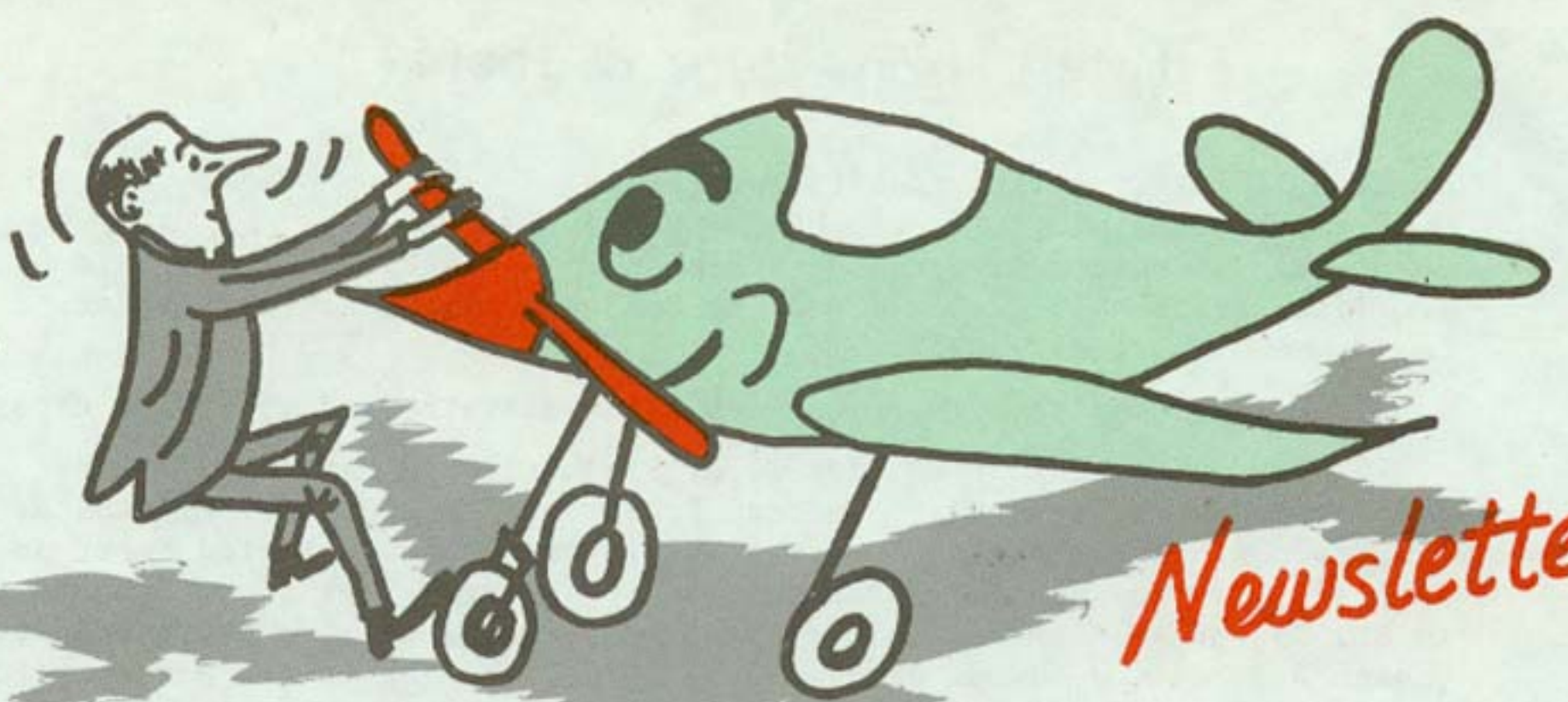


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YOUR PRESIDENT'S PROFUNDITIES

It's about that time for the editor to be calling again and time for me to extend best wishes for a happy Advent and Christmas season. Everybody says this time of year: "My, it's busy in December." I hope you have some time for flying after Christmas. A good way to start 1982 is by getting up and away or at least around the patch. Flying for most priests has been marginally affordable. That means it could take a good bit of rationalizing especially as fuel prices continue higher. Being in a club seems to be the most economical way to go. If you are lucky enough to be able to be part of a good flying club, perhaps you could report in the newsletter how your club is set up and what made it attractive for you.

Plans are starting to develop for our annual meeting in the Denver-Colorado Springs area. That's the second week in July. I hope you are blocking off the days.

Have a happy New Year.

John Herzog

- Briefs from here & there -

Tim Boekelman writes from Le Mars, Iowa

"I am interested in becoming a member of N.A.P.P. and I was told by Fr. John Herzog that I should send my membership dues to you." (Ref. to treasurer Charlie Teufel).

"The following is a short summary of my ministry and my flying experience."

"I was ordained for the Diocese of Sioux City in May of 1977 after completing my studies at St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad's, Indiana. Since ordination I was an assistant pastor at Sacred Heart in Spencer, Iowa for one year. At the end of my first year I was transferred to St. Joseph's, Le Mars, Iowa. As an assistant at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's I had the normal parish duties plus teaching in the parish schools. At Sacred Heart I taught in the grade school and at Le Mars I am involved in the grade school and high school. My current teaching assignment is sophomore religion, advanced math for the seniors and assisting the high school counselor.

"My interest in flying goes back several years. It wasn't till I was transferred to Le Mars that I began to think seriously about learning to fly. Fr. Tom Geelan was the superintendent of the school at that time. Through him my interest in flying was renewed. One afternoon I called the Le Mars Airport and made some inquiries and set up an appointment for my first lesson. After the first lesson I knew I was hooked. I had to get my pilot's license. I began flying in October of 1979 and made my first solo flight on December 13, 1979. I earned my license on January 16, 1981. I trained in a Cherokee 140. Six months after getting my license I was made an offer I couldn't refuse. I was asked to enter into a five way partnership in a 1975 Cherokee Archer. I love the plane and I LOVE flying it. I am a low hour pilot, about 75 hours, but I'm gaining experience.

"Hopefully, I will be able to make the annual meeting next July."

From Frederick R. (Fritz) Lang in Medaryville, Indiana

"Received the October Newsletter this morning, and this is my change of address. (See elsewhere in NEWSLETTER).

"Enjoy hearing the news from around the circuit. Am finding out what I always suspected about some country parishes: this is no retirement! I live here in Medaryville, take care of another parish also in Francesville (c. 15 minute drive), and teach one course (N.T. Creek) at St. Joseph college, Rensselaer. A lot of running around.

"President of the Church Council here is a pilot, has his own grass strip, own an Aeronca Champ, and is encouraging me to take up flying again.

"Stopped in the middle of that sentence to watch the Columbia lift-off. Exciting, wasn't it?

"Am enclosing a little something by way of dues to help the effort.

"Oremus pro invicem!"

The following letter comes from Bill Travers, Bonn, W. Germany



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dear Mel,

just received the NAPP Newsletter - read the first page with reference to the location of the 1982 Convention and your comments about the prudence of "frequenting military establishments" caused an immediate and drastic rise in temperature. Of course, you will realize that I am speaking from a background of 22 years as a chaplain in the US Air Force.

I trust you don't place all the members of the Armed Forces in the category of the "military-industrial complex". The cartoon caricatures of obese generals with large hats and shoulderboards aching for a chance to exercise their talents in a war are so far removed from the generals, colonels and sergeants that I know - I get furious when I think of the harm that is being done to men and women who are - if called for - putting their lives on the line .

Bluntly put, my friend, it is men and women like these who are making it possible for you to live in relative freedom and dignity.

I am a firm believer in peace and justice, but from long experience in Korea and its prison camps and having read of the Hanoi Hilton, I am also fully convinced that military preparedness on our part is the only language the Marxists understand.

I know this sounds like a tirade and I am usually much more peaceful and serene than this, but your off the cuff comment about prudence just triggered this. I am quite willing to debate this subject at length any time.

In the meantime, to answer your request for comments, I don't know what you have done in the past with visiting military installations, whether you visit the flight line, stay at the visiting quarters or whatever, but please don't make it sound as if the men and women of these installations are contagious people to be avoided at all costs.

There - you have it -

Bill Travers
And I'm NOT going to resign, either!

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CENTRAL REGION MEETING

REMINDER

The Central Region will have its Spring get together at St. Mary's Church, Dow City, Iowa. John Vakulskas will host the gathering on Monday, May 3, 1982. Denison, Iowa is the nearest airport.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. More details will follow as that date approaches.

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details will follow...

LOOK WHAT POPPED UP FROM MEL!

This issue is being done without my faithful co-editor, Nancy. I think it is only the second or third time in over ten years that this has happened.

About a month ago Nancy ended up with serious surgery as a result of kidney stones. About a week ago another stone wouldn't pass and there was some serious kidney damage before the cause was diagnosed. She is now walking around with a tube sticking out of her back and a bag strapped to her leg awaiting what the next visit to the doctor will say. Keep her, her husband and little Amy in your prayers. I know she can use them.

Included with the newsletter is the dues envelope. The dues remain the same, after all these years, \$10.00 American. It's hard to find bargains like that anymore these days.

Please send your envelope to Charlie right away so that we get that out of the way.

One of our informational brochures is also included to pass to friends.

Perhaps many of you got the last page. I'm "borrowing" it from Bob Kirsch. I thought it a thought worth passing on in case Bob didn't send every NAPP member a Christmas wish and an invitation to his 25th. CONGRATS!!!

It's beginning to look more and more as though Colorado Springs is going to be our 1982 NAPP convention site in July. Hopefully by the February issue we'll have that all nailed down.

Greetings

this Christmas

mend a quarrel
seek out a forgotten friend
share some treasure
give a soft answer
encourage youth
keep a promise
find the time
Listen
apologize if you were wrong
be gentle
laugh a little
laugh a little more
express your gratitude
welcome a stranger
gladden the heart of a child
take pleasure in the beauty
and wonder of the earth
speak your love
speak it again
speak it still once again

Happy Holidays