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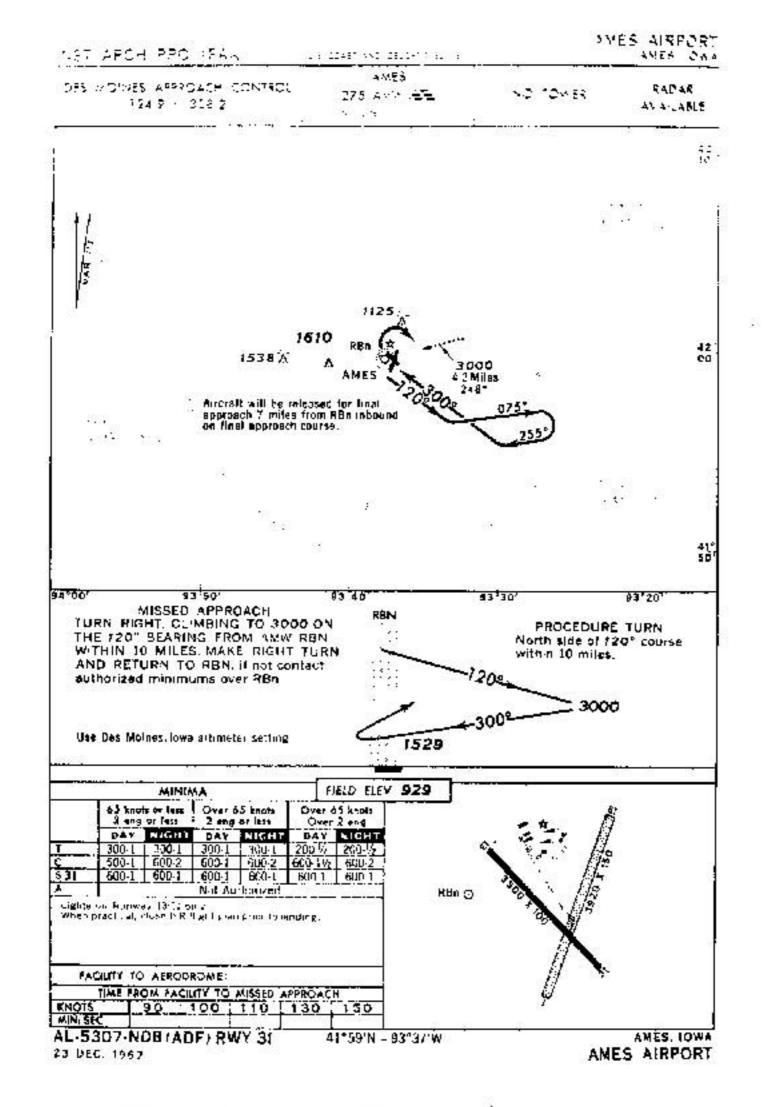
This is the last issue before the Convention. Things are pretty much in order here. It looks like a relaxed program in the offing. So we hope many of you will come to enjoy the company of fellow Priest pilots while learning and relaxing and flying. Here are a few last minute reminders:

- 1. Please return your reservation sheet as soon as possible.
- 2. WE'RE PLANNING A CONCELEBRATED MASS TUESDAY EVENING. WOULD YOU PLEASE BRING AN ALB AND STOLE WITH YOU?
- 3. Our annual business meeting will be held on Tuesday following the Mass. Election of two officers will be one item on the agenda. The terms of first Vice President, Frank Weidinger and Treasurer, Richard Ciurej expire this year and you might be thinking of men to fill their positions.

If you have any items you would like on the agenda, please get them to me by July 1.

- 4. If our camera can pull it off, we'll have a picture of the Dubuque and Des Moines sectionals showing Ames and also the IFR approach plate to Ames in this issue.
- 5. There is a tie-down problem at the Ames airport. I have talked to the city fathers but they say they have no money for additional tie-down facilities. So if you have any of your own, please bring them along.





Directory Corrections

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CORRECTION

Delete - Chaplain Capt, Donald Bertone. It is a misspelling and is in reality Capt. Bartone who's name is in Directory.

-3. Rev. Bernard McNeel should be McMeel



Midwest Region meets

On April 26-27 the Midwest Region of NAPP had their Spring meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Muskogee, Okla. with Ed Buxton serving as host. Because of Senate meetings, retreats, and a host of other things, in addition to bad weather, the crowd was exceptionally small. However, several issues were discussed at great length and plans for the Convention finalized.

NAPP-IMRA

Fr. John Stitz (amateur call-KØVZJ) pastor at Tongonixie, Kansas, is making a world tour visiting Papal Volunteers, studying the situation and needs and possibilities and prospects for volunteer work (both for laymen and priests).

NAPP and IMRA (International Mission Radio Association) are playing an important role in this fact finding tour in the persons of Fr. George Seuferling, Frankfort, Kansas and Fr. Bob Pool, Corning, Kansas.

IMRA is a radio net which is open every day 1900-2000 zulu for anyone in any country. There are several monitors and anyone of any volunteer service is eligible-Vista, Peace Corps, Papal Volunteers, Extension, Protestant groups, etc.

It also has emergency monitors which listen on the specific frequency of 14.280 Mhz., from 08:00-20:00 zulu, so anyone can call that frequency the first 15 minutes of each hour and one of the monitors (Crown Point, Indiana, Lufkin, Texas, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Grailville, Ohio) can get immediate contact with the states.

Bob Pool is in charge of developing the pictures and working up some of the stories for local newspapers. Pool is also technical advisor on the photography.

George (amateur call-KØTLV) keeps steady contact with John and as of April 18 has contacted John in Honduras (near Belise) and Panama Canal Zone and has made phone contact here in Kansas via amateur radio.

George had the privilege of running a phone patch in January for Sr. Lenora Wassenburg in Nicaragua to her mother in Hays, Kansas. (The phone patch is a device whereby a person can talk from one amateur radio to another station. This is connected by the phone so that the person on the phone talks directly with the other party.) Sister's mother had been in an automobile accident and her daughter had received news that her mother was not expected to live. By this "radio-tele-phone" hook-up, Sister learned that her mother was recovering and would be released from the hospital. Naturally she was relieved, and because of this information, she delayed her return to the states and found much more favorable weather.

Briefs from here and there ...

NAPP treasurer, Fr. Richard Ciurej of St. Stanislaus Church, Duncan, Nebraska left June 1 as the leader of a tour to Poland. If my memory serves me correctly, this is Rich's third tour he is leading to Poland in as many years.

Fr. John Dompka, St. Margaret Mary Church in Coraopolis, Pa. has a new twist in trying to stir up interest in building a Church. He says it is to be the first Church build on "moon soil". The Church is located in Moon Township.

Fr. Edmund Olley of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Isn't getting much time in the air because of time involved trying to defy the modern trend of closing schools. He is principal of Pio Noro High School and is making it into a 6-year high school.

Fr. Henry Haacke, co-founder of NAPP from Carrollton, Ky. took a post-Easter trip aboard the M/S Sunwood which cruised from Miami to Cap Hatien, San Juan and Virgin Islands. In St. Thomas, Henry rented a 172 and flew around the Islands.

They are looking for Chaplains on their cruises. Address: Norwegian Caribbean Lines

820 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, Florida 33132 % Helen K. Finlay

Fr. Bernard McMeel, S.J. of Fairbanks, Alaska says he won't be able to make the Convention this year but is planning on it next year. He also says he found the account of Father Sasges' ordeal very inspirational.

Fr. David Zaumeyer of Frankfort, Ky, won't be able to make the Convention either as he'll be in Europe at that time.

Fr. Ray Churchill, working in Mexico, is a very consistent writer. I get a newsletter from him about every 6 weeks. He's always got some new and interesting experiences to share. His latest tells of their 16th class reunion he attended and reports are that only one out of 33 has left.

Ray also took part in a search for a downed plane. Pilot with over 20,000 hours got caught in severe turbulence and all killed.

The economic system is terrible and most laws seem to favor the "haves" at the expense of the "have nots". Foreign priests also seem to be experiencing more difficulties with the Mexican government as officially they are forbidden to offer Mass in Mexico.

One of our new NAPP members, Fr. Ben Meyer, was planning to attend the July Convention but he's been booked for a job in Florida that conflicts with the Convention dates.

Pictured is Fr. John Birk of Spokane before an Apache, the newest plane in the fleet of planes belonging to the Spokane Composite Squadron of CAP. CAP activity is so great that another squadron was started in the past year. In April John attended a CAP Chaplains' meeting on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound at the Naval Air Station. The Navy is giving them more cooperation than the Air Force of which they are an auxiliary.

John says he was going to definitely attend the Convention this year but the Pastor up-staged him by planning his vacation at that time.



Chaplain (Col.) Gerard J. Cefell of Fort Bragg, N.C. is kept busy as boss Chaplain over 51 Chaplains-all jumpers-at Ft. Bragg. But not too busy to fly. Father (Lt. Col.) John McCullogh, Division Chaplain of 82nd Airborne Division and Gerry bought a Piper Cherokee Arrow 200 complete with auto pilot, glide slope, etc. If all goes according to schedule, Gerard should have his Commercial license and instrument ticket now and is looking forward to the Convention.

Gerry's brother, Joe is not so fortunate. He's stationed in Washington, D.C. on a "leg" assignment and no flying. So Gerry keeps him informed about the glories of his "combat type" assignment at Fort Bragg.

Fr. Frank Erb of Elmira, New York is now a part owner (with 2 others-non-priests) of a Cherokee 180C and is working on his instrument ticket. He went to ATE (Aviation Training Enterprise) at Long Beach-very good but very expensive for simulator work.

Frank regrets missing the Convention. He's bypassing it to go to Expo 70. Anyone in the Elmira area-Vortac 114.3-is invited to give Frank a call.

Past NAPP newsletter editor, Msgr. Ben Bauer, had his Bonanza in for a major the first part of April. So that, along with trying to keep up with Pastoral duties has curtailed his flying somewhat.

Navy Lt. James F. Kelley says that after 18 months on Guam and one year as President of the NAS Aero Club, he'll be returning to stateside duty at Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

The Aero Club owns 2 Cessna 150's and have on loan a T34B from the Navy. The weather is fine year round-Jim logged 150 hours in the last 14 months. He put on 10 hours flying the Hawaiin Islands last summer.

Jim will miss this year's convention as he starts 3 months of clinical and past-oral training at Bethesda, Md. June 6th.

Major John MacGillivray of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia has acquired another old plane-1931 Puss Moth which was imported from England. This type became extinct on this continent about 10 years ago. His plans are to fly it to the EAA fly-in at Oshkosh, Wisc. and if he can arrange enough leave at that time to also come to Ames to the NAPP Convention.

John also included with his letter the latest edition of the "Canadian Aviation Historical Journal" which he edits.

Last but not least-a report on the "Flying Hemanns".

I made a trip to Fr. Don Murray's Sky Ranch on May 13. The Court here in Ames committed a 15 year old boy to Sky Ranch and I, along with 2 Social Workers, made the trip. $7\frac{1}{2}$ of the 10 hours was IFR with a lot of vectoring around a huge storm over western Iowa. (I missed Don as he was away while I was at Sky Ranch).

On June 8 I flew to Houston to officiate at a wedding in the United Methodist Church there.

John has a busy summer lined up for himself. He is attending a 2-week Pastoral Institute at St. John's in Collegeville, Minn. after which he will attend a 3-week session at Aquinas Institute in Dubuque to complete his course work for his MA in Theology. This will bring him up to "Convention time" after which he'll report for his National Guard duty and will get back just in time to report to his new assignment August 11th.

On May 23rd we Concelebrated with Archbishop Byrne at Ev's ordination to the Diaconate. He'll spend the summer in Independence, Iowa at the Mental Health Institute in graduate study till he returns to complete his last year at St. Meinrad's.

Holy Land Tour

Fr. Henry Haacke of Carrollton, Ky. had a rather interesting trip last Fall to the Holy Land. Following are some of the remarks from his letter.

Through AOPA Henry contacted Piper and Cessna dealers in Tel-Aviv about renting a plane. Chim Avir Aviation answered before the Cessna dealer so he contacted them to rent a Cherokee 140.

After making all the local contacts and subsequent clearances, Henry and his two companions, along with Fred Indyk from Chim Avir, took off in Cherokee 4X-ANH for Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. The flight took them over Mt. Thabor, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. After lunch at Mechanaym, the four headed due West to the coastline keeping well clear of the borders of Syria and Lebanon. Mt. Hermon rising majestically to the North reminded them that they were close to "enemy" territory.

The flight South along the Coast gave them views of the remains of Crusader forts and harbor emplacements as well as Ceserea and Haifa.

The four landed in Tel-Aviv about sundown and Indyk was in a great hurry to get back to Herzlyia (no lights) before dark. The cost was \$77.00 American dollars, and Henry unthinkingly wrote the amount on a \$20.00 American Express Travelers check. Only later did he realize his mistake but since Indyk had his hotel address the situation was rectified before the evening was over.

Henry says the only danger or excitement in the flight over Israel was, as to be expected, in the trip to the airport in a rented Mustang. He almost got creamed twice.

Send in your Convention Reservations

news items and pictures:

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Fr. Emil J. Sasges of Blue River, B.C., whose accident and recovery we carried in a previous newsletter writes that he left the hospital on October 22nd and returned to his Mission work. Because of his weakened condition he was able to do only the minimum amount of work for some time.

He says he's been asked many times if he's going to fly again. The accident has not diminished his love of flying and many people are eager to help him get started again.

Emil concludes his letter by saying:

There is a Gem I have found that I'd like to share. These are the words of an old man, Father Athol Murray who succeeded against impossible odds in the depression years in Wilcox, Sask., "With God as a Partner".

If God is your partner you will not be afraid of tomorrow. God will see you through a day at a time - every day.

If God is your partner you will know that every problem will be solved, even when you seem to fail you will know that God just has another plan. If God is your partner, you will make big plans. He has limitless resources and power.

Remember this, you cannot ask God for too much. If God is your partner, you will have to conduct your affairs in a certain way. He has laid down definite rules which you will have to follow.

If God is your partner, you will not sob over the failure and mistakes of yesterday, you will accept the forgiveness of God and rely on him to make all things right.

If God is your partner you will learn daily to renounce self. You will know that selfishness is Hell and self-giving Heaven.

If God is your partner, then you know that you must be a channel you will let God work through you. You will take credit for nothing. "The Father that dwelleth in you, He doeth the works" Jesus said of Himself. "I can of my own self do nothing". If God is your partner, then you will find guidance, you will steadily try to hear the Voice of God and get this leading.

You will not spend so much time instructing God as receiving God's instructions.

If God is your partner you will have strength for your burdens, you will have healing and vitality, you will have everything that goes to make a good life. Living can never be drudgery anymore.

How do you make God your partner? It is an attitude of faith. It is a way of life. It is Commitment to God's Laws.

It is friendship through prayer. It demands growth in experience of the spiritual nature of life. It sees in Christ the revelation of the personality of God.

RESERVATION SHEET

To reach Ames by car - we're right on Highway 30 and I 35.

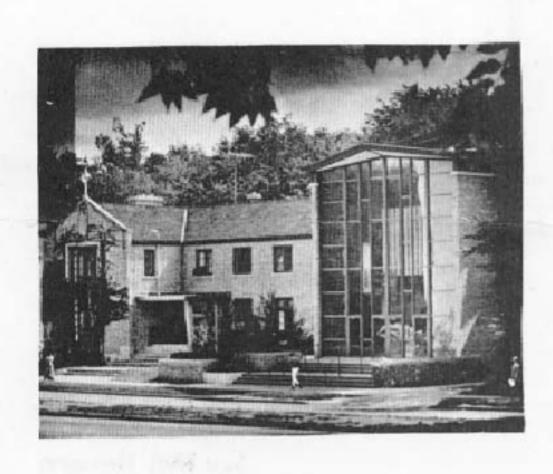
If you come by private plane - Ames Municipal Airport is two miles south of town. Located on the Dubuque Sectional. (Next issue of the newsletter will carry IFR approach plate).

If you are arriving commercially - Des Moines is the closest city - 30 miles - served by the Airlines.

Below is a sheet to be filled out so that I will know about how many to expect, when and where. Also the room reservation sheet is attached. I'm hoping that some of you won't mind sharing a double bed with someone else in your party as there are more of these rooms. Arrangements have been made with a motel to handle the overflow crowd for prices very close to those quoted for the Union.

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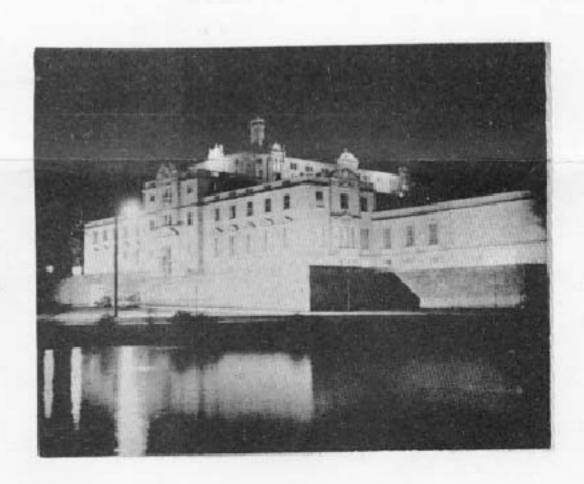


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Ames, Iowa

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Towa State University Memorial Union



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