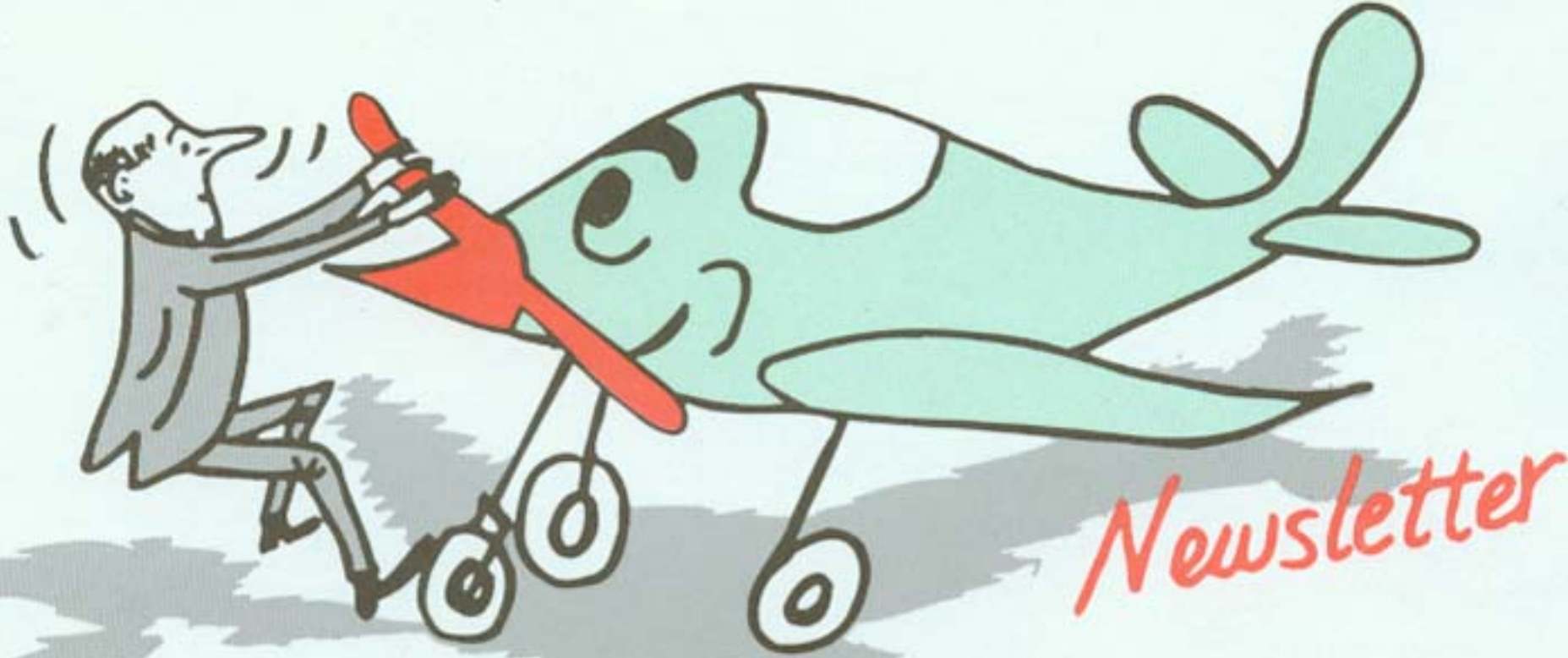


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

How time does fly! It is convention time. I hope to see you in Dayton. If you have not registered please give them a call at the University and come. We hope to have a grand time.

A special thanks to John Bellon and all his helpers. John has kept me apprised of all the arrangements. He has done a great job. Come, all you priest pilots and enjoy yourselves.

The weather kept me from attending our regional meeting in Blakesburg, Iowa in April. For several weeks we had very obscene weather -- often it was not safe even on the ground, much less in the sky. John Hemann had informed me that a large number had signed up

to attend. The actual number that made it I do not know. Mel will probably have some info for us in this issue of the newsletter.

Thanks Mel for having our convention on the calendars of some flying magazines. I saw it in the FLYING and the AOPA PILOT magazines.

A special thanks to Mel for the updates of our brochure and directory. I like the results of both. I am sure I speak for all the members in saying that both are very well done. Thanks!

I heard this on the air recently. While on a commute through Denver there was a delay. The Captain decided to reassure the passengers: Captain: "Ladies and gentlemen, as you can see, our departure time has come and gone and we are still at the gate. Unfortunately, the famous Denver bag machine that was designed to rip the handles off and put holes in the sides of your suitcase has broken down. As a result, we are having to rip the handles off by hand and that is taking a little longer. My apologies."

See you at the convention! Safe flying!

Al Werth



This is the final issue before the Convention. We once again have a registration form enclosed. As President Al reminds us in his message--get it in now. It should be a very special time at one of the nation's premier air museums.

Jack Paisley sent me a copy of an ad about an overhead door stop for a plane. I am including that in this mailing in case any of you are interested in obtaining one for your plane. The way the wind has been blowing in the midwest this year it may not be a bad idea.

Periodically over the past 30+ years we have spoken about the possibility of having NAPP, Inc. seek federal tax exempt status but it never went beyond the talking stage. A cousin of mine is a retired CPA and he and I have begun the process of seeking a federal excise tax number and an accompanying tax exempt status. To date we have discovered that this attempt over 30 years after our initial incorporation may raise a lot red flags that might lead to investigations as to what we've done about taxes in the past. We are currently exploring two other possibilities.

A last resort may mean reincorporating and do it all from the beginning. I'll have something more definite to report in Dayton.

In spite of bad weather 14 members made it to the Spring regional meeting at the Antique Airplane Association near Blakesburg, Iowa. I am including a letter from Robert L. Taylor, president of AAA. Mr. Taylor and his staff were excellent hosts as we viewed antique planes and other memorabilia. In the next newsletter I'll publish the 1939 article about the flying Canadian Arctic priest.

The Fall regional meeting will be in the Omaha, NE area on Monday, September 27. We will be visiting the new Air Force museum near Offut AFB. Mark your calendars for this one.

John Birk sent another version of the pending Y2K problem. This one goes back farther in time than the Y1K in the last issue. I hope you enjoy that in the Briefs section.

Frank Nemmers sent me a page of short quips to be used as newsletter fillers. As time goes on I'll use some of them as needed.

**HOPE TO SEE
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DAYTON
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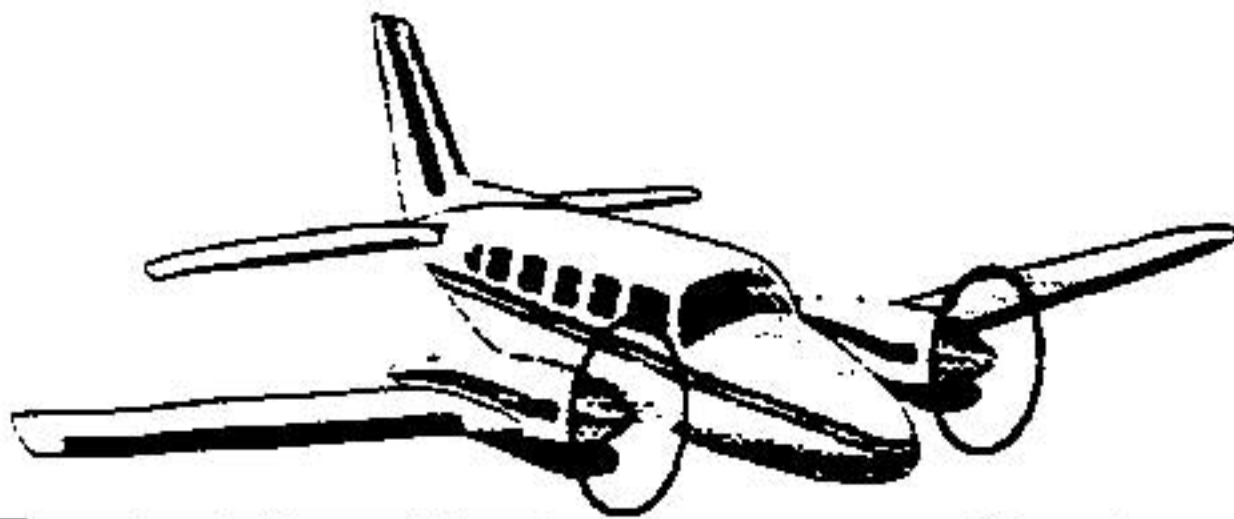
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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

From Fr. Michael Nash
May 19, 1999

Dear Mel,

I am sorry to report that I will not be making the convention this year, but I hope to be there next year. I will finish up here in Louvain at the end of June (hopefully with a freshly minted STL) and then do a little traveling. On 12 July, I will make a morning presentation on some aspect of Catholic Social Teaching to the Catholic Army chaplains in Europe at their monthly gathering in Heidelberg, Germany. Then on the 13th I return to Juneau where I will take up my new assignment at the Cathedral parish in Juneau.

My new address is:

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Take care,
Michael Nash

From John Birk
Pasca, Washington
May 7, 1999

Dear Mel,

I thought the folks might like a copy of the YOK problem since the last issue had the YIK problem.

In November I will be traveling to Kenya to see my cousin and some priests in Malawi to get an African culture experience. My cousin teaches novices for natives becoming Christian Brothers in Nairobi, Kenya. I also help support a child just North of Nairobi I hope to see for the first time. The trip from New York to Jannesburg is 15 hours non-stop via South African

Airlines. What do you do to keep your sanity on a long flight like that?

God bless one and all.

John Birk

P.S. This weekend I will be attending the Walla Walla balloon fest here in Washington State. The only one held longer is the one in New Mexico that is worldwide known. If you haven't been up in a hot air balloon you must experience at least one flight.

Message from Rome----1 B.C.

Dear Cassius,

Are you working on the Y zero K problem? This change from BC to ADS is giving us a lot of headaches and we haven't much time left. I don't know how people will cope with working the wrong way around. Having been working happily downwards forever, now we have to start thinking upwards. You would think that someone would have thought of it earlier and not left it to us to sort out at the last minute. I spoke to Caesar the other evening. He was livid that Julius hadn't done something about it when sorting out the calendar. He said he could see why Brutus turned nasty.

We called in the consulting astrologers, but they simply said that continuing downwards using minus BC won't work. As usual, the consultants charged a fortune for doing nothing useful.

As for myself, I just can't see the sand in an hourglass flowing upwards. We heard that there are 3 wise guys in the east working on the problem, but unfortunately they won't arrive till it's over. Some say the world will cease to exist at the moment of transition. Anyway we are continuing to work on this blasted Y zero K problem and I will send you a parchment at 12:29 PM if anything further develops.

Plutonium

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5:00 P.M. NAPP Annual Meeting
6:30 P.M. Dinner at NEIL'S HERITAGE RESTAURANT

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6:30 P.M. NAPP BANQUET

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May 6, 1999

Rev. John W. Hemann
660 Bush Avenue
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Dear Father John:

Thank you for your letter of April 28th. Also a big thanks for bringing us the National Association of Priest Pilots to Antique Airfield for a tour.

I am enclosing a copy of the local *Ottumwa Courier* article that Helen Hannan wrote on your group's visit.

I was wondering if your organization publishes a newsletter. If so we welcome the opportunity to read it and give it a plug. Over the 46 years that we have published our AAA/APM publications we have had several flying priests join us. In fact, Father John Iannone, 225 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207-3209, just renewed with us today and we are sending him a copy of the *Courier* article.

Another long time AAA members was the late Father John MacGillivray of Canada, also well known and respected in the Experimental Aircraft Association.

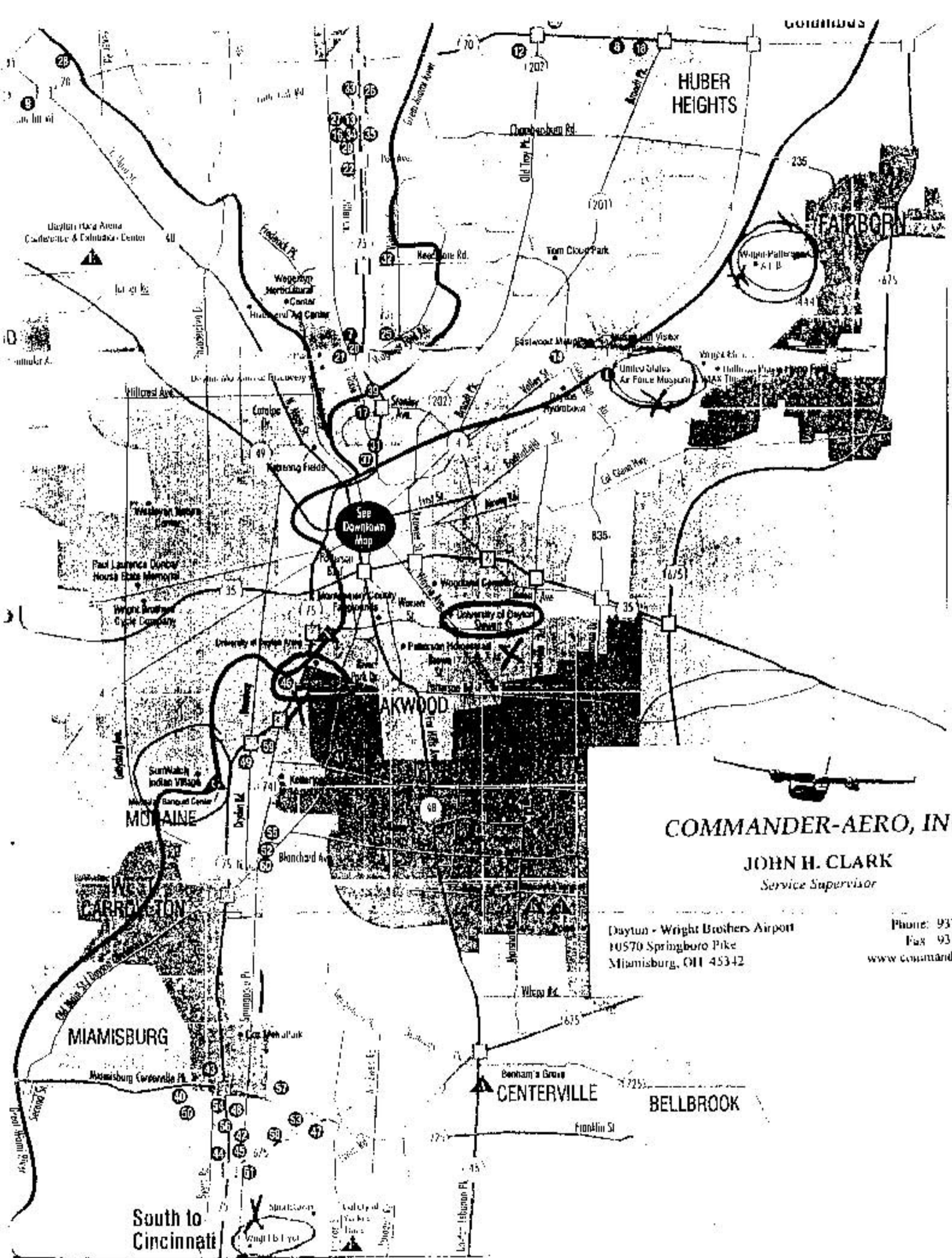
Note your P.S. on our grass runway. Sorry, but our members prefer the grass runways and Antique Airfield has operated successfully during 13" spell of rain during a long past Fly-In. We even has a WW II Grumman Wildcat operate on and off the field during that difficult time so the grass surface runway is quite popular with our troops.

I also enclose a copy of a flying priest story from the March 1939 issue of *Popular Aviation* that you may have never read. During my ongoing aviation historical research I find such articles now and then and could make copies if you so desire.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Taylor".

Robert I. Taylor
President

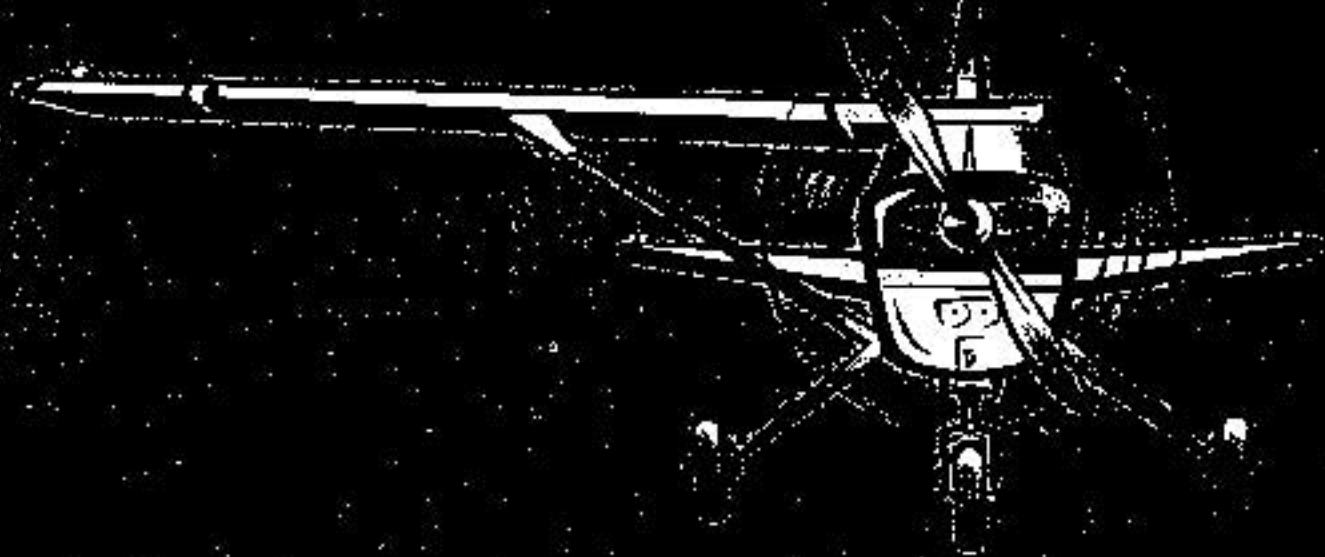


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