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**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

The month of December began with a non-flying adventure with pilot friend Laszlo, a member of Saint Victor Parish. This was a land-bound quest for the sometimes elusive Ohio Whitetail.

Arriving Sunday, Dec. 1, Laszlo provided a tour of his farm west of downtown Coshocton, Ohio. Included were stops at three prime hunting spot where we set up lawn chairs in our spots. It grew dark rather early and we returned to Laszlo's beautiful new log cabin, situated dramatically at the end of a very long, steep and slippery driveway. Four-wheel drive required.

After dinner hours were spent laying out supplies and equipment for the morning hunt. At 6 AM, 34 degrees and almost no wind the opening day of Ohio shotgun season was relatively comfortable. Around 7:12 AM I heard a shot followed by a 2nd. Laszlo had felled a deer to my left. He returned to the cabin to dress out his beautiful 11-point buck. I remained at my spot. I saw some birds, a squirrel, and a chipmunk. Around 10:30 AM something that looked like a dog but not being sure, I did not take my shot. Around 12:30 we regrouped at the cabin for some pizza. I went back to my spot till about 5:00 but I never saw any deer.

Tuesday morning I began the 500-mile drive to Belleville, IL and dinner with a Jesuit friend, Keith, from St. Louis. I met my friend Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville for a two day delightful visit. Thursday to Indianapolis where I met Bryan, a Byzantine priest friend. Friday to Toledo to spend an evening with good friends. Saturday back to Richfield after a long, 1200 miles enjoyable road trip. It wasn't a flying trip but I had the chance to spend some quality time with several friends from many of the old neighborhoods of life.

Sincerely,

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#### **LATEST WEBSITE UPDATE**

The past few months we have been working on getting the on-line NAPP information up to date with the possibility of always keeping it current. I think we have finally reached that point. When you go on line now you will have a current NECROLOGY, a current NAPP DIRECTORY and a current list of members by state. When someone dies, pays dues or moves to another state we can immediately change the website and provide that information to our members.

When you look at the NAPP DIRECTORY now you will notice a different format. The old structure did not allow John to make the needed changes so we had to design a new one. I entered all the data and then John did his thing. Hopefully we now have it as we have long hoped it would be.

I will send a new sheet of instructions on how to operate the latest update. **Please destroy any previous instructions.** No one else will have access to that information.

Of particular interest is the **NAPP members only** section which can only be opened by those having the password. We hope you enjoy this new advancement and we are especially grateful to John Zapp for his patient and kind support.

*You will notice in the Briefs section an article about the packet I received from the Crazy Horse Memorial regarding our July visit and contributions to the Memorial. I will bring the items mentioned to our Kentucky convention next July for you to view during our spare moments.*

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We received word of the death of two members. Leon Dobosiewicz has not been a member for some years but I'm sure some remember him. Tom Bishop is well known to those who attended the Alaska conferences hosted by Archbishop Frank Hurly. There is more about them in the Briefs section.

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### **TWO IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

## **2014 NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Host:** Al Ruschman

**DATES:**

**Arrival:** Monday: July 7

**CONVENTION**

**July 8 – 9**

**Departure:** Thursday: July 10

**Airport:** Private Fly-ins: Lunken KLUK

**Commercial Arrivals:** Cincinnati KCVG

**Lodging:** Hampton Inn, Wilder, KY.

## **MIDWEST REGIONAL MEET**

Monday, April 28, 2014

Cherokee, Iowa

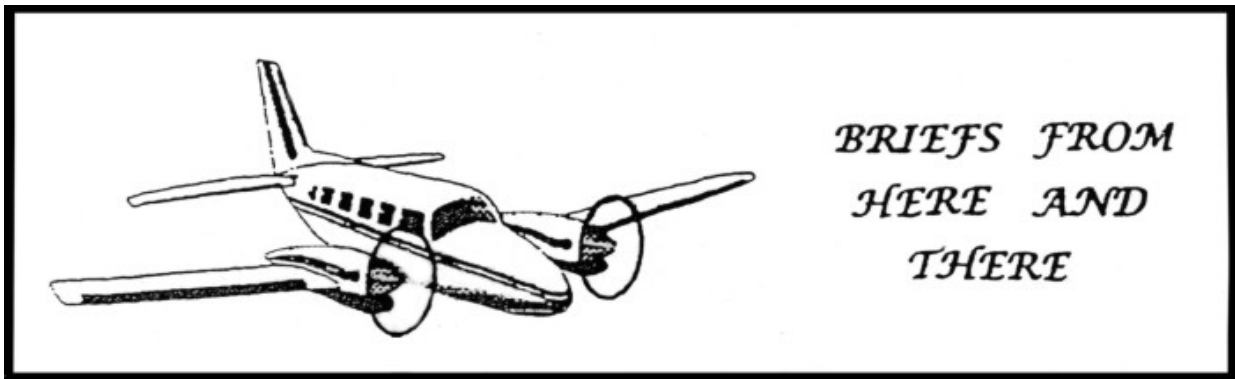
**Host:** Gene Murray

*All details for both events will begin in the February issue. Meanwhile, get the dates on your calendar.*

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I got a response to the last newsletter from Kathy Bishop in Palmer, AK. She said her husband, Associate member Tom Bishop, died suddenly on October 1 and asked that I notify the members. Tom was an A & P in Palmer and for years did all the maintenance work on the Anchorage Archdiocesan planes. Those of us who had the privilege of meeting Tom at our Alaskan NAPP gatherings were touched by his dedication to the Church in keeping the planes in great shape. His zest for life coupled with his humor were memorable. I remember in particular his periodic reminder to Archbishop Hurley, "I have been a bishop longer than you." May he rest in peace!

*From Associate John Capone, Golden, Co*

Thanks Mel and a great newsletter that I always enjoy.

By the way, I finished test flying my new two seat hot air balloon N995JC experimental and got issued the airworthiness certificate just a few months ago and now am waiting for better weather in CO and more flying time.

Regards,

John



The two seater – John on the right



The two seater – John on the right

What a Beauty!!!

*This from Pat Patten, Arusha, Tananiza  
November 1, 2013*

Hi Mel,

Thanks for the note on the October newsletter and for taking care of my 2014 dues. Kind of you. Even more so, thanks for helping Elsa get her instrument rating. She's doing well; and we've completed several days of bush clinics where she did all the flying. It will still take two to three months to have her fully transitioned, but she'll be good. She just finished a couple of weeks of an intensive Swahili language course. She's also turning into a good aircraft mechanic.

Pat

*Notification of death of former NAPP member*

Monsignor Leon Dobosiewicz, 93, of Lake Wales, Florida died on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at Lake Wales Medical Center, of natural causes. He was born on October 9, 1919 in Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania and was a Catholic Priest for sixty-seven years. He was ordained to the Priesthood on April 6, 1946 at

Saint Colomba Cathedral in Youngstown, Ohio. On July 6, 1984 he retired from the Diocese of Youngstown. Since 1984 he had served in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida. Pope Benedict XVI named Father Leon Dobosiewicz a Monsignor on March 10, 2008. With the permission of Bishop Thomas Wenski, Msgr. began celebrating the Tridentine Mass at St. Joseph's in Winter Haven and at St. Leo the Great Catholic Mission.

He was ordained the same year as Pope John Paul II and concelebrated a Mass in Rome with others ordained the same year for their fiftieth anniversary.

He was a licensed pilot, a very good golfer, and certified scuba diver.

From an article in the "Lake Wales News" in 2008 he is quoted, "I want people to remember that I was effective and influential in bringing people into the Catholic faith."

*Editor's note:*

*Charter and early NAPP members perhaps remember the Dobosiewicz priest brothers, Steve and Leon, arriving in their Piper TriPacer. Attendees at the Carrolton, KY gathering 50 years ago will no doubt recall the 2 brothers loading two other priests in the TriPacer's back seat for a local site seeing flight. Everyone watched breathlessly as the plane eventually gained enough altitude to "just make it over" the power lines at the end of the field.*

May they rest in peace!

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*Msgr. Joseph Dooley writes from PA*

Dear Mel,

I thought my dues were paid up but you know what age does to the brain! Maybe I'm not flying around in the sky but this flying around in a Catholic high school is just as interesting and much more challenging. It's a far different ball game today in education.

I send this extra junk to get my full worth out of a stamp...it keeps my mind challenged. Hope your future retirement is as interesting as mine. My last flight was...the Goodyear blimp of all things. It was out of Tetterboro...a company exec got me the ride.

*(A few DOOLEY specials below)*

### **HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE GROWING OLDER**

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

You feel like the night before and haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the lights for economic reasons rather than romantic reasons.

You sit in a rocking chair and it can't get going.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

Your back goes out more than you do.



*On October 23, 2013 NAPP heard from Crazy Horse*

A large envelope arrived from the Crazy Horse Memorial that contained the following items:

*(I will bring these materials to the 2014 Convention)*

1. The Autumn Newsletter
2. Books:
  - a). Korczak-Story Teller in Stone
  - b). Carving A Dream
  - c). Indian Museum of North America
3. DVD-Crazy Horse – Dynamite & Dreams
4. A letter:

Father Mel Hemann  
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Dear Father Mel,

Thank you for your two checks totaling \$2,250 to the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation Scholarship Fund. Education is a key element of the Foundation's mission and your support helps ensure its continued growth and development.

This enriching program for American Indian students first began in 1978 with a single scholarship of \$250. From this humble beginning, the cumulative total of scholarships awarded has now grown to over \$1.8 million. This wonderful program is truly changing lives and making a difference.

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All of this would not be possible without the generous support of individuals such as yourself. Having a good education is more important than ever and your gift is instrumental in helping to reach out to others as they strive to overcome the challenges they face in following their dream.

Gratefully,  
Ruth Ziolkowski, Chief Executive Officer

*Daughter Dawn penned the following:*

Your belief and generous support are deeply appreciated. Please do visit again.

*Ruth attached this note*

Father Mel,

Your visit with Bishop Gruss and all your fellow Pilot Priests was one of the nicest gatherings we have ever had and I did so enjoy visiting with you! You were all so very generous. We will use your wonderful gift for



*Mel and Ruth*

scholarships. Our University students, (30 of them) are all enrolled in colleges in 13 different states! Please come back again. You are all welcome, anytime!

As ever, most sincerely,  
Ruth

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**Another Reminder:**

By this time you should have received the instructions on how to navigate our website. If you have problems, call. Don't give up. Sometimes it takes 2 or 3 tries. Mel

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May you all have a truly

**joyous and blessed**

**CHRISTMAS**

and a

**very happy and blessed**

**NEW YEAR**

*Your 2014 NAPP Dues are now due.  
Use this form to send your dues to me  
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Use Pay Pal electronically.*

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