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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's colder than a well-diggers knee (December and January). But the dense air surely aids performance -- of the aircraft, that is. May your winter flying be a safe conduct, one insured by extra precautions.

Will your Christmas cookies and chocolates have been "worked off" by Lent? Motives abound for wanting a healthy body Good luck on your program. Moreover, fewer pounds allow more room for higher priced petrol.

May the journey of Lent and the solemn liturgies of Holy Week continue to help explain the injustices and suffering we painfully witness. Redemptive prayer will lead to a crown of victory.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Frank Nemmers

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1. It seems as though this "ONE" has been a--long--long time a'brewing. It's been difficult to get the Midwest Spring regional data together because Dick McCullum, the man who taught me how to fly ended up in surgery resulting from an auto accident years ago.

Secondly, Ray Lagesse has some problems in getting the July agenda put together. The nice thing is...it all looks pretty enticing. The initial information is included in the newsletter.

2. Another complication that has slowed down the newsletter process is the fact that our Archbishop has appointed me Director of the Family Life Office. As of February 1 I am part time till July. At that time I will move to an outlying parish near Dubuque and begin full time in the position.

3. Frank Nemmers noted in the last issue there were two typographical errors in the President's Message.

The first one reads "Somebody sent..." It should read send.

Secondly, "tropical aisle..." should read isle. He adds, "but not a bad error for a church-man."

After that royal "chewing out" he matter of factly states he put a "flybuddy Loran" in his Mooney. Happy flying Frank.

4. The Midwest gathering at Flying Cloud airport near Minneapolis should be an interesting tour. We will be pretty much on our own as there is no local contact. I will list the information Dick and his wife Connie gathered for us. You'll have to take it from there as far as all the arrangements are concerned. Just be at the World War II - PLANES OF FAME EAST - air museum at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 29. There is parking available at the site.

5. You will note Ray's "sign up" sheet is a preliminary sheet to give him an idea as to what direction to take in planning. Please return it to him as soon as possible so convention plans can be finalized in time for inclusion in the April newsletter.

6. Lastly, if you haven't returned your dues envelope PLEASE do so. It makes this end of the job a lot easier. THANKS!!



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REV. MEL HEMANN
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, BOX 309
PRESTON, IOWA 52069

NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEET
FLYING CLOUD AIRPORT
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1991

MUSEUM INFORMATION

NAME: PLANES OF FAME EAST
ADMISSION: \$4.00 - Group Rate
PARKING: Planes can be parked at the museum.
Ask ground control for directions.

LOCAL CONTACT
DICK McCULLUM
15380 Highland Pl
Minnetonka, MN
55345
(612) 933-6440

CAR RENTALS

Elliot Flying Service, Inc.
RESERVATIONS: Call 612-944-1200

FOOD

American Legion 16397 Legion Drive Eden Prairie, MN
On County Road 4. Close to airport. Good food at good
price. Nice place.

Lion's Tap Hwy #169. Eden Prairie, MN. 1/2 mile west of
Flying Cloud. Great Hamburgers & fries. Serve Beer - Pop
- Milk. Good Price. Best hamburgers in Eden Prairie.

LODGING

Eden Inn 6500 Flying Cloud Dr. Eden Prairie, MN
612-941-2100. 5 miles east.
-- Japanese Restaurant open all night
-- Restaurant next door

PRICE: \$40.28 + tax. 2 beds - 2 persons.*

Super 8 Motel 1150 W 78 St. (by Eden Prairie Center)
612-829-0888. Good restaurants in area for breakfast

PRICE: \$43.88 + tax. 2 beds
\$38.88 + tax. 1 bed

Heritage Inn Motel 830 Yellow Brick Road Chaska, MN
612-448-7030. PRICE: \$39.88 + tax. 2 beds

ENTERTAINMENT AND LODGING

Chanhassen Inn Motel Hwy 5 - 101. 1-800-242-6466.
PRICE: \$42.80 + tax. 2 beds
\$40.80 + tax. 1 bed

CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRES [Next door to Inn Motel]

Box 100 Chanhassen, MN 55317. 1-800-362-3515.

Currently Playing: CAMELOT. ME AND MY GIRL.

I DO! I DO! GREATER TUNA.

[I have some brochures on this which I can send you. Or
call them for info. Fantastic place I've been to many times]

REMEMBER: We gather at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 29 at the
PLANES OF FAME EAST Flying Cloud Airport.



BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

John Wolesky's Christmas Letter from Tipton, KS follows:

This year as I prepare to celebrate my 24th year in the Lord's service as one of His anointed ones, several things seem to be repeating themselves.

The most recent repeat, was a great Wolesky, Olson & Fr. Steve Heina get together over Thanksgiving, for the occasion of Butch's & Lynn's wedding in KC. It was good to be with four generations of Wolesky's. As I watched my family and especially my nieces and nephews and my parents dancing it gave me a new and deeper meaning to the prayer that we pray at weddings that the couple might see their children's children to the third and fourth generation! Mom and Dad you looked great! Dad had a monumental birthday and I face one shortly in the new year; it's a new decade for both of us!

Once again I find myself in the country heating with propane during an energy crunch. I wish that we as a country would have learned more from the last one! I think that we could be using alternate fuels from our crops rather than being married to foreign oil!

My experiences with my plane this year lead me in the a direction that I could never have predicted. I learned how to drive long distances again and to enjoy it. While fixing up a different plane after a gear up landing I met Bob and Betty Patterson while I was attempting to get the radios fixed. It seems that in my case Bob was more interested in spreading the message of Medgorje than in selling radios. Bob and Betty wanted me to go over to Yugoslavia as a chaplain. Between going there this summer and going to Stubenville for the priest and deacons retreat, I had a busy and faith filled summer.

Fr. Vince Lemoine and I drove out to Ohio after an unsuccessful muddy take off at Tipton International! Now that I do not have a plane of my own I'm finding that I am seeing more of you now than I did before by my range is not as far! Fr. Al Werth & I did get up to see my folks for an overnight on the way to a priest pilot gathering in Northern Iowa. What fun!

Love + Prayers
Fr. John

Miles Barrett writes from Sioux City, Iowa

Here is my 1991 dues, \$15.00. Keep up the good work.

The newsletter has been full of good food for thought and information. I appreciate it, even if the Navy Reserve drills put me in Sioux City instead of NAPP convention in Alaska this summer, I still am an active NAPP.

Presently I'm on a renewal sabbatical out east and drill my Naval Reserve weekends at the Bethesda NAVHOSP/ 90% of the staff at the National Naval Medical Center are USN reservists. While we remember the thousands in the Gulf, prayer is also needed for those serving here at home.

I had time this summer to add a Multi-Engine rating to my private IFR ticket. It was fun in the Piper Seminole learning from Elmer Nuecke of Sheldon, IA, a real pro. It also polished up my IFR confidence a great deal, with one or two engines.

Does anyone know much about the IBM software called FliteStar Flight Planning Package by MENTOR Plus (\$295) in the Dec. 90 AOPA magazine? Could a few of us who have use for it team up and mail it around like the IFR video tapes? Just wondering? I'm interested. By the way I'm now at:

Cathedral of the Epiphany
1011 Douglas Street
Sioux City, IA 51104 712-255-1637

From Jerry Schmeltz, AKA Brother Julius in days gone by:

FROM SHAWNEE, KANSAS -- SEASON'S GREETINGS!
Albeit a bit tardy; but nonetheless sincere.

Wouldn't you think that a guy who is retired would be able to get Christmas messages out in a bit more timely manner? Well I would!

Shortly after retiring in December, 1989, I reclassified the status as semi-retired since I was soon spending about half the time in Oklahoma City. A not altogether unwelcome activity since I had spent 13 years there before moving back to Kansas City in 1983.

A few months later, I reclassified the status as "pseudo-retired"--because the routinely-expected time-on-your-hands life-style never happened. But all considered, '90 wasn't a bad year. Nonetheless the hopes for better things in '91 are strong--both for you, your families and ours. Wishes for God's special blessings throughout.

Prospects for continued teaching assignments at the FAA Academy extend on in to 1991. Of course so much depends on the federal funding of the program and all the budget shenanigans that the American public was so painfully made aware of this past fall. And then there are the big, big questions surrounding what occurs in the Persian Gulf. God help us!

Events looked forward to with anticipation are the family-wide Schmeltz reunion this summer and a 45th reunion of my DeLaSalle classmates. As the oldest living member of the Schmeltz family, we look forward to our Dad's 93rd birthday in June (28th). God Bless him!




I still do some flying but since retirement the opportunities are rather limited. I'm grateful for what occasions there are. It remains a glorious experience.

Nadine continues to be active with personal projects, arts and crafts, domestic engineering, and good neighbor type activity. Both of us continue to enjoy relatively good health with occasional "blips" now and then. We do count our blessings!

[NOTE TO NAPP] Just sent this along for the sake of providing a little news(?) and to clutter up the editor's desk. I truly enjoyed giving flight instruction to padres at Columbus, NE and Lewis Lockport when conventions were there.

JERRY SCHMELTZ
IS
RETIERING

Please join with Jerry in a celebration of his Retirement

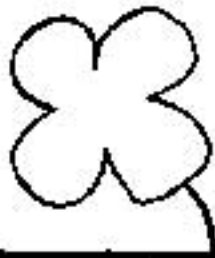


WHEN: Saturday, January 13, 1990
WHERE: Ararat Shrine Temple
1-435 S Eastwood Trafficway
Kansas City, Missouri
TIME: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
1 - 1:30 Cash Bar
1:30 - 2:15 Luncheon
2:15 - 3 p.m. Presentations
MENU: Filet Mignon - 5 oz.
Baked Potato
Salad
Rolls
Coffee/Tea

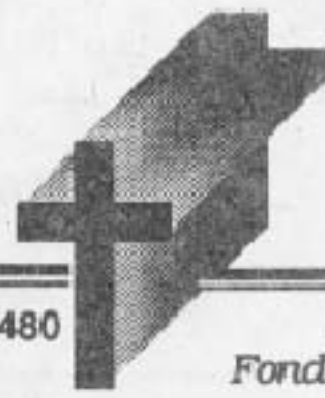
The price is \$11.00 per person which includes tax & gratuity.
Reservation deadline: January 10, 1990.

Please make checks payable to:

Tony Tucker
P.O. Box 34
Blue Springs, MO 64013
(816) 524-7982 or
(816) 283-3800 (office)



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



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Box 306
Fonda, Iowa 50540

Appreciate Pat Patten's letter in the last newsletter. Safety would be a good topic for the next convention. Might even be good to have someone talk about psychological health especially since we will be meeting in St. Louis which is close to some pretty good clinics.

Peace!

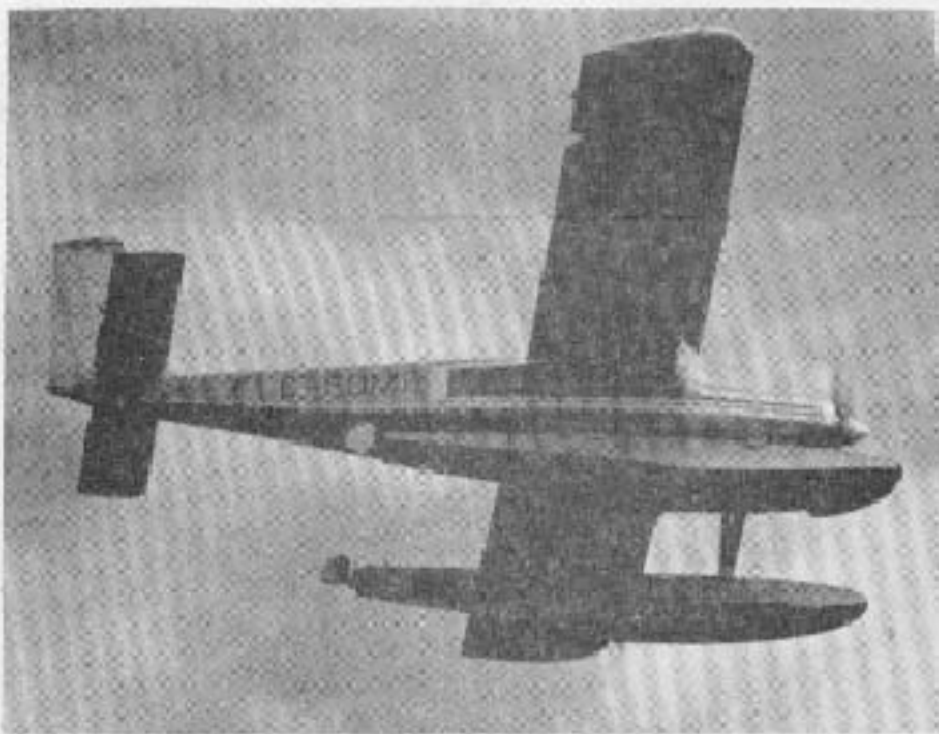
Ed Murray

From Bill Travers, American Embassy in Bonn.

Dear Bill et al -

Greetings from Bonn - where 1990 turned out to be an historic year - we in the US Embassy are still trying to keep up - and now we have the Gulf - I served in Korea (50 to 52) and in Nam (69 to 70) - so I pray we will not have a war - not only is it not pretty - it's inhuman.

Stay well & God bless you all -



BRIAN BALLARD, OMI

1974 Helio-Courier 295

Chaplain (COL) John W. Hemann
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APO NEW YORK 09696-0018

9 January 1991

Dear Bill,

I was so glad that my brother Mel forwarded the latest N.A.P.P. Newsletter to me here in Germany so that I would know how much and to whom I should send my 1991 "dues". Please find same enclosed with this letter.

Well it's a month since I left central Iowa for this "active duty" assignment in support of Desert Shield. That means it's also a month closer to Jan 15 and the date of IF or WHAT. There is a concern here for the terrorist and we are now double ID'd each time we enter the Kaserne, which means if I walk in in the morning it is only once a day, but if I travel to another Kaserne or area during the working day or for an evening parish meeting then it has to happen each time.

My tour of 139 days should have me close to the home parish in Garner around April 27, or in time to enjoy my May basket in my home.

I'm one of three chaplains (another priest and a Jewish rabbi) who came to fill in for 17 chaplains who deployed with the over 15,000 troops from this area. All of their family members have been left behind so we now total 9 chaplains for an area that had 23 prior to Dec 1. I'm also the catholic priest/chaplain for the 98th General Hospital (which is one of three hospitals in Europe preparing to receive the casualties (IF). It's a 500 bed (plus tents out in back to accomodate more) hospital and now has a staff ~~of~~ over half reserve or guard because the full time army people have been deployed - doctors, nurses and specialists. You might keep the 98th Hospital in your mind and (IF) it might appear on "news" reports - just know that I'll be there. We have geared up to work 12 hour shifts. I'm also the parish priest for two parishes at two of the nine Kasernes in this complex and am getting involved in a great deal of counseling. Some spouses and families are handling the deployment much better than others. There is some "anger" present but I think that and selfish feelings will begin to disappear when they proceed to the next stage of acceptance. Anyway, this is different than my parish in Garner, Iowa.

My brothers have my adult "toy" (Piper Warrior) to fly around with while I'm spending time here. The major was just completed the week before I came over here so I got to fly almost 3 hours on the zero time engine before I left. Will be looking forward to getting back and putting more time on it. Will be upgrading the audio and instrument panel a bit while I'm here.

Enough of this. Now I'll close out. Hope to see you in St. Louis in July

With every best wish and prayer, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John W. Hemann

Rev. John W. Hemann

Encl:

