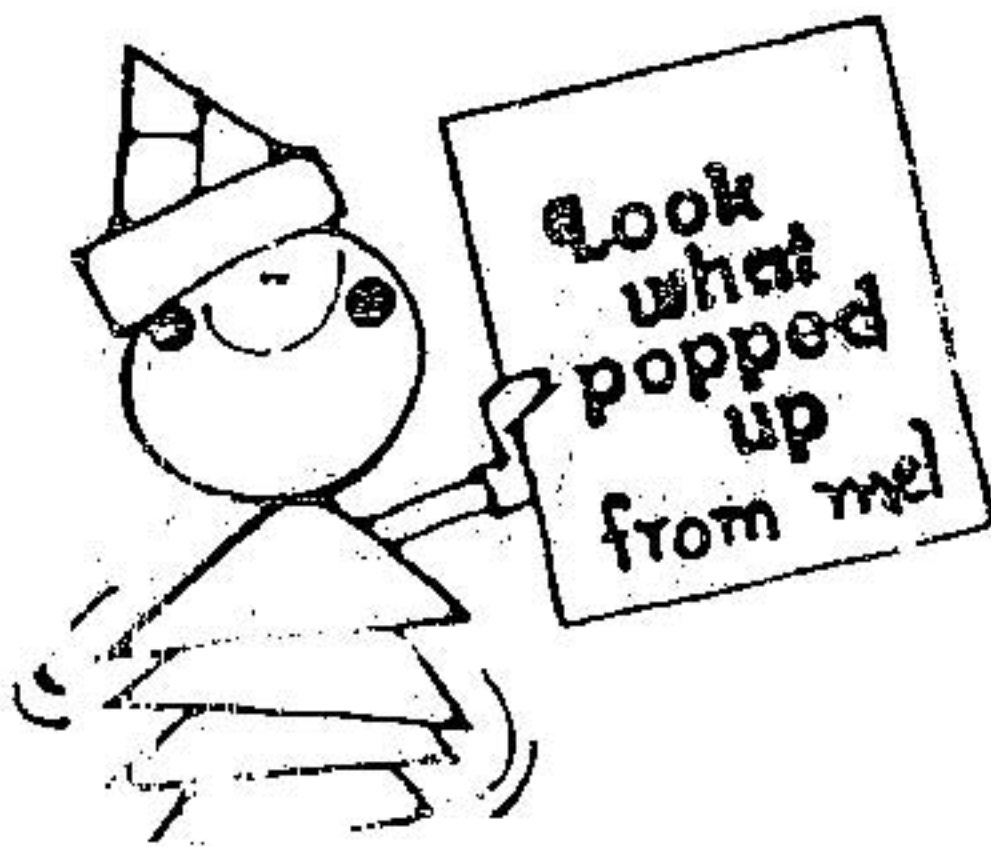
That is about how I felt last month. While on vacation in the Seattle area visiting friends, their son offered a flight in his Ercoupe. With over 3,000 hours, I found the Ercoupe initially a challenge on climb out. I felt like a new student, not able to track the center line of Payne Field's 7,000 ft runway after lift off!!

He also owns a C-185 amphibious. Even without a CFI rating, Tom talked me through a ground landing with the wheels down on the floats. And I did a respectable job (I think, he may think otherwise). Like life, flying is a constant changing environment with ever new challenges facing us. The wise persons keeps themselves mentally alert, contemplating the unexpected and figuring out what needs to be done. I am thankful to Tom for his generosity.

In the last decade, nearly all pilots have had to learn the GPS system. For VFR, it is relatively easy, for IFR, it is a little more complicated. Garmin, the major producers of aviation GPS, has invited us for a tour of their facility.

Monday September 27. Arrive for a 10:00 AM. tour. Fly into Olathe Johnson County Executive (OJC). Park at Advanced Aviation. Garmin will provide transportation. The entire day will be spent at Garmin. Use the enclosed registration and I will send you detailed information the week before.

Ev Hemann, President



This mailing has the minutes of this year's very interesting and successful NAPP convention. There are a couple of financial reports. One is the annual financial report that is mentioned in the minutes. The other is the report from host George Remm detailing the income/outcome of the annual convention.

About 50 of you were in Urbana for the annual NAPP convention and received your 2005 membership card when you paid your dues. The rest of you will find enclosed with this mailing a dues reminder envelope. Please return it with your check ASAP. That sure simplifies things on this end.

President Ev was able to arrange an interesting gathering for the NAPP Midwest Regional meeting in Olathe, Kansas. The date is Monday, September 27. Garmin is providing a tour of their manufacturing facility and flight line. There is a registration form that we ask you to complete and send to Ev so that we will know how many will be in attendance.

Hope to see you there

I had a very pleasant conversation with Fr. Denis Kitenge a couple of weeks ago. He

returned a call I'd made to him. Denis is from the Congo and came to Florida to learn to fly with the hope of becoming a Pat Patten clone in the Congo. Unfortunately the political climate has made it impossible for him to return.

Denis attended the NAPP Florida conference and we gave him one of our grants to help fulfill his dream. His Bishop told him to take advantage of his time here so he would be better equipped when he returns home. Denis has his commercial and instrument license. To that he has added an A & P and spends several days a week working as a mechanic at the local Florida airport. He is also obtaining a degree in engineering at a local college. In his spare time he helps at the parish where he lives. We hope you'll be able to join us next year in the Washington D.C area.

REMINDER

2005 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 5-6, 2004

Hosted by the Eastern Region

Main Event:

*The new Air Museum at
Dulles Airport*

FALL MIDWEST REGIONAL

September 27, 2004

Garmin Factory Tour

Olathe Johnson County (OJC)

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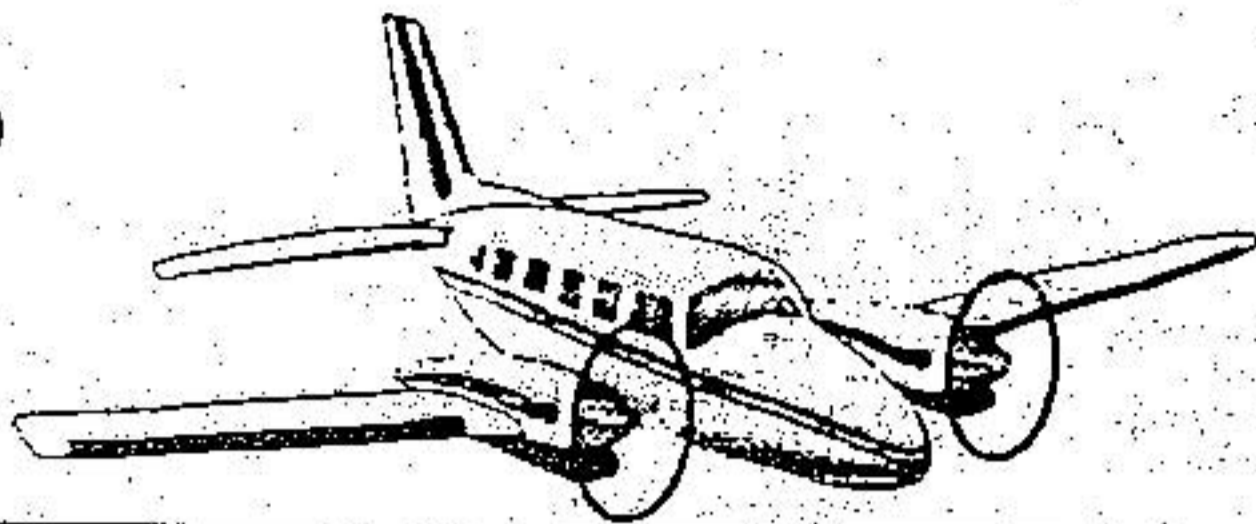
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July 12, 2004

Rev. Melvin D. Hemann
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Dear Mel,

I wanted to make sure to send a formal thank you note to the N.A.P.P. and I ask that you put this in the next newsletter if that is proper protocol.

Dear Brother Priests and Associates of the N.A.P.P.,

It was an honor to meet a good number of you during the convention in Urbana. It is always a great pleasure for me to meet men who have similar convictions and interests. I also enjoyed the camaraderie and comedy that this group elicits from one another.

During the banquet on Wednesday evening our presenter, Mr. Bob Lavery, held up a door prize and asked the question, "What does it take to

fly an airplane?" With certain gusto I shouted out right away, "The Vertical Component of Lift!" while a few others responded by simply saying, "Money". Needless to say, I didn't win the door prize. In reality, I guess money does take precedence for much of my knowledge in aerodynamics.

With that being said, I am extremely grateful to have received the \$500.00 scholarship from this organization. I want you to know that I appreciate your generosity as I apply that scholarship to flight training. I also wish to inform you that I remain resolved in obtaining my private pilot's license this summer and will stay the course to pursue my IFR certification in the near future.

Thanks again and may God bless you all.

Fr. Phil Gibbs
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Words from Fr. Bert Pepowski

VOTE WISELY THIS COMING ELECTIONS!!!

A powerful senator dies after a prolonged illness. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to Heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the guy.

"Well, I'd like to but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in Hell and one in Heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in Heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to Hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the

middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a club and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him, everyone is very happy and in evening attire. They run to greet him, hug him, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster and caviar. Also present is the Devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that, before he realizes it, it is time to go. Everyone gives him a big hug and waves while the elevator rises.

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on Heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit Heaven."

So 24 hours pass with the head of state joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well then, you've spent a day in Hell and another in Heaven. Now choose your eternity."

He reflects for a minute, then the senator answers, "Well, I would never have said it, I mean Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in Hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to Hell. Now the doors of the elevator open and he is in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags. The Devil comes over to him and lays his arm on his neck.

"I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and club and we ate lobster and caviar and danced and had a great time. Now all there is, is a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable."

The Devil looks at him, smiles and says,
"Yesterday we were campaigning.....
Today you voted for us!"

NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

July 3, 2004

NAPP CHECKING

OPENING BALANCE	\$1,490.65
NAPP DUES	\$3,155.00
CONVENTION REBATE	\$ 317.00
ALASKA DONATION	\$2,240.00
ANNONYMOUS DONATIONS	\$ 250.00
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$8,952.65
OUTFLOWS	
FLYING MEDICAL SERVICES	\$1,100.00
DIOCESE OF MWEKA	\$ 200.00
REV GEORGE REMM (Rebate)	\$ 317.00
SAN MARTIN FLYING SERVICE	\$1,000.00
DIOCESE OF JUNEAU	\$1,000.00
ALASKA DONATION	
Archdiocese of Anchorage	\$1,000.00
Diocese of Fairbanks	\$ 800.00
Diocese of Juneau	\$ 440.00
NAPP SCHOLARSHIP	
Rev Scott Jabo	\$ 500.00
Rev Jacek Rejman	\$ 500.00
ENVELOPES	\$ 35.72
NEWSLETTER	\$1,644.27
POSTAGE	<u>\$ 369.69</u>
	\$8,906.68
BALANCE JULY 3, 2004	\$ 45.97

NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 3, 2004

OPENING BALANCE	\$8,166.18
DEPOSIT (Int 12-31-2003)	\$ 123.50
DEPOSIT (Int 6-30-2004)	<u>\$ 119.68</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,409.36
WITHDRAWAL	\$1,500.00
EVERETT HEMANN (Personal)	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
BALANCE JULY 3, 2004	\$4,909.36

NAPP – 2004 NATIONAL MEETING -- INCOME & EXPENSE SHEET

Income:

Registrations	5720.00		
Sale of extra caps	<u>85.00</u>		
		TOTAL INCOME	<u>6122.00</u>

Expenses:

Meals			
Pizza	261.81		
Barbeque	245.81		
Steak House	1130.43		
Rantoul Lunch	477.00		
Banquet	<u>1090.74</u>		
	Sub-total	3205.79	
Supplies			
Souvenir caps	1049.50		
Badges	51.76		
Registration packets	75.26		
Snacks and Deli trays	251.73		
Soft Drinks, beer, liquor	154.12		
Table ware	<u>48.80</u>		
	Sub-total	1631.17	
Miscellaneous			
Museum fees	230.00		
Gift certificates	150.00		
Liturgu music	100.00		
Tips/ Van Drivers	80.00		
Honorarium (Lavery)*	200.00		
Mileage	<u>150.00</u>		
	Sub-total	910.00	
		TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>5746.96</u>

<u>BALANCE</u>			375.04
* Lavery returned honorarium,			<u>200.00</u>
FINAL BALANCE			575.04

MIDWEST NAPP FALL GATHERING
Monday, September 27, 2004

Olathe Johnson County Executive (OJC)

(Park at Advanced Aviation. Garmin will provide transportation)

Spend the day at:



ARRIVE BY 10:00 A.M.

Return Reservation Form to:

Rev. Ev Hemann, Apt #1, 129 Ash St. Ames, IA 50014

OR: Call - 515-292-3810 (w) 515-292-1192 (h)

Email - ev@iastate.edu

(He'll fill you in on all the particulars)

NAME _____

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CAR _____ PLANE: Make _____ N _____

COMMERCIAL: Airline _____ Flight No. _____

NAPP Convention

July 2004

**Frasca Field,
Urbana, IL**



Lucille is Rudy Frasca's Wife



Inside Lucille's hot dog stand



Host George Remm, Nick Rossello and John Frederick



MINUTES OF THE 2004 NAPP MEETING

Urbana, Illinois

July 6, 2004

"Effervescent Ev," our President, Fr. Ev Hemann, opened our 41st meeting at 5:34 P.M. inviting Fr. Tom DeYoung to lead us in prayer at a conference room in the Eastland Suites, Urbana, IL, our Convention Headquarters. Our Convention host was Fr. George Remm, ably assisted by Fr. Ed Higgins and the charming Ms. Jean Daly, a marvelous team who rendered a superb "service above self" performance in organizing and managing the Convention. Among other many thoughtful considerations: secretary Fr. "Iron Butt Bob" Kirsch with his most recent titanium hip replacement was wheel chaired about throughout the Convention. Most of our attendees arrived either by commercial air or by land vehicles. Mindful of our "PILOT I.D." 13 member aircraft adorned the ramp at Frasca Field, our airport base of operations at Urbana, Illinois: Attea, DeYoung, Funke, Gratton, E. Hemann, J. Hemann, M. Hemann, Kirsch, G. Murray, M. Murray, Teufel, Urbansky and Werth.

On Tuesday host Rudy Frasca gave us a grand tour of the Frasca Simulators Manufacturing Plant. Lunch was at the Frasca "Lucille's Hot Dog Lounge" followed by a visit to a super selection of dated aircraft and aviation memorabilia. Rudy then gave us a tour of the Warplane Exhibit at Frasca Field. Several low passes were made in a WWII P-40 by Tom Frasca. On Wednesday we were bussed to the inactive Chanute AFB at Rantoul, Illinois and were much impressed by the display of many Warbirds in very fine condition at the Museum. Our Convention Mass was offered at the beautiful (built early 20th century) St. Patrick Church with President Fr. Ev Hemann presiding. Prior to the Mass newly retired pastor Fr. George Remm gave a brief history of the church. The banquet followed with speaker Bob Lavery regaling us with varied observations on "101 Years of Aviation."

Convention Attendees Numbered 50: 4 Charter Members: the Reverends John Hemann, Mel Hemann, Bob Kirsch and Phil Schmitt. 30 Regular Members: Tony Attea, Paul Baseford, Bill Bevington, Joe Burg, Hugh Connaghan, Tom DeYoung, John Friederick, Richard Funke, Peter Geldard, Phil Gibbs, Ev Hemann, Ed Higgins, Merlin Kieffer, Dino Lorenzetti, Ed

Murray, Gene Murray, Mike Murray, Jack Paisley, Bert Pepowski, George Remm, Joe Ring, Nick Rossello, Jerry Scanlan, Owen Shanley, Pete Sweeney, Charlie Teufel, John Walsh, Al Werth, John Wolesky and Ivan Vap. 12 Associate Members: Jack Boyle, Jeff Bryant, Jack Devine, George Gratton, Jim Kiernan, Bob Lavery, Mike Makelbust, Carmen Marchiole, T.J. Scanlan, Dan Urbanski, Marty Winnert and John Zapp. 2 Honorary Members: Rudy Frasca and Tom Frasca. 2 Guests: Richard Bevington and super helpful Jean Daly.

MINUTES: The Minutes of our 2003 Ames, Iowa Convention had been previously provided in our Newsletter by Editor, Fr. Mel Hemann. In addition Editor Mel provided copies again for distribution at our business meeting. President Ev allowed five minutes for study of the minutes. MOTION: To accept the minutes: Lavery/Schmitt; passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A written report was distributed by Treasurer, Fr. Mel Hemann. The summary as of July 3, 2004:

NAPP CHECKING: Beginning \$1,490.65 plus Inflows: Donations, Dues, Transfer from Savings totaling \$8,952.65 minus Outflows of \$8,906.68 leaving 7/4/04 Balance of \$45.97.

NAPP SAVINGS: Beginning Balance of \$8,166.18 plus deposits of \$243.18 leaving a balance of \$8,409.36, minus \$1,500.00 transfer to Checking, minus Everett Hemann personal of \$2,000.00 resulting in 7/3/04 balance of \$4,909.36. Motion: To accept Treasurer's report: Winnert/Gratton; Unanimous passage.

COMMENDATION: To Fr. Mel Hemann for 38 yrs of commitment, including new Newsletter in color and the "intriguingly fascinating" 2004 Directory and service as Treasurer followed by resounding, well-deserved applause!

DONATION: Fr. Jack Paisley proposed that \$1,000.00, the most affordable this year, be donated to the Tanzania Flying Medical Service of our members: Fr. Pat Patten and Fr. Jacek Reman. Motion: To accept proposal: Kiernan/Kieffer: passed unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIP/TRAINING: Instructor Fr. Ev Hemann reported that member Fr. Phil

Gibbs had just recently completed 16 hours of instruction by Fr. Ev in a Cessna 150. Phil is this year's recipient of our \$500.00 scholarship

CONVENTIONS: For 2005: July 5 & 6:

Hosts: Fr. Pete Sweeney and Fr. Charlie Teufel are planning for the Washington, D. C. area with base at Hood College, Greensburg, MD with fly-in to Frederick, MD (AOPA Headquarters); a visit to the new Museum at Dulles Airport. (Flying to stay out of Class B Airspace).

For 2006: July 6 & 7: "Fly West, NAPPERS, fly West." Fr. Paul Baseford will be testing the waters (or sands) in the California areas. Fr. "Iron Butt Bob" Kirsch, Director of the Western Area hopes to rally the western contingent.

ELECTIONS: The Offices of 1st Vice-

President and Treasurer were open for this year. **Motion:** Kiernan/Wolesky: That the incumbents, 1st Vice-President Fr. Gene Murray and Treasurer Fr. Mel Hemann continue for another term. Uproarious unanimous acclamation? (Fr. Mel made some kind of a low-volume moan in the background).

REGIONAL MEETINGS:

Eastern Region: Fr. Pete Sweeney and Fr. Charlie Teufel have not had a meeting but they will now be busy with the 2005 Convention.

Central Region: Fr. John Hemann reported great activity; A Fall 2003 meeting hosted by Fr. Bernie McCoy at his Cistercian Abbey near Sparta, WI with noon prayer in Latin (for those who had the gift of tongues), trap shooting and Fr. Abbot Bernie's model trains, followed by dinner at the hermitage on 'Old Miss' A May 2004 meeting was held in Duluth, MN. The morning was spent touring the Cirrus plant followed by a luncheon at the Duluth diocesan chancery hosted by Bishop Dennis Schnurr, a former Iowa boy known by most of the Iowa reps.

Western Region: Members Baseford and Kirsch have been powwowing about the tentative plans for 2006.

NAPP, INC: We continue to be gratefully indebted to Fr. Al Ruschman for keeping our heads above the legal waters as a non-profit

corporation in the State of Kentucky.

MEXICO REPORT: Western Region Director, Fr. Bob Kirsch reported: 1). SAN MARTIN FLYING MISSION INC.'s Cessna 210 "Queenie," Our Lady's "Queen of the Missions" is back in the air thanks to our benefactors, including many NAPPERS who pay the Insurance and many other mission expenses. 2). On his 80th birthday Bob flew the Queen to the Chihuahua area mountains of northern Mexico with a half ton of medicines and other supplies. Bob is now becoming a UFO (United Flying Octogenarians). 3). The Mission is currently networking with Rotary International's Plan preparing the 20 year HUNGER PLUS Campaign to reduce hunger in the world.

ALASKA REPORT: At last word member Fr. Mike Schwarte is still flying to his outlying missions from his Petersburg, AK parish with his Cessna 180 on floats. Member Leo Walsh is reported to be flying a Citabria; Fr. Leo's parish is based in Eagle River, AK. Associate member Tom Bishop (the only one of our four Alaska bishop members who was conceived a Bishop) has informed your secretary that Archbishop Roger Schwietz, OMI, our Anchorage member, is working on his instrument ticket. The Archdiocese has a C-206 and is presently acquiring a Piper Archer. Our FBO member, Tom Bishop in Palmer, AK is source of the Anchorage info.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:27 the motion for adjournment was entertained by President Ev; so moved by our long-standing adjourner, Fr. Phil Schmitt. No seconds needed. The starving brethren responded unanimously in favor! 53 minutes. Again kudos to Fr. Ev.!!!

With prosthetic gratitude for your
Convention caring and kind attention,

"Iron Butt" Bob

Fr. Bob J. Kirsch, Secretary