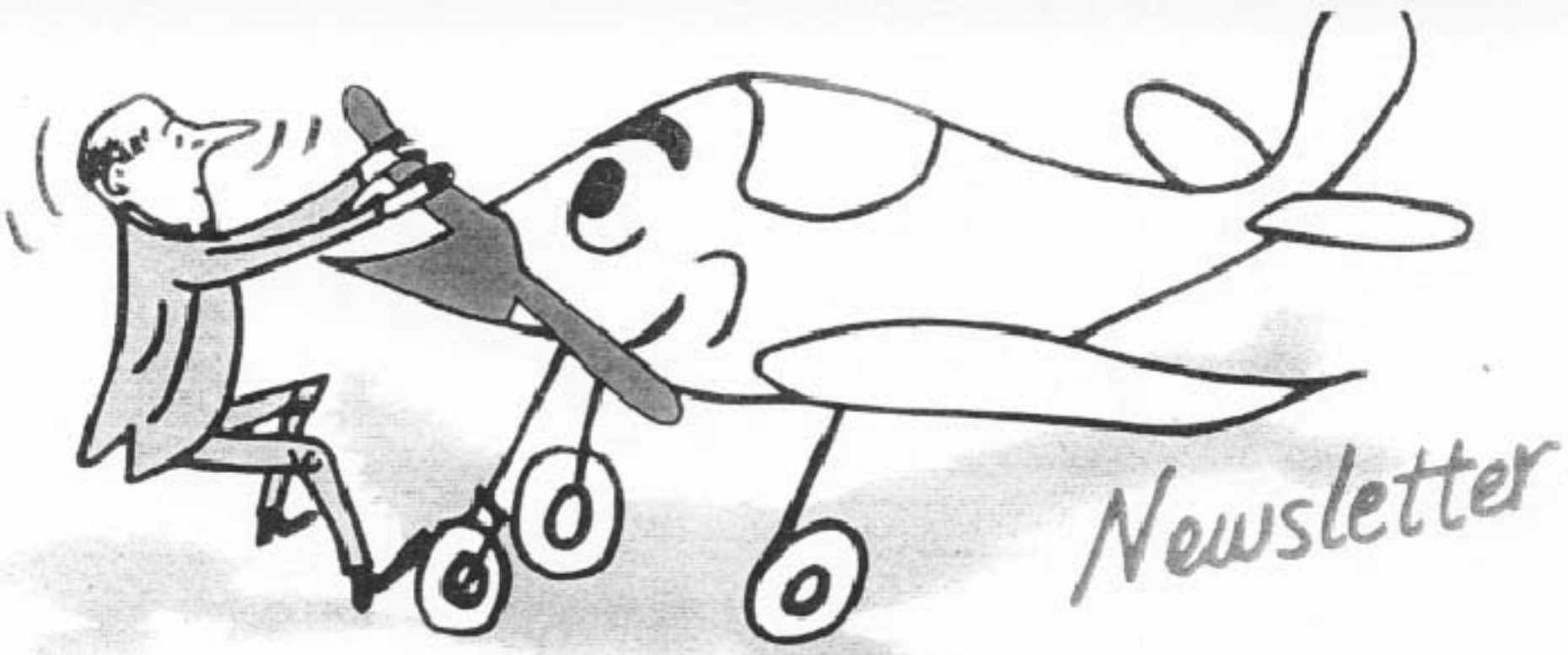


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Overheard while waiting for takeoff at Oakland California:

Airliner 123: "Airliner 123, waiting in sequence."

Oakland Tower: "A little too much information, 123 ... but I'll bet you look adorable in sequins."

It reminds me of Easter Vigil. Those at the Ames NAPP two years ago, know that we do Baptisms by full immersion. We have a Baptismal POOL, not a font. Neophytes come up out of the water sparkling in the light of the candle. We clothe them in a brilliant white garment and anoint them with fragrant oil.

Let there be no doubt, the Vigil is about a Risen Savior who has shattered the darkness of evil AND those who have been reborn into him.

That is what we celebrate. That is what we proclaim.

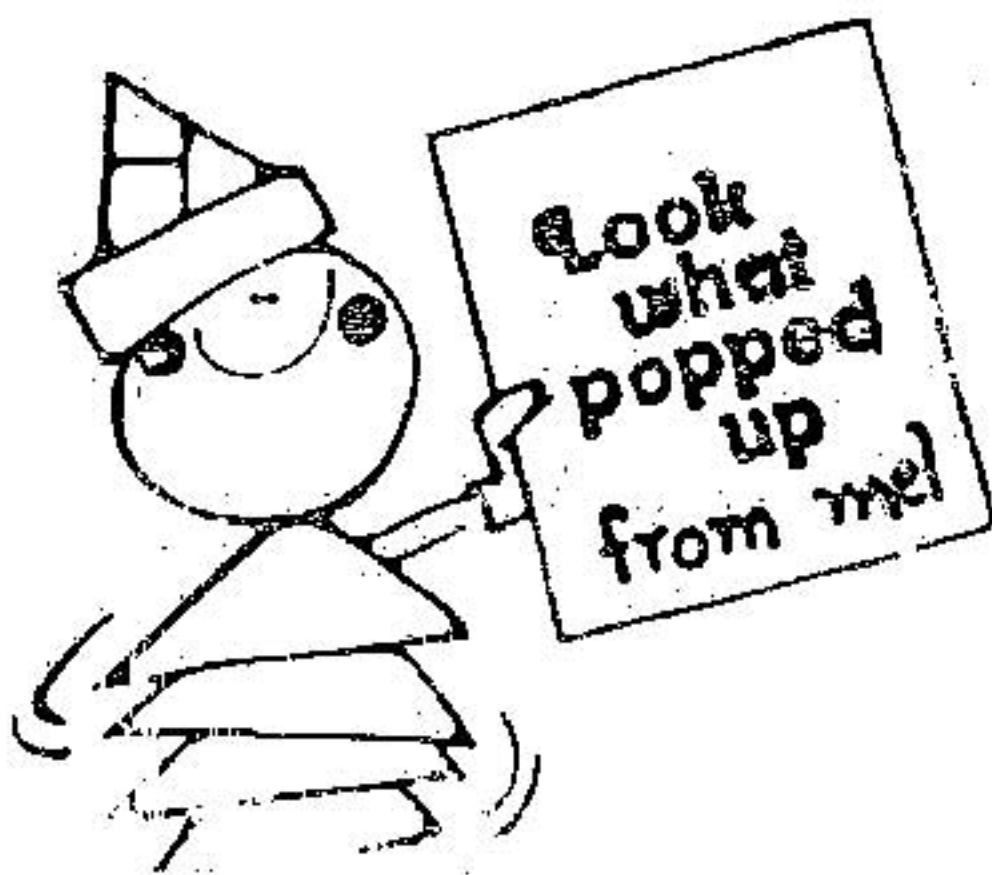
The funeral of John Paul II was an opportunity for us to proudly proclaim that same message to the world. Is not the funeral rite rooted in our Baptismal liturgy? The body, placed next to the Paschal Candle, is sprinkled with baptismal water. In this country, we "clothe" again the body with a white pall.

July quickly approaches. The annual Convention is to NAPP as Easter is to Catholics. We assemble to renew our bonds with one another in the Risen Lord. There are certain rituals we go through. Let there be no doubt, the Convention is about how the Lord has called us to ministry AND how we support and challenge one another in living out that call as priest pilots.

Just as we could not skip Easter and consider ourself Catholic, so we can not skip the NAPP Convention and consider ourselves NAPPers!! Ok, Ok, the moral theologian in me says that one may be mortal and the other venial sin.

I understand that we will be spending a day at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Museum. I have been there. It is excellent. See you in Frederick, MD.

Ev Hemann



Gee! Last newsletter I mentioned that some of you have not paid their 2005 dues. I got about 5 or 6 that sent in their dues. That's a better response than when I include an envelope. Our fiscal year starts in July at the annual convention and ends the end of June. With the exception of one you had paid your dues last year. I will mark you paid for 2006 when Convention time comes around.

Of course if you should insist we could mark it down as a charitable contribution and hit you again in July

No doubt you have learned that the little things in life can often be very frustrating. Last September when John and I were in Vermont my starter failed. We installed a new one and it worked great for six weeks. Then I began to notice it would take several tries before it would kick in. While helping out in Colorado at Christmas time it stopped again. We hand propped it and I flew home and returned the starter for repair in January. They could find no problems and trouble shooting found a loose wire on the starter solenoid. That did it till I wanted to return from Florida in early March. After three days of trouble shooting, putting on two new solenoids and charging a "maybe low

battery" we finally found a short in a wire that ran through the fire wall. It's now running like new. It's a great feeling to get in the plane and be almost 100% certain it's going to start.

One disadvantage of retirement is the fact there is no faithful secretary to do a lot of work for me. Ergo, the promised NAPP annual directory didn't make it again this time. There's just not enough hours in the day.

Sorry about that!!!!

REMINDER

2005 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 12-13, 2004

Hosted by the Eastern Region

Main Event:

*The new Air Museum at
Dulles Airport*

See the reservation sheet enclosed

SPRING MIDWEST REGIONAL

Mason City, Iowa
Monday, April 25, 2005

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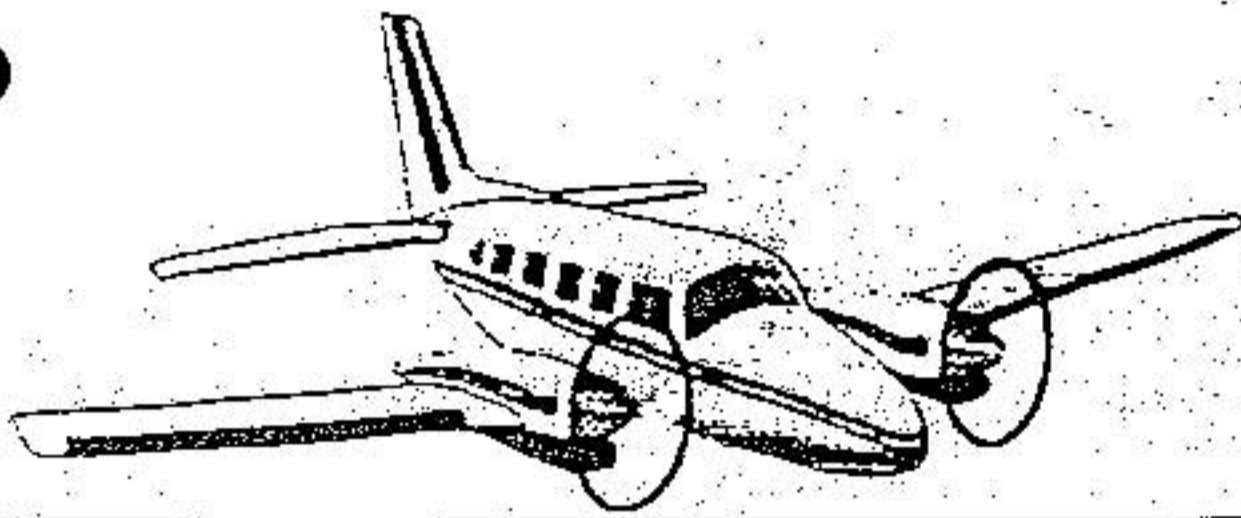
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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

*About NAPP member Fr. Mike Kerin
The following is taken from the Spring 2005
GLENMARY CHALLENGE*

Pilot, Counselor, Signer and More

For Fr Mike Kerin, no two days in his Alabama missions are the same - and he loves it!

In Marion, Fayette and Lamar counties in northwestern Alabama, the Catholic Church is known for outreach to those in need. But, adds Fr. Mike Kerin, "We are less known as a prayer-based, Bible-based church." He works on a daily basis to dispel these misconceptions.

Father Mike has pastored Glenmary's Winfield and Fayette missions (Holy Spirit and Holy Family) and reached out to neighboring Lamar County since 2001.

The three counties he serves have very small Catholic populations (0.7 percent or less) and Catholicism is still a bit of a mystery for many there. He tells of a phone call from a local teacher asking him to make a presentation to her advanced placement students on Catholicism. "She said she understood Catholics to be a 'branch of the Christians,'" Fr. Mike believes the church tour and his presentation cleared up some misunderstandings.

Ordained in 1988, Fr. Mike knew he wanted to become a priest and that he wanted to serve in a community where there was real need. He found he could do both in Glenmary. "It seemed a good fit," he says. "My ministry offers an outlet to be creative with the gifts and talents I've been given."

And those gifts and talents are many and diverse: airplane pilot, Spanish-speaker, interpreter for the deaf, counselor, spiritual director.

"Flying is purely recreational," he says. "Sometimes it's good to get away and spend a day flying." There's also an ecumenical twist to his hobby. His instructor is a deacon with the Church of Christ, a denomination that doesn't always see eye-to-eye with the Catholic Church. "We have some *really* wonderful conversations," Fr. Mike says, "and we have become very good friends!"

Fr. Mike has a master's in pastoral counseling and training as a spiritual director, two specialties needed in his mission areas. "There's only one counseling agency in the five-county area," he says, and only about 15 spiritual directors from any denomination in the entire state of Alabama.

He loves that no two days are the same - out side of Masses. "I get to work with so many different people and do so many different things," he says. "I'm very lucky."

Fr. Bob Kirsch's Christmas letter came shortly before Easter. It contains pictures of the restoration project of the beloved 210 - QUEENIE. Many of you recall the disaster that almost destroyed the plane a few years ago in the Mexican mountains. After thousands of hours of work and lots of generous monetary and other donations, QUEENIE is back in the air. Bob celebrated his 80th birthday flying medical supplies in the newly restored plane back to the site of the near fatal tragedy.

The story is not only one of Christmas cheer and joy but also one of Pascal mystery. Out of death and dying comes resurrection. The lives of thousands are being enriched because QUEENIE has risen and is among them.

Maybe that is why the letter came in Lent. It personifies all we celebrate as Christians.

SPRING MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

MASON CITY, IOWA

APRIL 25, 2005

Come to the Mason City airport

MCW

Arrive around 11:15 -- 11:30 a.m on Monday, April 25

Gathering and noon lunch at MCW airport.

Presentation about Windpower Turbines. Log on to:

www.MIDAMERICANENERGY.com

Travel to Golden Grain Energy plant. Newest "ethanol" plant in Iowa

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BEST WESTERN (2 miles from MCW Airport)

Clear Lake, IA

641-357-5253

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS CONVENTION

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

July 11 - through - July 14, 2005

Airport:

FDK --- Frederick, Maryland
CTAF: 122.725
Pattern 1300 Feet MSL
RIGHT traffic runway 5 and 12

Lodging:

MEMORIAL HALL --- Hood College 401 Rosemount Ave.
Frederick, Maryland

*(Rooms will be available only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings)
Early birds and/or late stay overs will have to make their own arrangements.*

CONVENTION MAIN EVENT:

The new Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport, is top of the list.

In addition, our hosts have a few other interesting surprises in store.

!!! DON'T MISS IT !!!

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