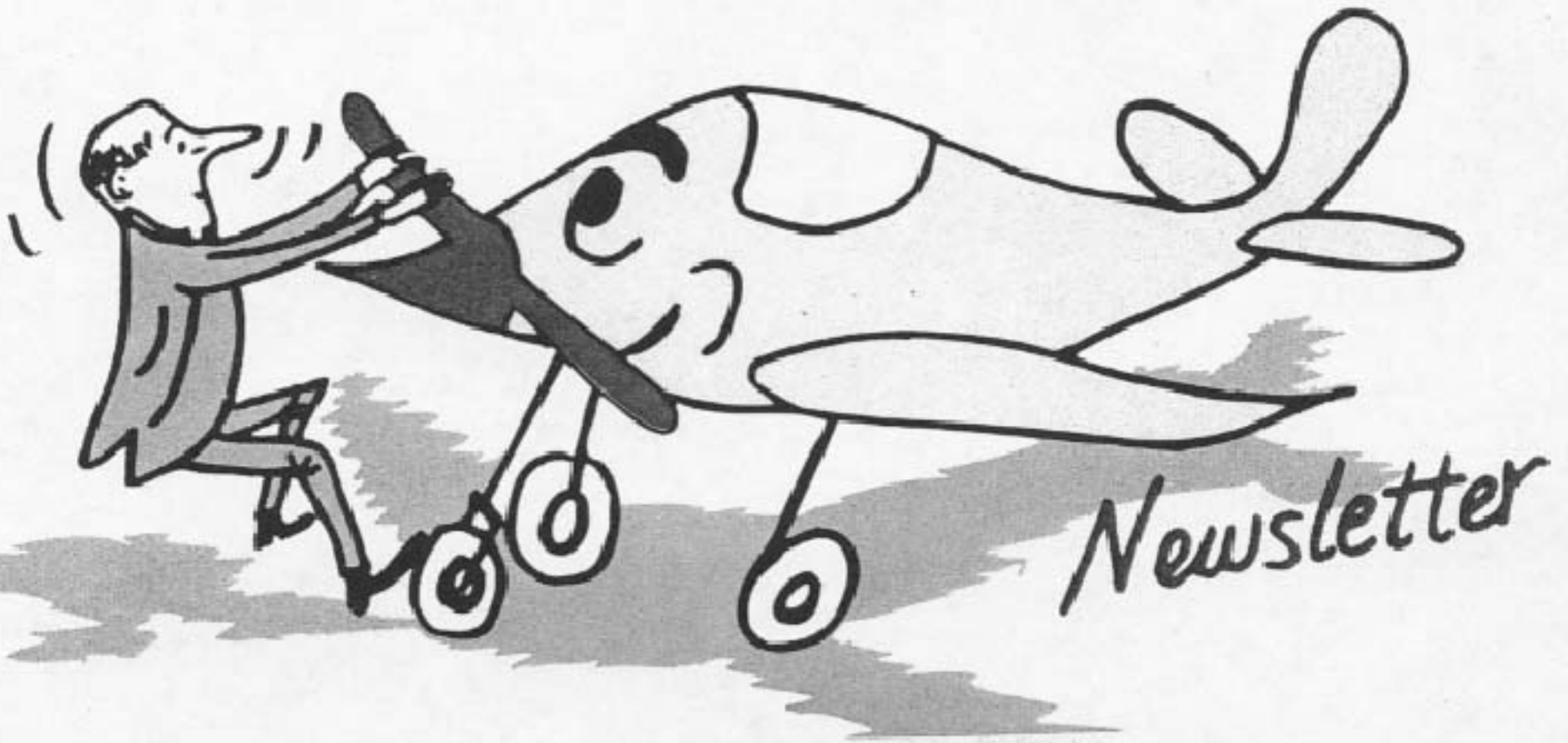


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In his Cherokee 140, my brother John was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while a MD80 landed. The MD80 landed hard, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past John. The pilot said: "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

Not about to let the insult go by, John said: "I made it out of MD80 parts. Another landing like that and I'll have enough parts for another one."

Here in Iowa, we are in the midst of winter. We will probably set a record for snow fall this month. And

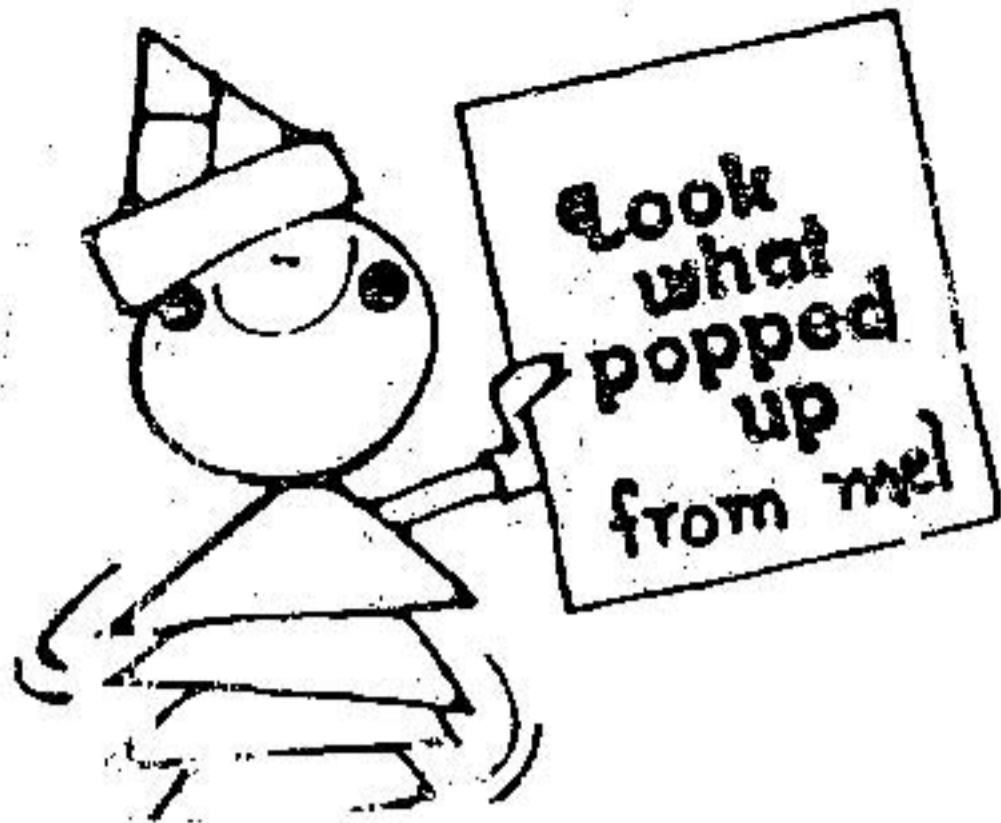
we have had some cold temps. It has interfered with my flying. Seems like every time I want or need to go, it's snowing or its minus on the wind chill.

We are on the threshold of Ash Wednesday. In addition to your spiritual renewal this Lent, think about renewing your aviation skills. Don't be like the MD80 pilot who makes hard landings.

Go to an Aviation Safety Seminar. Borrow or check out a video on aviation safety. Spend an hour or two with a CFI brushing up on your skills. Read the "Never Again" column in an aviation magazine.

In May the Midwest gathering will be at the Cirrus factory in Duluth. We will also have lunch with Bishop Dennis Schnurr. We hope you can join us.

Ev Hemann, President



Usually I include in the February mailing the annual NAPP directory. After a lot of frustration this past week I decided I will have to postpone it this year. I got a different computer last summer and transferred all my programs, etc. to the new machine. The other night when I was getting ready to command my printer to print the list of names, addresses, etc. for the directory I discovered that particular template had not transferred. My declining capabilities in the area of computer savvy has deprived me of reconstructing the template at this point. Rather than waste a lot of time in trying to get the directory completed I made the decision to get the newsletter to you. You will receive the directory in April. Sorry about that! Hopefully the knowledge you have a very special Easter gift coming will lighten your lenten burdens.

George Remm, our July Illinois host, had the hotel send me brochures about the establishment where we will be staying and that will serve as our base of operations. One is included in this newsletter. You are responsible for making your room reservation.

There is also a conference reservation form you are invited to complete and return to

George. The sooner you do this the easier it is for the planners to complete their work.

The other registration form pertains to the May gathering at the Cirrus plant in Duluth, MN. Try to get that one to Ev when you get your plans made so. That will help with the planning of that day.

There are a few interesting tidbits in the newsletter from NAPP members. Keep sending that to us because it helps us keep in touch with each other.

REMINDERS

2004 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Frasca Field
Urbana, Illinois
July 6 - 7, 2004**

Fr. George Remm and Rudy Frasca will begin offering us the particulars in the new year.

Meanwhile, get it on your calendar

Spring Regional Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2004

Duluth, Minnesota

*We are asked to park at Cirrus Design
Other info on the registration form*

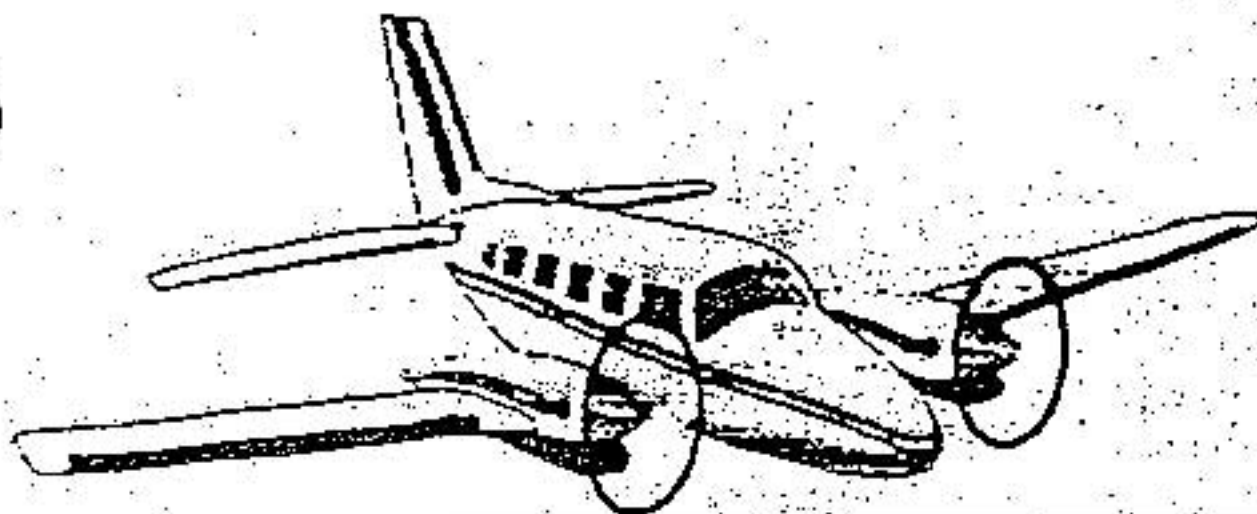
Write this one down in the appropriate place.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

REV. MEL HEMANN

127 Kaspand Place
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1683
319-266-3889
Email: n298mh@cfu.net





BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Miles Barrett had a change of address and good news included with his dues payment. Miles has been promoted from LCDR to Commander. Congratulations Miles.

He has also been transferred from San Diego to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

There are a couple of health items to report. In a recent phone conversation with Bob Kirsch he said he is having a hip replacement in early March. He also said that "Queenie", the faithful San Martin Mission Cessna 210 that crashed in Mexico a couple years ago, has been rebuilt and test flown. Bob expresses his gratitude for all, including NAPP, who have financially assisted in the rebuilding process.

Associate member Shirley Love called from California. She had some necessary eye surgery several months ago. Now she preparing to tackle two other problems on both hands...carpal tunnel. Shirley, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Fr. Jacek Rejman, SVD, continues his flying activities in Tanzania with fellow NAPP member, Fr. Pat Patten. I recently received the following email from him.

Hi Mel,

How is life? I hope you are doing well. Here it is really nice and busy. You know it so hard to believe that there is winter in America now ... here it is still hot!

I am sending you some photos from our flying, Mel. I can do this because of you. Thank you very much one more time.

I wish you all the best and please pass my greetings to everyone.

Yours,

Jack

Many of you attended the NAPP Iowa convention in 1984. John and I, along with our sister, hosted our 25th anniversaries in religious life on our home farm in northern Iowa. Featured aerobatic pilot at the air show was Duane Cole. Perhaps you read some of the press releases announcing his death about a month ago. Duane was 89 and had been in failing health for the past 2 years.

I first met Duane in 1962 when his family dedicated the new airport in Decorah, Iowa. Duane flew his clipped wing Taylorcraft. Son Rollie flew the 450 hp Steerman and his mother Judy was the wing walker. Son John, a high school senior at the time, was the announcer. Daughter Karen was 8 and just along for the ride.

I was president of our flying club and had the responsibility of entertaining them while they were in town. Before they left Wednesday morning Rollie took me for an exciting ride in the Steerman. 10 days later he was killed in that plane at the EAA flyin in Rockford. (EAA moved to Oshkosh two years later). The communications following that tragedy cemented a 40 year friendship with the Coles.

I would meet Duane and Judy at their booth every time I went to Oshkosh. I often felt Duane was one of NAPP's greatest promoters. He would always introduce me to the crowd and talk at great length about the "flying priests." His plane is now on permanent display in the EAA museum in Oshkosh.

Duane had 30,000 hours of flying, almost all without a radio. May he rest in peace!

MIDWEST REGIONAL PRIEST PILOTS GATHERING

**CIRRUS PLANT
DULUTH MINNESOTA AIRPORT
MAY 17, 2004**

Arrival Information: 9:45 to 10:20 AM

Because of our tour of the Cirrus plant we must arrive at this earlier than usual time.

Plan accordingly

Park at Cirrus Design

Schedule for the day:

10:30 to 12:30 Tour of the Cirrus Plant

12:30 -- Depart airport courtesy of Diocese of Duluth transportation

Lunch --- about 1:00 with Bishop Dennis Schnurr
(former Sioux City Iowa boy)

Afternoon activities -- to be announced

Business meeting ----- sometime, some where, along the line

5:30 PM ---- Departures

Fr. Ev Hemann
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
2210 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50014
515-292-3810 (H)
Email: ev@iastate.edu

Ev has been flying a Cirrus for a number of years. You saw i at the Ames convention last summer. He is making all the arrangements. You can contact him at numbers above or send the form below to him.

Return Reservation Form to: Fr. Ev Hemann
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
2210 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 540014

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ETA (DATE) _____ TIME _____ ETD (DATE) _____ TIME _____

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Diocese of Juneau

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 26, 2004

Reverend Mel Hemann
127 Kaspand Place
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1683

Dear Fr. Hemann,

Greetings from Southeast, Alaska. I trust all is well. Considering that it is 2 above zero today and that the winds have been gusting up to 80 miles per hour, I might join you in Florida.

Thanks much for the \$1000.00 check from the National Association of Priest Pilots. As you are well aware, keeping an airplane in good condition is expensive. It will help much.

Fr. Schwarte is doing well and utilizing the diocesan airplane extensively for his ministry. He covers three places, all of which involve flying. On a sadder note, Fr. Nash currently on administrative leave and is not residing in Southeast, Alaska.

Again, thank much for your generosity. I remain

Yours in Christ,

Michael W. Warfel
Bishop of Juneau

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS CONVENTION
Urbana, Illinois
July 6-7, 2004

Early Arrivals, Sunday, July 4: 4-7 p.m. at Frasca Field

Fireworks on grounds of U of I Stadium, dusk to 10:00 p.m.

Arrivals, Monday, July 5: 1-5 p.m. at Frasca Field

Hospitality – Clubroom at Frasca Field

Check-in – Eastland Suites

Tuesday, July 6:

Tour of Frasca Simulators Manufacturing Plant, Tour of Warplane Exhibit

Annual Meeting – Supper at Alexander's Steak House

Wednesday, July 7:

Tour of Chanute Air Force Museum, Rantoul, IL

Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Urbana

Banquet – Featured Speaker: "Next 100 Years of General Aviation"

Thursday, July 8: Departures

EASTLAND SUITES

1907 N. Cunningham, Urbana, IL 61802

217-367-8331 fax: 217-384-3370

Hotel reservations: 1-800-253-8331

**>>>Note: Please make your own room reservations
& advise that you are with the NAPP group<<<**

**Rate: \$70.00 for 1 or 2 persons - Includes Continental Breakfast
Each room has a mini fridge, microwave, coffee-maker,
iron & ironing board and a personal safe
Indoor Pool and Exercise Room
Free Shuttle Service Available**

Return Meeting Reservation Form to:

Fr. George Remm, 708 W. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

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CAR _____ **PLANE: Make** _____ **N** _____

COMMERCIAL: Airline _____ **Flight No.** _____