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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am looking forward to the convention at Altus, Ok. I think I will start the good weather novenas soon so I can fly there. I wasn't able to attend the regional meeting because of IFR conditions over western Iowa even though Al Werth and John Wolesky were able to come from Kansas. I understand that the speaker at the midwest regional - a granddaughter of one of the Five Sullivan brothers who perished on the same warship in WWII - was one of the most interesting speakers ever. Sorry to have missed the meeting. It looks like we will have 3 or 4 planes from Iowa at Altus providing there is suitable weather

I hope to hook up with Bob Lacey from Yankton and fly down to Altus on Sunday

PM or Monday AM. I usually try to listen on 122.75 for other NAPPers who might be in the air at the same time so give a call on 122.75 if you happen to be in the air. It'll help pass the time.

Last week I stopped at my nephew's farm and he was planting soybeans. He needed someone to run the cultivator ahead of the planter for an hour so I volunteered. The tractor had GPS guidance so I had to drive according to the guidance system. It reminded me of my IFR training and trying to fly the localizer about a half mile from the MAP. I have a question for Mel the next time I see him. Can I Log it??? If so how do I enter it--- as PIC (pilot in command) or FIC (farmer in command) even though I wasn't exactly in command? The tractor had over 200 hp does that qualify it for complex time?

Looking forward to seeing you all at the convention in July.

Keep em flying.

Gene



This will be the last newsletter before the NAPP 2010 National Convention at Altus AFB in Altus, Oklahoma. The agenda for the convention and the registration form is once again enclosed in this newsletter.

Please note the June 20 deadline for motel reservation. It is also important that you send me your arrival information, etc.

Because a lot of our time will be spent on the Air Force Base I will send your names to Col. John Oates prior to our arrival. He will arrange for all the necessary clearances prior to our arrival. To make things as simple as possible an Air Force bus will take us from the motel to all the Base functions.

A SPECIAL REMINDER: If you own a lap top computer please bring it along for the FAA Wings workshop.

I just received word from Associate member Jack Boyle that Associate member Bill Browne died Wednesday, May 26, in a Pittsburg hospital. Bill was a WW II B17 pilot and retired USAir Captain. May the end of his lengthy illness bring him eternal rest.

Two positions on the NAPP Executive Team are up for election this year. 1st Vice President and Treasurer. John Schmitz and Mel Hemann currently hold these positions.

No definitive plans were made for the Fall Midwest regional gathering Early tentative planning is looking at a late September Monday in Kansas. Details will be worked out in July and will be posted in the August newsletter.

We hope you find the Iowa April meeting informative. Kelly did a marvelous job sharing the 5 Sullivan Brothers story.

Personally, the flight with 102 year old Berkeley Smith was something else. Enjoy!!!

FINAL REMINDER

**The dates of the NAPP
Convention in Altus, OK**

Are

July 6 and 7.

Please get your reservations in now.

I would like to suggest if you are hesitating about making the trip to Oklahoma because you feel it is beyond your capabilities think again. Like every thing else in life you never build confidence in your flying skills unless you challenge yourself. The Midwest is a good place to begin extending your parameters. The flat lands present few obstacles. No mountains or congested areas to circumvent.

What ever your flying skills may be take advantage of this opportunity to spread your wings.

Fill the plane and make your way to

**Altus Air Force Base
Altus, Oklahoma**

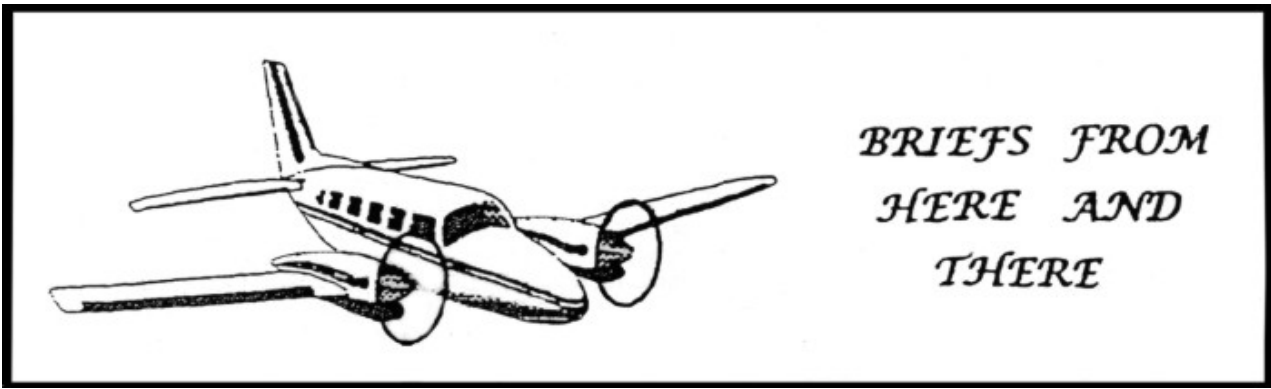
July 6 and 7, 2010

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*From Bob Lacey, Yankton, SD
27 April, 2010*

Well, Mel, I should be dashing off to bed, but I wanted to share one of my Joys with you.

My IFR training progresses quite nicely. By my best guesstimates, I have about 13 instrument hours to date. I had about 2.6 of them today. The last approach was to a night landing – it is one more level of difficulty when you hit that transition betwix the instrument and visual!

Our VFR weather has been plenty turbulent, though only light, and proven a difficulty to maintaining altitude! Still, my instructor's been good and consistent – he never promised training to be “enjoyable!”

However, my one success is that I seem to be able to maintain the ILS localizer and glide scope during light winds, 06 kts, but at those winds, the plane about lands itself!

God bless you!

Bob Lacey

The following comes from Peter Geldard, chaplain at the University of Canterbury,

Mel,

Getting the recent NAPP Newsletter reminded me that I haven't been in touch recently.

Hope all is going well with you and, as always, I would be interested to hear of any personal news and/or how the arrangements are where you are living in the new circumstances.

On my front, life is going well and I write to say that we have just changed planes – slightly ‘upgraded’ to an Arrow IV Turbo which is on the ‘N’ register: N2CL.

[I attach a picture of her.]



N2CL at Rochester, UK

As you may remember me telling you, by having an ‘N’ plane, and with three of us in the group who have FAA IR's we can fly her IFR in Europe. I have just come back from a 17 hour trip to Corsica & Sardinia in the Mediterranean which – due to the weather – we could not have done without the IR.



N2CL in flight

I have another member of the group who is a Doctor who is keen to do his IR in the States and so I am exploring how the regulations (which always seem to be changing) are for where he could do it.

Give love to all,

Peter

MIDWEST NAPP REGIONAL MEETING

Waterloo, Iowa April 26, 2010

16 NAPPers from Iowa, Kansas & Wisconsin came to Waterloo for an interesting day of reminiscing and learning. Hopefully the pictures will share some of the memories.

The primary focus of the Museum tour centered around the Waterloo 5 Sullivan brothers killed in WW II when their ship went down in the Pacific.



St Patrick Church gathering site



Five Sullivans Memorial Museum



A lunch in progress



P-51D Museum display



The end is in sight



Granddaughter Kelly Sullivan Loughren
Sharing Sullivan history



14 of the 16 made the picture



One Sullivan and 3 Hemanns
How lucky can you be!

A ONCE IN A LIFE TIME EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday, May 19, I was privileged to fulfill a project, and a dream, that began several years ago.

Here in Waterloo, Iowa we have a pilot who is 102 years old. Berkeley Smith started flying in 1928 and got his private license, #6467, in 1929. I first met Berkeley in 1998. He had just gotten off the phone with a Texas newspaper because a web search indicated Berkeley was one of twenty pilots 90 or older still actively flying. Seven years ago, at age 95, Berkeley quit flying when he sold the Luscombe he had owned for many years.

Two years ago I met Berkeley and his wife. He said, “Mel, I sure miss flying. I’m 100 now. Would you go flying with me?” For a variety of reasons that flight never became a reality.

Several weeks ago we began making plans for 102 year old Berkeley to make his flight. With the help of his wife and son, retired USAF Major General Bruce Smith, we got it done on May 19.



Berkeley and Mel preparing for flight

Berkeley had never flown a plane with the “tail wheel” up front. Nor had he been in a plane with a wheel instead of a stick. He was a quick learner. Taxiing

was a no-brainer. For 30 minutes Berkeley flew as though his last flight



Berkeley buckling up

had been last week. He finally asked if I’d take over so he could enjoy the scenery. The G1000 panel didn’t deter him a bit.



Mel, Berkeley & Bruce post-flight

Berkeley says, “When I get old, this day will be among my fond memories.”

They are already making plans for next year’s flight.

For the rest of us,

KEEP DREAMING

Life Has Now Been Explained

The first day, God created the dog and said:
Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.'
The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?' So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said:
Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty -year life span.' The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?' And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said:
'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.' The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?' And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said:
Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life . For this, I'll give you twenty years.'
But man said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?' 'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information.
I'm doing it as a public service

NAPP CONVENTION SCHEDULE

July 5 – 8, 2010

Altus, Oklahoma

5 July - Monday

Arrival

6:00 PM Hospitality room Holiday Inn Express
Official welcome. Pizza and all the trimmings.

6 July - Tuesday

8:50 AM Altus Air Force bus pickup at Holiday Inn Express

9:00 AM Auditorium

Air Base personnel welcome

Participation in Air Force Mission briefing

9:45 AM Visit C17 and KC 135 planes with crew members

available to answer any and all questions as you explore the planes

11:45 AM Board bus for departure to base diner

12:00 PM Lunch. Cafeteria style --- (You pay for what you eat)

1:20 PM Board bus for motel

1:30 PM Siesta/Leisure time

3:20 PM Bus pickup at Holiday Inn

3:30 PM Two hours with simulators

C17; KC135; includes sim for refueling boom operator training

5:30 PM Dinner on Base --- (Once again you pay for what you eat)

Evening Free

7 July - Wednesday

9:00 AM Holiday Inn hospitality room

FAA Wings seminar.

Presenter: John H Boatright, Lubbock FSDO, FAAST Team rep

(Bring your lap top computer if you have one)

11:45 AM Free

12:00 PM Lunch on your own followed by Siesta/Leisure time

3:00 PM Annual Meeting. Hospitality room at Holiday Inn

4:45 PM Bus leaves for Mass at Base Chapel

5:00 PM MASS

6:00 PM Banquet, etc. in chapel annex

Evening Free

8 July -Thursday

DEPARTURE

NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 6 and 7, 2010

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE

CONVENTION PROGRAM: TUESDAY, JULY 6 AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2009
ARRIVALS MONDAY, JULY 5; DEPARTURES THURSDAY, JULY 8.

FLY-IN AIRPORT: **KAXS** Altus/Quartz Mountain Regional

COMMERCIAL ARRIVALS **KLAW** Lawton/Ft Sills 50 miles 275 degrees
KOKC Will Rogers, Oke City -- 100 miles 240 degrees

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
2812 East Broadway Altus, Oklahoma
Phone Reservations: **1-580-480-1212**

PRIEST PILOT CONVENTION: \$89.00 per room (Special NAPP rate until June 20)

ARRIVING MON 7/5/09 – DEPARTING THU 7/8/09

Hospitality Room for NAPP. Hotel 2 miles from ALTUS AFB.

Members Must Call the Hotel and Make their Own Reservation!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

CONTACT INFO: () - , () - , () -
HOME PHONE WORK PHONE CELL PHONE

MODE OF TRANSPORT TO CONVENTION: **Private Car** **Rental Car** **Flying**
(CIRCLE HOW YOU ARE GETTING TO THE HOTEL)

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: **AXS (Altus Regional)** _____ **KLAW** _____ **KOKC** _____
(CIRCLE or CHECK YOUR AIRPORT)

AIRCRAFT INFO IF APPLICABLE: N# _____ Type _____

Commercial: Airport: Airline: _____ Flight No: _____ Airport: _____

Date/Time of Arrival: _____ Date/Time of Departure _____

Please complete your reservation form now and send it to Co-Host:
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More Convention Information will be in the NAPP Newsletter
Monday Evening Pre-Event Hospitality Room (Pizza and Beverages, etc.)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY: Exciting Tours and Events C17, KC 135 Simulators, Briefings

WEDNESDAY: Annual Meeting, Concelebrated Mass and Banquet at Altus AFB

FAASafety Seminar Plenty of Free Time Scheduled for Each Day!