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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is good to be back in Iowa from Texas and to see the sun shine and calm winds. The flying season is upon us. Rumor has it that there is an NAPPER in Jefferson, South Dakota with a new 1946 Cessna 140. I am glad to hear that he bought a "real airplane". A real airplane is one with the tail wheel on the tail and not hanging down in the front. Of course if a tail wheel pilot is

not careful his tail can end up in front of him. Baring that I am sure Bob Lacey will enjoy his new airplane very much. Should his parishioners call, they will get the answering machine on calm, sunny afternoons and evenings. Good flying Bob.

Looking forward to seeing you and your new airplane at Mason City this summer. The Spring Midwest Regional fly in on May 9 at La Crosse, Wisconsin is fast approaching. La Crosse is a pretty place at the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. Start your novena for good weather now. It always seems like we get wind and rain and cold on those meeting dates. Let us hope we can have good weather for this one.

Happy flying.

Gene



Two important NAPP events are rapidly approaching and this issue contains the finalized plans for both.

1). The first of these is the Midwest Regional gathering in La Crosse, Wisconsin hosted by John Swing on May 9th. John has finalized the program for the day and the newly revised registration form enclosed has all the particulars. Please note that because of the Mississippi boat cruise the ETA will have to be a little earlier than usual. Please plan accordingly when notifying John of your plans when registering for the day(s).

2). A little fine tuning puts the final touches on the 2011 National Convention in Clear Lake, Iowa. That schedule, along the information sheet that was also in the last newsletter, gives you a good overview of the planned program. As happens each year the gathering offers events unique to the local area.

The Wednesday program is one you will never see or hear anywhere else. The story of the 5 Sullivan brothers killed in WW II is unique. This Waterloo, IA family tragedy stands alone in U.S. history. To hear granddaughter Kelly tell the Sullivan story of a faith-filled

Catholic family coupled with proud patriotism is reason enough to attend this convention. Those of you who have heard her know how moving her story is.

A couple of caveats from John about your reservation and travel.

1. Be sure you make your own reservations at Best Western Holiday Lodge.

2. If you are flying commercially Mason City (MCW) is served only by a commuter airline from Minneapolis. The last leg to MCW will probably cost more than the rest of the trip. Another option is to fly to Des Moines and rent a car

IF you want to rent a car from either place, Des Moines or Minneapolis, let John know your Airline, flight number and time of arrival. He will use that information to assist you in coordinating with others in perhaps sharing a car. Might save a few bucks!! Obviously if this is going to work your reservation sheet can't arrive at the last minute.

At this year's NAPP meeting the following elected positions are up for a vote

President: Gene Murray. Served two terms and cannot run again

(The next two can be re-elected)

2 VP: Allen Corrigan

Secretary: Phil Gibbs

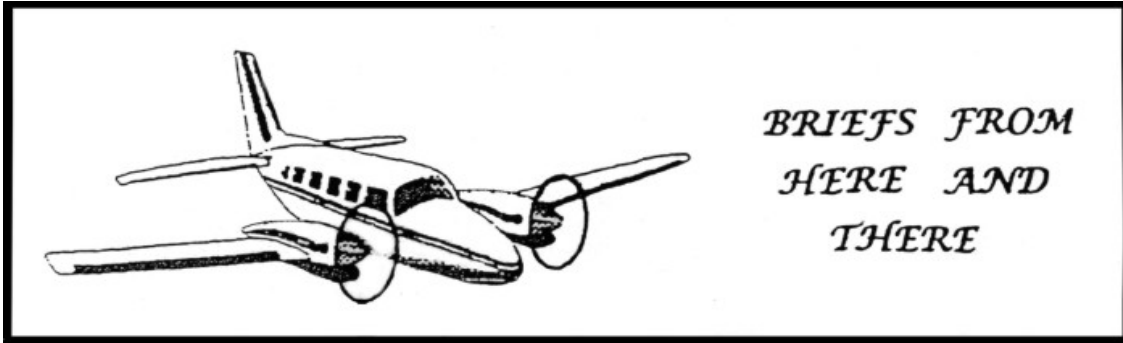
Begin thinking now of your vote

Check out Peter Etzel's story about his new assignment on the BRIEFS page. The web page has some interesting information about the Spiritual Center.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO:

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*The following came from Peter J Etzel, SJ
about his new assignment*

Hello Mel,

I tend to procrastinate with things...and answering emails is no different! I just received your other email today...thanks for it, too.

I am doing well. I was pastor at Gesu Parish in Milwaukee for seven years. I enjoyed it, but felt it was time to leave. We experienced an embezzlement that resulted in almost \$1 million walking out the door (discovered six months into my term...had been going on for years). The provincial asked me to go to South Dakota after a four-month sabbatical...I had expected to stay in Pine Ridge as a parish priest, but was sent here to the Sioux Spiritual Center to become director. We do lots of formation, and I travel a lot throughout the Rapid City Diocese. Actually, I'm employed by the diocese. I'm busy, but it's such a different life than being a pastor. I'll attach a copy of my Christmas letter and include below a website.

<http://puffin.creighton.edu/jesuit/ssc/>

Thanks for the information about your sister, the Franciscan. Pine Ridge is a tough place to be.

I don't do any flying. I had been renting a flight instructor for a while...parishioners gave me gift subscriptions. I still love it, though. Nothing perks up my heart and soul as

aviation.

Peace, and thank you,

Pete

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**NEWS IS SCARCE THIS TIME
AROUND**

**REMEMBER THE TWO IMPORTANT
EVENTS RAPIDLY APPROACHING**

**MAY 9, 2011
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN**

JULY 11-12, 2011

**MASON CITY – CLEAR LAKE
IOWA**

**WE HOPE WE WILL SEE MANY OF
YOU THERE.**

**MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL
HOLY WEEK AND A
VERY BLESSED AND HOLY
EASTER**

NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Monday, May 9, 2011

La Crosse, Wisconsin

KLSE

HOST: John Swing

Please phone, e-mail or mail RSVP by Friday, May 6, 2011

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

By: *Pvt Plane* N _____ -ETA: _____

By: *Car* _____ ETA _____

DEPARTURE: _____

RESERVATIONS TO:

John Swing
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
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Nekoosa, WI 54457

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LA CROSSE SCHEDULE

10:00 ish Arrivals at La Crosse Airport

Park at **Colgan FBO**

11:00 La Crosse Queen Cruise

Boat leaves dock at 11:00. Lunch on the boat

PLEASE NOTE: *The early boat departure may require additional pre-planning for some.*

Please advise of your special needs, if any.

12:30 Return from cruise

(If you can't make the cruise you can join us at this time)

12:45 Gather at Cathedral for meeting and fellowship

1:45 Leave for **Tour of ACE Hardware** distribution center near airport

4:00 **DEPARTURE** **-or --** *Whenever!!!!*

AGENDA NAPP CONVENTION

July 11 – 14, 2011

Clear Lake, Iowa

Monday, July 11 (Arrival Date)

6:00 p.m. Pizza and snacks in hospitality room #217
Best Western Holiday Lodge in Clear Lake, IA

Tuesday, July 12

7:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m. Depart, by car, for West Bend, IA (1:10 driving time)
Visit the “Grotto of the Redemption.”
11:15a.m. Noon lunch at restaurant next to Grotto
12:15 p.m. Depart for Algona, Iowa
12:45 p.m. Visit WW II (German POW Museum) and life size
Nativity Creche made by German Prisoners
3:00 p.m. Depart for Clear Lake
4:30 p.m. Hospitality room open, evening meal on your own. Evening free
(5:30 p.m. *For those interested. Daily Mass at St. Patrick Church in Clear Lake*)

Wednesday, July 13

7:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m. Annual NAPP meeting
10:30 a.m. Watch the movie “**THE FIGHTING SULLIVANS**
*(The five Sullivan brothers and family were members of St. Mary Parish
in Waterloo, Iowa. The 5 died together when their ship was torpedoed
by the Japanese on November 13, 1942).*
12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch
1:45 p.m. Talk by **Kelly Sullivan Loughren**, the only granddaughter of
“The Fighting Sullivans)
4:00 p.m. NAPP Mass in St Patrick Church
5:15 p.m. Hospitality room available
6:30 p.m. Annual Banquet at Best Western Holiday Lodge
8:00 p.m. Hospitality room open

Thursday, July 14

Depart for home on time schedule on your own

THANK YOU FOR COMING

National Association of Priest Pilots (NAPP)

48th Annual Meeting and Convention
Clear Lake, Iowa

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Airport of arrival (KMCW) Mason City/Clear Lake

(North Iowa Air Service will provide great hospitality
to the private pilot - bring tie down ropes)

Delta/Mesaba/KLM Commuter Airline from MSP

(If you come by commercial airline you need to come through MSP)

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Best Western Holiday Lodge (Clear Lake)

1-800-606-3552 or 641-357-5253

Block of rooms reserved under NAPP

You **MUST MAKE** your own reservation and do so by JUNE 28,
2011

Two beds in each room for \$79.00 plus 12% tax Restaurant and pool at the Lodge

RESERVATION FOR MEETING and CONVENTION

John W. Hemann
481 N. Shore Drive #301
Clear Lake, IA 50428-1368
641-357-4539 (h) 641-430-4413 ©

HOSPITALITY ROOM #217 AVAILABLE at LODGE

Monday afternoon and evening (Pizza, etc.)

Tuesday and Wednesday (snacks & refreshments)