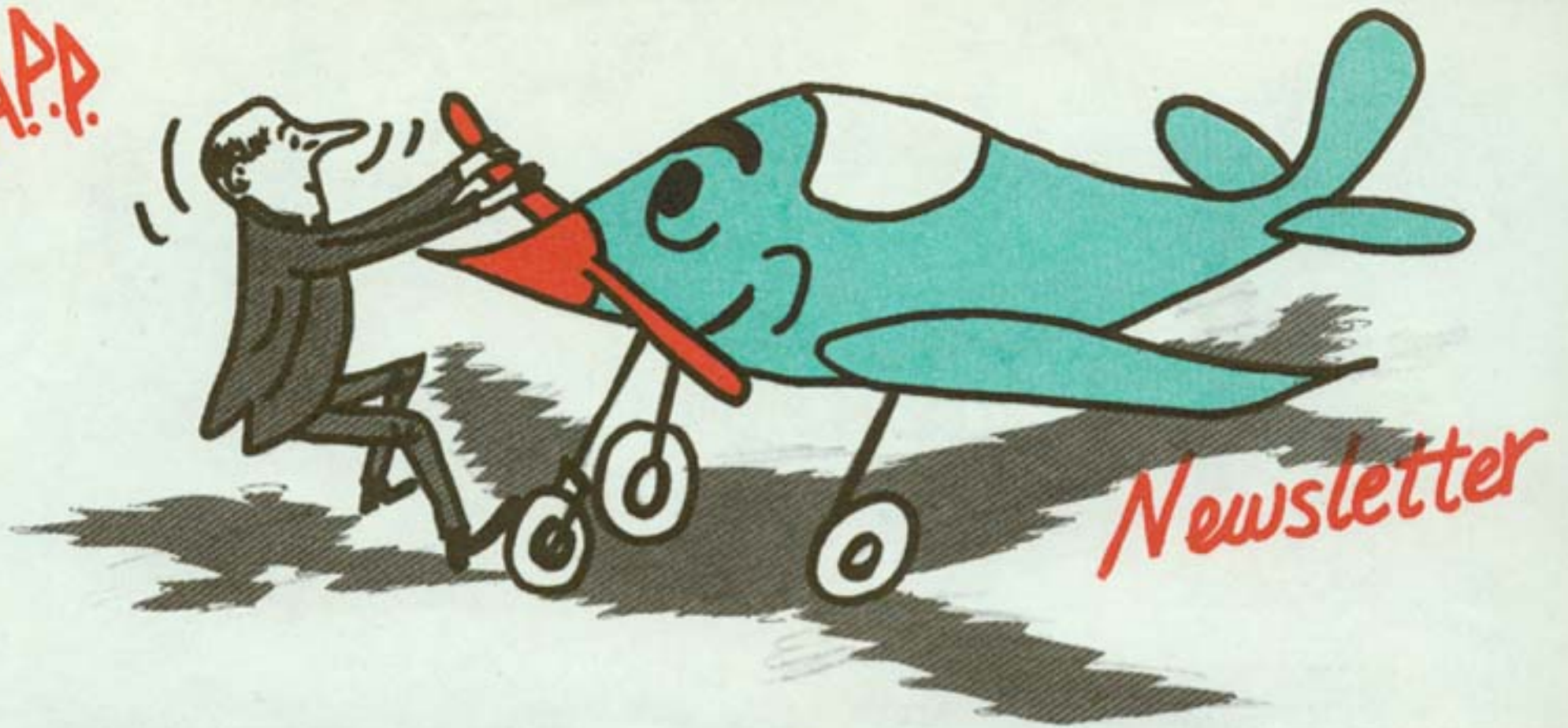


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This issue sort of begins the second year of the newsletter coming from Ames. I say "sort of" because we actually put out a hurried edition in August of last year while trying to get better organized. I'm sure there are fellow members who could do a much better job than we're doing here. But we're learning while trying to reach our goal of putting out the NAPP newsletter every other month and we appreciate and are encouraged by your response.

Writing at the present time in the dual role as NAPP president and newsletter editor, there is much to be optimistic about. It is quite obvious that in the course of its seven-year history, NAPP has developed a core group of very dedicated and zealous members not only in this country but in many others throughout the world. There are others who have been members but have lost interest for one reason or another. This is to be expected. However, in the past few months we have had a number of new members who seem to be very interested in the goals and purposes of NAPP. So things are looking up. We hope the new brochure you received with the last newsletter will be used by you to interest other Priest pilots.

In this issue we will begin several new policies. The idea for the first of these comes from Fr. Dick Skriba, our secretary, from Chicago. He suggests that we have a "Suggestion Box" in each issue. NAPP members could offer their suggestions on any topic from flying to liturgy to vacation.

All of us at one time or another have had a new experience while flying from which we learned something that makes us a better pilot. There may be some new approach or insight we've gained in CCD work that would help another. Perhaps some one has discovered the magic formula on how to make the Parish Council the effective pastoral instrument Vatican II envisioned. There may even be a Priest in our group who has devised an effective and workable pastoral plan. Someone else may have run across "that certain place" to visit while flying.

We usually share these thoughts and items with our friends and that's about as far as it goes. If you send these gems to us we'll put them in the suggestion box and 200 fellow flying Padres will benefit.

The other new item in the newsletter will be a short introduction of our new members. With the information from the new brochure, we'll have something to tell you about our latest additions.

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have any suggestions or pertinent tid-bits to share, please send them.



Charlie Teufel

OFFICERS

Elected treasurer of NAPP at the National Convention in Ames last July was Charles B. Teufel of Vienna, W. Virginia. Charlie was ordained in May of 1962 after attending St. Charles College and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He served as an Assistant Pastor in Moundsville and Morgantown for two years each. A nine-month appointment in Huntington was followed by his assignment as Pastor of Holy Cross of Pineville and St. John's of Mullens. From May 1, 1967 to August 26, 1969 he served in this capacity till appointed treasurer of St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary.

Charlie began flying in July of 1968. He passed his private flight test in July of 1969, the day the Astronauts left for the moon. Charlie now has 125 hours in 150, 172, 180, Piper PA12 and Cherokee Arrow.



Jack Dompka

The new director of the Eastern NAPP region is Fr. John A. Dompka of St. Margaret Mary Church, Coraopolis, Pa. Jack was born and raised in Pittsburg and was ordained in 1949 at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He served a total of 18 years in 4 different parishes before being assigned to a small parish where part of his duties include caring for the elderly pastor. In 1957 Bishop Wright made him Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Moon Township. Within the confines of this parish is Greater Pittsburg Airport, a beautiful well-kept farm, five golf courses and over 1000 Catholic families. Jack serves as Catholic Chaplain at the Airport where he or his weekend Assistant celebrate a Sunday Liturgy. He is also Auxiliary Chaplain at the Greater Pittsburg Air Force Base.

In addition to being Regional Director, Jack has also agreed to accept the responsibility of choosing the location for the 1971 Convention and acting as overall coordinator in preparing for it.



Dave White

The priest in the Western region is a transplanted mid-westerner. Fr. Dave White was born in Montevideo, Minnesota, attended grade school in the Wichita area and has lived in Seattle ever since. In 1952 he was ordained for the Archdiocese of Seattle and after a variety of assignments was made pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Everett, Washington. Dave has about 900 families in the Parish, 6 Masses and one Associate.

He began flying 16½ years ago and has always owned a plane. He now has over 1000 hours and has been seen at the last couple of Conventions in his 1967 Cherokee 140 which is based at Paine Field-5 minutes from the rectory.

Dave is a great promoter of the greatest vacationland in the U.S.-the Northwest. If you are looking for mountains, water, greenery and space, the aviation-minded state of Washington offers it.

Dave extends a welcome to all priests interested in flying (NAPP or not) to stop off. He has lots of room and can arrange a tour of the personal attraction-a tour of the 747 plant.

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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Fr. John Birk of Spokane was promoted from Captain to Major in the CAP. John also attended the USAF Spiritual Life Conference at Warm Beach, Washington in August.

Ex NAPP member, Brother Julius, now Jerry Schmaiz, works for the FAA in the AETCC in Aurora, Ill., but not for long. It seems as though the FAA has other plans for Jerry and is scheduled in the very near future to be transferred to Oklahoma City. Jerry, with his M.A. in education, is to help set up a more sophisticated training program for Controllers.

Fr. Dick Skriba of Chicago went to Oskosk for the annual E.A.A. fly in. While there he met fellow NAPP'er Fr. John MacGillivray of Nova Scotia. John is well known among the E.A.A. crowd and regrets not having been able to attend the NAPP Convention this past summer. He sends greetings to all members.

Fr. Tom Khomberg of Dubuque has given up the position of Executive Director of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. He will be replaced by a very competent layman who has been working with Tom for the past 11 years.

Tom will be spending his time now as chaplain to the staff, working with the Iowa Catholic Conference for better legislation, and working with the Community planners throughout the Archdiocese for the better use of all public and private resources to meet the needs of our people.

Fr. P. J. McDonald and Tom DeCarlo of Des Moines flew a 182 to Dayton and visited the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AF Base. They spent two full days there utterly fascinated by all the beautiful airplanes.

Tom is P.J.'s private student and soloed in a Cardinal the week before the Dayton trip.

Fr. Henry Hoff, S.V.D. of Madang, New Guinea, says it is rather difficult for the men overseas to attend any of the meetings but they do enjoy keeping up to date via the newsletter.

Fr. Joseph Zamites, USN, has had a change of duty. He went from Whidbey Island for a six month Senior Career Course (postgraduate type of up-grading) for Navy Padres in Newport. Upon completion of this course, he takes up his assignment as chaplain on board the USS St. Paul and a look at Vietnam. In October the ship is due back in San Diego.

Joe has lost his medical due to a drug he must take for hypertension and misses flying very much, especially when he flies commercially into places where he was at the controls on final. He hasn't lost his interest and some day hopes to be back flying. A charter member, Joe continues his support of NAPP and hopes to be with us at some future Convention.

Fr. Jack Lawler of Pinehurst, Mass. missed the Convention again this year because it coincided with his active duty. Jack had a flight-a little trip he calls it-planned to the Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Barbados, Trinidad, Venezuela, Curacao, Columbia, Panama, San Salvadore, Mexico, Los Angeles and home. Would be good to hear from you, Jack and let us know how things went.

Fr. Gilman Chalout of Madawaska, Maine wrote earlier in the year that he was planning a trip to Labrador. Although that sounds a long way off to a midwesterner, it's approximately 7 hours in PA-11 on floats. Let us know how it went, Gil.

While compiling the items on this page, I got called away from the typewriter to answer a long distance call. It was from Fr. Fred Curry, now AF Major at Griffiss AFB, Rome, N.Y. and former Newman Chaplain at Arizona. He called about instructions for a young lady attending school here and going with a Lt. on his Base.

In the course of the conversation we found out we had mutual Priests we knew and he wondered how I knew Fr. Jim Harlow of Fairchild AFB in Spokane. I told him of NAPP and how Fr. John Birk and I visited him this summer. He then asked if I knew Al Sigur and when I told him I did, he asked if I knew where he was. It just so happened that the card in the typewriter was the one on which I was typing Al's change of address. So I could fill him in on the details.

Fred sends his regards, Al.

I have found myself "caught" in some of FAA's latest regs. As of July 1 any pilot doing air taxi work must be re-certificated each year. This involves an oral on regs pertaining to air-taxi flights and a check ride in the type of plane to be used. Since I do a little charter work occasionally for the local FBO, I had to comply and took care of that the week after the Convention.

All CFI's must be re-certificated every two years and this is the year for me. P. J. McDonald of Des Moines and I attended the three-day clinic put on by Iowa State University in conjunction with the FAA team from Oklahoma City. So we're both good now till October of 1972.

One of the interesting remarks casually dropped in the first talk was the fact that some think all CFI's should be instrument rated and have a Ground Instructor's rating. The remaining 24 hours of the clinic dealt almost exclusively with instrument instruction.

It was the common opinion among the 120 CFI's gathered that the handwriting is on the wall. It will only be a matter of time before all CFI's must be instrument rated and have the ground instructor rating. So if you're thinking of the instructor rating, you might as well think of the other as well because it's a 'comin'.

Fr. Dick Skriba, Chicago, who has suggested the "Suggestion Box", puts his money where his mouth is with the following suggestion:

To help keep the NAPP Directory current he uses a sticky label called "correction labels" which are 2 1/8 x 3/8". They are exactly the right size to fit under a Padre's name in the Directory. The advantage, too, is that they come off easy if you have to correct the same address several times.

● would like to suggest the following which I discovered quite by accident this summer.

I departed Feltes Field VFR in Spokane and after leaving the Spokane area, departure control gave me the Center frequency for radar advisories. I called them, told them I was VFR from Spokane to Reno at 8500 squawking 1200. They immediately had me squawk ident and gave me advisories and kept handing me off each time to the next controller till I reached Reno.

After I opened my VFR flight plan departing Reno, I asked FSS for the Center frequency. I contacted the Center and had radar advisories throughout the rest of my trip.

I never knew before that ARTCC would handle VFR traffic but they seemed very happy to do it and it added a special sense of safety on the trip. There may be more of a problem getting this help in the East and congested areas, but I got it all the way through the Los Angeles area. You might give it a try on your next trip.

Please!

When you move will you send us your change of address? Saves us 10¢ for each return plus what it costs to send a 1st class the second time. Also saves a lot of work here.
Thanks!



Central Region Meets

The Central Region of NAPP had its Fall meeting at the Redeemerist Center in Clinton, Iowa with John Bellon acting as host.

Pictured above are eleven of the thirteen faithful members who braved the below IFR elements and "drove" to the meeting. They are, seated left to right, John Hemann, John Brickley and Mel Hemann. Standing are Martin Pfab, John Bellon, John Frederick, John Herzog, Louis Leonhardt, Dick Skriba and Justin Herzog. Missing from the picture were Phil Schmitt and Dan Knipper.

It was probably the shortest gathering in NAPP history. Because the weather forced the members to travel in the antiquated manner of ground travel they arrived late. The items of business were handled in short order and then justice was done to the fine meal prepared by John and his confreres.

Many thanks to them for their wonderful hospitality.

The Spring meeting of the Central Region will be held in Cedar Rapids with Jim Duster and Justin Herzog acting as co-hosts.

Additional information will follow in later newsletters.

P.S. The picture below testifies that the Central Region is not short of Johns.

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