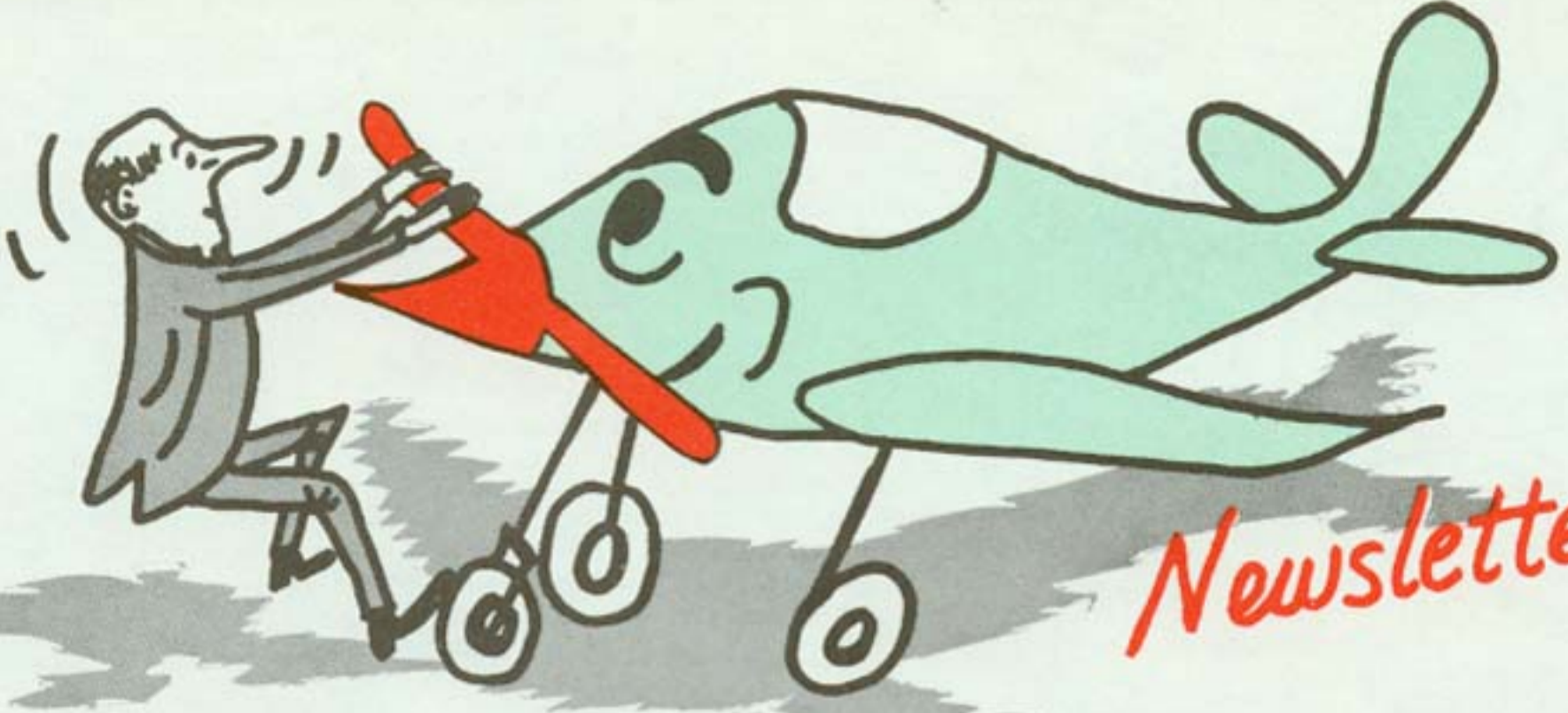


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

ACADIANA is special country, settled largely by the French Catholics of Acadia in Nova Scotia, expelled brutally by the English Governor in 1755. Hospitality joi de vivre, good food, rich scenery, French language and atmosphere await you. Flying is common, less since the oil slowdown. Pilots and aficionados of all persuasions welcome you.

These are the words 1985 Convention host Al Sigur had for us as we gathered in Lafayette, LA.

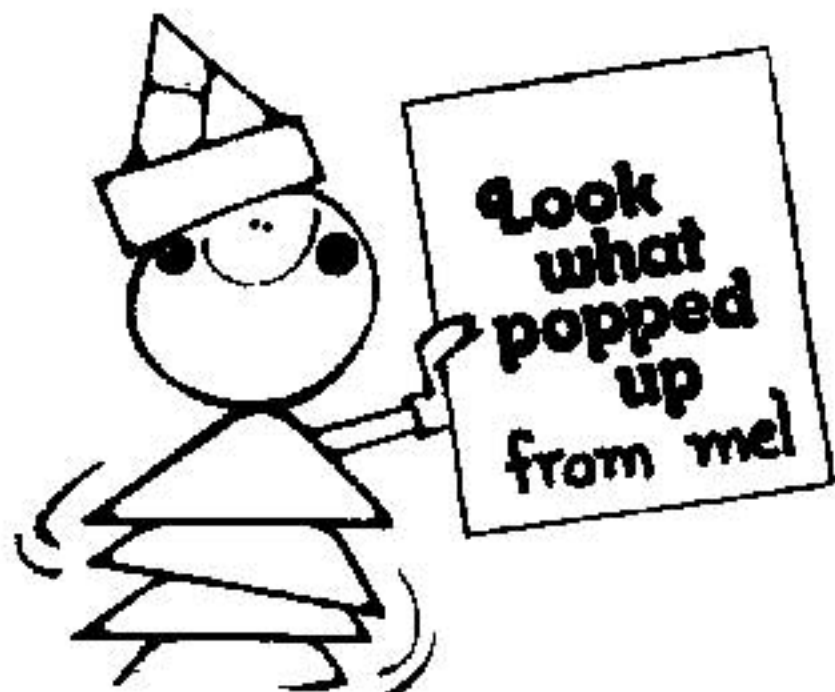
In conversations with NAPP President John Dompka he asked if I was planning on writing some kind of an account of the 1985 Convention. I assured him that would be part of this issue. Since he was also planning on doing something in this regard, he said why don't you just go ahead and we'll make that part of "my message for this issue."

The one thing that Jack asked that I include was a reminder to all that the 1986 Convention will be in the El Paso, Texas area. The dates are July 8 and 9. Mark them on the calendar NOW so that you can plan your activities accordingly.

Included in this issue are the minutes of the 1985 meeting. Also the financial report from Charlie Teufel.



OUR LEADER



One of the sad notes at this year's convention was the news that only a few weeks before one of our members, WILLIAM L. UPDEGRAF, O.P., was killed in his plane.

Bill had joined NAPP within the last year and currently was based in the Atlanta, GA area. He had served in the Louisiana area and was returning to Hammond, LA. for a celebration. While attempting to land in Pineville, LA. he was attempting a go-around when he crashed into a nursing home. He and his passenger were killed. Fortunately only several in the nursing home were injured.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE!

As you will read in the minutes from this year's meeting, one of the decisions made was to update the informational brochures we have. There are still some of the older one's left. I will include in some of your envelopes one of these that you might want to pass on to prospective members.

If there are enough to go around, you'll all be getting one. In the not too distant future you'll all be receiving one of the new ones.

Perhaps you noticed that lower left hand address correction request on the envelope is different. The reason for this is that the U.S. Postal regs have changed.

In the past when a member moved and failed to send a change of address notification, which I would say is about 98% of the time, the U.S. Postal Service would send a card with that information on it. So, for 25¢ we'd find out that one of you moved.

After the last mailing I started getting a bunch of the newsletters back with new address on it. It cost 22¢ to mail it; 30¢ to get it back; another 22¢ to send it on once again. So that comes to a total of 74¢ to get that newsletter to some of you.

In checking over the new regs we found out that if the thing reads FORWARD AND ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED they will mail it on and send the new address to me. So I ordered a new rubber stamp with that particular wording on it.

I would like once again to ask you to mail one of the address correction cards to me when you move. It sure simplifies matters here. (HINT!!! HINT!!!).

The Midwest regional meeting of NAPP will meet in Boone, Iowa on Monday, October 7.

It is suggested that all be there no later than 11:00 AM for lunch. The featured attraction at this particular gathering is a 1:00 PM train ride. In times past the railroad ran over one of the most unique bridge constructions in the world as it passed over the gorge cut by the meandering river below.

Since this should be the height of the beauty that goes with the Fall and the leaves turning colors this looks like a very relaxing and beautiful time to get together.

PLEASE NOTE: This will probably be the only notification you will receive as the next newsletter will no doubt come out after the October gathering.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS INC.

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the National Association of Priest Pilots was called to order by President John Dompka at 9:02 PM on July 10, 1985 at the Plantation Inn Restaurant, Lafayette, Louisiana. The meeting began with prayer. Other Officers present were: First Vice President Bill Bevinton, Second Vice President John Bellon, Treasurer Charlie Teufel, Secretary Jack Paisley, Newseditor Mel Hemann, and Central Region representative John Hemann.

Minutes of the 1984 meeting, which had been printed in the August, 1984 Newsletter, were distributed and read silently. After comments on a typographical error, a motion to accept the Minutes as printed was made by John Wolesky and seconded by Jim Kelley. Voice vote approval.

Treasurer's report was distributed (see attached copy). Dues paid thus far in 1985 is \$1,370.00 (This does not include Pete Sweeney!) This is an increase and partially the result of the threat to eliminate people from the mailing list if they did not pay their dues. (See comment by new member Michael Nash on page 3 of the June, 1985 Newsletter as the "best deal going.") Charles mentioned that our interest on funds invested and dues enabled us to give \$1,000.00 to Father Marc Tilla last year. Other items on the report were self-explanatory. Motion to accept the report as printed by Dick Funke and seconded by Jim Kelley. Voice vote approval.

Reports by Mel Hemann: The NAPP hats are almost gone. Motion by John Hemann and seconded by Ed Murray that Mel be authorized to order more hats (perhaps 50). Voice vote approval. Mel commented on the special NAPP brochure which is somewhat out of date and supplies minimal. The Executive Committee discussed and recommended ideas for a similar brochure which could be given to prospective members. Changes might include sites of past and future Conventions, a place for including an address to write for information. An anonymous comment from the floor about a need of changing the out-dated picture of Bob Kirsch. Motion to authorize Mel to have a new brochure printed was made by Al Sigur (our host) and seconded by Art Kove. Voice vote approval.

The Secretary, Jack Paisley, distributed a proposed change in the By-Laws which would allow the Secretary to keep record of membership in conjunction with the Editor of the Newsletter. Motion by Bob Kirsch and Jim Kelley. The discussion which followed indicated that there was no need for the change. The Secretary acknowledged that he would continue to work with the Editor without any special change. Motion defeated.

The meeting was interrupted with an announcement by the Treasurer that at 9:21 PM this night, the delinquent member, Pete Sweeney, personally handed him Ten U.S. Dollars (\$10.00) for his 1985 dues. A cheer.

Publicity for NAPP was discussed. A number of new members said they were aware of the existence of NAPP but did not know how to contact us. Along with the new brochure with a place for an address, the Secretary was told to put our Convention dates on calendars of the following magazines: AOPA PILOT, FLYING, PRIVATE PILOT, SPORT AVIATION, PRIEST, and others.

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"It is with paternal satisfaction that the Holy Father views the efforts of the members of the National Association of Priest Pilots to encourage the use of air transportation to obtain ever more abundant spiritual fruits from their sacerdotal ministry and missionary apostolate."

Vatican, Sept. 29, 1964

1985 MINUTES (continued)

Henry Haacke announced that he has paid our Incorporation fee for another year.

Convention sites were proposed: Bob Kirsch, in conjunction with four Bishops, offered to make arrangements for July 8-9, 1986 at Las Cruces, Holy Ghost Retreat House near El Paso, NM. Ideas include a day of flight, perhaps to Carlsbad Caverns. Bob's offer was accepted. For 1987, President John Dompka invited us to Pittsburg where he would offer activities such as the facilities of U.S.AIR, golf, restaurants, etc. Tentative plans are to accept the offer. For 1988, our 25th year, the consensus was to return to Kentucky were Henry Haacke could take us to our "roots".

Our annual contribution of funds to aid flight in the missions recalled the following history: we began these contributions in 1978 with a gift to Bishop Arkfeld, this was repeated in 1979 and 1980. Then in 1981 it was the St. James Society, 1982 to Archbishop Hurley, 1983 to Wings of Hope, and last year to Fr. Marc Tillia for Brazil. Suggestions this year were to Bishop Jose Llaguno, S.J.; Fr. Pat Healy in the Bahamas; Bishop of Fairbanks; and to Mike Nash in Juneau, AK. Following good discussion a motion by John Hemann and John Wolesky to send our contribution this year to Bishop Jose Llaguno, S.J. who will be one of our hosts for the 1986 Convention. Voice vote approval.

THANKS were expressed to our host, Fr. Al Sigur, and his capable assistants, especially Jim Landry. A generous applause.

Elections this year: President, Second Vice President and Secretary. Present officers are eligible for re-election. Nominations for President accepted. John Dompka was nominated by Bob Kirsch and Henry Haacke. Motion by Bob Kirsch and John Wolesky to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for John Dompka. Voice vote approval. Nominations for Second Vice President accepted. Henry Haacke was nominated by Phil Schmitt. After some discussion, John Bellon was nominated by Al Sigur. Motion to close nominations by Bob Kirsch and Art Kleve. Voice vote approval. Paper distributed for ballots. John Bellon was elected for a second term. Nominations for Secretary accepted. Bob Kirsch nominated Jack Paisley. Peter Sweeney and Frank Nemmers were nominated but withdrew. Motion to close nominations and an unanimous ballot for Jack Paisley. Voice vote approval. (Elections in 1986: First Vice President and Treasurer.)

Announcements: President Dompka encouraged all to mark their calendar for July 8-9, 1986 for our Convention in New Mexico. Mel Hemann encouraged members to notify him of change of address because of higher postage rates for returned mail. Pictures for Directory are best if black and white. Plans for departure van to airport on Thursday morning through Jim Landry at 7, 8 and 9 AM. Video of Channel 3 news story shown by John Friederick. Copies can be purchased through him.

Motion for adjournment at 10:06 PM by John Hemann and Frank Nemmers. Voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK

Jack Paisley, Secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Augustine Abeywickrema, A.L. Bedard, John Bellon, Bill Bevington, John Dompka, John Esquibel, John Friederick, Dick Funke, Henry Haacke, Ev Hemann, Mel Hemann, John Hemann, John Herzog, Dave Hogan, Jim Kelley, Bob Kirsch, Art Kleve, Ed Murray, Gene Murray, Frank Nemmers, Jack Paisley, Ray Radzietta, Phil Schmitt, George Schneider, Bob Sennott, Al Sigur, Dick Skriba, PETE SWEENEY, Edwina Tabares, Charlie Teufel, Marc Tillia, Irv Weber, Al Werth, and John Wolesky. GUESTS: Diana Abeywickrema, Eddie Joe Esquibel, Vickie Esquibel, Richard Lyon and Helen (Haacke) Lyon.
(34 members present, 13 from the State of Iowa !)

1985 CONVENTION

On July 7 & 8 they arrived. 34 members and their guests. From all corners of the 48 contiguous States and Brazil. In Cessnas, Mooneys and Pipers they came. To Lafayette Regional to be part of the 1985 NAPP National Convention.

Paul Fournet's operation - the local FBO - provided the initial gathering place and generously gave free-tie downs for the duration. His hangar also was the place everyone gathered for several hours on Tuesday, July 9, to participate in an FAA seminar and a very interesting presentation from members of the local Confederate Air Force Ghost Squadron.



The Plantation Inn was home for several days. It was here that cool refreshments awaited everyone while old acquaintances were renewed and introductions of new members and guests made every one feel at home.

This was convention headquarters - the gathering place - the watering hole - the place for hangar flying in the cool comfort of the air conditioned rooms.

It was all adequate; the friends great; the price right. Who could ask for more?

Congenial Al Sigur, (lower right), was this year's host. Under his direction and the very capable assistance of several senior citizens and other notables, they kept us on the move from morn till late at night.

The first official Convention function was the dinner at the Holidome. A very delightful way to begin.

The first full day of the Convention began with breakfast at the Plantation Inn and a welcome from Mayor Dud Lastrapes. He made president John Dompka and myself honorary CAJUNS. I was proud, honored, until that evening when they made the whole group honorary Cajuns. Now the burning question remains - "what does it all mean?"





The Convention began in earnest when we boarded the school bus that served as the groups' mode of transportation. It seemed after a while that we were living on that bus.

Grand Coteau, LA. was the first point of interest. This is the site of Our Lady of Oaks Retreat House. Built by the diocese it was given to the Jesuits to operate along with the Jesuit Spirituality Center. At one time the headquarters of all Jesuit functions in the South, they since have moved to New Orleans. Their facilities are now used in providing all types of spiritual renewal, growth and formation.

Located in the same area is the Shrine of St. John Berchman's and the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Pictured at right is one of the Sisters giving a history of the shrine and also the miracle attributed to St. John.

Following her delightful presentation we celebrated the Liturgy and then toured the grounds.

After viewing all of the above the bus took us to the airport where we participated in the seminars at the Paul Fournet hangar.

A short drive from there took us to the HILTON for a delicious luncheon.



Petroleum Helicopters, Inc., the largest commercial helicopter operation in the world, treated us to about a 50 minute ride over the coastal areas and to some of the off-shore rigs. Unfortunately insurance regs did not allow landing on one.

The afternoon concluded with a tour of a restored Acadian Village.





Tuesday night we all gathered, along with local invited guests, at the home of Doug & Claire Ashy. What delightful hosts!

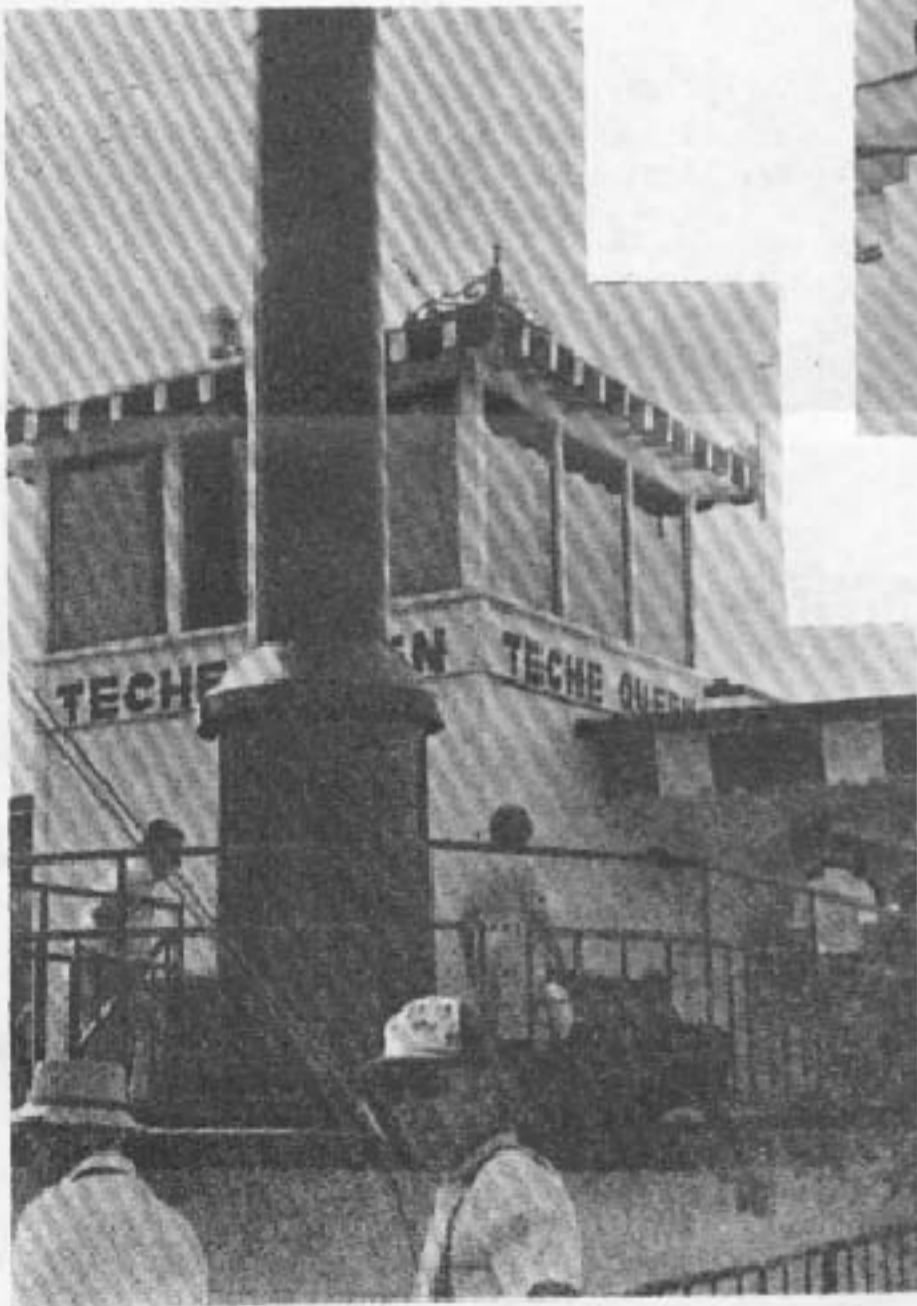
For those who so desired, there was a boatribe on the river. Tennis, shuffleboard, swimming or just plain loafing was there for the asking.

The highlight of the evening was a tour of Ashy's beautiful home and then the crawfish boil.

Tired - and stuffed - we got back to the Plantation Inn shortly before the hour that would have turned all of us into pumpkins.

From the look on everyone's face it is quite evident that crawfish seems to agree with NAPP personnel.

Marc Tilia appears to be preparing himself for that long flight back to Brazil while Bill Bevington checks to see if all the others are OK.



Wednesday morning the bus took us to New Iberia. We first toured a fabled antebellum home, Shadows on the Teche.

Our next stop was only a few blocks away where we boarded the paddlewheeler, Teche Queen, for a cruise down the Bayou Teche.

On the way out of town we stopped at Cajun restaurant for our noon meal.



2:00 PM found us at Jefferson Island. American actor Joseph Jefferson built a winter home here. Surrounding the 19th century home are twenty acres of carefully landscaped gardens. These gardens were the dream of J.L. Bayless, Jr., who inherited the home from his father who purchased the home and the surrounding acres after Jefferson's death in 1905.

November 20, 1980 a drilling rig operated by Texaco was drilling in nearby Lake Peigneur. It caused the penetration of the salt dome beneath the lake creating a giant whirlpool which drained the lake. The past three years have brought about a fantastic restoration which we thoroughly enjoyed.

A brief stop in Martinsville brought us to the oldest Church and Parish in South Central Louisiana.

The area is also one that was immortalized by Longfellow in his poem Evangeline. Based on true characters, a statue of the lady stands in the back yard and the sprawling oak still stands on the bank of the nearby river.

A drive to downtown Lafayette brought us to St. John the Evangelist Cathedral. The liturgy in the newly remodeled Cathedral was the high point for this annual priestly gathering.



It was back to the Plantation Inn for the closing banquet. Another of those fantastic southern meals! One of the unexpected delights was the appearance of the local barbershop chorus. Arranged by convention coordinator Jim Landry, even host Al Sigur was surprised.

The appearance of this group led to some beautiful singing from the tables.



President John Dompka was able to finally bring all the merry making to a close. All gathered in the room set aside for the meeting. With all the momentous items on the agenda duly taken care of, Convention 1985 became history and Thursday morning, July 11, saw the Padres winging their way back to the various places they call home.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS, INC.
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1984

RECEIPTS

	1983	1984
Dues	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1290.00
Interest	767.57	784.13
Convention refund	-0.00	200.00
Donations	20.00	40.00
NAPP Caps	61.00	70.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,128.57	2,384.13

EXPENDITURES

Postage	300.00	300.00
Newsletter	578.03	373.36
Letterheads	174.12	0.00
Telephone	0.00	75.00
Convention advances	0.00	100.00
Donation to Father Marc's Mission (1983: Wings of Hope)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Photo album	50.00	63.00
Pictorial directory	267.28	0.00
NAPP caps	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,369.43	1,911.36

SUMMARY

Assets, beginning of year	6,363.71	6,122.85
Receipts for the year	2,128.57	2,384.13
Expenditures for the year	2,369.43	1,911.36
ASSETS, END OF YEAR	6,122.85	6,595.62

ASSETS

Checking	122.85	595.62
Savings certificate	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,122.85	\$ 6,595.62

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Charles B. Teufel
 Charles B. Teufel, Treasurer

