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President's Comments

Easter Greetings to all our unfeathered and unfettered friends,

May the joy of the Risen Christ be yours. Now that Holy Week is past you can look forward to First Communions and Graduations and Spring weddings. Stay well and keep up the good work.

The Mid West May Regional Fly in will be in Dubuque this year. After such a long winter we are looking forward to the trip. May the Lord give us a nice VFR day for a change. The last two regionals were marred by either high winds or IFR weather below minimums. We'll see what kind of influence Jack

Paisley has with the weather gods. May they smile on us and give us a big high pressure center over the midwest.

Fr. Ed is doing well. He still has issues with his leukemia and must go to the hospital for some treatment each day. He is pretty much able to drive himself there unless it is a chemo treatment. He then has to have someone take him. He is officially retired and living in the rectory here at Marcus. It is large and comfortable and we have an attached garage with room for his car. The Parish Council assures me that he can continue to live here after I retire in July. At that point the Parish will become a Mission out of Cherokee, Ia. So it looks like Fr. Ed will continue to live at this address. Praise the Lord and thanks to the good people of Marcus.

Looking forward to seeing you all in July.

Gene Murray



As usual our membership never ceases to amaze me.

1). You will enjoy reading about Leo McGee's special award, The Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award. We've made a copy of the award and include segments of testimonials from a variety of pilots. Also, from Leo's letter, some of his exploits and accomplishments over the years.

Congratulations Leo.

2). President Gene gives us a positive report on his brother Ed. Our prayers continue in support as his struggle for wholeness continues.

3). A word from Peter Geldard in the U.K. He sent us a picture of the new purchase for his group.

4). Jack Paisley has things arranged for our gathering in Dubuque. There will be a visit to the Trappist Monastery and their casket factory. If you haven't made arrangements for your final demise here is your golden opportunity. I don't know if Abbot Brendan will have any "pilot specials" for the day. The least one can do is ask.

5). The reservation sheets for the May Midwest regional gathering and the NAAP national in Ohio are included in this mailing. We remind you that host Allen Corrigan has a personal blog that contains all kinds of information. The convention info has also been placed on John Zapp's website, AeroVents.com. Recently I was able to place it on AOPA's calendar of events. Check that one out as well. Simply pick the month (July); then the state (Ohio). There it is.

GOOD NEWS

Some of you for a number of years have asked about the possibility of paying your annual dues by credit card. We are in the process of setting up a system by which we can do that in the future. Our new fiscal year – 2010 – will begin on July 1. When we start collecting next year's dues in July you will be provided that option.

I hate to waste his space. One final reminder:

Don't forget the upcoming conferences

Midwest Regional -Dubuque – May 4.

NAPP National in Richmond, Ohio

July 7 – 8, 2009

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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127 Kaspand Place
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1683
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NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2009

Dubuque Municipal Airport

HOST: Jack Paisley

Schedule for the day

11:00 – 12:00 Arrival at Jet Center FBO , Dubuque Airport

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Conference at University of Dubuque Flight School

1:45 None (Liturgy of Hours) New Melleray Abbey

2:15 -----Tour of Trappist casket workshop

4:00 or ???? ---Departure

Please e-mail or mail RSVP by April 30, 2009

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

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

By: *Car* _____ **ETA** _____

DEPARTURE: _____

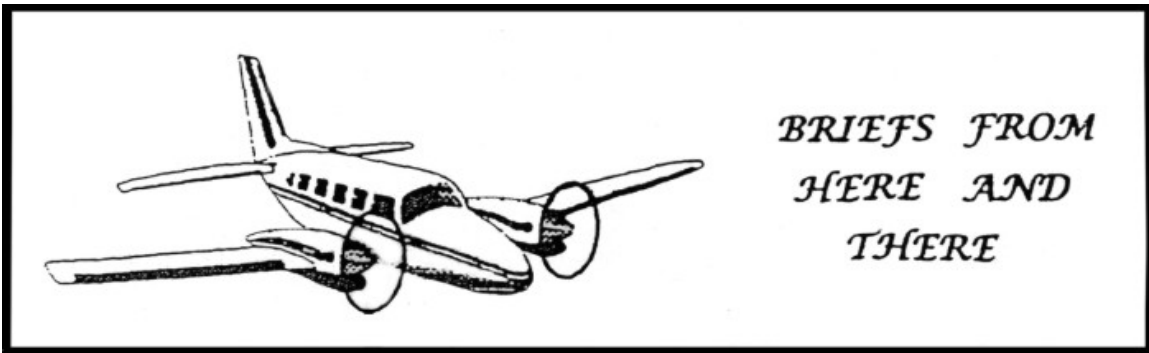
RESERVATIONS TO:

Jack Paisley 816 Euclid Ave Dubuque, IA 52001

dbqpaisley@msn.com

(H) 1-563-583-9242

Please e-mail or mail RSVP by April 30, 2009



*Tom Bishop sent the following note from Palmer,
AK on March 6, 2009*

Hi!

I would like to sponsor Brother Craig Bonham, OMI for membership in your NAPP elite group.

Brother Bonham is also assigned to fly the plane of the diocese stationed in Anchorage. He is also on call as Archbishop Roger Schwietz's assistant.

Since there is no one to replace him, he must be higher on the list than he humbly thinks! He just has to be in the group!

His address:
Brother Craig Bonham, OMI
222 W Redoubt Ave
Soldotna, AK 99669
(907) 953-9147

The slow cautious nature of U.S. economics is slowing down AK flying – but I'm hoping for a return to flying as fun.

The Archdiocese has purchased Fr. Clementich's PA-28-180. It's clean, normal maintenance, burning a lot less gas than the 206. I believe Fr Clem stationed now at Notre Dame college is happy it's still in service up here.

N298MH still looks great. I hope it's flying more as the gas prices fall.
Take care.

Tom Bishop
P.S. The membership is a surprise. You can spring it on him!

The following from Miles Barrett

Fr. Mel,

The 2009 NAPP Directory arrived with my new address and I saw my dues were out dated. I promptly made out a check for the

last year back from Iraq, this year with the Coast Guard tour, and next year. I'll be serving the TRACEN Cape May NJ Coast Guard community for the next 3 years so my mailing address will stay the same for a while.

My E-mail address is changed again. No longer with Marines it's now: miles.j.barrett@uscg.mil at work and at home Miles4724@Netzero.Com and that should last a few years.

I'm flying more now with the New Jersey Civil Air Patrol's MT7 235 Maule out of Cape May Airport (WWD) and the rental out of (OBI) Woodbine NJ 17 miles north. The Sky Arrow 600 Sport is a fun two seat pusher-prop to fly and the cheaper to rent vs the C-172. Come summer I may find more hours in the C.A.P. gliders for soaring and may even find time to work on CFI. A wedding in Omaha over the 4th of July weekend for my youngest sister will keep me from making the July 7th NAPP National Convention in Medina OH unless I fly a rental or friends plane out and back. I'm current IFR SEL/MEL now and there is a chance but I'm not sure right now.

Thanks for the great web site and newsletter, Mel. Hope your Lenten season is blessed.

Pax Christi, carpe diem!

CDR Miles J Barrett, CHC, USN



Sky Arrow 600 Sport

*Msgr Joe Dooley sends the following
From Bethlehem, PA*

Dear Mel,

Enclosed is a check for my dues. I don't know how I missed. Last year I went to our 82nd Airborne reunion and the guys were razzing me because on D-Day I landed on my head when the chute ropes got snarled in a tree. "Sarge," they said, "the marbles in your feet are still in your head."

Editor's Note: In an earlier memo Joe said his first 12 take off and landings went well. The landings were awful --- the number of times he parachuted.

Joe

*LeRoy Clementich sent the following
from Anchorage,*

Dear Mel,

Sorry to report that I will need to discontinue flying. I have some health issues. Anyway, It's been a good ride with you guys.

I'm here at Notre Dame now at our retirement house.

I am remembering all of you in prayer for safe flight and safe landings.

My best

Clem

New email Address: lclemen1@nd.edu

*Peter Geldard sends the following from the U.K
The reference to Margaret and Mike Sr.
Margaret studied at U of Canterbury and has
cancer. Mike is my landlord who passed away*

*from brain cancer.
His funeral was Tuesday, April 14*

Mel,

Always good to hear from you: But what terrible news your last email brought. Do be assured that I have Mike and Sr Margaret very much in my prayers. Do let me know any (sad) developments.

As we enter Holy Week, we can only but reaffirm the victory of Christ over death and suffering and look forward to the joy of the Resurrection.

You may be interested that I have persuaded the others who fly with me to upgrade our plane to a PA28R Arrow III!
I enclose a photo of her.



It has the 200hp engine and has come with a Garmin 530 (which must be worth something).

Due to the recession over here (and I suspect over there too) we got her for a very good price. We only need to upgrade the Transponder to a Mode S – which is becoming more of a requirement over here – and she will be fully airways equipped.

Do let me know news and developments.
Best wishes for a blessed Easter,

Take care,
Best wishes,

Fr Peter Geldard

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION



The Wright Brothers
"Master Pilot" Award

presented to

Leo McGee

*in appreciation for your dedicated
service, technical expertise, professionalism,
and many outstanding contributions that
further the cause of aviation safety.*



James J. Balogh
Director, Flight Standards Service

November 5, 2008

Date

*On March 3, 2009 LeoJ.
McGee sent the following information
from Darby, PA*

Mel,

A very nice thing happened to me in November. If you want to use any of this in the Newsletter, feel free. I lost my medical in 2001 and sold my Mooney which I had flown for 29 years. Got my medical back in 2007, but only used it a few hours before a recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma took it away again. So now I rent an instructor and an airplane occasionally just to see if I still know how. God is so good. I enjoy your work each month.

Rev. Leo McGee ATP 1415473

EDITOR'S NOTE: The award Leo received is pictured on the reverse side This is followed by excerpts from materials in Leo's packet.

I was ordained in 1957 and spent 22 years teaching High School in Philadelphia, followed by 12 years as a Nursing Home Chaplain, then 11 years as Pastor of Our Lady of Christians Parish in Philadelphia, followed by 4 years again as a Nursing Home Chaplain. I celebrated my 50th in 2007. Currently I am retired at Villa St. Joseph.

Flying started while I was a seminarian, but I ran out of money and had to postpone it until I was ordained.

Private: 6-28-58 Commercial: 10-31-61.

MEL: 3-15-66.. 1nst: 5-5-67. ATP: 9-9-71.

I have one of the few ATP's in both single and multi-engine airplanes I never got a CFI simply because I feared infringing on guys who were making their living flying. The one other note on my license is a type-rating in Martin202-404 aircraft.

If you have access to the September 2008 issue of Air Classics Magazine there is an article in it about the last flight of a Martin 404. That's the airplane I got my rating in, N636X. I have time in DC-3's, B-25's, C-46's, a lot of Lockheeds (C-model) and a Mooney, M-20C, which I flew for 29 years until 2000. In the Fall of that year I

discovered I had had a silent attack, and was told no way could I have my medical renewed. So I sold the airplane. In 2001 I was diagnosed with prostate CA so I went to Lourdes and took a bath. It worked! Then in 2003 I ended up with 5 by-passes on the heart. Just about when I had recovered from that I came down with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. After lots of chemo, I was cured. IN 2006 I applied and after 4 months of paper work I got a 3rd class medical back. After using it just for a few hours, I had a recurrence of the lymphoma, and it was back to chemo, bye-bye medical. So now occasionally I rent an airplane and instructor to go for a ride.



*Celebrating the 50th anniversary of my first solo
in a PA-11 with Capt. Al Beerley of U.S. Airways
October 14, 1957*

Letters of recommendation for Leo's award.

1). From Jeff Whitesell (Captain, Delta Airlines). Camarillo, CA. Jeff's father ran a small airport, bought & sold planes. Jeff knew Leo since youth and it was Leo who inspired him to pursue a flying career.

2). Walter Ellis, Blackwood, NJ, worked at an FBO in Philadelphia. Witnessed Leo's influence on young people and the resultant positive mark on the aviation industry.

3). Albert Beerley, Oxford, PA. (Pictured above with Leo). Al first met Leo as a freshman in Leo's class. "He invited the members of the class to accompany him as he treated his students to a ride in a single engine Cessna at the Flying W airport in Medford, NJ. Up until that time, no one in my class was aware that Father McGee was a licensed pilot."

NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION
MEDINA, RICHFIELD AND CLEVELAND, OHIO

CONVENTION PROGRAM: TUESDAY, JULY 7 AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009
ARRIVALS MONDAY, JULY 6; DEPARTURES THURSDAY, JULY 9.

FLY-IN AIRPORT: 1G5 – Medina Municipal Airport (FBO: Flight Services of Medina)
2050 Medina Road (Rt. 18), Medina, OH 44256 330-239-1606

COMMERCIAL ARRIVALS Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (KCLE)
Akron Canton Regional Airport (KCAK)

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

RADISSON AKRON/FAIRLAWN

200 Montrose West Avenue Copely, OH 44321

Phone Reservations: 1-330-666-9300

NAPP BLOCK RESERVATION: \$79.00 per room (Special NAPP rate until June 5)

ARRIVING MON 7/6/09 – DEPARTING THU 7/9/09

Hot Breakfast Buffet, Hospitality Room for NAPP, Hotel 6 miles from 1G5.

Members Must Call the Hotel and Make their Own Reservation!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

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: **1G5 (Medina)** *KCLE (Cleveland)* *KCAK (Akron/Canton)*
(CIRCLE YOUR AIRPORT)

AIRCRAFT INFO IF APPLICABLE: N# _____ Type _____

Commercial: Airport: Airline: _____ Flight No: _____

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

*Please complete your reservation form now and send it to the Local Site Host:
REV ALLEN F. CORRIGAN, ST. VICTOR CHURCH, 3435 EVERETT RD, RICHFIELD OH 44286, 330-659-6591*

*More Convention Information will be in the NAPP Newsletter
Minute-to-minute Convention Info at: <http://priestpilot.blogspot.com>
Monday Evening Pre-Event Hospitality Room (Pizza and Beverages, etc.)
TUESDAY: Exciting Tours and Events: NASA/Glenn, Little Italy, Cleveland Museum of Art
WEDNESDAY: Annual Meeting, Concelebrated Mass and Banquet at St. Victor Church
Plenty of Free Time Scheduled for Each Day!*