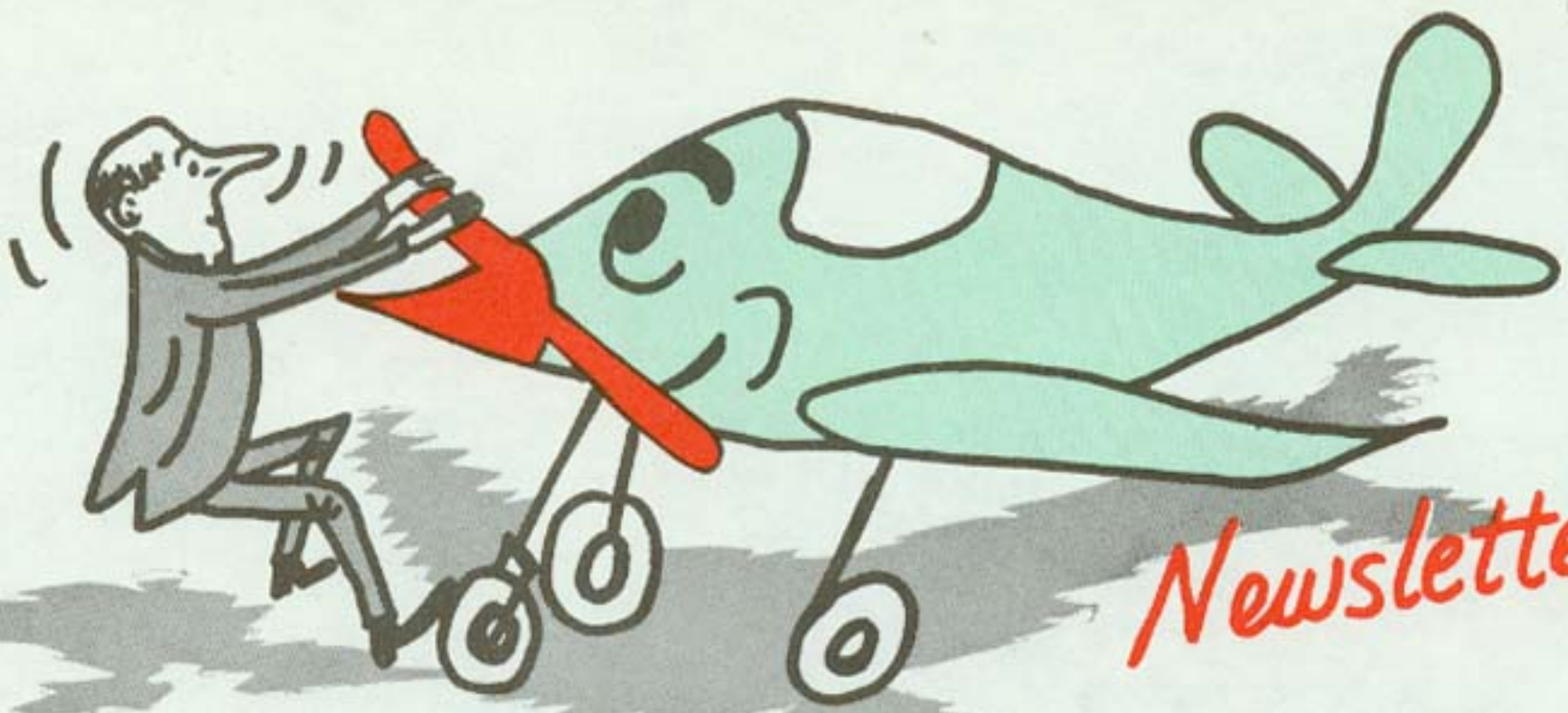


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from America's most livable city ... Pittsburgh. I am writing my message on the Feast of Corpus Christi so that Mel and Nancy can send out the final news before the Annual Convention on July 9 and 10 in Lafayette, Louisiana.



I talked with our host, Al Sigur, about ten days ago. At the end of May he had received notes from 18 people who said they planned to attend. That is about half of the number who usually attend. Judging from responses priests receive in regard to Forty Hours and Jubilees, this is rather good. Most priests either lose invitations or wait until the last minute to clear their desks and respond. To those, who come, we guarantee you a good and lively time.

A few reminders:

- 1). Bring along the enclosed paper with the schedule, telephone numbers, etc.
- 2). Don't forget your albe and white stole.

A few things we must discuss:

- 1). The site of next year's convention and possibly 1987.
- 2). The recipient of our annual Mission contribution.
- 3). The possibility of spending a little more money in advertising our organization. Some of the new members had never heard of our group. Perhaps an ad or article in a national magazine might do the trick.

I met Bishop Jim Timlin of Scranton at the Golden Jubilee of our retired Bishop Vincent Leonard. He wishes to be remembered to all the members.

BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

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May 24, 1985

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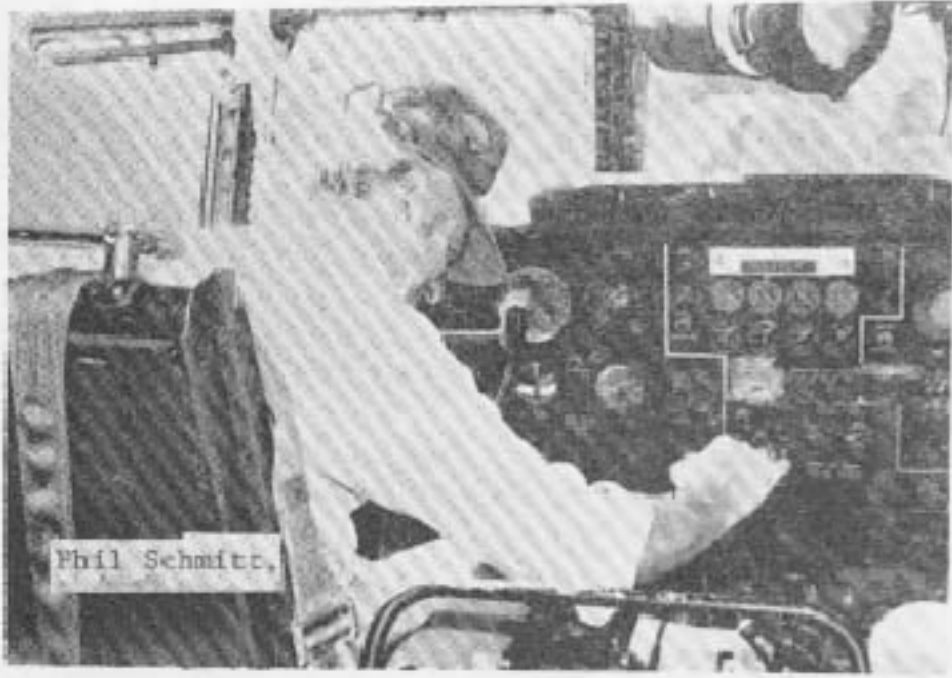
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Phil Schmitt,



John Friederick,

16 members from 5 states,
along with 2 guests,
were in attendance.

The Midwest Region had its Spring
meeting at the DON-Q-INN in Dodgeville,
WI. on Monday, May 6.



Roman Ludwig

Richard P. Funke, Clarence Ludwig,

Jarrah
Jaucett



Ed Murray, Gene Murray,



John M. Herzog, Art Kleve,

Phil Thompson

John Brickley, Adam Engelhardt,



Jack Painley,

John W. Hermann

George F. Remo,

Alvin Werth,

John A. Wolesky.

NAPP CONVENTION - Scheduled for Cajun Country, July 9-10, 1985

THEME: ALLONS A LAFAYETTE! LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!

If you're uncertain about the translation, come to Louisiana and see! Mayor Dud Lastrapes, The Chamber of Commerce, Bishop Gerard L. Frey welcome you.

HOST: Al Sigur, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, P. O. Box 51346, Lafayette, La. 70505
Telephone 318-232-8945. Coordinator: Jim Landry, Secretary, Edwina Hernandez

FIXED BASE OPERATOR: Paul Fournet Air Service, Lafayette Regional Airport, P. O. Box 90440, Lafayette, La. 70509, Telephone # 318-237-0520
Airport information on card enclosed - or call for more

HOUSING HEADQUARTERS: PLANTATION HOUSE INN, Interstate # 49 North, Old Highway 167
Tom Moore, owner and operator, Telephone 318-232-7285. Room \$25.00 Single, \$30.00 double (twin beds)

TRANSPORTATION: Will await you at airport and/or call Convention HDQ. 232-7285

PROGRAM

MONDAY - July 8 - (or Sunday) - Early Arrivals -

Registration and Welcome - Fatima Parishioners and Friends offer this plan: (Other options available)

Breakfast on your own - Plantation Motel

- 9:00 a.m. - Tour Acadian Village, reconstruction of early habitation
- Visit Floyd Sonnier's Art Gallery (local scene sketch master)
- Lunch at Southern Style Catering
- Visit St. John's Cathedral, newly renovated
- Swim - Dr. Lee Sonnier's Home
- Dinner at Prejean's Restaurant (near Plantation House Inn)
- Estimated cost for day \$17.50

TUESDAY, July 9

- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast at Plantation House Inn
- 9:00 a.m. - Mass at Shrine of St. John Berchman's, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, La.
- Tour grounds and village, Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, St. Charles College (Seminary), Jsuit Spirituality Center
- 11:00 a.m. - FAA Seminary, Paul Fournet's Hangar - Coastal Flying/obscurity
- 12:30 a.m. - Buffet Lunch - Hilton Cafe Jardin, overlooking Bayou Vermilion
- 2:00 p.m. - Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. (Largest offshore helicopter Co. in world)
Airborne overview of marshlands, swamps, and offshore drilling
- 4:00 p.m. - Swim and relaxation, home of Flo Rickey (Fatima Parish)
- 7:00 p.m. - Crawfish Boil and Cajun music - Home of Doug & Claire Ashy
(Tennis, Shuffleboard, boatrides on Vermilion River)

WEDNESDAY, July 10

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast on Your own - Plantation House Inn

8:30 a.m. - Drive to New Iberia on the Teche (river/bayou)

- Tour Shadows on the Teche - Fabled antebellum home

- Paddlewheeler ride on Bayou Teche - history of Spanish settlers

12:30 - Lunch at Cajun restaurant

2:00 p.m. - Tour Jefferson Island (Salt Dome - where Texaco punched hole in shallow Lake Peigneur, everything went underground - rebuilt)

- Visit St. Martinville, oldest Church and Parish in South Central Louisiana (LaPetite Paris de la Louisiane)

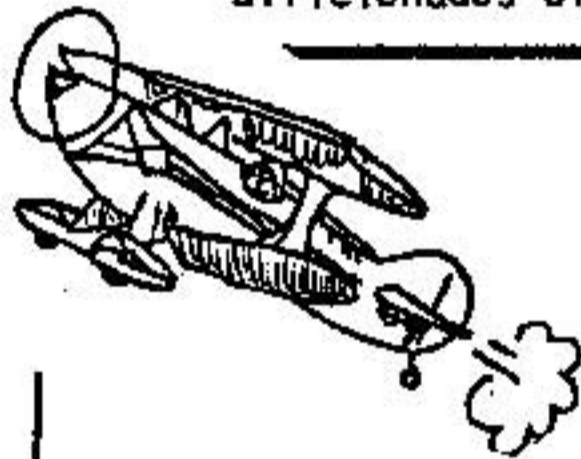
- Mass: St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, downtown Lafayette (Bring Alb and Stole if you wish to celebrate)

7:00 p.m. - Convention Dinner at Plantation House Inn - Business Session

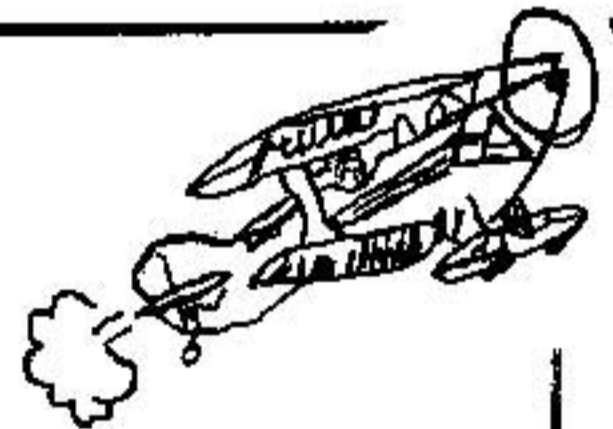
Total Cost (excluding rooms and breakfast) - Under \$50.00

(Conventioneers and Guests welcome to stay over at same room rate)

ACADIANA is special country, settled largely by the French Catholics of Acadia in Nova Scotia, expelled brutally the English Governor in 1755. Hospitality, joy de vivre, good food, rich scenery, French language and atmosphere await you. Flying is common, less since the oil slowdown. Pilots and aficionados of all persuasions welcome you.



1985 CONVENTION



Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Arrival by:

private plane N _____

commercial flight # _____

car

ETA _____
date/time

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date/time

Reservations to:

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