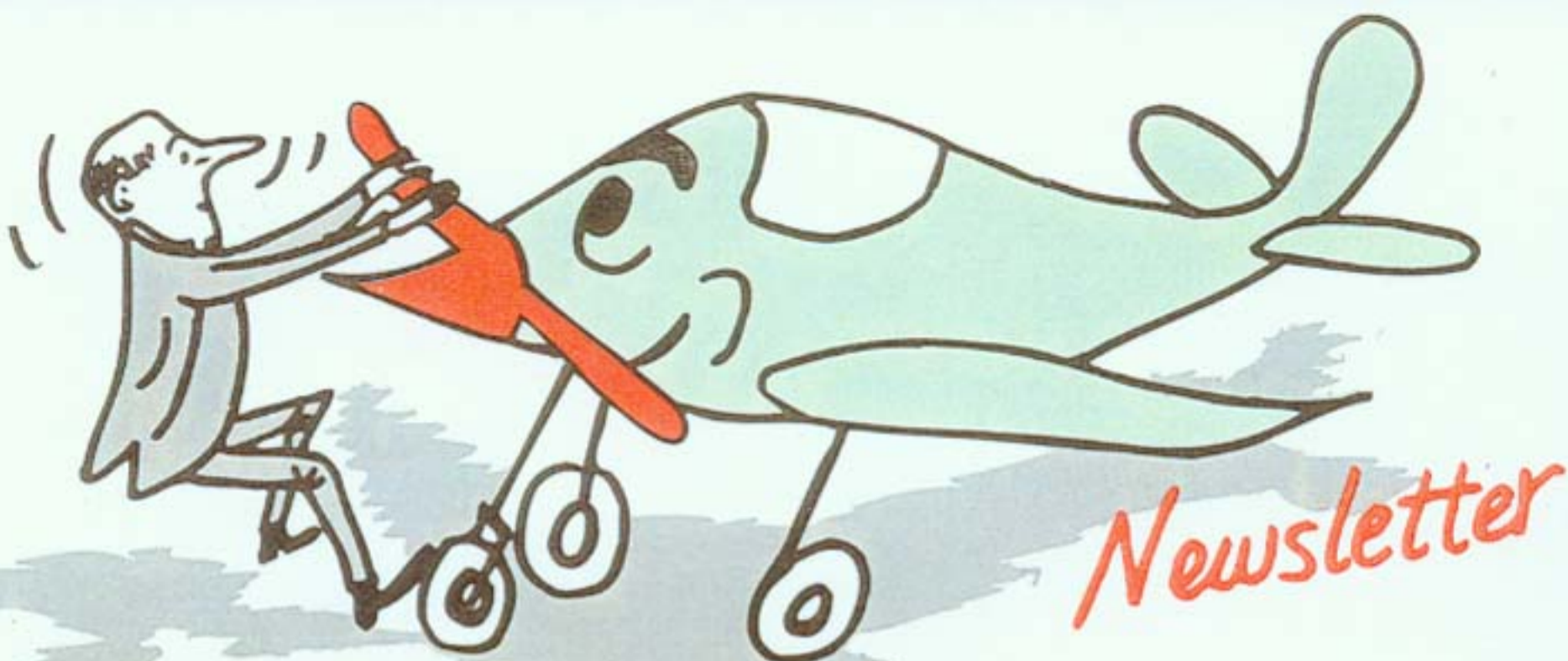


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

For a variety of reasons these have been exciting days for me. While the scandal in the Church is part of that excitement, it's not what I primarily had in mind.

Last month I recommended a friend for his instrument ticket. Jeff had scored 100% on his written and did equally well on his oral and flight exam. This week I will finish another instrument student. Both have been exciting to fly with and have helped me to stay current.

Next week Jeff and I will travel to Duluth to receive his Cirrus SR-22. He has invited me to take the 3 day check

out with him. Now that is exciting.

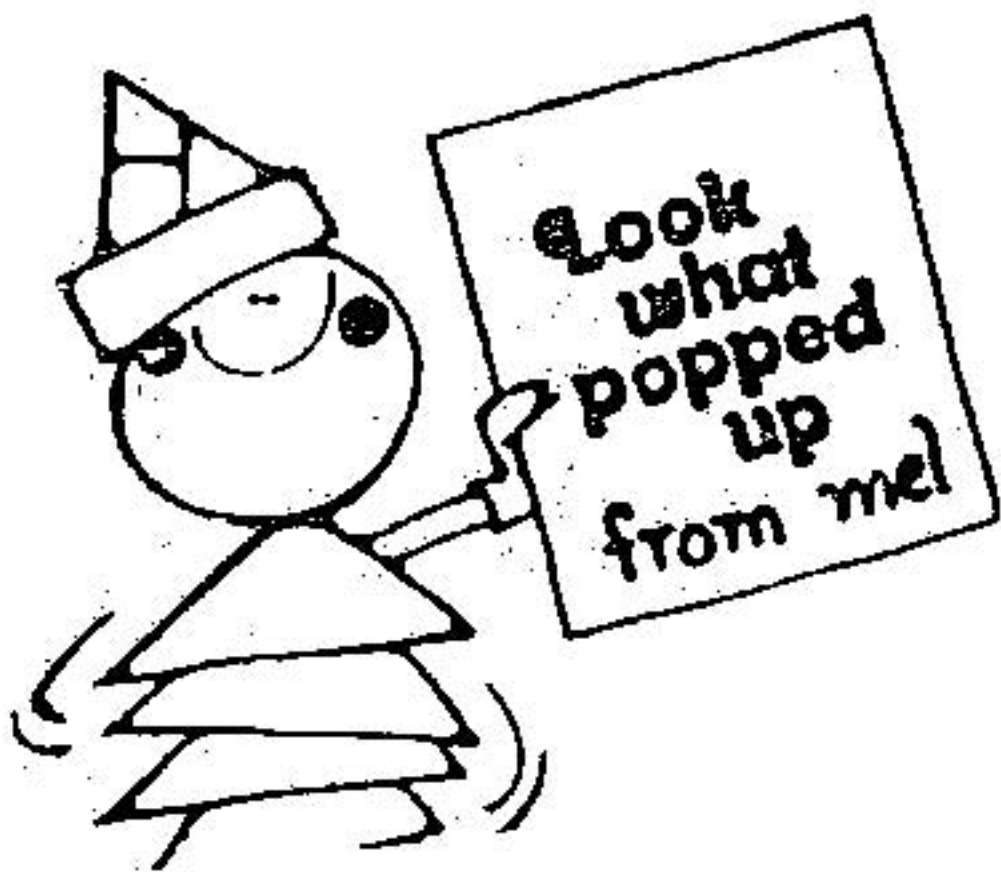
Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find details about the annual gathering, this year in New Mexico. If you have never attended, I encourage you to join us. The camaraderie of priest-pilots is great. I look forward to it just to be with these men who have become important in my life.

Fr. Bob and Edwina have hosted several conventions. They always do an excellent job. The food is great and the scheduled events are educational. I assure you that you will not be disappointed.

If you can not make it this year, go for next year. We here in Ames are looking forward to hosting you in 2003.

See you in Albuquerque!

Ev Hemann



SD. Dick, can we get him signed up?

REMINDERS

2002 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 9 - 10, 2002

MIDWEST REGIONAL MEET

DES MOINES, IOWA

SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

This will be the last newsletter before the annual NAPP convention. After the last mailing I noticed there was no information about the airport for those flying to ABQ in their own planes. Here it is: **Double Eagle II airport (AEG)**. All the pertinent information is on the revised form - perpendicular in the upper right hand corner. West Mesa FBO. You can't miss it! Consult your AOPA directory for details.

One more change for the directory. It's #1 in the BRIEFS section.

Several months ago the newsletter The Alaskan Shepherd, diocese of Fairbanks, AK had an article about Fr. Richard D. Case, SJ deputy Administrator of the diocese. I wrote to him about NAPP and his response is in the news letter. Welcome to our membership Dick. One clarification. I have two brothers in the priesthood.

As I was preparing this newsletter I received word a new bishop has been appointed to Fairbanks. Msgr. Donald Kettler of Sioux City,

----- FOR THOSE WHO TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY

- * Save the whales. Collect the whole set
- * A day without sunshine is like, night
- * On the other hand, you have different fingers
- * I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory
- * Honk if you love peace and quiet
- * You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted
- * Atheism is a non-prophet organization
- * Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines
- * Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm
- * He who laughs last thinks slowest
- * Remember half the people you know are below average
- * The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese
- * Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life

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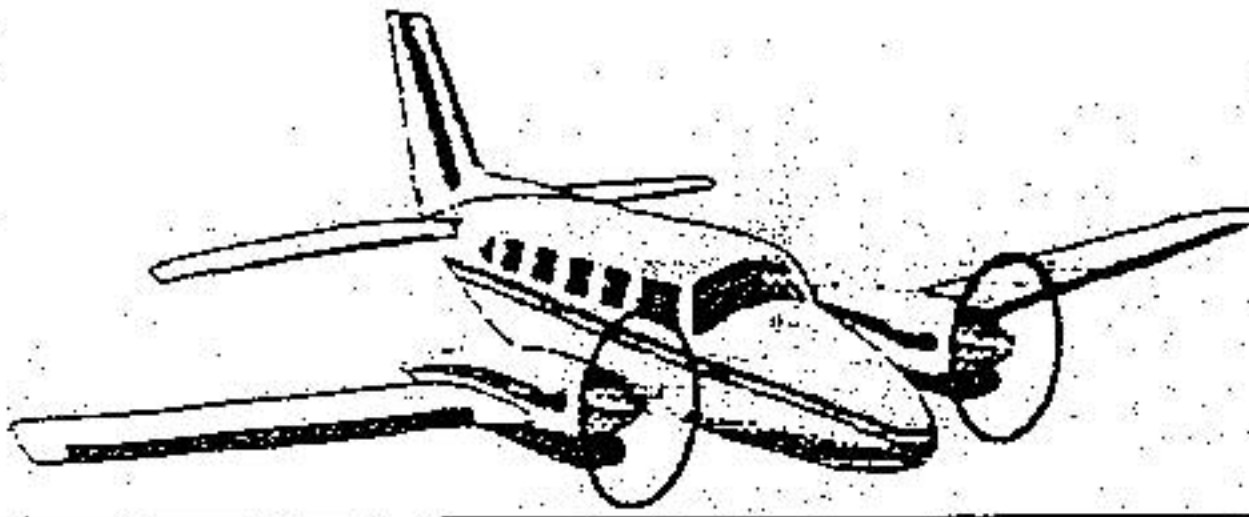
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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

ADDRESS CHANGES

Rev. Allen F. Corrigan, 3435 Everett Rd
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Allen says, "New job." He is now
administrator of St. Victor Church in Richfield.

Gerry Gefell sent the following:

11 April, 2002

Dear Mel,

Thanks for the nice writeup concerning
brother Joe. Good work on your part.

Enclosed is a little offering in Joe's name. It
would please him to see it I am sure. He spoke
so often of his love of flying and nearly always
mentioned NAPP. He was at the founders
meeting of NAPP way back when! R.I.P.

God bless you and all.

Gerry Gefell

Gerry Gefell

(Editor's Note): Gerry's note included \$50.00.

From Fred Kelley, Fr. Jim's brother:

Fr. Mel,

Thank you for your letter of sympathy. Jim
really loved what he was doing. He said that he
would put in at least ten years in Alaska and he
did one day shy of eleven. I also flew with him
last Spring and logged 24 hours of stick time. It
was wonderful.

Sincerely,

Fred Kelley

Fred Kelley

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY ON THE RADIO

from John W. Hemann

On April 25, 2002, three radio personalities on
WMT in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (all are Catholic)
began talking about the May 15 Feast of St.
Isidore the Farmer and thought that since most of
the seeds had been planted it would be a good
idea to "bless" the land and the newly planted
seeds. The problem seemed to be, "If only we
had an airplane, a catholic priest and some holy
water we could fly over Northeast Iowa and bless
all the fields in a short time."

Fr. John W Hemann, NAPP charter member,
called the radio station and informed them that
he could assist. They couldn't believe their
prayers were answered so quickly. So, on May
15, Fr. Neil Manternach (NAPP member who
lives a few blocks from the radio station) took his
Book of Blessings and Holy Water and off they
went, covering six counties. One of the radio
announcers went along and (with cell phone)
called into the station every 15 minutes and gave
a detailed report. In the meantime John Hemann
contacts the station from the Charles City airport
where his Warrior is based (goes live on a radio
hookup) and prepares to launch airborne and
"bless" the farmland in five more counties in
Northern Iowa.

You ought to see the crops and how they are
growing! This whole incident started out with the
radio personalities "joking" and it developed
into a real interesting experience. The
personalities talked about the upcoming
happening for about three weeks, the actual
morning show was two hours (live off and on the
air), and it was really fun. I was surprised how
many people made comments to me about
hearing and listening to the radio. (It was a
welcome and enjoyable story to their ears about
Catholic Priests).

EASTERN REGION NEWS

by C. Teufel, Director

The day after the Lord rose, April 1, the Eastern Region rose as well. Seven of us met at Cape May, NJ. Tony Attea, Nick Rossello, and Carmen Marchiole arrived in a twin aircraft; Pete Sweeney and Mike Murray landed in a slow plane; Charlie Teufel appeared in a fast craft; and Hugh Connahhan showed up in a vehicle with four wheels touching the pavement. We rented an under-size car, – the big ones were all gone – found a motel, ate a 3:00 pm lunch at the Lobster House, and then walked the town to work off the meal. Next morning, after visiting the Pancake House, we departed in peace. Nice little get-together. In the future we hope to meet overnight in perhaps May and October, with luncheons in maybe April, June, August, and September.

We will see.

Our second Eastern Region encounter was a very delicious buffet with Arnold Palmer. Well, not exactly with Arnold, but at his airport in Latrobe, PA. The date was May 28th. Well, not exactly all on the 28th. Actually it was a two stage meeting. Pete Sweeney and Mike Murray showed up a week early on the 21st. Charlie Teufel watched from the restaurant window as they taxied up at exactly 12 Noon. After lunch we removed the cowling to hunt for a loose alternator wire. No problem found. Charlie fixed the plane with a blessing after which they took off in good shape.

A week later, on the 28th, Hugh Connahhan and Jack Boyle both arrived in cars, while Charlie Teufel and Tony Attea flew in. Charlie brought along Bill Stenger, a retired priest from W. Va. Bishop Timlin and Leo McGee both wrote letters entreating to be excused. Bill Browne got hijacked in Detroit and did not get back in time.

We plan to meet in the future on August 20th in Lancaster PA at noon for lunch, on September 17th overnight someplace, and maybe on October 22nd. Stay tuned.

We have a problem. Just who is in the Eastern Region? For the first two events above, which were planned too late for the newsletter, Tony and I notified, by phone or letter, more or less everybody in the northeast including OH, WV, and VA. We need to know what region you folks in MI, KY, IN, and TN consider yourselves in. And then there is FL. Maybe we need a southeast region? Hope we can discuss this in Albuquerque.

Adios.

MIDWEST REGION NEWS

17 individuals from the Midwest gathered in Cedar Rapids, IA on Monday. Members and guests came from IA, KS, IL and W VA. by car and plane. Neil Manternach, pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton parish in Hiawatha, IA, hosted the gathering. All were greeted and hosted at the Collins ramp at the CID airport by Collins pilot Barry Brown. He & his wife Nancy have been NAPP associate members for years. While a student at Iowa State U Nancy assisted me with this newsletter and the one who designed the airplane/priest design on the first page. The main event of the afternoon was a tour of the Rockwell Collins plant where all observed the production of the various aviation related products Collins is famous for. A wonderful dinner brought the day to a close. The Fall gathering is scheduled for Des Moines on September 23, 2002



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April 16, 2002

Mel Hemann
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1683

Dear Mel,

Thank you very much for the wonderful letter that you wrote. At the moment I am working my way through a kidney stone and have not been able to fly since last September. Hopefully the doctor will be able to deal with it and I will be able to get back to flying.

I started my flying back in 1959 as you probably saw in the article. I have flown up here in the Alaska bush and in the Pacific northwest. I've never quite brought myself to join the Priest Pilots Association but with your wonderful letter I'm going to. I can afford the initiation^{fee} or the dues and will gladly pay them to you come renewal time. In fact I'll send you a check as soon as I get home and get near my personal checkbook. Flying has been a part of my life since 1959 and I am most appreciative of all that I can do with the airplane.

Thank you very much and thanks to the Association for any support that you have given in the past. It has helped us to continue to reach out. As a matter of fact, we have in the diocese a 207 and a Cessna 172. The Jesuits own a Cessna 180 so I'm kinda overburdened with airplanes and underburdened with pilots. I've got a seminarian who is learning to fly and if I can just keep him focused and not let him go too wild about it it should be a contribution some time in the future. I will see that he signs up also for the Priest Pilots Association. He'd be thrilled, I'm sure.

I pray God's blessing upon you and your brother. I also have a brother who is a Jesuit priest in Rome and so I know the wonderful ties that can come between two brothers who are priests. May God bless you and I remain.

Most gratefully yours,



Rev. Richard D. Case, SJ
Deputy Administrator, Diocese of Fairbanks

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS CONVENTION

Albuquerque, New Mexico --- July 9 - 10, 2002

Arrival: July 8 - Mon. Gather at Madonna Retreat Center.

Rooms: donation of \$10.00 per night. Some single rooms available.

Visit Old Town if possible

July 9 - Tue. Continental breakfast.

9:00 A.M. Tramway - the longest in the world. Elevation 10,000 ft.

Lunch: Sandia Indian Casino.

Afternoon siesta or ????

5:30 P.M. Gourmet dinner at the Espat's home

7:00 P.M. Business meeting

July 10- Wed. Fly Magdalena, NM. Visit Very Large Array (VLA) electronic telescopes.

Afternoon: Fly to Alamogordo, Holloman AFB. Alternate landing for the space shuttle. Visit the Atomic Space Museum.

5:30 P.M. Mass at Retreat House

7:00 P.M. Banquet. Speaker: Glenn Tillery of Angel Flight Mission

July 11- Thu. Departures

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Director: Dominic Kollasch

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SUGGESTED OFFERING: \$10 PER DAY

Convention Co-host:

Rev. Bob Kirsch

Box 1080

Albuquerque, NM

505-842-8916

Convention Co-host

Edwina Tabares

5409 Punta Alta NW

Albuquerque, NM

505-831-5978

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I am making my own room reservations at Madonna Retreat Center