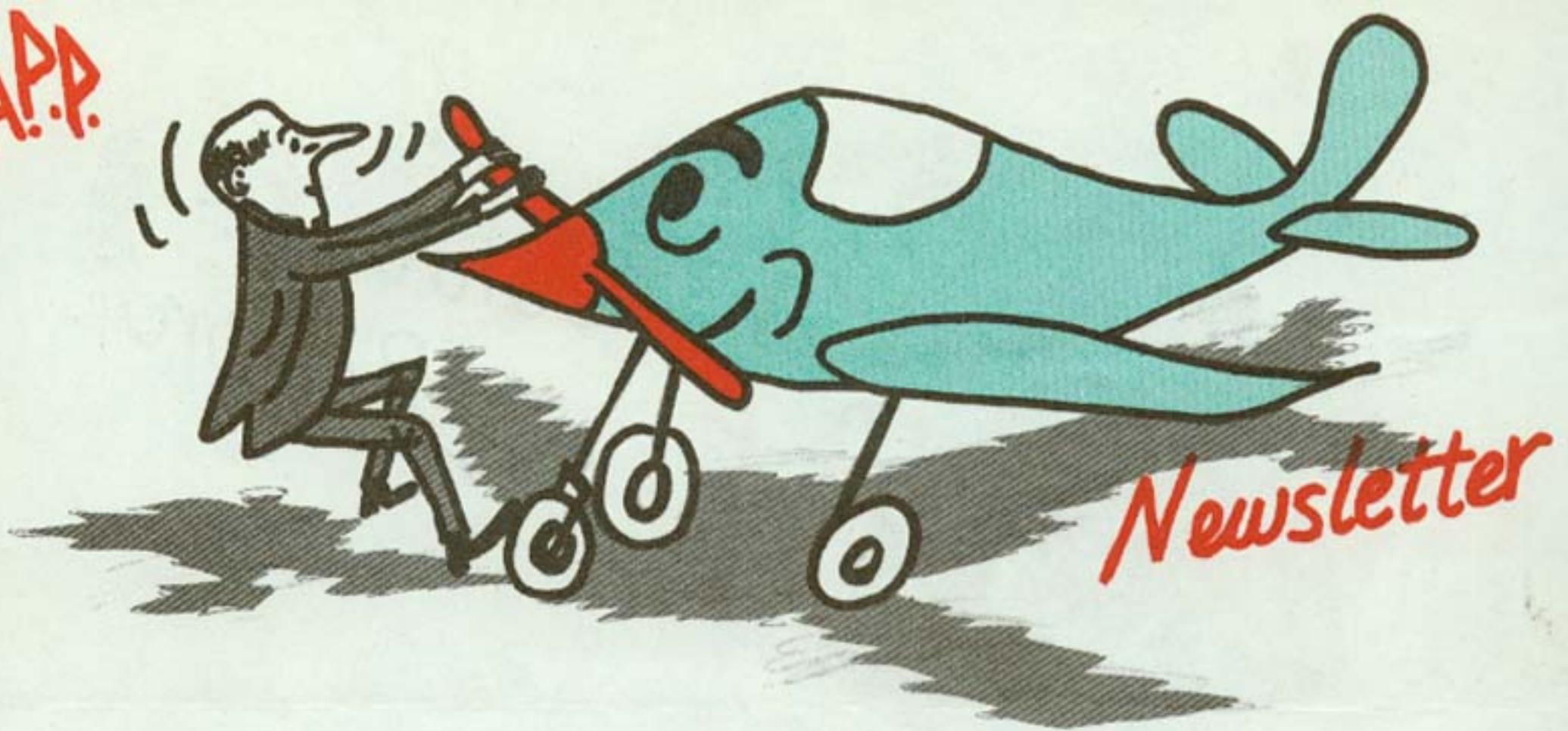


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The Winona Area Chamber of Commerce

cordially invites you to attend the

National Recognition Banquet

honoring

Max Conrad

on the eve of his

"Pole to Pole Around the World" flight

Saturday, November 29, 1969

7:30 p.m.

Park Plaza

Winona, Minnesota

*R.S.V.P.
by Nov. 24.*

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per person*

--- I DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE BANQUET BUT MY LETTER OF APOLOGY DID ---

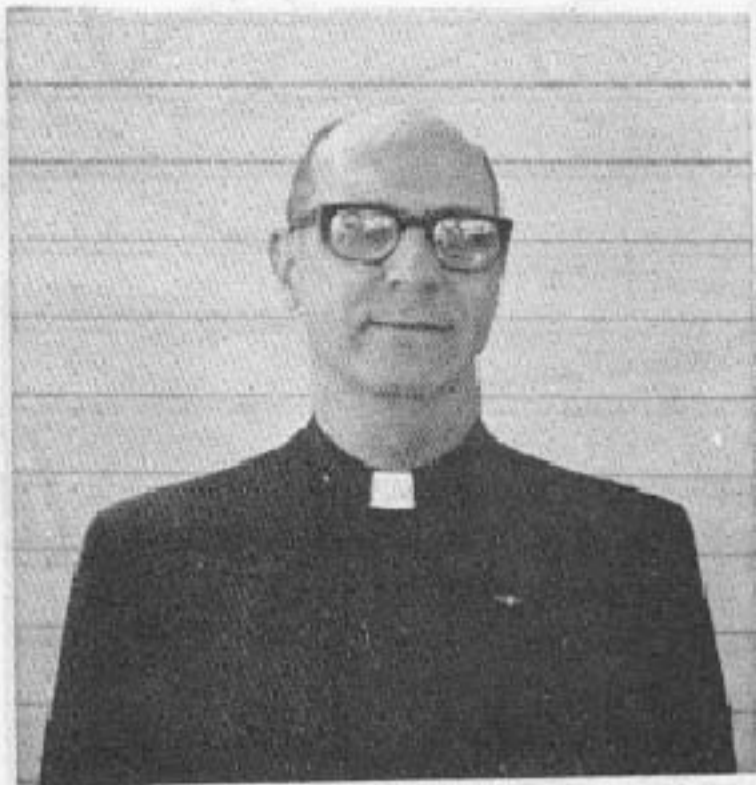


Press Conference

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OF
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Mel and Max



John
Bellon

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Since his birth in Detroit, Michigan on May 11, 1914, John E. Bellon has literally been around. He attended Holy Redeemer School in Detroit prior to entering the Minor Seminary at St. Joseph's College in Kirkwood, Mo. where he spent the year from 1929 - 1935. Following this he found himself in the Novitiate of the Redemptorist Fathers, DeSoto, Mo. His final schooling came during the years 1936 - 1942 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The high point of all these years came in 1941 when he was ordained.

John's first assignment was to St. Joseph's Church in Wichita, Kansas from 1943 - 1945. From 1945 to 1946 he served in the Navy on the West Coast and in the Pacific theater. After being released by Uncle Sam, and prior to an assignment at Mission House in Pine City, Minnesota, John served two more years in Wichita.

The years 1952 - 1954 once again saw John back in uniform. This time the Navy assigned him to the East Coast and the Atlantic European theater. Carlisle, Kentucky became his home after discharge from 1954 - 1956 and then the years following till 1958 found him with a San Antonio, Texas address. In 1958 he was assigned to Holy Name Parish in Omaha, Nebraska until he took over as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Rapid City, South Dakota in 1966.

John got his pilot's license in June of 1947 in Wichita on the G. I. Bill of Rights after W. W. II. He is a charter member of NAPP and in 1968 hosted the national convention in Rapid City. At the present time he is president of the mid-west region of NAPP and was elected to the office of 2nd vice president on the national level at the convention in San Diego last summer.

THE "TO-BE-ENVIED" CORNER

In the account of the 99'ers cross country race last summer, PILOT magazine says that the closing prayer was given by Abbot Charles Coriston, O.S.B. Charlie is a past president of NAPP and since being released from his position as Abbot he has been fulfilling a life long dream of doing "mission" flying. He has spent the past couple of years working in Mexico in that capacity.

For those who are not acquainted with the 99'ers, perhaps a short explanation is in order. They are a national group of Women Pilots and each year sponsor a cross country race. Charlie, how did you manage to get that type of duty?

Four



Johns

MIDWEST REGIONAL MEET

The members of the Midwest Region will hold their Spring meeting in Muskogee, Oklahoma with Ed Buxton serving as host. The meeting will be the end of April - Sunday evening, the 26th and Monday the 27th. Write that date down now as the agenda will include finalizing the plans for the National Convention in Ames during July.

Pictured are the FOUR JOHNS at the last regional meeting. From left to right they are: John Hemann, John Frederick, John Brickley and John Bellon. Brick is shown expounding profoundly on one of two topics. He's either talking about his 5 year old dog, Mike who was killed by a car. Even though he was an SOB, he was still a good dog. Or he's enlightening the group on the value of nanny goats.

So plan now to attend the April meeting, midwesterners, so that you won't miss any of these highly intellectual discussions that evolve at our meetings.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The NAPP Board of Directors will meet in Ames, Iowa January 27 and 28. The items for discussion proposed thus far are:

- 1) An assessment of the present NAPP regional lines. Some regions are doing little or nothing and perhaps part of the problem is the make-up of the regions. Hopefully something might be worked out that would be better suited to the membership and this could be voted on at the Convention in Ames in July.
- 2) A meeting with Dr. Ray Bryan of Iowa State University. It is under Dr. Bryan's direction that the M.A. thesis NAPP is sponsoring on the use of the airplane in Church work will be written. This meeting should give us more particulars regarding this project to report to the members.
- 3) Going over the latest and most up-to-date membership list. From this will come a new directory in February.

If any of the members have any suggestions or items of business they wish brought up at this January meeting, please send them to me.





C.A.P.
MASS

Fr. Joe Kleinstuber, Washington, D.C., doesn't get much chance to fly because of his high school and parochial duties. But he is a reserve officer in the AF and attached to the Maryland Wing of CAP. He is shown offering Mass for a group of CAP cadets at a weekend bivouac in Washington State Park in western Maryland.

the
hawk



Fr. John MacGillivray is a Major in the Canadian AF serving as Chaplain to a Navy base across the harbor from Halifax. He says it's a bit different from being at an AF Base but it won't make much difference as Canada will have only one armed service in about a year. However, the process is a bit slow as tradition dies hard, especially in the Navy. John is widely known in EAA circles and puts out a newsletter for them. He flew his Miles Hawk to his new base and the Navy has adopted it as their mascot and have provided room for it in their hanger. The part of the base where the sole aircraft carrier is moored was built in 1918 by the American Navy and they flew anti-sub patrols out of this base in August of that year with 4 HS21 Curtiss flying boats. The first station Commander at that time was Lt. Com. Richard Byrd, the famous explorer. Pictured is John's plane which he flew over 50 hours on vacation this past summer. As usual he attended the EAA convention in Rockford and is looking forward to the NAPP convention in Ames next year-July.

BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Fr. John Herzog, formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been moved to New Hampton where he heads the new CCD School of Religion. During this past summer John attended the University of San Francisco and flew commercially to the Convention in San Diego.

Fr. John Lizer of Glydon, My. has passed the 200 hour point. He's working as an Aviation Merit badge Counselor for Boy Scouts. He's also made an application to join the Maryland CAP.

Fr. Vic Schoenberger, OFM, Rensselaer, N.Y. had a marvelous two month trip to the Holy Land and Europe - a Silver Jubilee trip.

Fr. John Sherbno, Swanton, Ohio, joined the CAP with the rank of Major. His Parish is within 7 miles of Toledo municipal and any one passing is invited to stop by. John is not doing any flying at present due to imbalances in the chamber of the inner ear and in the wallet on the hip pocket.

Fr. Dick Funke of Dubuque has been appointed the Secretary to Bishop Dunn, the newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Dubuque.

Fr. George Seufferling, Frankfort, Kansas, attended the International Mission Radio Association Convention in Miami for ham radio operators.

Fr. John Birk of Spokane, Wash. is in a Parish that is in a part of the City that is building up rapidly and so the latest maps donot have many of the streets shown. John went up with two other pilots and photographed the whole area. The information from the photos makes it easier for him to make parish visitations.

In a P.S. he says that his Pastor foresees the day in the future when some of the outlying Parishes in the Diocese will be week-end flying-in Mission Parishes. This from a man who is conservative in many other ways.

Fr. Ray Churchill writes from Mexicali that he's having trouble getting his Tri-Pacer into Mexico. Mountains of U.S. and Mexican paper work to go through.

Ray was also wondering about the "Marathon on Sex" I participated in. If enough are interested, I could give more details. Sorry, no pictures.

Fr. Bob Delaney has been transferred from Hartford, Conn. to Windsor. He is only 9 miles from Bradley International Airport and VHF reception on all frequencies is very good in the Rectory.

Bob has school at this assignment and he took three Nuns and six 8th grade science students and their teacher for a ride after discussing the theory of flight.

The questions he asks: Can I charge it to the school account as a school expense? My suggestion: Don't get to scrupulous.

Fr. Bill Travers writes from Travis Air Force Base that he is the boss Chaplain of the 22nd Air Force - part of the Military Airlift Command which takes in the world from the Mississippi River to India. As Boss he gets to fly as an additional crew member on any of their birds anytime. They fly primarily in the C141 and the crews give him a lot of unofficial right seat time. His jaunts take him from Alaska to Australia, from the US to New Delhi with all the stops in between.

Fr. Fritz Lang, C.P.P.S., is finally back in the Country after completing his doctoral work in Rome. He successfully defended his thesis "The Terms Cicero Used in Translating the Teachings of the Greek Philosophers" and became the first person to receive the doctoral degree from the Pontifical Institute of Higher Latinity.

While in Rome Fritz was called upon to be the official interpreter for the American team at the international Aerobatic Competition at Magdeburg, East Germany. Since his return Fritz has been appointed head of the Foreign Language Department at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. Anyone in the vicinity will find Jasper County Indiana airport newly re-surfaced and only a short way from St. Joseph's.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Monsignor Donald M. Cleary died suddenly on October 11. The Liturgy of Christian Burial - with Fulton J. Sheen as principal Concelebrant and eulogist - was held on October 14 at St. Catherine of Sienna's Church in Ithica, New York.

Don's brother, Father Tom, who sent the letter with the sad news says that two days before his death he went gliding and was so thrilled by it that on his desk was found an application for a glider pilot's license. Tom asks for a remembrance in prayers for his brother.

MISSIONARY CORNER

Father Tony Gendusa, M.S.C., has returned to New Guinea. One of his fellow Priests, Fr. Vincent Freeh, sends the following information from Aurora, Illinois about Tony.

While Tony was in the United States he spent a great deal of time raising funds for an airplane in the Diocese of Kavieng. That plane was purchased, shipped, and is being used by the Bishop with a lay mission pilot, Earl Beitey.

Friends of Tony's who understood the need for a plane stationed at the other end of the 85,000 square-mile diocese began working toward getting a 206 for Tony's immediate area and his own personal use. Bob Hope was approached and agreed to appearing for a benefit at the little town of Sandwich, Illinois in conjunction with an airshow. Except for the fact that it rained and the day was July 19th (moon landing day), enough money might have been realized from this one event to cover the cost of the plane and delivery to New Guinea.

Jerrie Mock, first lady to solo single engine around the world is flying the P-206 to the islands for Tony and should have it safely delivered by the time this letter reaches you.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are still in debt on this project in the amount of \$5,800.00 and if any NAPP members are able to contribute to Tony's plane, they may address contributions to:

Fr. Tony's Plane Fund
P.O. Box 270 305 S. Lake St.
Aurora, Illinois 60507

or contact:

Mr. Charles W. Aiken
Box 1904
226 Pendleton St.
Greenville, S.C. 29602

Half a world away Fr. Paul O'Connor is working in Zambia with the Helio-Courier he and Fr. Dick Skriba ferried there last February. Dick has put together a movie of the trip and has been showing it around the Chicago area making a few bucks for Paul.

In the overworked department honors should be given to Fr. Ricardo Woytych, C.P.P.S., in Santiago, Chile. Ricardo is in a Parish of 120,000 people. There are five priests in the Parish and as of May 21 they had over 150 weddings and average about fifty baptisms a week. Wonder why he doesn't get much flying done.

PERSONAL

One of the fringe benefits of Newman work is being in the middle of things. At a University you run into people from all over the world and eventually you meet someone who knows one of the NAPP members. Here are a few examples:

Fr. Philip Thoni writes from Okinawa that the new headcoach here at ISU is a very good friend of his as is one of the assistant coaches. They used to teach in the same school in Tennessee. These men spoke as highly of Phil as he did of them.

I had the occasion last June to fly John Majors, the head coach, and his family back from their vacation in Arkansas. It was a 7½ hour round trip and got in over 6 hours of IFR on that one.

Father Larry Watts of Jackson, Miss. was here about 3 weeks ago visiting his nephew who is a Freshman at ISU. Larry does a considerable amount of flying and will be joining our group shortly.

After I finished my conversation with Larry, I went to the hospital to visit the patients and met a young lady who was a good friend of Larry's. Unfortunately Larry, I've forgotten who it was.

The same afternoon I met Jim and Paula Foret who came to ISU from Louisiana. They turned out to be good friends of Msgr. Al Sigur in Lafayette.

Fr. Phil Schmitt of Bellevue, Iowa was in town for a day while attending a conference at the U.

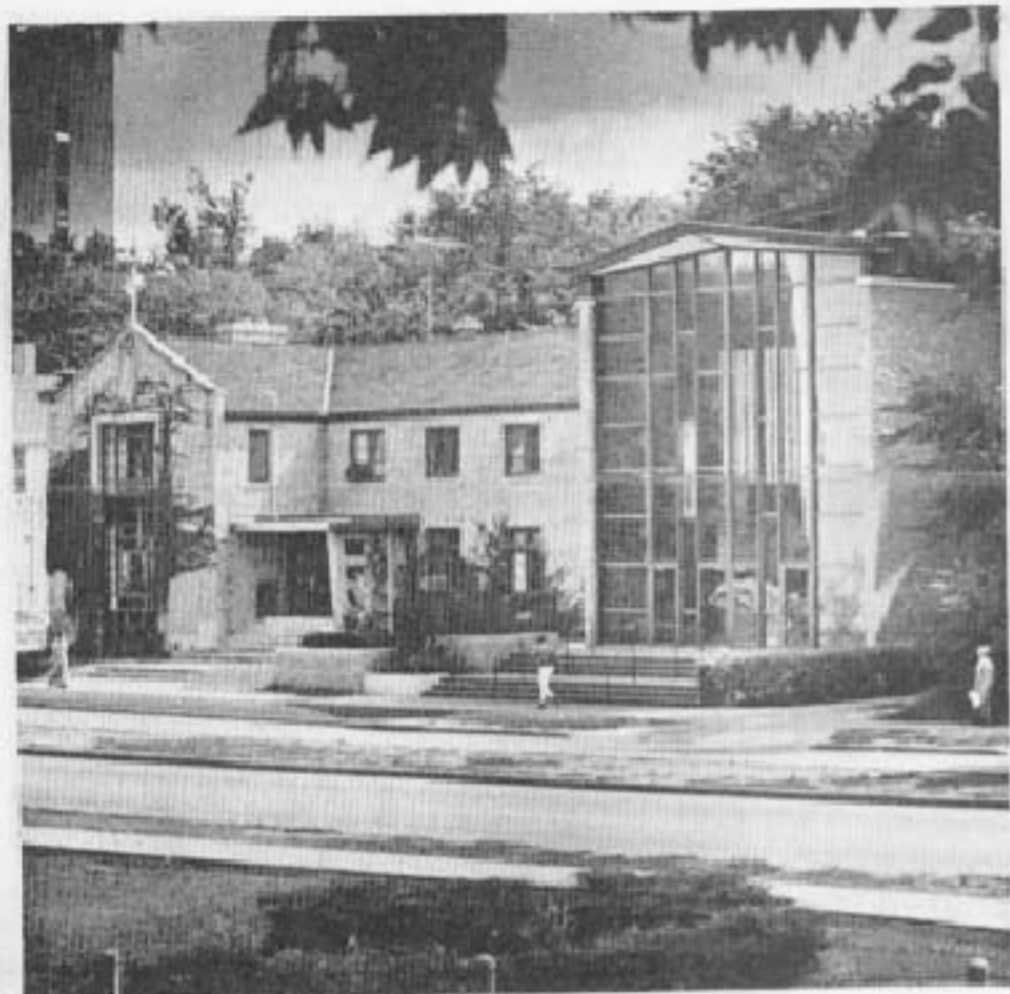
Fr. John Herzog of New Hampton, Iowa flew down for a day and we were able to get out for some IFR time. John says it was the first time he'd been under the hood for quite awhile.

My brother John is a National Guard Chaplain and he spent the night with me while enroute to Des Moines to attend a Guard meeting. Unfortunately he had to drive because of the weather.

If you're passing near this area, be sure and stop in. We have room for you to stay and if you'd like some dual time, I can usually arrange things to get away for awhile.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

1970 Convention Site



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Rooms across the street...

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