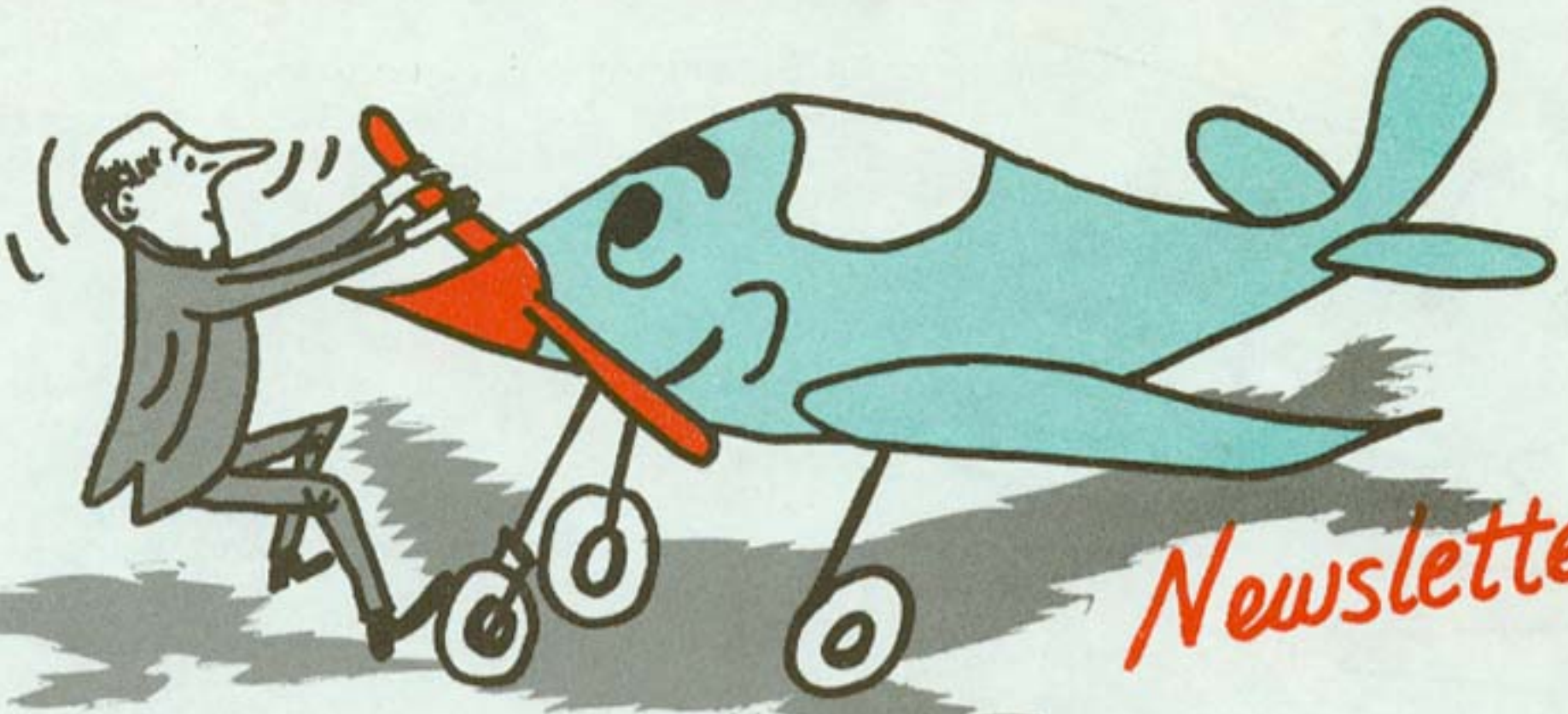


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Happily the Convention, fly-in date and place are locked up and I don't think it's too early for any of us to block-out the 13th-14th of July and to look over flite plans from anywhere to Dubuque. I'm sure that some of the Flying Padres have trips planned that would have a Bi-centennial stop-over or destination. If you're flying from any direction, Dubuque is smack dab in the middle, and if you scheme it right you could stop over on the 13th and 14th. More on this in the inside pages.

You'll also be happy to know that we've got 72 renewals for '76 already!!! We're shooting for 150 so you can see how far we have to go. Slip your check in the envelope (it's deductible, you know) and help ease our sleepless nights.

Rick



We appreciate the many who have returned their dues for 1976. Those who have paid will find their 1976 membership card enclosed. For those who forgot - we're including a reminder.

February 1 John Herzog, a couple from Mason City and myself flew Mooney 6070Q to California for a week's visit with relatives and friends. The weather was severe clear all the way out with a resultant beautiful flight. I dropped the other 3 off at Hollywood-Burbank and went on to San Diego. 2 hours after I landed we brought an end to the driest winter in 70 years and the rain was still falling when we left a week later. The couple with us flew commercially during the week to Phoenix to visit their son in Globe, Arizona where he teaches on the Apache reservation. John and I had an interesting IFR flight from the L.A. area on Monday, Feb. 9 to Globe where we had to "sneak" out through a valley VFR to get to better conditions toward El Paso. From there is tail winds all the way. When we left L.A. at 10:00 a.m. Iowa time it was 56 degrees. When I landed in Mason City at 12:30 a.m. the next morning it was 57 in cold and wintry Iowa. We wrote our friends and suggested they might think of a winter vacation in Iowa sometime.

Minneapolis and Des Moines were the other speakers in addition to myself. My talk followed the presentation from the FAA man from Minneapolis. Ned Powers from Des Moines suggested I go next so that he could correct all the wrong things I'd say. I spoke on proper flight planning, especially during winter flying, and used my flight from L.A. to Globe as an example. The flight was one in which we knew we were flying into icing conditions and possible imbedded thunderstorms. But in the 1½ hours I spent the night before planning a 2½ hour flight I always had at least one, and most of the time, two outs. Result: not really a dangerous flight.

In Ned's presentation following mine he said that he had instructed in San Diego area some years ago and one of his students was Fr. Art Beech. (Perhaps some remember him from the early days of NAPP). Anyway Ned was talking with Art one day and said, "You know, for all the flying I do, I've never had a mishap. Somebody up there must really be watching out for me." To which Art replied, "Has it occurred to you that maybe he doesn't want you."

*When life gives you lemons,
make lemonade.*

*When life gives you news,
send it to NAPP.*

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The following came from Jack Lawler in Pinehurst, Mass.

"It must be a few years since I dropped a line and I have been neglectful of communications. The leading factor has been the summer tour with the Air Guard coinciding with the annual gathering and it appears that the coming year will prove no exception. However, with the help of God, this will be the last miss. They will give me a star in a year and shortly afterwards I will be retiring. In one way it is fine since this will be the first star rank for a Chaplain in the Air Guard, in another not so good for it means the passing of over 28 years or entrance into the geriatric brigade. Bob Sennott told me of the fine time at Nashville and was sorry I had to miss. I am enclosing a bit you may not have seen which is newsworthy.

Still have the twin commanche and locking forward now to getting to the Bahamas and away from 30" of snow and cold. Hope all is well and to be joining the gang soon. Best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year."

Jack includes this info from Sydney, Australia.

"A Roman Catholic priest was killed in a 210 foot drop of his gliding kite, in which he had just set the world kite gliding record, authorities reported today.

The Rev. Greg Hannen, 37, was killed instantly Saturday when the kite from which he was suspended plummeted downward and hit a highway 300 miles from Sydney.

He had glided for two hours, 15 minutes, bettering the world overland endurance record by more than 45 minutes.

Hannen was described by a church superior as "as a man with a spirit of adventure which couldn't be stifled."

David White of Everett, Washington says he started out for the New Orleans meeting in '74 but turned back because of bad weather. After having been inactive for a couple of years he intends to get involved again.

Theralf (Bud) or (Korky) Thielen writes from the Josephinum School of Theology in Worthington, Ohio.

"Got current again on instruments last July. Came in mighty handy in thunderstorms in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan in August, and in Los Angeles smog in September. But it didn't help any on September 13 when, near Susanville, Cal., a drunk came across the highway center line - and got me - head-on. I was in a car, of course; had just left my rented Piper at the Susanville airport. Got out of the hospital in Reno 70 days later! Still lugging a cast on my right leg: toe to hip. By the time I get at the controls of a plane again I'll have to get instrument current all over again! Carramba!!!

Keep me informed on the Dubuque meeting; after all, that's my home base, diocese-wise.

May all your stops and starts - on the ground and in the air - be easy to take. See you in Dubuque."

Retired Pastor Gene McCahey of Chicago Ridge, Illinois says he drove his camper to Ft. Lauderdale and left it there with his niece till after Easter so she can use it. Gene says he's looking forward to the new directory which he hopes to use in his travels around the country in '76.

Convention Plans -

Tentative convention plans from the Dubuque committee:

Sunday, July 11: arrivals: nothing planned. (Ed note: that means dissipation is on your own).

Monday, July 12: more arrivals. Dick Funke will see about a tour of the Dubuque Park in the p.m. A cookout is planned at Eagle Point Park in the evening. Dick Funke will get some guys from the Serra Club to be in charge of that.

Tuesday, July 13: Art Kleve will investigate a tour through the John Deere plant in the a.m. Phil Schmitt will look into a cruise on the Mississippi to Bellevue where an evening meal and the annual meeting will be held. The return trip will be by bus.

Wednesday, July 14: A flight to Cedar Rapids if VFR and by bus if IFR. John Friederick will plan something with Collins radio.

At 5:00 p.m. we are planning a concelebrated Liturgy with Archbishop Byrne at the Cathedral in Dubuque. Phil is responsible for planning the Liturgy.

A banquet is tentatively being planned following the Liturgy at Ryan House

Thursday, July 15: The possibility of having a concelebrated Liturgy with the Trappist monks at New Mellerey.

Lodging will be at Clarke College.

History that almost happened...

April 12, 1919. Melvin Thud, flying a converted DH-4 en route from Pughtussle to Chitlin Switch, almost invented the turn and bank indicator by placing his half bottle of whiskey on top of the panel and watching the level movement change with that of the aircraft.

However, as fate would have it, the results of this experiment never materialized because five minutes into the clouds Melvin drank his instrument.



New IFR Pilot: John Hemann

Anyone else getting any new
tickets or ratings???

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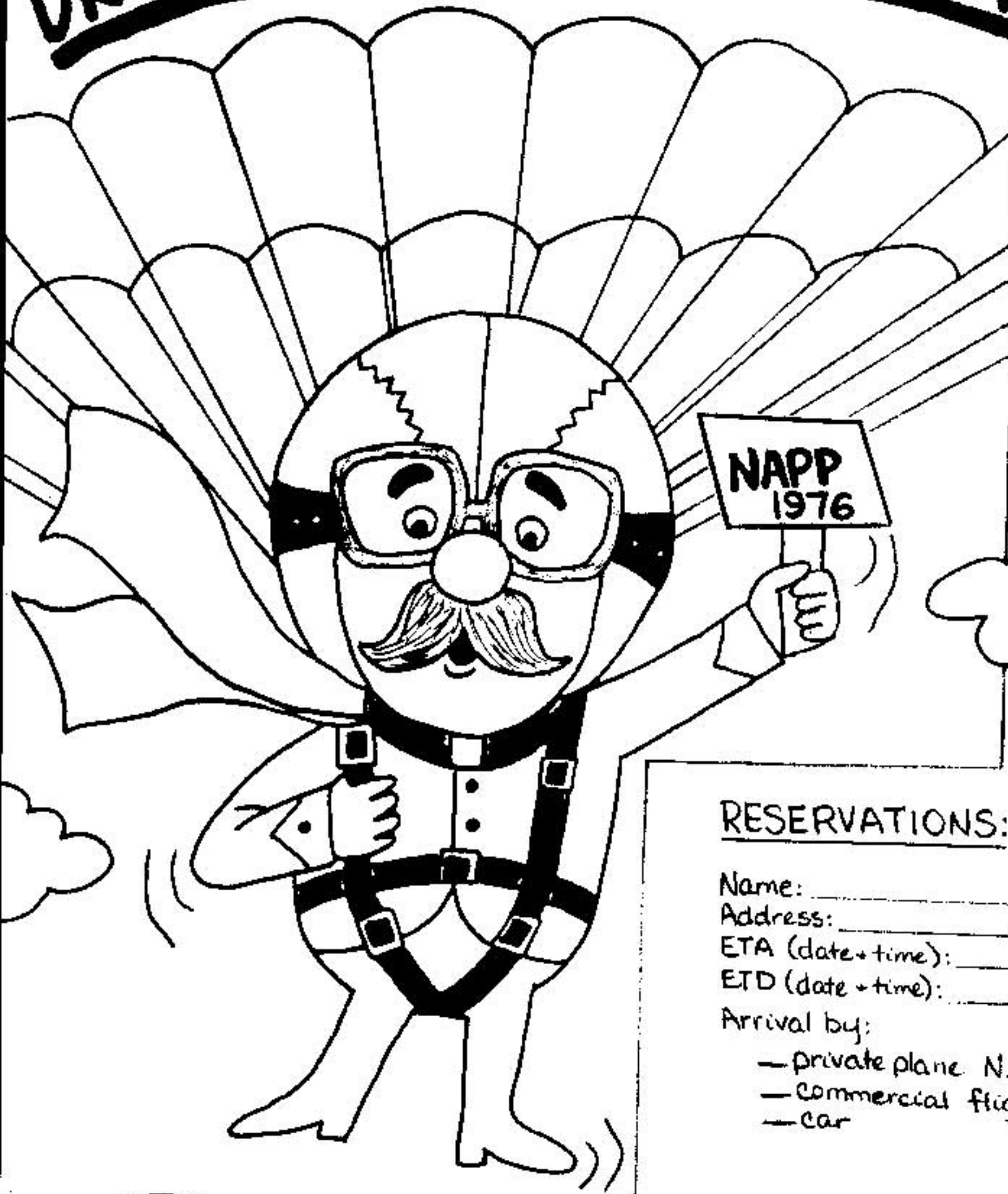


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