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From the President

:NAPP HAS GONE HI-TECH

Many of you have seen the August newsletter on our web site The full color pictures are simply beautiful. Until now, Mel has done his best to give us pictures in black and white. But now, we move into the world of electronic color. I encourage all who read this message on paper to consider using the internet if possible. By doing so you save NAPP postage, you lighten Mel's load, and you get to feast your eyes on all of Mel's polychro matic photography. The internet address is simply *priestpilots.org.* "Try it, you'll like it."

The **2007 convention location** has been changed. We will be going to JEFCO airport, KBJC, (12 miles NW of the Colorado capitol building in Denver), with BJC VOR on the field, and a 9,000 foot runway for Aerostars. The convention will be hosted by two Catholic laymen, Larry Johnson and John Capone, pilot friends of Gene Murray. Please adjust your planning for this change. There is a lot to visit and see in the "mile-high" Denver area.

"If you want peace,

work for justice," – Pope Paul VI, for the celebration of World Day of Peace, January 1, 1972. Justice is lacking in many parts of the world. The result: we have no peace. The people of Lebanon are the latest victims. Should we pray for peace? Yes! But let's pray for justice, too – and work for it as well. Pope Benedict is doing both!

Fraternally,

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Charles B. Teufel



We are now in the process of our second attempt at offering you this newsletter electronically. I have to admit that with out John Zapp's guidance and expertise none of this would be happening. Maybe by the time we gather for our convention next July I may even have a faint notion as to what we're doing. Meanwhile, thanks John for all your help.

John Bellon's death is one we mourn along with the loss of 40 years of pictorial history. That treasure is very probably lost forever. The obvious lesson is we must begin a rebuilding process in order to pass on our NAPP heritage.

I'm sure many of you have treasured pictures and other memorabilia that you might want to share. We will be able to scan all that and maybe make some attempt at organizing it is some way as time goes on.

In the past two months I have taken on the next step in our electronic process. I began putting out this newsletter in August 1969. I have kept a copy of every newsletter we've put out the past 37 years. I bought a scanner and began scanning about 2000 pages of newsletter history. I completed that on October 1. I will have to go back and do some touch up and cosmetic work. Eventually John will put all of this on the web site so there will be a permanent record that all will have access to. When this phase is completed we will begin the next step During my scanning I couldn't resist reading some of the articles we've shared over the years. Minutes of past meetings, stories of member activities, etc. I found one consistent item over the years...a reminder to pay your dues. I couldn't help but smile in thinking about one thing in NAPP that remains constant. SO!!! Those of you that haven't paid, please do so now.

As you read President Charlie's message you hopefully noticed that next July's convention site has been changed. We will meet in the Denver, CO area. The date – July 10 & 11, 2007 – remains the same.

The Midwest Spring Regional meeting will be here in Waterloo, IA on Monday, April 30. Fr. Jim Secora and I will co-host that momentous occasion.

Details on both of the above mentioned events will come in later issues of the newsletter.

The Midwest region had a wonderful day in Wisconsin Rapids. If all goes well there'll be a report in this newsletter to share with you some of the day's adventures.

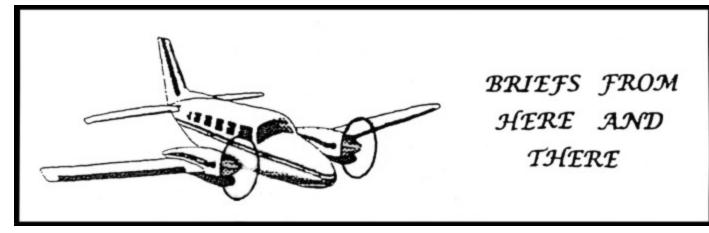
Meanwhile, send in your 2007 DUES.

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A message from Edwina

A few days ago I received a letter from *San Martin Flying Service*, the medical support service to Mexico that was started by Bob Kirsch. Those of you who attended NAPP conventions heard about this work and many supported *San Martin*. As the first anniversary of his death approaches the Board decided to hold a "dinner dance to raise funds for the continuation of Father Bob Kirsch's Mission."

I had a nice visit with Edwina on the phone and she said they are planning their first trip to Mexico before the end of the month. If any of you want o continue supporting Bob's Mission you can send your donations to:

SAN MARTIN FLYING MISSION PO BOX 1080 ALBUQUERQUE NM 87103

Hopefully Edwina can join us in Denver next July and bring us up to date

Frank Nemmers sent the following

Mel & NAPP

My flying days have been over for four years. NAPP, etc. was nice while I lasted. Besides lots of pills to thin my blood, etc. I'm feeling OK with greatly diminished energy. (Good thing I have a golf cart). Nice to hear of the solid financial condition

of NAPP.:.



Bishop Don Kettler writes from Fairbanks,

Dear Fr. Mel

Thank you for the newsletter and record of the priests' pilots association activities.

I am grateful to the donor for my membership in the association.

I continue to spend a lot of time in our planes. However, right now I have pilots doing the flying for me

My e-mail address is <u>bishop@cbna.org</u> Prayers and best wishes.

Brilip Don



Cur Lady of the Arctic Snows

Bishop Jim Timlin sends the following messages June 25, 2006

Dear Mel,

Please note my new address: 1600 Green Ridge St Dunmore PA 18509 Email: jctimlin@adelphia.net

Sorry I will not make it to Oshkosh. Hope all is well with you.

P.S. I just passed my physical on June 1, 2006 and flew to Washington Dulles Airport for the installation of Archbishop Wuerl on June 22 – IFR down and back! Life is good!

September 1, 2006

Dear Mel,

It must be time to pay my dues for my NAPP membership. I am enclosing \$25.00 to bring me up to date. At 79 I am still flying my 1966 Beechcraft Debonaire 285 hp. I just passed my physical in June. I don't plan to get to Chino, CA but I'll try to get to Cleveland in 2008. All the best to you.

Sincerely, ame C. India

James C. Timlin

Fr. Jim Devorak, Montevideo, MN included the following with his dues

After sitting for 10 yrs in the back of a hangar, I have begun work again on my Zenair Zodiac project. It should be flying next Spring

Hello Mel,

I recently received a change of assignment in my work. I leave Miami at the end of July 2006 and will work at St Joseph Shrine, Lowell, Massachusetts (37 Lee St, Zip 01852-1103). I will miss Miami very much.

P.S. I don't want to fall off the radar of the NAPP. I'm sorry I missed the convention this past July, but the details of changing assignments pinned me down. God bless you. I hope you and the others are well.

Sincerely,

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James Flavin, OMI

Mel,

I hope your family reunion was a success. It could not be anything but a success. Sorry I could not be there, but I thought about all the fun you people would have, especially in Stacyville. I'm sure that town is different since you have all left town. God bless all of the family.



Long time family friend, Everett Hiller, Writes from Scales Mound, IL

If you have not paid your current NAPP dues we ask that you complete the form below and mail it with your check to:

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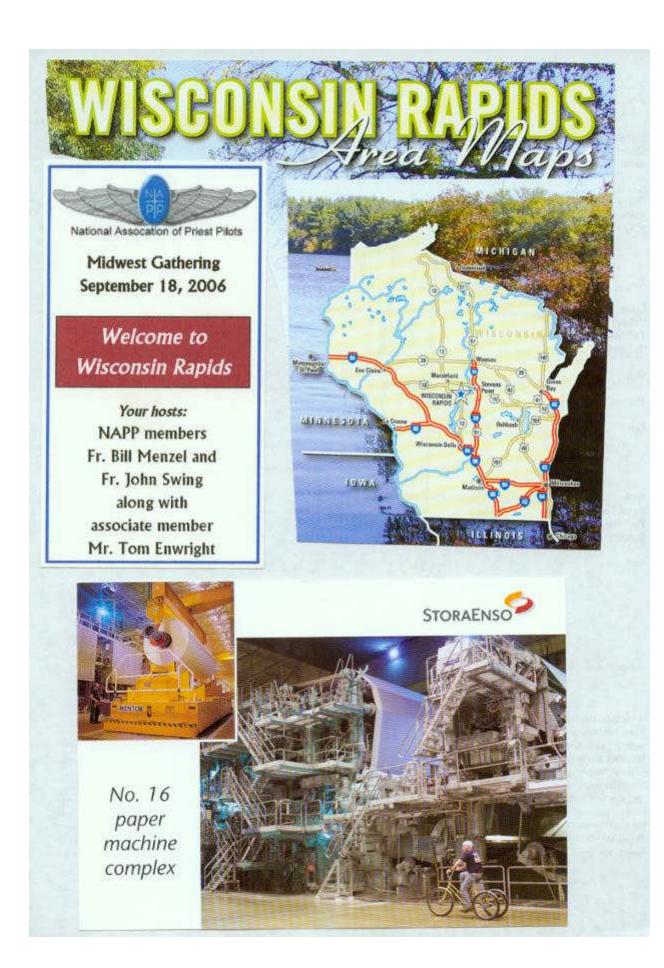
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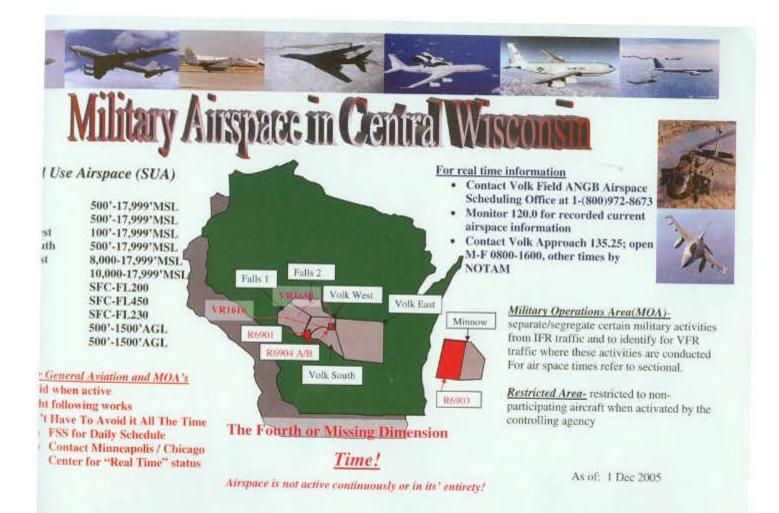
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NAPP Members from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Wisconsin



NAPP Planes at Alexander Field

Wisconsin Rapids 2006

Lt. Col. Brandon Smith Presenting Facts about Military Airspace



Phil Gibbs & Jim Secora Jim will Co-Host the April Meeting



John, John and Phil at the Storaenso Paper Mill

