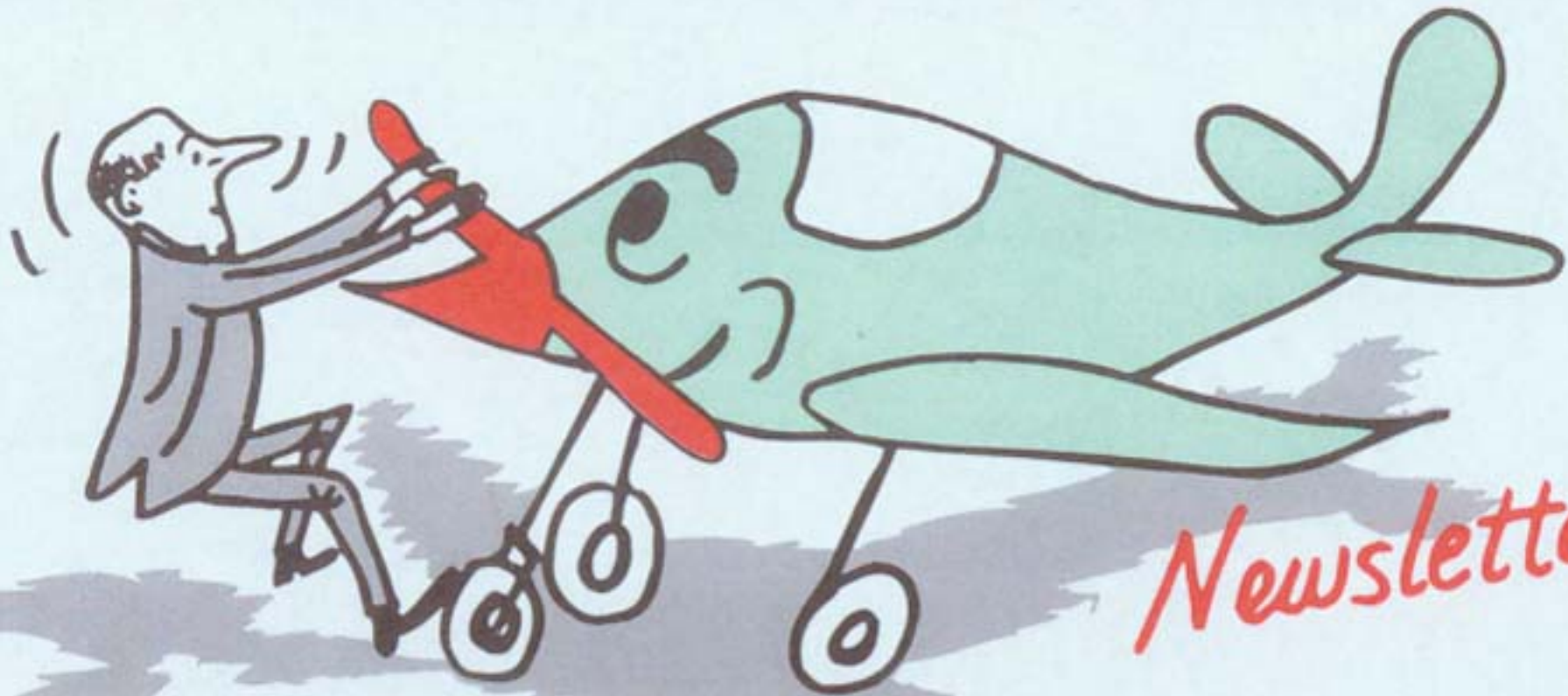


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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I am humbled by your vote on July 12th which elected me your new president. Now I must walk in the footsteps of our great predecessors.

Ev has raised to a higher level, the standards of the NAPP presidency. So I will try to rise up to his standards. In turn, he has agreed to help me out with some ideas. Please stay tuned.

The 2005 **convention** is almost over. The coordinator of the convention waits for some checks to be cashed, and for a **bounced check** to be made good. The coordinator will submit a financial report when it finally becomes available.

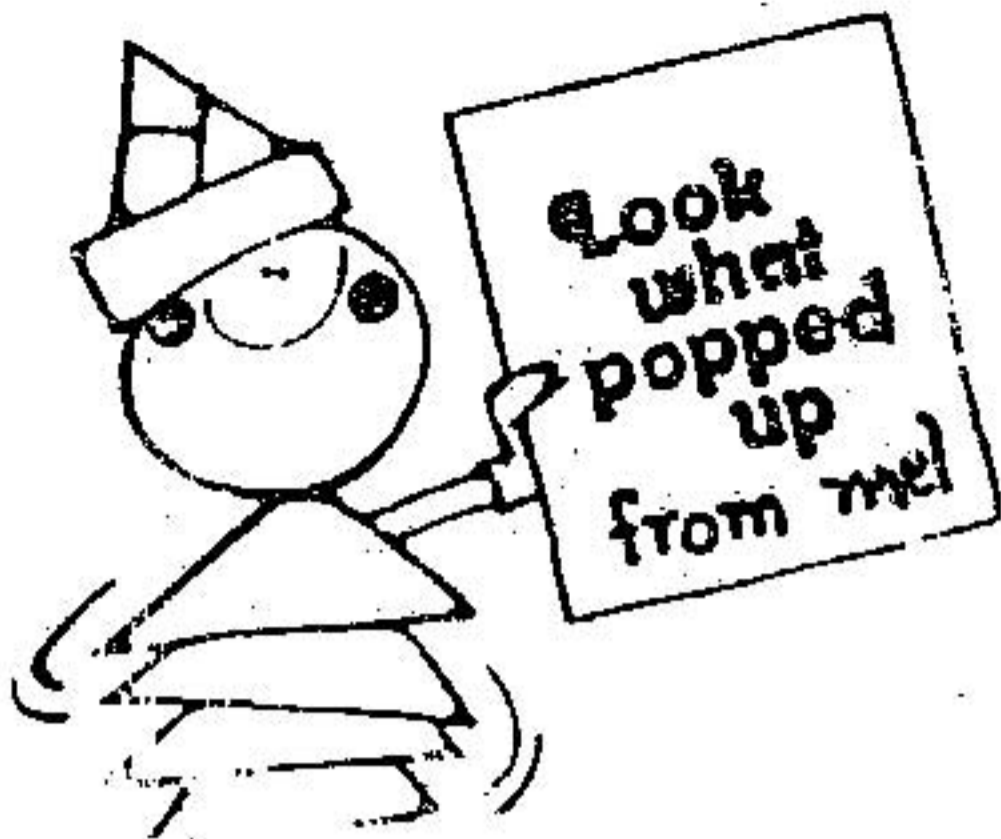
Pray hard, and fly safely.

Sincerely and fraternally,

- Abbot Charles Coriston, OSB (-65) +
- Robert J Sennott (-69) +
- Mel Hemann (-73)
- Richard Skriba (-77) +
- John W Hemann (-81)
- John Herzog (-83)
- John Dompka (-87) +
- William Bevington (-89)
- Frank Nemmers (-93)
- Thomas Geelan (-97)
- Al Werth (-01)
- Everett Hemann (-05)

*Charles B. Teufel*

Charles B. Teufel



At the NAPP convention attendees usually pay their dues for the upcoming year. On this end it created a lot of additional work trying to keep it all straight. Several years ago we decided our fiscal year would coincide with our annual convention date. Ergo, the 2006 NAPP year began on July 1. The almost 50 in attendance in Frederick, Maryland paid their 2006 dues and received their new 2006 membership card. A few others mailed dues to me and your card is enclosed in this envelope. The rest of you will find the annual dues envelope included in this mailing. Please return it with your dues ASAP.

Incidentally, at our annual meeting we agreed to raise our annual membership fee \$5.00. Now we ask for \$25.00. As you know costs continue to go up. Most of our budget goes for printing and postage while still trying to offer financial assistance to our brothers in their use of the plane in ministry.

Thank you for your prompt response.

The minutes from our annual meeting make reference to the meager help we offer each year. I had a letter from Fr. Sean Thomson, ordained last year for the Diocese of Fairbanks. He is interested in flying so the \$500.00 NAPP scholarship has been sent to

him. Hopefully this gift will assist him in getting started. Our \$1,000.00 donation this year will go to the Diocese of Fairbanks. I have written to Bishop Donald Kettler informing him to prepare for this huge influx to the diocesan coffers in January of 2006. Sadly, with gas prices going out of sight, it may fill the tanks of the diocesan Cessna 207 only a couple of times.

I haven't put out an NAPP directory for a couple of years. I resolve that by year's end I WILL get my computer program figured out so that I can get all of you up to date.

As I was updating the inevitable changes of address I did lose a couple of them when I hit the wrong button. I am relatively certain I got almost all of them restored. I know for sure one is currently incorrect. Hopefully it will be forwarded from his old address and I'll be notified. We're trying and there are good times ahead.

The Midwest gathering listed below is the only notice before we meet next month. Let Ed Murray know your intentions so he can plan accordingly.

In the months ahead we'll keep you abreast of the developing plans for our Oshkosh, 2006, NAPP convention.

#### MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

September 26, 2005

Denison, Iowa

(See enclosed registration page)

#### EARLY REMINDER 2006 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 12-13, 2006

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

**REV. MEL HEMANN**

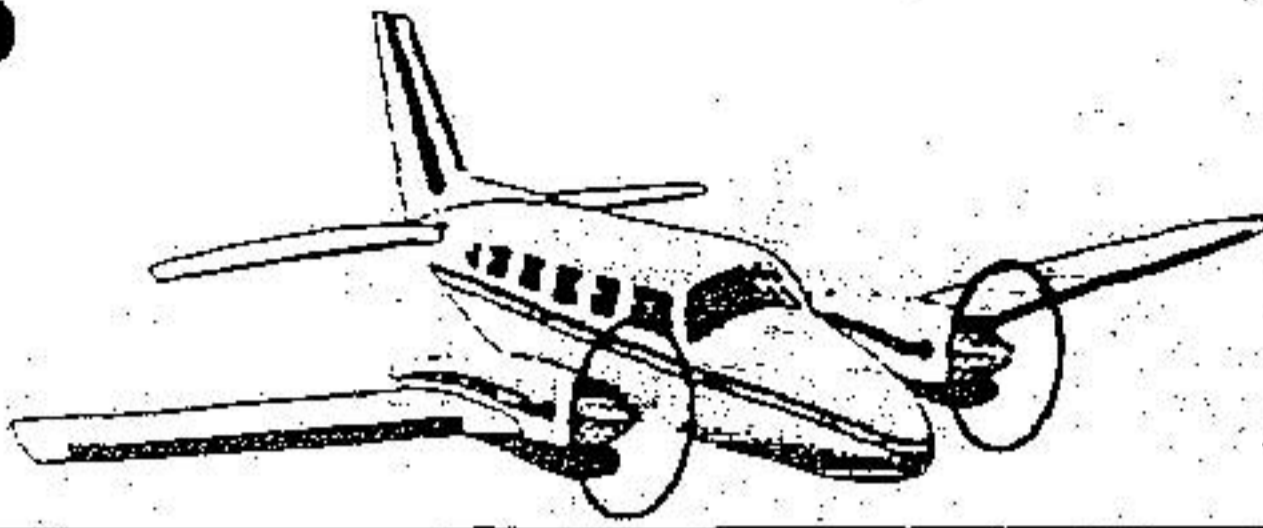
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1683

319-266-3889

Email: n298mh@cfu.net





# BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

*Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Diocese of Fairbanks*

Dear Fr. Hemann,

My name is Sean Thomson and I am a priest for the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. I've been interested in earning a pilot's license for some time now. Our Bishop has asked me to wait until I've gained some proficiency in ministry. As a first year priest obedience is paramount. Nevertheless, I've been flying almost every week with Fr. Tim Sander, O.S.B. since the temperature rose to zero.

I was hoping to apply to join NAPP if it were at all possible. As I am not yet a pilot I hope to at least register. If it is possible to get the paper work then I would be appreciative. I've known good men who were part of your ranks and would consider it a privilege to be part of your program.

Please say "hello" to Charlie Teufel for me if you see him in the near future. Charlie was generous enough to fly me from Bethel to Fairbanks after Bishop Mike's death. He urged me to get my license. It was a surprise for me to see that he is VP of NAPP. Thanks you for what ever help I might receive in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sean

*From Ray Crowe, OMI  
8/6/05*

Hi Mel,

Sorry I had to miss July 12-13. I was in Sao Paulo Brazil  
Notice my change of address.

Fr. Ray Crowe, OMI  
Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
486 Chandler Street  
Tewsbury, MA 01876-2899  
Telephone: 978-851-7258. Ext 113

Could you give me any up date of Padres here in MA flying these days?

Jim Flavin, OMI told me the Dulles meeting was great. Keep up the good work Mel  
God bless!

*Ray Crowe, OMI*

Ray Crowe, OMI

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# FLYING PADRES VISIT AOPA

*From the AOPA Web site 7/16/05*

Forty-one members of the National Association of Priest Pilots (NAPP), also known as the Flying Padres, visited AOPA headquarters Wednesday. In town for the group's annual convention, the AOPA members represented NAPP members nationwide, most of whom are Catholic priests with pilot certificates.

"Our two organizations have historically worked together for a common goal - to keep general aviation pilots flying," said Elizabeth Tennyson, AOPA vice president of ePublishing, who welcomed the group.

The priest pilots were given a tour of AOPA's headquarters building and participated in question-and-answer sessions led by AOPA staff members.

Melissa Rudinger, AOPA vice president of regulatory affairs, spoke to the group about topics that are at the forefront of every pilot's mind - airspace and temporary flight restrictions. These hot topics always raised plenty of questions and discussions among pilots, and the NAPP members were no exception. Rudinger also answered questions about FAA funding, flight service station privatization, and Transportation Security Administration security guidelines.

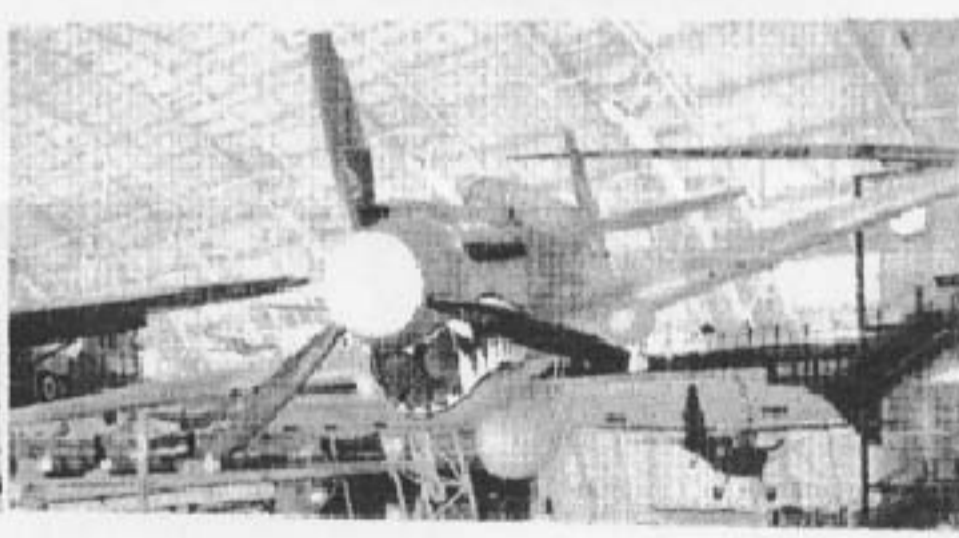
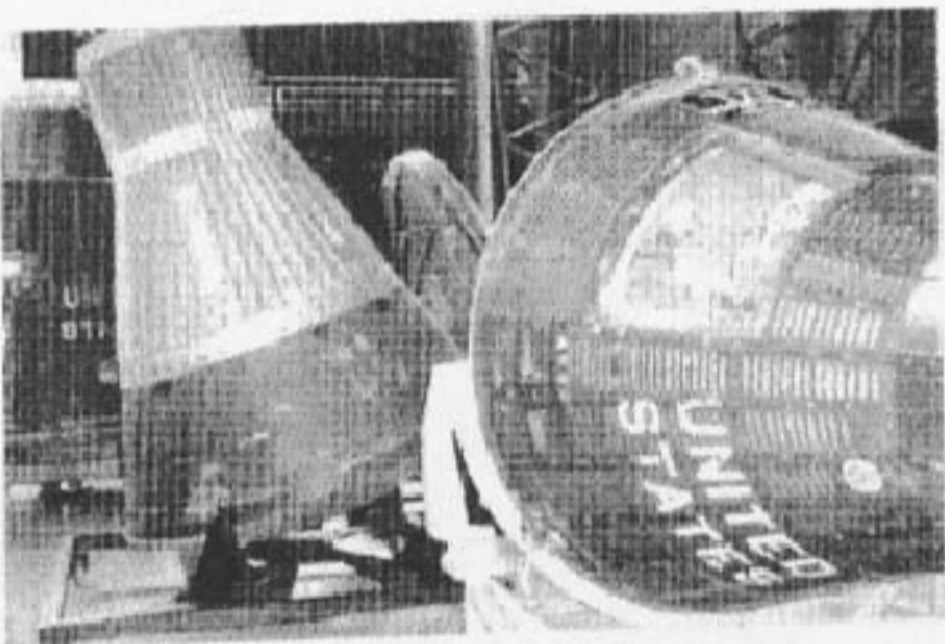
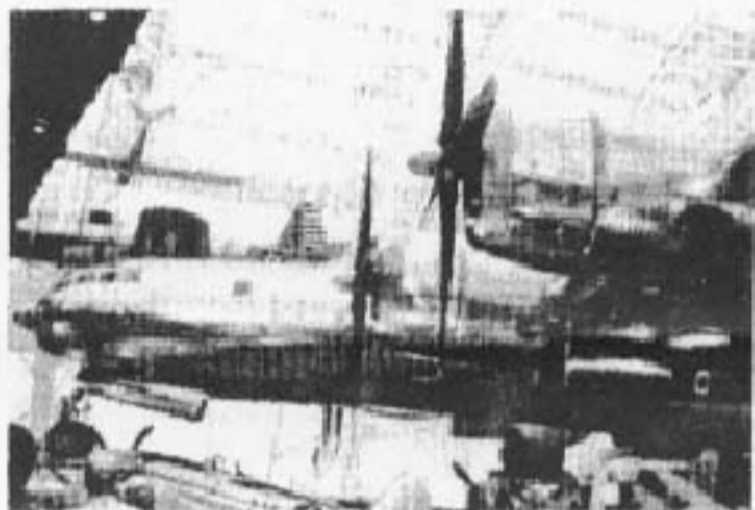
The priests also had questions regarding medical certification. Gary Crump, director of AOPA's medical certification department, was on hand to answer their questions and provide guidance on how to successfully deal with the FAA medical certification process. The AOPA medical staff responds annually to more than 20,000 phone calls and e-mails, answering questions that cover the spectrum of medical conditions from color vision and high blood pressure to kidney stones and heart disease.

Paul Deres, AOPA aviation technical specialist, spoke to the NAPP members about the information and resources available to AOPA members on AOPA.org and through the Pilot Information Center (800/USA-AOPA)

Each year, NAPP holds its annual convention in a new location in the United States. This year, they chose Frederick because of its convenience and proximity to Washington, D.C.



NAPP SHOTS AT AOPA, HOOD COLLEGE & SMITHSONIAN



# NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 6, 2005

## NAPP CHECKING

<b>OPENING BALANCE July 6, 2004</b>	<b>\$ 45.97</b>
<b>NAPP Dues</b>	<b>\$2,845.00</b>
<b>Convention Rebate</b>	<b><u>\$4,040.00</u></b>
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>\$6930.97</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
<b>NAPP Scholarships Phil Gibbs</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Convention Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,089.96</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>\$1,327.73</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$ 330.38</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b><u>\$ 46.86</u></b>
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>\$5,294.93</b>
<b>BALANCE JULY 6, 2005</b>	<b>\$1,636.04</b>

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## NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 6, 2005

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,909.36</b>
<b>Deposit --- Interest (12-31-2004)</b>	<b>\$ 104.12</b>
<b>Deposit --- Interest (06-30-2005)</b>	<b><u>\$ 104.27</u></b>
<b>BALANCE JULY 6, 2005</b>	<b>\$5,117.75</b>

# NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

DENISON, IOWA

September 26, 2005



**HOST:** ED MURRAY  
St. Rose of Lima Parish  
1008 2nd Ave South  
P.O. Box 280  
Denison, IA 51442-0280

Phone: 712-263-2152  
Fax: 712-263-2153  
EMail: [rocest@frontiernet.net](mailto:rocest@frontiernet.net)

## AGENDA FOR THE DAY:

1:00 pm----- Arrival

2:00 pm----- View St. Rose of Lima's new Worship Space

3:30 pm----- A little aviation history of Denison by Merle Luvass

\*\*\* ---- Denison Aviation greats such as:

Charles Fink -- first round the world, non-stop flight

Clarence Chamblair -- first flight across Atlantic with a passenger

5:00 pm ----- Libation for those who can

5:30 pm ----- Supper

6:30 pm ----- Departure

Contact Ed at address info above regarding  
your plans of arrival, etc.

Airport is Denison (DNS)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MINUTES OF THE 2005 NAPP MEETING FREDERICK, MARYLAND JULY 12, 2005

Our hardly lame but quite ducky President, Fr. Ev Hemann opened our 42nd meeting on Tuesday, July 12th at 7:30 PM. After preliminary hall-shopping we finally met at the Coblentz Memorial of the Hood College campus, our convention headquarters. Fr. Joe McCaffrey led us in prayer. Fr. Ev was commended for his noble efforts in pursuing the course of the past four years which commendation he graciously accepted. Our "Trinity" of hosts: Fr. Charlie Teufel, Fr. Pete Sweeney and Msgr. Tony Attea were gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Our registered attendees arrived both by air (more than half) and by land. 7 member aircraft graced the AOPA ramp at Frederick field: N738EN C-172 (Murrays), N5274S C-182 RG (E. Hemann), N5852F C-210 (R. Teufel), N9488X C-210A (Wolesky), N1WZ Aerostar (Attea), N8787P Commanche (Gratton) and N14009 Aztec (M. Hemann)

Total Convention Attendees Numbered 43:  
5 Charter Members: the Reverends John Hemann, Mel Hemann, John Herzog, Bob Kirsch and Phil Schmitt. 25 Regular Members: The Reverends Tony Attea, Bill Bevington, Jim Falsey, Jack Fitzgerald, James Flavin, Tom Gcelan, Dino Lorenzetti, Ed Murray, Gene Murray, Jack Paisley, George Remm, Al Ruschman, Francis Scanlan, Owen Shaley, Pete Sweeney, Charlie Teufel, Bishop Jim Timlin, John Walsh, Al Werth, Jerry Wightman and John Wolesky. 13 Associate Members: Jack Boyle, Bill Browne, Jeff Bryant, George Gratton, Jim Kiernan, Mike Makelbust, Carmen Marchiole, Jack O'Neil, Stanley Radzieta, Richard Remmes, Ron Teufel, Marty Winnert and Fred Wright.

On Tuesday we toured the DULLES SMITHSONIAN SPACE MUSEUM with the "live" Space Shuttle on display. Among the many historical exhibits was the ENOLA GAY, the B29 of World War II Hiroshima fame. There were many other milestones of aviation history.

Our Wednesday morning found us touring AOPA headquarters followed by excellent presentations from 3 AOPA staff members. Following a box lunch at AOPA the group

visited the U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY and exhibits at Annapolis, MD. A goodly number of the "ancients" were not up to making the entire "shoe foot" tour and returned early for a break before the Convention Mass at Coblentz Hall after a hands on change of venue by Present Ev and the brethren. The original location, the College Chapel, was not suitable because of the heavy summer heat and a non-operating AC unit. The banquet followed Mass after which a speaker from AOPA further enlightened us.

MINUTES: Additional copies of the minutes previously provided in the Newsletter were distributed at the business meeting by Newsletter Editor, Fr. Mel Hemann. Correction: Hood College is, of course, at Frederick, MD and not Gatensburg, MD. Motion: that the minutes be accepted as corrected; J. Hemann/McCaffrey; unanimous passage.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A written report was dutifully distributed by Treasurer Fr. Mel Hemann. The summary as of July 6, 2005:  
NAPP CHECKING: Opening balance July 6, 2004: \$45.97 plus Inflows 1). NAPP Dues \$2,845.00 and 2) Convention Rebate of \$4,040.00 with Total Inflows of \$6,930.97. Outflows 1) NAPP Scholarship (Phil Gibbs) \$500.00; 2). Convention Expenses: \$3,089.96; 3) Newsletter: \$1,327.73; 4) Postage: \$330.38 and 5) Envelopes: \$48.86 for a total outflow of \$5,294.93 resulting in a July 6, 2005 Balance of \$1,636.04.

NAPP SAVINGS: Beginning Balance: \$4,909.36 plus deposit interest 12-31-04: \$104.12; plus deposit interest 06-30-05: \$104.27 resulting in a July 6, 2005 balance of \$5,117.12. Motion: E. Murray/Wolesky: that the report be accepted and that His "Treasurerness" be gratefully acclaimed; unanimous passage. Motion: M. Hemann/Wolesky: that the annual dues be raised to \$25.00; unanimous passage. Comments: 1). Fr. Bernard McCoy has not as yet been able to set up a web site for us; 2) Suggestion that we list E-mails in the directory.

REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:



1). Msgr. Tony Attea advises that Fr. Nick Rosello has been experiencing a heart problem; 2). Fr. Phil Schmitt reports that Fr. Neil Manternach has suffered a slight heart attack; 3). Fr. Bob Kirsch has been battling the big "C" with radiation and chemicals; 4). +Fr. Nate Packard was a "no show" at the midwest regional meeting. +Fr. Nate took off in a light fog and suffered a fatal crash two miles from his departure airport. Our prayers and Masses are for family and friends and for +Fr. Nate that he forever enjoy the fulness of Love and Peace in the Lord's Kingdom.

#### REGIONAL MEETINGS:

Eastern Region: Fr. Charlie Teufel reporting: had one day meeting Dec 1 at Naples, Florida with resolution that Fr. Charlie coordinate the 2005 Convention with Fr. Pete Sweeny and that Msgr. Tony Attea cover registrations. Filling out the committee: Fr. George Remm, George Gratton, Fr. Bill Bevington, Fr. Jim Flavin, Fred Wright and Stan Radzieta. (At the convention the following generous donors provided: Tonic Water, George Gratton; Champagne, Retirees Frs. John Hemann, Jack Paisley and Jerry Scanlon; ice-man, John Wolesky. All these efforts were consummately appreciated).

Midwest Region: Fr. John Hemann hosted 19 persons arriving at a Mason City, IA regional meeting. The plant manufacturing ethanol from corn was visited. (Secretary's comment: What a waste! that corn could have been turned into good whisky!) The Region is planning future meetings: 26 Sept in Iowa hosted by the Murray "corporation" and in April at Mexico, MO.

Western Region: Fr. Bob Kirsch reporting: regular flights to Mexico continue; 3 day flying trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras working as a member of Rotary International in behalf of the victims of Hurricane "Mitch." Phone conferences with Fr. Paul Baseford, Shirley Love, Edwina Tabares and Fr. Richard Olona reference cooperating with Midwest Region re: 2006 convention in the Oshkosh area (the Oshkosh Event would follow the convention). The western Region would be up for the 2007 Convention.

NAPP, INC: Fr. Al Ruschman continues to keep NAPP afloat as a nonprofit Corporation in the State of Kentucky. Kudos to Fr. Al.

DONATION: 1). Proposal by Fr. John

Fitzgerald: that Sky Cross, San Antonio be considered. Discussion determined did not follow NAPP guidelines so no action taken. 2). Letter was read from Fr. Sean Thomson, Fairbanks, AK expressing interest in NAPP membership and learning to fly. The president's discretionary \$500.00 scholarship is being sent to assist him in pursuing his private license. 3). Suggestion was made to give Diocese of Fairbanks \$1,000.00 gift. Motion: Kiernan/Gibbs. Passed.

#### CONVENTIONS:

For 2006: July 11-12, 2006 in the Oshkosh, WI area. (Fr. John Schmitz mentioned that the Museum will be open). Msgr. John Hemann will coordinate the details. For 2007 the Western Region will be hosting, proposing the lower California area.

#### ELECTIONS:

President: Nominated: Fr. Charlie Teufel and Fr. Ed Murray. Motion: Herzog/Paisley: that the nominations be closed; passed. Nominees left the room for the vote by show of hands. Fr. Charlie Teufel (West Virginia) is the 13th president of NAPP. We delightedly welcome Fr. Charlie, with his long term commitment, to "steer the ship" for the next four years. Second Vice-President: Fr. Ed Murray nominated. Motion: Paisley/Ruschman: that the nominations be closed; passed. Fr. Ed Murray joyfully heralded Second Vice-President. Secretary: Fr. Phil Gibbs nominated. Motion: Paisley/Falsey for closure: we eagerly saluted eager and new-blood Fr. Phil as secretary; (And old New Mexico Padre Bob Kirsch after 42 nonstop conventions, pleased with Fr. Phil's commitment, can throttle back and enjoy the brethren and "sistern" more fully).

ADJOURNMENT: at 8:30 PM Fr. Ev entertained the Adjournment Motion (No second necessary for our perennial Adjourner, Fr. Phil Schmitt). AND WELL DONE, FR. EV, FOR FOUR VERY DEDICATED YEARS.

With much fraternal appreciation for your kind forbearance,

"Throttled Back" Bob

Fr. Bob J. Kirsch, Secretary