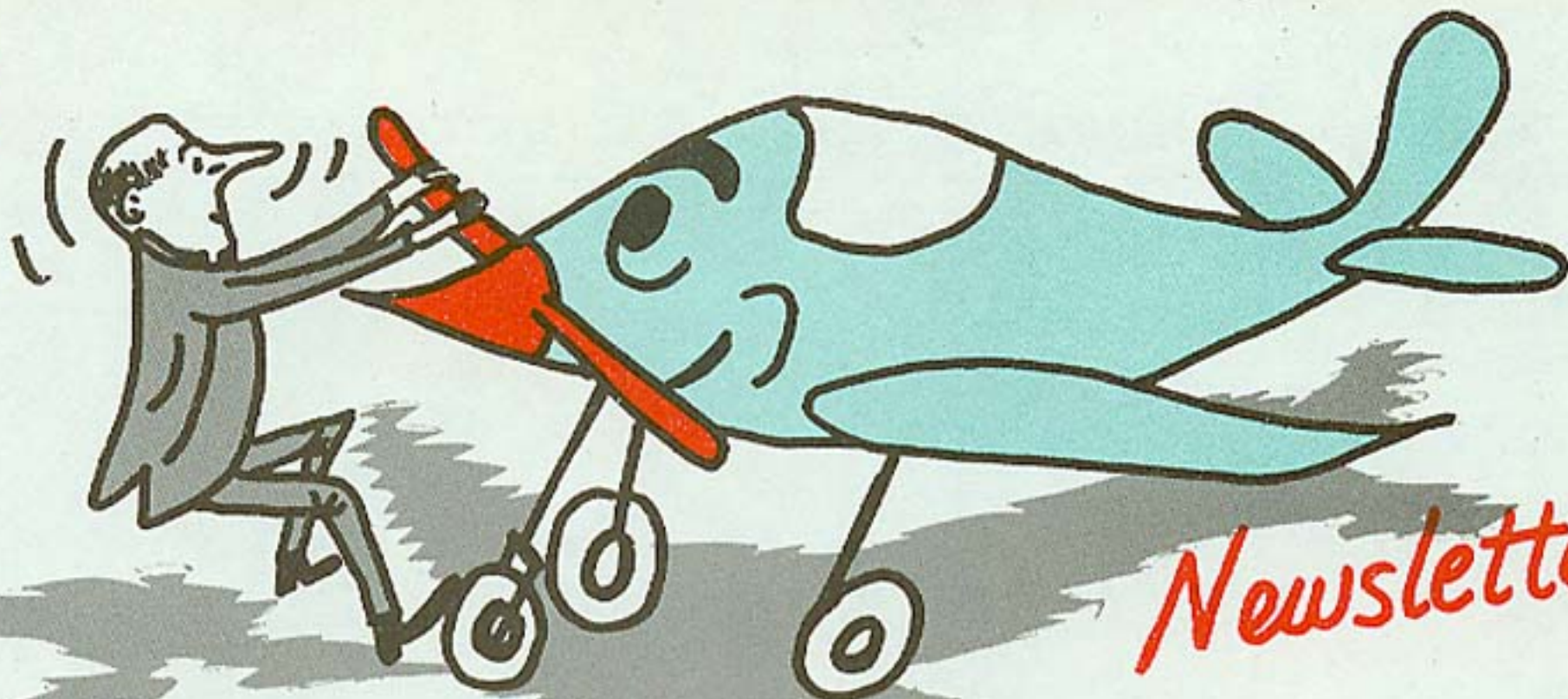


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Boy, I'm getting writer's cramp, but it's really worth it. Would you believe that there are almost 90 Flying Padres who have renewed for 1977? I think that's some kind of a record so early in the year. Fifty more renewals and we'll have the biggest membership yet. So, brothers, if you haven't sent your dues to Charlie Teufel, grab your check book and by the time you finish this Newsletter, send the \$10.00 on. GREAT!!!

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Two "BIGGIES" Coming Up!!

Central Region Spring Meeting
Algona, Iowa - Tues. May 10
Ben Bauer, host

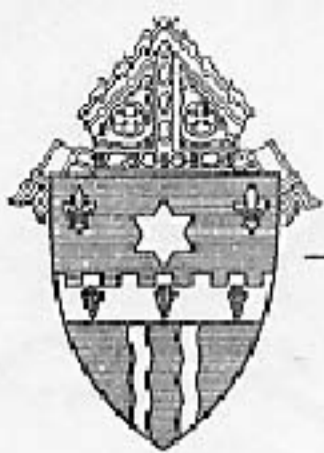
National Convention
Everett, Washington - July 12-13
Dave White, host

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THE CHANCERY

February 2, 1977

Dear Father Hemann:

Today the Archbishop asked me to answer your letter to Father Haacke regarding further information pertaining to the death of Father Jim Harney.

For your information, I was appointed the Executor of his estate by his Last Will and Testament. It seems that, in the early afternoon of October 2, 1976, he took off from Bowman Field in Louisville in a single engine plane which he co-owned with one other person. With him on that day were a married couple, close friends of his. He was flying due south to an area in Kentucky known as the Rough River Resort area where he owned a cabin on the lake. He landed the plane on a one-half mile grass runway. We are not sure whether he was simply touching down to test the runway, since it had rained earlier, or whether he was intending to land. Whatever the case, he attempted to take off and clipped off the left wing on a telephone pole at the left edge of the runway, 12 feet in the air. The plane spun around and crashed engine first into the ground. He was killed instantly. The married couple survived the accident. Further details of the crash can be obtained from the FAA report.

If I can be of any further assistance to you please feel free to contact me. All of his friends in Louisville still feel the loss of such a good man.



Fraternally yours in Christ,

William F. Wagner

Reverend William F. Wagner
Secretary of the Archdiocese

IN MEMORIAM
FATHER JAMES M. HARNEY

Briefs from Here and There...

NAPP Secretary Nick Rossello writes from Falconer, N.Y. that the winter weather has not been too conducive for flying. So he has been taking advantage of the situation by getting in a little skiing. But mostly just sticking around the home fires, holding down the fort and continuing studying for his commercial and instrument.

Nick says he mailed the dates of this year's NAPP Convention to Flying, Pilot and Plane and Pilot. (Wonder if it'll make any of the issues this year?)

Nick also sends his phone number: 716-665-4253.

Fr. Bill Travers letter from Vacaville, Ca. is dated December 24, 1976.

A happy and a holy Christmas to you even if it is a wee bit late. I put in a little extra to sweeten the pot. Even though I don't make any of the flyins, I feel very close to NAPP.

I'll have a change in June 1977 - I'll be leaving parish work here to work with the California Peace Officers Standards of Training in Sacramento in Police Ethics and Police Chaplain Divisions. I am Police Chaplain to several police departments etc. here in Solano County, plus flying with the Sheriff's Air Squadron on search and rescue missions, plus being a reserve police officer with the Sheriff and the Fairfield PD - I wear uniforms, ride the cars, make arrests, etc.

All goes well here and hope the same for you.

Carl A. Kulo had the following note with his annual dues.

I am studying at Long Island University in Brooklyn and the Army Career Course. I am also the proud owner, along with my bank, of Cessna 172 (N9086H). Am enjoying my former flying haunts on the East Coast after a memorable and long cross-country from Arizona. Just missed the Convention in Dubuque. Warmest regards.

Henry Haacke sends the following from Kenton, Kentucky.

John Dompka and I attended the Silver Jubilee of William Bevington at Nashville on December 14. It was a very wonderful affair. The Mass was quite impressive with two Bishops and, no doubt, a number of aspiring Bishops in attendance. Bishop Niedergeses and Bishop Shea were the honored attendants. Mass and the banquet were nice.

Bill's brother Richard had me present a "first copy" of Bill's new book to him, "All I Know About Flying" by Rev. Wm. Bevington. The book was bound in red leather and had gold title. The inside was all blank pages.

John and I and Fr. Al Ruschman flew back to CVG in my Club rented 1977 Skyhawk with a Skyhawk painted on the airframe. He flew IFR all the way. Next day we went on to Greater Pitt with John flying it IFR and I flew back to CVG IFR with a solid overcast under me all the way. As I dropped through the soup and joined the localizer in the soup, the controller said to "keep your speed up. You have a jet right on your tail." It was a great feeling to bust out of the soup and see 27L right in front of me. Sure enough as I taxied back to the hangar I saw the big jet come into sight for his final approach, just a minute or so behind me.

Back to the Club. I paid \$25 to get in, \$15 per month dues and can rent a Skyhawk for \$16, a 150 for \$11. I flew a total of 22 hours in December and most of it IFR. Took a Fr. Nimean to Loretto, Pa. and then on to La Peer, Mich and back. Had to stop at Bluffton, O. and rent a car. CVG was closed down for 11 hours with zero-zero conditions. Had to go back for the plane after Sunday Masses.

From the Josephinum School of Theology (Rev. Msgr. - Brigadier General) Korby Thielen writes in part in his Christmas letter.

If you didn't get a Christmas greeting last year, I'm sorry. Really did enjoy yours.

Had a problem: auto wreck on 13 September '75 (Susanville CA; drunk swerved across middle of road: head-on into the VW Squareback I was driving, belonging to Pat & Wil Williams whose wedding I'd had in Paradise, CA. in '65. Their two children were along. Bobby, 8, was killed. Andy, 6, was badly injured (5 weeks in hospital) but mended well. We pray there'll be no slow-to-appear after-effect. I was in Reno, NV. hospital till 23 November '75 (not very many spend 2 ½ months and \$20,000 in Reno and never see a slot machine! Also, it was a new experience to celebrate Mass on the flat of my back!

Got back to parents' home in eastern Iowa in mid-December; to Ohio, after Christmas; on the job at Josephinum since 5 January '76; out of my right leg cast (hip to toe) in early March; graduated from crutches in May, from a cane in late July; hopefully, from a limp by February '77. Chest and head injuries all solidly healed (head always was mostly solid!) Left arm, between wrist and elbow, still held together by four, hopefully permanent, plates screwed to the bones; mending slowly, functioning excellently, except for middle finger. Probable operation in March: want to type again.

Still directing Theological Field Education and Deacon Internship; doing a little marriage counseling and teaching. Worked a Marriage Return. Made a Priests' Encounter (excellent! sort of a special kind of super retreat; formed by Fr. Gabriel Calvo, originator of Marriage Encounter; doesn't adopt M.E. format, as does Priest Experience). Went to workshops on Intensive Journal Writing, Spiritual Direction, Supervision in Theological Field Education. Worked about 6 weeks with Air Force (two weeks in April were "orientation" after promotion to Brigadier General, USAFR, (chaplain); if you've ever walked Pentagon halls and ramps to and from fifth floor, imagine doing it on crutches!

Haven't read very many good books, 'cause haven't read very many books! Karagula, Breakthrough to Creativity, fascinated me; Thomas More Bible Prayer Book (several hundred short meditations), a real goody; a dandy of two years ago, now a paperback: E. Kennedy, The Joy of Being Human. Got rid of my '75 Matador: a LEMON; '77 Granada: a dream! No personal flying since 12 September '75. Next summer again, maybe.

My brother Vince died 8 October. He's sorely missed, but at least relieved of years of diabetic suffering - the last ones, intense. The oldest of his three youngsters just became a teen-ager. Please keep them and their mother, Darlene, your prayers. In fact, while you're at, keep me there, too, please! And I'll reciprocate.

If you're coming through Ohio, or Iowa, or Washington, D.C. give me enough lead time to find a red carpet to roll out!

After Christmas, John Herzog of Iowa Falls, Ia., two of my classmates and myself (Mel) flew to Sheridan, Wyo. to spend a couple of days with a classmate who is presently working there.

Last summer I was asked to give the annual Retreat the first weekend in February to the members of VIDA (Volunteers in Diocesan Action) for the Pueblo, Colo. diocese. I flew out on Friday, the 4th, and was met at the airport by the director, Fr. Erv. Schmitt. (Korby, he sends his regards to you). From there we drove for three hours to a beautiful lodge outside Buena Vista. There were 43 volunteers. About half were teachers; the other half were nurses, LPN's, medical techs, parish workers. There were 3 Nuns & 1 priest in the group. Really a fantastic group of people and a great weekend - 9000 feet up the side of a 14,000 footer about 60 miles southeast of Aspen. Returned home on Monday morning.

The afternoon of January 13 I flew commercially to Vero Beach, Fla. and ferried a new Warrior home on the 14th. Out of 13.7 hours, 7½ were IFR. Shot one approach in Birmingham at 100 feet and a sixteenth of mile. On final the tower said, "When you get on the ground let us know because we can't see the runway." It's amazing how easy it is to keep those needles centered when you know you have to get down.

Without a doubt the highlight of the past year in our family was the death of our Grandmother at the age of 94. She died playing cards on December 17 in the nursing home where she had been for about 6 weeks. She had made a lot of the plans for her funeral Liturgy. In addition to John and Ev, she also had another grandson in the St. Paul diocese

There also is a nephew who is a priest in our diocese. So with four grandsons and a nephew for starters we really had a fantastic celebration of the new life that was hers on Christmas. I think everyone came away from that Liturgy with a deeper meaning of the whole paschal mystery.



Frank Weidinger, and his wife Pat, sent me the following Christmas note and picture of the young 'un, Mary Pat, from Camas, WA.

We're settled here now even to buying a small house on a huge lot with apple trees, berries, garden area and nice shrubbery. It needs some repairing so I'm happily doing the job on the first house of our own. I'm working as activity director in a nursing home, like the work but salary is low so I "sit" an elderly man of 90 yrs. 4 nights a week, mostly sleeping in his room but sometimes he needs assistance.

Mary Pat is almost a year old, has 6 teeth, walks a bit, climbs everywhere. Hope she pilots an air plane some day. Enjoy the news of the priest pilots. Hope all's well for you as it is for us.

We like this area and expect to stay here. Doesn't look like the Bishops will ever forget living in the past and facing the present and the needs of people so not likely I'll be going back into the former type of serving the needs of God's people. I'm happy with my choice and am prepared to live happily with it as

long as there is no change in Church policy. God Bless!

Frank

We haven't met yet but hope maybe we can this summer. I'm going to make sure Frank makes it up to Everett for the Priest Pilots' Convention. Why not pay us a visit this summer?

Pat

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CONVENTION 1977

Everett, Washington

July 12-13



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