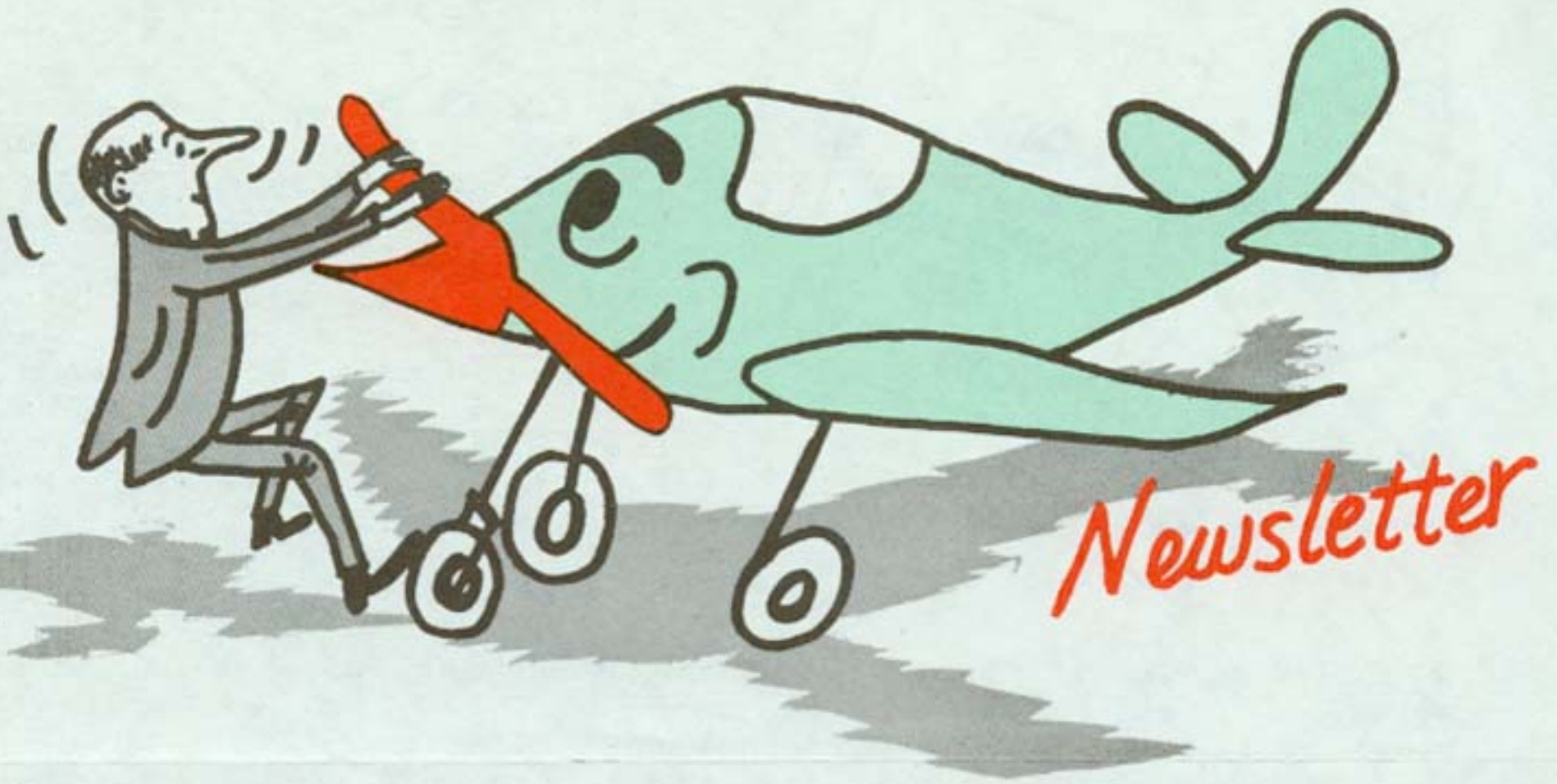


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The "UNCONQUERED SUN" will hopefully greet NAPP at Saint Louis in July -- and all your airborne days this summer.

Confirmation, Jubilees, Graduations, Marriages, etc. abound in May and June. Some holy priests will even endure the stress of an assignment change. Mel Hemann and Yours Truly for two. Plenty of airports in Iowa, though.

National Conventions bring together the "FRIENDLY FRJARS FLYING FRATERNITY" -- and some business. Agenda items from you might be included. Send them to me. After June 16 it will be P.O. Box 37, Larchwood, Iowa 51241. Furthermore, nominees are needed for the open officer positions.

Best wishes to you and yours,

Frank Nemmers

Museum Expansion

Construction Nears Completion

A PLANES OF FAME PUBLICATION

JANUARY • FEBRUARY 1991



Pond Racer Update

The long wait for the much-anticipated flight of the Rutan-designed twin-engined **Pond Racer** is nearing reality. During the week of January 7th, 1991, the **Pond Racer** officially began a series of pre-flight testing. Testing will take place throughout the month and include a series of extended engine run-ups with and without engine cowling and several low and high speed taxi exercises. The official first flight with pilot Dick Rutan at the controls, has yet to be announced, but is expected within the next 30-45 days. Great care has been taken in the installation of the final cowling of **The Pond Racer** engines. The two Nissan Twin-turbo 1000hp, 3.2 Litre V6 engines, are virtually

the same engines used in the two-time IMSA Camel GTP Winning, Nissan prototype race car driven by Geoff Brabham. Various cowling, wiring, radiator plumbing and cooling requirements have provided a multitude of problems and as can be seen in the accompanying photos, certainly make for a tight engine package. Specifications of **The Pond Racer** are impressive. Constructed almost entirely of aerospace composites with a gross weight of approximately 4000lbs., this sleek, 2000hp racing aircraft is expected to attain speeds in excess of 600mph. **The Pond Racer** will make its racing debut at Reno and an official assault on the Propeller Driven Aircraft Speed Records will begin in late 1991.





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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

John Bellon sent parts of a letter Jim Falsey sent from Fairbanks, Alaska to his home diocese, Saginaw, Michigan.

"We had a gathering of the Fairbanks Diocesan Priests in Anchorage March 4-7. Four out of the five of us made it. There are only three diocesan priests actually ordained for the Diocese of Fairbanks. Two of us are on loan ...

"By pure coincidence, the Iditarod Dog Sled race was starting while I was there (Anchorage). On my way back from Anchorage, I stopped to say Mass in Unalakleet. Again, it just happened that the first mushers were passing through Unalakleet before I left for Nome ...

"The parishes are very small here. The people are not liturgically sophisticated. The buildings are basic survival shelters. The furnishings are homemade plywood and 2 x 4 construction, with the altars doubling as storage cabinets. The liturgical style is mid-'60s. You do the best you can with what you've got ... The other problem is how to cover two parishes that are 150 miles apart ..."

Jim's plans were bold. Holy Thursday in Nome, Good Friday in Unalakleet. A 7 p.m. vigil there on Saturday, then fly to Nome for an 11 p.m. vigil there. But the weather was to be the determining factor.

Adopt a Parish

Those in attendance at the 1975 Nashville Convention will recall the hospitality of HARRY and ALICE HOSEY. A recent article on them.

HARRY AND ALICE had two choices. On a Caribbean cruise, the Tennessee couple, Catholics with 14 children, could have hopped into a limousine and joined the rest of their shipmates for a night of drinking and dancing at a hotel in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Or they could have wandered off to see firsthand the real Haiti.

As the poet says, the two chose the less-traveled path. The rest, as they say, is history.

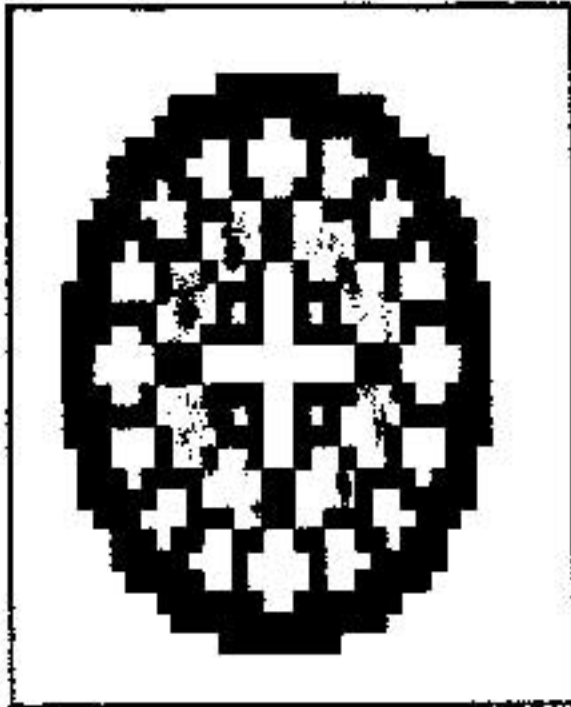
The Hoseys happened upon a notorious slum and were appalled by the poverty. But the Hosey's found what they were searching for: a way to give their children an outlet for works of mercy.

The Hosey's visited Haiti in 1957. Since then, the Hosey's have almost single-handedly linked 250 U.S. parishes in 49 dioceses with all 212 Catholic parishes in Haiti.

This one Catholic family has led the way in substantially helping an entire country. Their "adopt-a-parish" program enabled advances in religious education, literacy and political empowerment.

It was a measure of the contributions the Hoseys have made to Haiti that they were invited as honored guests to the inauguration of Jean-Bertrand Aristide as Haitian president. The 37 year old Roman Catholic priest from a small parish helped lead the battle against the Duvalier family dictatorship to become the country's first elected president in its 187-year history.

"In my own mind, the difference of the poor people who did the voting had to come from help through education to realize they're human beings and had rights," said Hosey, 79, in Old Hickory, Tenn.



"God is with us!"

**"IF GOD IS FOR US
WHO CAN BE
AGAINST US?"**

(Romans 8:31)

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April 29, 1991 (Mon) 1:46pm

Dear Fr. Mel,

Greetings in the Lord! I'm hoping that the corn fields of Iowa are all getting ready for their spring planting, and everything is in readiness for the summer blessings.

The reason for this little note is to simply give you a change of address.

Old address and phone were:

Rev. Bert Pepowski, O.F.M.
12915 Parrish St. Box 156
CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

Phone: 219-374-5931

My new address and phone for at least a year is:

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Phone: 617-828-0899

I've finished my two units of CPE and will be meeting with the certifying board for certification out here in the East.

I've done a little flying in these last few months just before moving here. Mostly with an Instrument student. He's doing really well and should be earning his rating soon. I've just arrived here and in the midst of unpacking. I just got the new Directory and already a need for at least one update.

I've just checked in to the nearby Norwood Massachusetts Airport. They seem like friendly people and I should be checking out in an Archer this coming week. Just to be able to fly about the Boston area and see New England from the air.

God's blessings to you Mel, and all the members of NAPP.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,

Bert

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April 26, 1991

Dear NAPP'ers:

Thank you for all the wonderful good times I enjoyed while a member of NAPP. Since I don't fly any more + don't foresee the prospect of doing so, I feel I should let my membership lapse.

Thanks again for all the blue sky adventures I had while with you.

Peace
Bernard Bush J

P.S. One reason I stopped flying had to do with the percentage of priest pilots who have died in aviation mishaps. I never was able to develop that "it-can-never-happen-to-me" mindset.

NAPP National Convention
St. Louis, Missouri - July 9-10, 1991

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Arrival information:

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Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

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I am interested in the following events:

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| ___ St. Louis Cathedral (mosaics) & St. Francis Xavier College Church (major liturgical renovation) | ___ Anheuser-Busch Brewery tour |
| ___ St. Stanislaus Museum (Pere Marquette, DeSmet, Jesuits, Catholic settlement of Midwest) | ___ Cahokia Mounds Indian Museum (largest historic Indian settlement in America) |
| ___ Our Lady of the Snows Shrine (Oblates/pilgrimages) | ___ Cardinals Baseball Game (Busch Stadium) |
| ___ Wings of Hope (new location at Spirit Airport) | ___ Flight simulator (Flight Safety International) |
| ___ Annual or Biennial Check Ride | ___ Charles Lindbergh Collection (1927 flight, personalia, etc.) |
| ___ Cross-country scenic flying | ___ annual retreat at Kings House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (Oblates - directed or private) (Dates available the week before NAPP convention) |

Detailed information will follow this Registration Form. Please return this pre-registration form to:

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CONVENTION SITE: Parks College of Saint Louis University campus.
AIRPORT: St. Louis Downtown-Parks Airport CPS Cahokia, Illinois
LODGING: Holloran Hall (Student dormitory: individual air-conditioned rooms, shared bathrooms, quiet campus setting)
COSTS: @ \$28.00 per night, single occupancy, full breakfast.