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About 35 NAPP members from all over the Country descended on Pittsburg for the 8th annual convention July 13-14. The majority had arrived by Monday evening to share a delightful dinner at the Glass Tower.

At 8:30 on Tuesday morning all the priests joined in a concelebrated Mass with host Jack Dompka acting as principal con-celebrant. Immediately following the ladies of the Parish served breakfast in the Church hall. The day was spent sight-seeing in the Pittsburg area, lounging around the Howard Johnson's pool or supervising the arrivals and departures at Greater Pittsburg airport. Tuesday is Bingo night at St. Margaret Mary's and the Padres were invited to a late evening food and beer fest after the Bingo.

Wednesday morning again saw the Priests at St. Margaret Mary's. On this occasion, Auxiliary Bishop McDowell of Pittsburg was the principal con-celebrant and welcomed the priests to the Diocese. The ladies again served breakfast and the general meeting followed. Charlie Teufel gave a financial report and a copy is enclosed in this newsletter. The number of paid NAPP members is about 125-an increase of over 20 from last year. Election of officers resulted as follows: President-Mel Hemann, re-elected for a second two-year term; 2nd Vice President-Jack Lawler to replace John Bellon; and Secretary-Tony Attea to replace Dick Skriba.

The Board of Directors made a proposal that NAPP invest in the Sanderson instrument ground school course and make this available to the members. Since one of the objectives of NAPP is to encourage safe flying among its members, it was felt this would be a worthwhile investment. Much discussion followed, and it was decided to purchase the private and instrument course and both would be made available to anyone interested. (Details follow on another page.).

Several months ago, inquiry was made as to the possibility of Protestant ministers becoming members of NAPP. The pros and cons were argued back and forth, and it was decided that for the present time, they were welcome as supporting members-a category our constitution has had from the beginning.

All convention goers I'm sure are grateful to Jack Dompka for his preparatory efforts and on taking care of us while there. Special thanks should go to the approach and departure control people as well as the tower personnel. They were tremendous in their patience and understanding. Thanks is also in order to Jack's sister, Betty, his mother (who just has to be the best drink maker in Pittsburg), the nephews who were always nearby to provide the needed wheels, and little blond Ellen, the secretary, who performed heroically above and beyond the call of duty by serving as waitress whenever the need arose.

As always, of course, the greatest part of the convention was the companionship of fellow NAPP'ers. Hope all and many more can make it next year.

FIVE 5ths



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Pictured above are 4/5's of the officers for this year. From left to right, they are: Charles Teufel, Treasurer, from Thomas, W. Va.; Mel Hemann, re-elected President from Ames, Iowa; Jack Lawler, newly elected 2nd Vice President from Pinehurst, Mass.; and Tony Attea, the worker (Secretary), from Dunkirk, New York.

First Vice-President, Frank Weidinger of Chinook, Montana missed his first convention and as a result was absent for the picture. We had thoughts at one time of getting into Jack's twin Commanche and flying to San Francisco to have the picture taken where Frank was attending a 3-week school. But in a spirit of heroic christian self denial, we resisted the temptation and the above picture is the best we have to offer.

At the Convention, the NAPP members were saddened to learn of the death of Harold Krier only a few days before the convention opened. Harold was testing a new type of aerobatic plane and couldn't get it out of a flat spin. He jumped but waited too long and the parachute failed to blossom.

He had been in Dunkirk, New York the Sunday prior to the tragedy and breakfasted with Tony Attea. Because of his interest and support of NAPP, Tony was going to propose him for honorary membership this year. REQUIESCAT IN PACE!



Article II of the NAPP Constitution states the purpose of the organization.

Number one states: "To promote the use of private aircraft as a practical, safe and efficient tool of the apostolic work of the priest."

Number three goes on to say: "To insist on the safe and proficient use of the airplane by its members."

During the past eight years, there has been a growing sentiment among many members that not too much is being done by the organization for its members, particularly in the area of the two purposes listed above. For this reason, the Board of Directors recommended to the membership at this year's general meeting in Pittsburg that the organization make available to its members the Sanderson instrument ground school course. In the ensuing discussion it was finally moved and seconded and unanimously passed that NAPP purchase not only the instrument course but also the private course so that student pilot members might be aided in this particular area. President, Mel Hemann, who just happens to be a dealer for Sanderson, will order the film strip and cassette tapes.

The modus operand1 agreed upon for NAPP members wishing to use the course is as follows:

- A members is entitled to FREE use of the tapes and film strips for two months. It was felt that during that time-if one is really interested-he could prepare himself sufficiently to pass the FAA written exam.
- 2. A \$25.00 deposit is to be made before the course is mailed. This will be refunded when the materials are returned.
- 3. A \$5.00 penalty will be withheld for every week the materials are kept beyond the 2-month (8 weeks) limit.
- 4. Until further advised, Mel Hemann will co-ordinate the mailing and scheduling of the courses.
- 5. The member will PURCHASE from NAPP the needed textbooks and sample exams. These will be offered to members at Mel's 40% discount price and will run in the neighborhood of \$10.00.
- 6. The NAPP member will pay the cost of postage and insurance.

All members present were very enthusiastic about this latest NAPP move and we hope that it will be used by a great many.

As of this writing, the private course is reserved thru January. The instrument course November thru February.

Let me know when you want it.

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DEAR ABBIE

A suggestion was made that NAPP members might act as guest editors for the newsletter. We certainly welcome any contributions you wish to make to the newsletter on topics that are of interest to you.

It was also suggested that questions along aeronautical lines could be sent in and some of our highly qualified and diversified members could write an answer.

Would we call it "Dear Aeronautical Abbie" or "Dear Flying Ann"?

Send them in. We'll try to get answers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The NAPP Central Region will meet Monday, September 13, in Byron, Minnesota. Vern Schaefer of Christ the King Church in Byron (Zip 55920), phone: (507) 775-6687, will serve as host.

Invitations are extended to one and all who care to join us. If you want to attend and for one reason or another fail to receive an invitation, consider this your invitation. Do join us!!!

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS, INC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ending December 31, 1970

ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR

Cash in Bank Certificates of Deposit TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 480.31 4,500.00	\$ 4,980,31
Dues Interest Gifts Membership Pin TOTAL INCOME	INCOME	\$ 1,089.94 202,37 25.00 2,50	\$ 1,319.81
	EXPENSES		
Newsletter Postage Labor Supplies Administrative communications January Executive meeting * December conference call Other telephone calls Membership Pins General office supplies TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 72.86 250.50 208.99 277.00 209.44 3.24	\$ 532.35 489.68 95.58 67.58	\$ 1,185.19
	ASSETS, END OF YEAR		4 3
Cash in Bank Certificates of Deposit TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 114.93 5,000,00	\$ 5,114,93

^{*} Because two Annual Executive Meetings were only 11 months apart and appeared in the same calendar year, an inflated cost picture results.

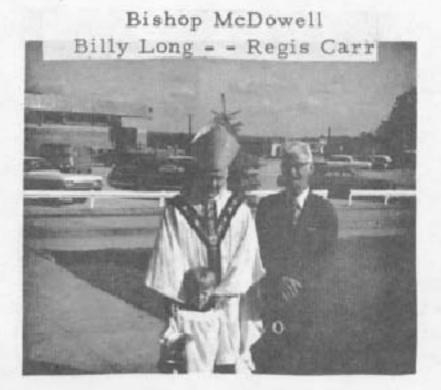


Tuesday Liturgy



Wednesday Liturgy

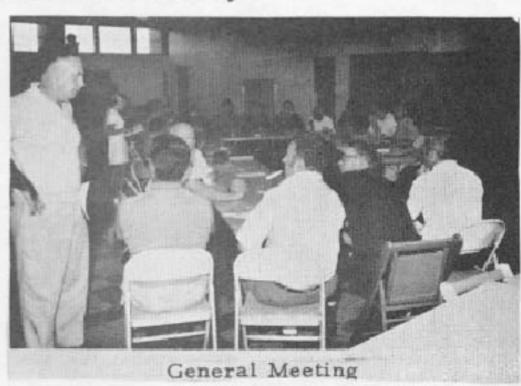
CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS 1971



(But Where were the stewardesses?)

CONVENTION IN KANSAS 1972





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