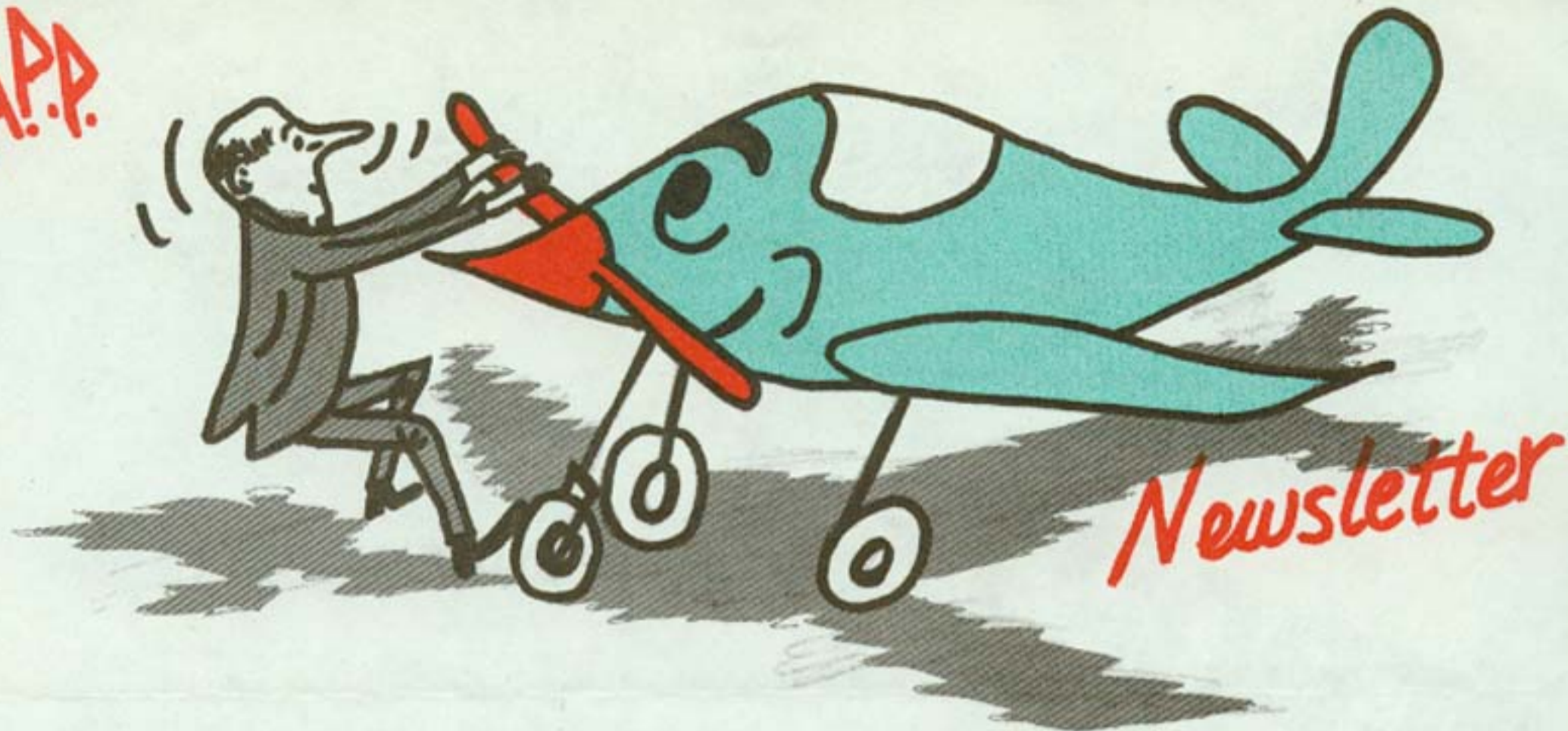


N.A.P.P.



---

VOLUME VIII

FEBRUARY 1971

NO. 3

---

Like everyone else it seems as though the days are longer, the nights shorter and the work load heavier. It suddenly dawned on me today that the middle of February is rapidly approaching and if the goal of getting out an NAPP newsletter every other month is to be met, I'd better get at it.

I personally have been very pleased with the response to the decision the Board of Directors made regarding the payment of the annual membership fee. To date the number sending in their dues for 1971 is nearing the one hundred mark, We had been sending out about 215 newsletters the past couple of years but many on the list were Priests who had never paid dues in the beginning or had stopped after the first year. It was my personal feeling, & the Board concurred, that we should strike from the list those who were for one reason or another no longer interested in NAPP. I think the organization will be a much more viable organization when it is composed of only those who want to belong.

Some of the letters that have come in since December have been very encouraging. The interest that is shown in fellow Priests and their activities is truly genuine. Reading the letters of lonely missionaries and what it means to belong to something like NAPP just sort of makes it all worthwhile. Reading of the frustrations of others who can't fly because of present assignments or health or financial reasons helps one to realize that things could always be worse.

Looking over the list of members who have paid their dues for '71 there are some of the old faithful still missing from this year's list. I am certain that this is an oversight on their part and hopefully will send in the dues soon. In sending the dues to Charlie I even forgot to include my own so I know how easy it is.

In conclusion, we do hope that all of you will try to lighten our burden by cooperating and getting your dues in as close to March 1 as possible. This will enable Charlie to keep those records in a much simpler fashion.

---

# REPORT

## CONVENTION



## Pilots



## HEADQUARTERS

July 13-14

## Meeting

# PITTSBURGH

## Briefs from here and there...

Fr. Bob Hogan of Dubuque, Iowa says his first big trip was a flop. He planned on flying from Dubuque to Worland, Wyoming to hunt deer. The forecast was good, but as he got farther west the ceilings kept getting worse and he finally had to land at Wognen, South Dakota. The next three days were spent there in the middle of a big low pressure area. When it finally lifted he had to return to Dubuque.

---

Fr. John Walsh writes from Belleville, Illinois that although he's never been able to get to any convention he does enjoy the communication via the newsletter. Anyone flying in the Belleville area might want to land at Bi-State Parks Airport. It's within the boundaries of John's parish.

---

Fr. Gerry Gefell, chaplain at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, missed the convention in Ames because his instrument check ride came at the same time. He's hoping for better luck this year.

The Fort Bragg Army flying club is by far the largest military club in business. They boast 400 active pilots, 24 airplanes, 18 instructors and a fully accredited FAA and VA flight instruction school. All ratings are possible including helicopter, DC 3 and even Lear jet.

Gerry, along with Father John McCullagh, Division Chaplain, 82nd Abn. Div., bought a Cherokee Arrow 200 last February. Gerry got his instrument rating in it; John is now completing his commercial and beginning instrument work. They rent the Arrow to other club members and it has become the most popular plane in the club.

Hope you give one of the NAPP brochures to your partner Gerry.

---

Fr. Frank Mouch of St. Petersburg, Florida is superintendent of education for the St. Petersburg diocese. He uses the plane frequently for business travel over the state.

---

Fr. Francis Weidinger of Chinook, Montana, and 1st Vice President of NAPP share these thoughts: "Reflections on NAPP are all most pleasant. Hope this group always keeps going. It has been a unifying and encouragement factor in both my priesthood and my flying. I am sure the Master is pleased with our organization. For me it has been a means of promoting safer and more proficient flying and greater experience in cross-country flights. It has opened up new and beautiful friendships that otherwise would not have been mine for a fuller life."

Frank also goes on to say that winter flying in northern Montana is not too probable due to cold engine starting and deep snow on runways so the "bird" sets most of the five months of winter.

---

Fr. Thoralf Thielen of the Josephinum School of Theology in Worthington, Ohio is on a sabbatical leave. He has a HEW-NIMH grant with an appointment as post-doctoral fellow in the Division of Family Life, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) to do advanced clinical work in marriage and family life counseling. When he finishes in July he is to inaugurate a similar counselling program in the theological curriculum for the clinical training of the seminarians and clergy in the Columbus, Ohio area beginning in September of this year.

His address till July: Ferdinand Farmer Residence  
4520 Chester Ave.  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19143

Fr. John Birk of Spokane, Washington attended the 29th Anniversary Banquet of CAP December 5th and was surprised by being given the trophy for "Outstanding Chaplain of Washington Wing for 1970."

---

Fr. James Broussard, presently at Tulane University in New Orleans is engaged in full time studies working toward a Master's degree in social work. Along with the full-time work, he works part time in a local parish.

---

Fr. P. J. McDonald of Des Moines, Iowa and myself conducted an all-day workshop for the staff of Catholic Social Services in the Des Moines diocese on December 4.

P. J. and I also collaborated on another venture-his instrument instructor's rating which he received right before Christmas.

---

Fr. James Hayes of Barrie, Ontario is snow bound with his Ercoupe and is waiting for the snow plow to come. He likes the Pittsburg area for the '71 Convention and hopes to be present at that one.

---

Fr. John Dee of Winona, Minnesota, featured in the last newsletter, has a record available. His address can be found there.

Several have asked for more information about him and his work. His work is geared primarily toward liturgical renewal--reaching the elders in the Parish by using children. His Bishop has given him permission to "free lance" in this particular type of work.

If you are looking for something along these lines in your Parish, contact him. I have heard very glowing reports from Priests who have had him.

---

Fr. Remi Rayant of Shakopee, Minnesota, tried Schweitzer gliding last summer and found the control response utterly different from powered planes, requiring a fantastic adjustment of flying reflexes.

A couple of months ago he nearly washed out because of a semantics problem. He rented a Cub-converted to 90 H.P. and wing-end plates involving slight wing area increase. He asked, "Any special thing I should know about this ship?" He was told plane "floated a bit" otherwise no problem. He ran into an unforecasted front and was forced to turn back. The turn shook loose the float gauge resulting in high gas consumption and forced him to land at the nearest field. The wind velocity had doubled and the plane did not just "float", it landed 10 mph slower resulting in a bad bounce. The throttle didn't catch to "ease her down" and he plopped down the hardest in his life. Inspection revealed no damage and the newly acquired knowledge made for a perfect landing at home.

---

Fr. Donald Eder of Logansport, State Hospital, Logansport, Indiana uses his PA-32 Arrow for Hospital-Community work in delivery of Hospital personnel to the Community and Community to the Hospital.

---

Retired Army Chaplain John Brucker of Fort Loramie, Ohio, owned a plane till two years ago when he sold it because he didn't have time to fly. His spare moments now are taken up in fishing.

---

Fr. Martin Pfab of Osage, Iowa began flying this past year and soloed on July 5th. On January 4th, he was sworn in as a Chaplain in the National Guard.

---

Vern J. Schaefer of Byron, Minnesota, flew Msgr. R. J. Jansen to Sioux City for the installation of his classmate, Bishop Francis Greteman. While there they visited NAPP member, Msgr. Ben Bauer, rector of the Cathedral of the Epiphany.

Vern led a pilgrimage of 27 people to Europe in October. They stopped at Lourdes and Fatima to give thanks for 25 good years in the priesthood.

# reflections

I regret time didn't permit including a personal note when I sent you your 1971 NAPP membership card. But, it just didn't. I only hope that no one was overlooked in my organized confusion. It could have happened that I forgot to send someone his membership card or pin. If I did please let me know and I'll try to rectify it as soon as possible.

---

The NAPP directory for 1971 will be coming out with the April newsletter. The format will be the same as last year's but we will try to list the members according to States as well as alphabetically.

If you haven't sent in your dues, PLEASE do so NOW if not before.

---

Start thinking about Pittsburg on July 13 and 14. Let's make this a REALLY BIG ONE. Reservation sheet next time.

---

Send all news items and words  
of praise to

SMW  
KEM

Rev. Mel Hemann  
2210 Lincolnway  
Ames, Iowa  
50010

(All unfavorable comments should be  
sent to the Devil c/o Hell.)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

# GET SERIOUS

**\$10.00 DUES**

**1971**



## National Association Priest Pilots

2210 LINCOLN WAY  
AMES, IOWA 50010

NAME ..... INSTITUTION .....

ADDRESS: ..... PHONE .....

CITY: ..... STATE ..... ZIP CODE .....

DIOCESE: ..... RELIGIOUS ORDER .....

MILITARY: BRANCH ..... HOME DIOCESE: .....

DATE OF BIRTH: ..... DATE OF ORDINATION .....

SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT NAPP: .....

BEGAN TO FLY: DATE: ..... SOLOED (date) ..... FAA CERTIFICATE .....

RATING: ..... DATE: ..... APPROX. TOTAL HOURS ..... LAST YEAR .....

TYPE OF PLANE: ..... CLUB    
 OWNER    
 RENT

PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: .....