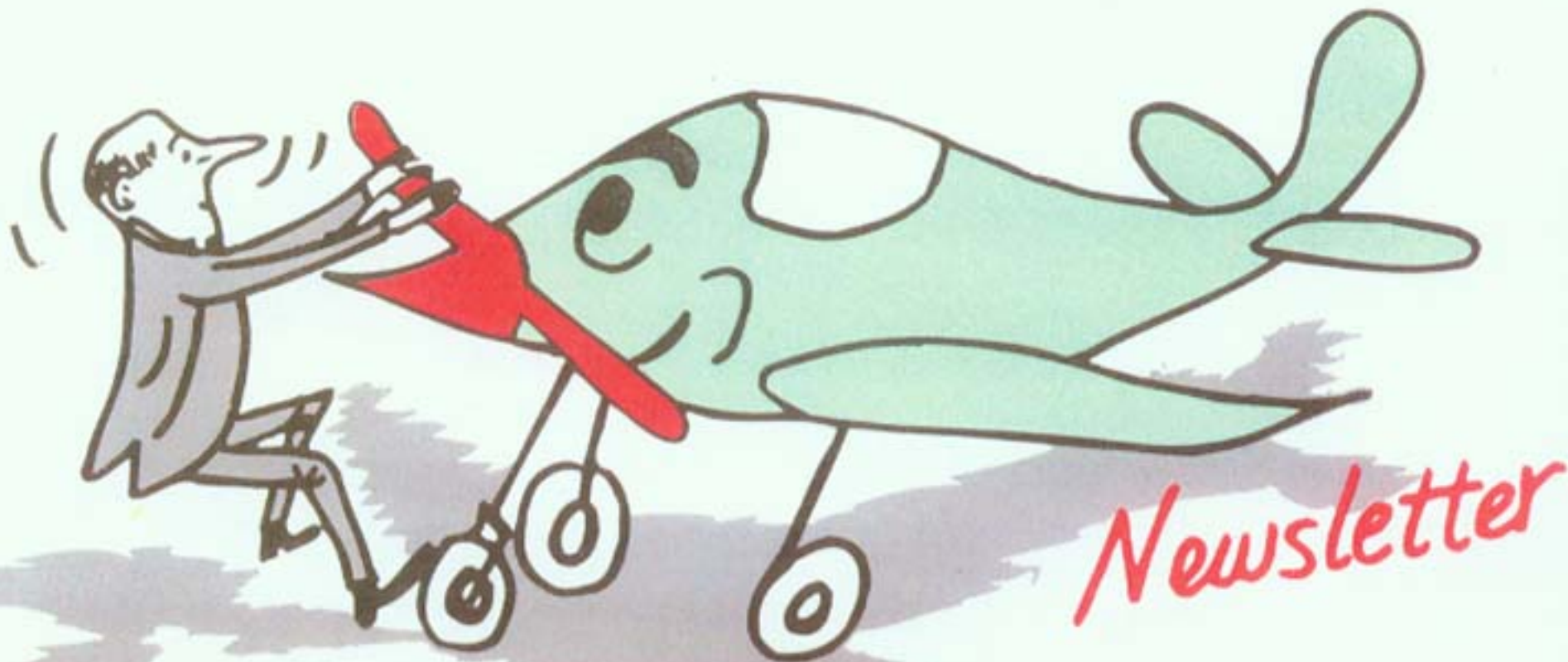


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Returning from STL last month, another GA pilot checked in with Center. His radio wasn't the clearest. The controller asked, "Has anyone else told you your communications are garbled?" The pilot replied, "My wife!"

I doubt that was one of our Priest Pilots. But I have three good news items to report about priest pilots. First and most important, we have two priests who are taking flying lessons. Ron Dockendorf of the St. Cloud diocese joined us for the first time when the Midwest region gathered at Cirrus Design, Duluth.

While brother Mel has taught several priests to fly, I got my first experience two weeks ago. Phil Gibbs, Director of

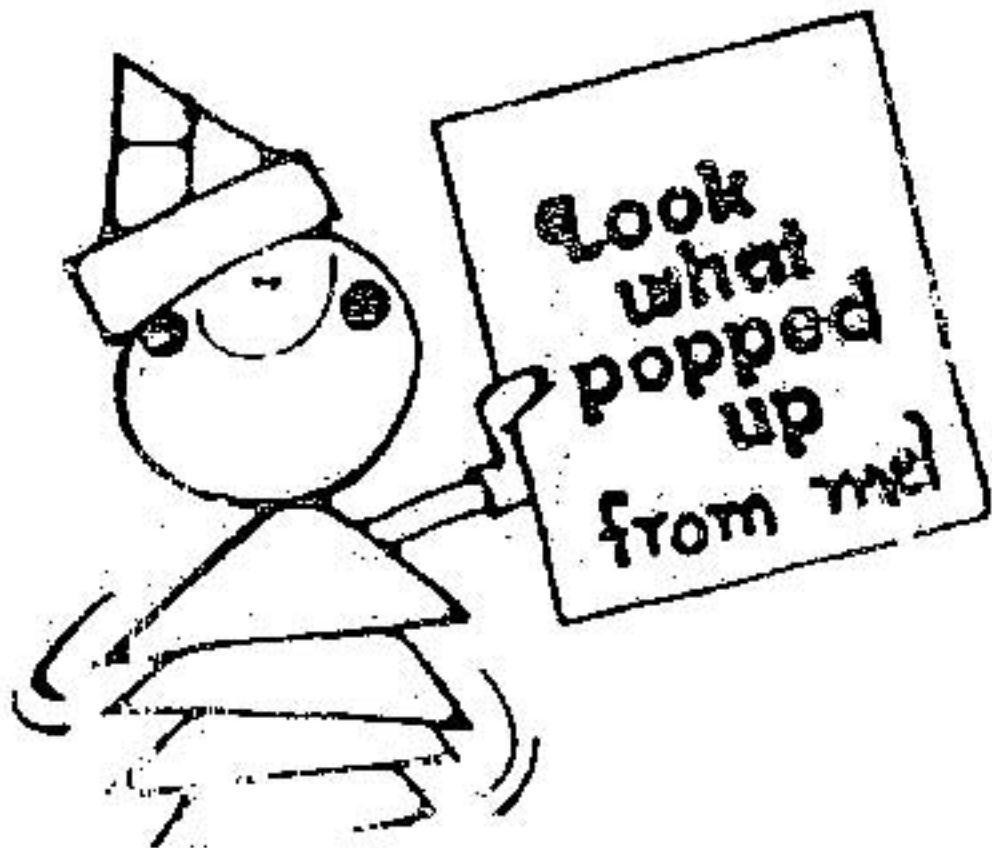
Vocation ministry for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, spent a week with me and we flew everyday. Weather intervened so we didn't quite get him soloed. He is continuing his training at U. of Dubuque. With his dedication, he might have his certificate by NAPP Convention time.

I hope both Ron & Phil will be joining us at Urbana for the National Convention. That is the second wonderful news about priest pilots. George Remm has a good program put together for us. But it will be good just to spend time catching up. If you don't have reservations in, do so TODAY.

Finally, the third news item about priest pilots is merely a rumor, waiting to be confirmed at Urbana. But a little birdie landed at the Ames airport this week and told me that there is a SECOND priest pilot who owns an RV-8 !! Move over Mel. If that is true, RV is the airplane of choice for NAPP members.

See you at Frasca Field, Urbana.

Ev Hemann, President



In case you missed them, here is a reminder. The April issue of AOPA PILOT magazine has a lengthy feature entitled FRASCA FORWARD. It is about our July NAPP co-host, Rudy Frasca, his family and the site of our Urbana gathering. A great read!

The current issue of GLENMARY CHALLENGE tells of Glenmary turning back several parishes to the Diocese of Owensboro in Kentucky. One of the pictures shows Father Clem Borchers as the new pastor of St. John Church in Sunfish. Fr. Clem was an early NAPP member and head of the Glenmary Fathers when he lost his life in a drowning accident on September 5, 1979.

At the Midwest Regional gathering in Duluth, MN, Fr. Bernard McCoy informed us that the NAPP web site is now in place. You can check it out at www.priestpilots.org. Bernard has put some of the NAPP informational literature on it. Hopefully before the end of this century we'll have figured out how to get the newsletter and other items of interest on it.

Thanks Bernard for sharing your expertise in this area with us. We're all looking forward to bigger and better things in the future.

Incidentally, he says if anyone has any pictures to share please send them to him.

One final call for the July Convention. If you haven't already done so, please send your registration form to George Remm now.

TIME DOES FLY

No decision has been made so far as to where the Midwest Region will hold its Fall gathering. We'll have to make that decision in Urbana. Come with some ideas as to possible things we might do and/or places we might visit

From the Classifieds:

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a good-looking girl known to be playful. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping, and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours.

Call 555-1234 and ask for Daisy.

The above ad ran in the Atlanta Journal Constitution. Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the local Humane Society about an 8-week-old black Labrador retriever.

REMINDER

Executive Team member positions held by 1st Vice President Gene Murray and Treasurer Mel Hemann are up for election this year

2004 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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

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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

*Al Ruschman writes from Kentucky
May 15, 2004*

Dear Mel,

Greetings from the Bluegrass State where presently a soft rain is falling and making every thing burst with growth.

Thanks for the 200 Directory. On March 17 of this year I renewed our corporate standing with the state of KY. Conflicts in scheduling will not allow me to get to our annual meeting in Urbana so enclosed are my dues.

Last week I got to Nassau for Archbishop Patrick Pinder's installation - he is a native son of the Bahamas and a friend. His predecessor Archbishop Lawrence Burke was assigned, at 71 years I might add to Kingston, Jamaica.

Blessings to all,

Al Ruschman

*Peter Geldard sends the following message
from the University of Kent in the UK*

Mel,

Got the NAPP news letter today + the 2004 Directory. Many thanks for these and for passing my name to Fr. Remm that I am coming.

Got confirmation today of my hotel room for the Convention (+ my airline tickets have arrived) so all is on course.

Although I am reasonably current on my IR, with your experience it might be useful to 'hire' you to put me through my paces! [Especially get back in to the swing of things in the States pst 9/11.] I could always hire a plane and do some procedures, but a check ride would be not a bad thing since it is always good to be

kept up to date.

I 'attach' an email & picture which one of the people who shares my PA 28 Archer II has sent me. You might find it amusing. [I don't know if it would come out in black & white for the newsletter?]

Best wishes,

Peter

READ THE STORY 1ST BEFORE YOU LOOK AT THE PICTURE

You are a South African bush pilot. You fly in some critical medical supplies and enjoy a quick lunch at the hospital. It's a stifling 100 degrees in the shade and you're eager to get back up to the cool, high blue yonder. On the way back to your plane, you discover that the only bit of shade within a mile has become very popular. You start calculating the distance to the plane door...and wonder, "Do I feel lucky today?"



ON REFLECTION: GREYING WINGS

By Capt. Carl Leming, (DAL, Ret.)

Remember we first looked with eager eyes
To God's domain of sun-lit skies
And longed that we could Earth-free too
Join eagles, clouds in azure blue,
And fly.

And we were chosen by fate --- why?
To enter God's domain, the sky,
And only we, the chosen, know
The joy of freedom from Earth below,
And so,

We took wings of silver then;
Topped mountains, looked down on them;
Climbed and dived like eagles soared
On silver wings; and engines roared,
We sang.

With joyous hearts and spirits free,
We became as others could never be.
God's privileged few who now flew near
O'er rushing wind in flight, we hear
His voice

And only those of us who fly
Could hear Him say His reason why
He gave us more than Earthly chore.
Then we too join the growing score
Of them

Whose wings lose silver; turn to grey,
With misty eyes come to that day
As faltering leaves in autumn find
A resting place, the sky behind ---
We stay.

Bound for awhile by Earth again,
Our wings no longer can sustain
Our spirit, joy, our freedom, flight,
"Till God at dawn beyond the night
Will say

"Take silver wings this time from Me
Once again to fly, be free,
Climb, turn, frolic, soar,
But, now this time forever more ---
Join Me."

**MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING
DULUTH MINNESOTA - CIRRUS DESIGN PLANT
May 17, 2004**



Mel & Malibu prior to leaving Waterloo



President Ev and Cirrus host, Kate Andrews



Info session prior to plant tour



Attentive NAPP members taking it in



President Ev introducing Bishop Dennis Schnurr



Bishop Dennis sharing with members



Duluth Diocesan Catholic Center



The 21 members departing Catholic Center

21 members and guests from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, West Virginia and Wisconsin in attendance. Because of security no pictures were allowed in the Cirrus plant

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

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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

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