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Along with this issue of the newsletter is the 1971 NAPP directory. You will notice several things about this directory.

First of all we have the members listed alphabetically. We also have them listed by states. This was something Ben Bauer had done some years ago but was not continued. Many members asked that we add this again. So there it is.

Secondly, you will notice the number of members is considerably reduced. This is due to the policy set by the Board of Directors in the November conference. It was decided to begin our fiscal year the first of the calendar year to simplify some of the bookkeeping. Those who did not respond by the second notice would be deleted. From NAPP's inception, all the names carried on our roster never really represented the actual membership. Some represented names and addresses of friends who never officially joined. Others were the names of priests who had joined but dropped out after a year or two. It was our feeling that a good house cleaning was in order. The list you have now represents those who have paid dues as of April 12. The fact that we have this number indicating in a very positive way their support should give us a much stronger organization. On behalf of the Board, we thank you for your continued interest and support.

Another policy we adopted this year was to have the membership renewals sent to the President. This eliminated some extra work. However, I must admit I did learn a few things these past few months on what NOT to do. I got behind on mailing out some of the membership cards, and I apologize for the tardiness. Hopefully all should have the cards by this time. Another year a much more efficient means will be adopted to speed up the process.

Suggestions have been made by some regarding the membership cards. Cofounder, Henry Haacke suggests, for example, expiration date and number of years enrolled as AOPA, American Express and other organizations do. I think these ideas are good and next year we'll try to incorporate them by revising the renewal form so we can get the needed information.

Lastly, you will find in this newsletter the reservation sheet for the annual convention. John Dompka is hosting this year in Pittsburg-July 13-14. Start getting those reservations in early. It sure helps the host in making plans.

Also, check around your area NOW to see if you can get together. It sure cuts down the travelling expenses.



**Pilots** 

### CONVENTION



**HEADQUARTERS** 



PITTSBURGH

### Briefs from here and there

Fr. Leonard Merook, of Reading, Pa. is in a Club with 3 other priests and all are very pleased with the Commanche 180. They are presently shopping for secondary radio equipment for the plane.

Fr. Bob Kirsch of Abiquiu, New Mexico is using his 210 almost every day serving his nine missions scattered over a 75 mile area. In the 28 below zero weather he gets the plane started by using a dip stick heater, oil dilution and chicken brooder heater lamps.

Highways serve as landing strips and each morning Bob takes off alone and flies around for 20 minutes to burn the frost off. He then returns to pick up the passengers and freight.

Fr. John Friederick of Dubuque, Iowa took part in a ten-day study to Israel. This was an ecumenical effort of the three theological schools in Dubuque: Wartberg, Dubuque Presbyterian and Aquinas Institute. Dr. Howard Wallace of the Scripture Department headed the group of 20 ministers and students.

The trip was made on El Al (Israel) Airlines which boosts the longest scheduled regular flight in the history of civil aviation-New York to Tel Aviv-8,000 miles.

John's other activities have consisted in flying high school students to Clinton to attend T.E.C. at the Redemptorist Center.

Past President Bob Sennott has lost an assistant so his work load increases. As a result, he hasn't been anywhere since last summer's convention and he's looking forward to seeing everyone next summer.

Chaplain Joseph F. Zemites, USN, is stationed temporarily in California. In June he will leave for a year's duty in Vietnam. His greatest sadness is still no private flying.

Fr. Larry Mullin of Tupi South Cotabato, Philippines says his flying is very sporadic in the deep south of Mindanao. The transportation there is by jeep or horse or truck.

He was home for a couple of months last summer for his silver jubilee celebration and did manage to get some hours in at Teterboro. The thought of jets streaming in to Newark made it a completely different sky than when he last flew there and made it a little hard to concentrate under the hood.

Larry has a Philippine commercial ticket which has to be renewed annually and while practicing for the renewal ride he did some charter work. Most of the passengers were military from Clark Field or Subic Bay.

His only regret to date is the fact that he turned down an opportunity to ferry a new F 27 from Holland to the Philippines.

Fr. Jack Murphy of Woodstown, N.J. spent some time in the sun in the Bahamas after Christmas. He got in a lot of surfing and swimming and sun at the Northeast end of Eleuthera. While in Nassau he stayed at the home of a friend who just happened to be away with his family while Jack was there. So Jack sort of kept an eye on the mansion for him.

All in all he says it was a great trip, and he learned an awful lot about flying.

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Fr. Charles B. Teufel, administrator of St. Brendan's Church, Elkins, W. Virginia has money coming out of his ears. He is the treasurer of: (1) St. Joseph Seminary, (2) Associated Priests of Wheeling, (3) NAPP, and (4) St. Brendan's Parish. If you've got any to give away Charlie, I can always use some.

Fr. Clem Borchers, Glemmary priest at St. Francis Mission, Aberdeen, Mississippi, is deeply involved in his work. He flies a Cessna that belongs to the Aberdeen Flying Club and uses it in taking care of 5 churches in 3 counties. Each county seat has a good little airport.

Fr. Raymond B. Churchill, recently loaned by LAMP (Latin America Mission Program) to the Juneau diocese is at home in Ketchikan, Alaska. The diocese needed a pilot to fly their Cessna 180 float plane. He spends most of his time serving the logging camps and fishing villages in the southern part of the diocese. From the sound of things, Ray is definitely living in frontier country where anything is likely to happen.

Past NAPP treasurer, Fr. Richard Ciurej of Duncan, Nebraska, evidently has gotten bored with his tours to Poland and took a trip around the world. During the trip he got a lot of time in the right seat of the Bristol Britania which they had for the entire journey. The plane is a jet-prop that carries 125 plus a crew of 15. He got a real good demonstration of LORAN from the navigator.

Fr. Jack Lawler of Pinehurst, Mass., put about 75 hours on the twin-Commanche on his 11,000 mile summer vacation. 2,500 of these miles were over water. His itinerary went as follows: Boston to Freeport, South Caicos, San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Barbados, Trinidad, Caracos, Curacao, Aruba, Baramquila (Columbia) Panama, Guatemala City, Acapulco, Civdad Oberon, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Los Vegas, Colorado Springs and home.

Curacao is a wonderful pit stop. 100 octane is 22¢ a gallon. The only weather was between Panama and Guatemala City which naturally was the most desolate and rugged terrain. Communication was VHF with a strong Spanish accent and nav aids all ADF.

Jack says it was a fine trip for a first but the only spot he would return to was Guatemala City, beautiful scenery, much like Bavaria bordering the Alps, new terminal building, cleanest city ever seen and friendly people.

If anyone plans a trip in the area, get in touch with Jack as he has any info they might need.

Fr. Barry Desmond of Kamloopa, B.C., was inactive last year as the result of a serious plane accident in September, 1969 except for a number of hours as a passenger with friends. When the bills are all paid and spring comes (simultaneously, he hopes), Barry hopes to get back at it.

Msgr. James O'Connell of Little Rock Arkansas is the director of seminarians at St. John's Catholic Center in Little Rock.

He has 5,000 hours of flying in all types of planes including jets. He is not jet rated but has experience in them.

Fr. George P. Schneider of Immaculata, Pa. gave himself a 25th anniversary present by joining NAPP. Welcome George. More info on him in newcomer's section.

Fr. John E. Porter of Cincinnati, Ohio is presently a Youth Director in the Cincinnati Diocese. He is also a CAP Chaplain.

Fr. Victor Schoenberger of the Franciscan Mission House, Rensselmer, New York is the Mission Promoter for the Province of the Immaculate Conception. On January 21st Vic left for a 3-week tour of their Brazilian missions.

Fr. Joe Elbert, Heelan High School, Sioux City, Iowa is still getting a lot of flying in the ol' Bonanza. He had planned a trip to Hot Springs but ol' man weather dictated otherwise. The weather was so bad even the turtles were IFR.

Fr. Frank Flynn of Rutland, B.C., Canada, has done most of his flying in a borrowed Ercoupe. However, at the present time, he's grounded for medical reasons.

Fr. Charles Young of Nyssa, Oregon now has his airplane and instrument instruction ratings and gives free instructions to CAP and NAPP members. He is building time for his ATR rating.

In 1972 Charles is planning a 2-month trip through Latin America by light twin and is interested in two companions to share costs. He speaks Spanish and has about 100 hours of flying in Mexico.

If you are interested, get in touch.

This may come too late but Fr. John Birk of Spokane, Washington, is going to work in their Guatemala mission very soon. He would welcome (and prefer) a trip by private plane if anyone is going that way in early May.

Fr. Ray Churchill of Ketchikan, Alaska spent his first winter in many years with snow. After being in Hawaii and Mexicali, he says he'd forgotten how refreshing it is to walk with a cold wind in your face and to hear the crunch of snow under your feet.

Ray has nothing but admiration for the bush pilots. If they can see, they fly. He asked one pilot, "What about F.A.A. regs?" (Regarding visibility and ceiling). The answer: "We were here flying before there was an F.A.A."

Prices never cease to surprise him, Haircuts are \$3.50. An \$8.00 pair of Mexican boots cost \$19.90 to get half-soled and heeled.

Fr. George Seuferling joins me in Campus Ministry work. George became chaplain to two colleges in Emporia, Kansas. Kansas State Teachers College (6,900 students with about 1,100 Catholics) and College of Emporia (a Presbyterian College, 390 students, 280 Catholics). The two schools are within a mile of each other and very antagonistic. So there is a real reconciliation job involved.

George's flying is somewhat curtailed because he doesn't own a plane although there is a good rental agency. The College of Emporia is attempting to start a flying club which he hopes will become a reality.

Fr. James Kremeier of Greeley, Nebraska traded his high priced Cessna 175 for a lesser expensive sporty model-a 1945 Piper J3 Cub with a Reed clipped wing conversion-a 75 hp continental engine. It was completely re-done in 1966 and much more economical and more fun than the 175.

Fr. David White of Everett, Washington, NAPP Western region director, sent out some feelers about the possibility of a regional meeting. One replied from the northwest; Bill Travers offered to host at Travis AFB; several sympathies; but no real "positive" indications. Ergo, no meeting.

Fr. Jim Flavin, West Hollywood, Florida, definitely is in the "to be envied" category. There are about 300 perfect flying days a year and Jim is taking advantage of it working on his commercial.

Fr. Jose Llaguno of Sisoguichi, Mexico is director of radiophonic schools for the area. They broadcast classes to 46 grammar schools scattered all over the mountains and reach over 1,000 students in this way.

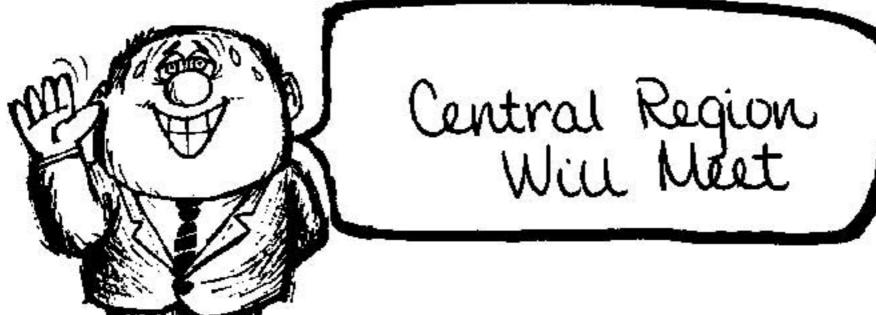
Fr. Frank Nemmers of rural Carroll, Iowa voices a common complaint-the loveable, dame airplaine is keeping him broke.

Frank is a pastor, teacher and also the diocesan vocation director.

Fr. Tony Gendusa writes from the Catholic Mission in Siar-Mango, Territory of New Guinea, of his good fortune in obtaining a pilot. A non-Catholic commercial pilot, 6'6" and 21 years old who gave up a good commercial job in New Zealand to fly Tony's plane FREE. This gives Tony the needed time to go from one of his 2 landing strips on foot or by canal to his missions while the plane continues it's job of carrying the sick, supplies, etc.

The plane is a 206, 285HP, 6 place and was ferried to Raboul in October of 1969 by Mrs. Jerrie Mock. The greatest problem they have is with the radios which come from Australia.

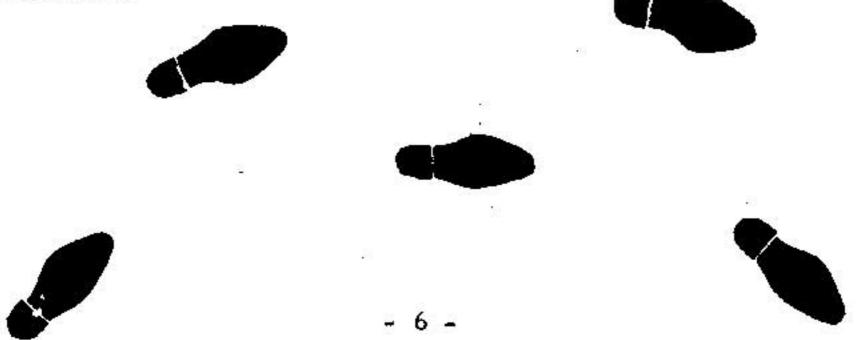
Tony says he enjoys hearing about the Padres via the newsletter and sends his regards.



The Central Region will meet in Cedar Rapids on Monday, May 3. Activities planned: Tour of Collins Radio beginning at approximately 4:00 p.m. Following this will be dinner at the Colony Club in the famed Amana Colonies.

If you plan on attending kindly contact Jim Duster, Regis High School, 735 Prairie Dr, N. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402 or Justin Herzog, St. Ludmilla's Church, 209 21st. Ave., S. W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.

Transportation will be provided from the airport to St. Ludmilla's. Y'all Come!!!



# New

Fr. George Baldwin, O.S.F.S. is a new NAPP member. He noticed reference to last July's convention in PILOT magazine. George was ordained Sept. 6, 1969. He solved July 12, 1965 and got his Private rating on Feb. 18, 1966. George (a C.A.P. chaplain) is a biology teacher at Judge High School, Philadelphia. The faculty house is only a 5 minute drive from North Philadelphia Airport.



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#### RESERVATION SHEET

The official NAPP Convention dates in PINISEURG are Tuesday July 13 and Wednesday July 14. Host Jack Dompka has made all the arrangements and now awaits YCU.

If you are soming commercially you will be arriving at Greater Pittsburg Airport.

The frequencies are:

If you are coming by private plane arrangements have been made to land at Greater Pitt to unload passengers and baggage. (Only 5 minutes from Jack's Church). The planes will then be flown to Allegheny Co. Airport and parked there.

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