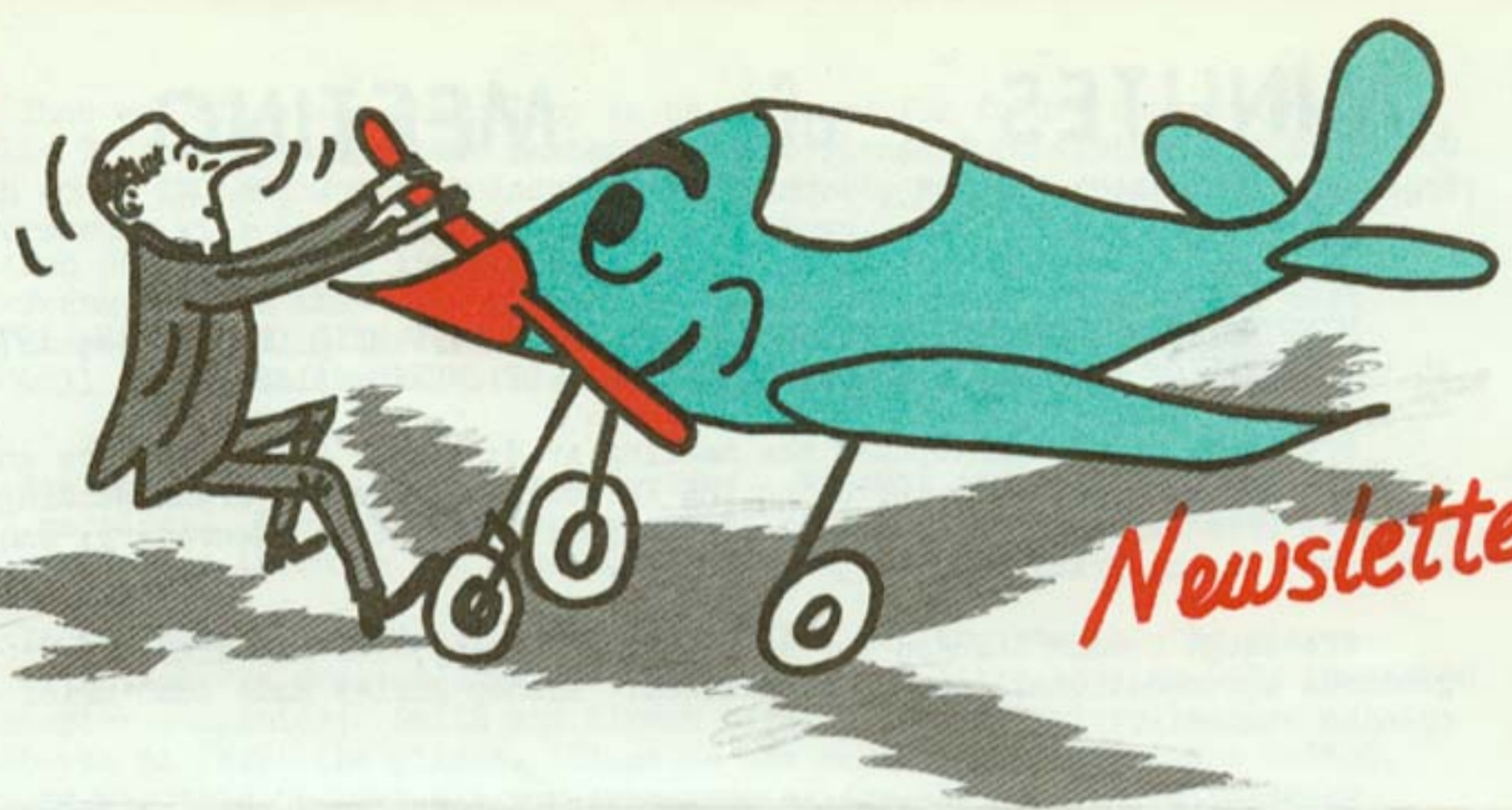


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WELL, FELLOW FLYING PADRES, I GUESS YOU'LL BE BURDENED WITH A NEW PRESIDENT FOR A WHILE. IN ALL HONESTY, I AM HONORED BOTH BY THE TITLE AND JOB. BUT MORE ESPECIALLY THAT THE PRIESTS IN OUR GROUP ARE THE GRANDEST MEN I HAVE EVER KNOWN AND THAT I SHOULD BE PRIVILEGED JUST TO BE A MEMBER. WE ARE RELATIVELY FEW IN NUMBER, WEAK IN ECCLESIASTICAL POWER BUT LOADED TO GROSS WITH BROTHERLY CONCERN AND THE FATE OF OUR CHURCH. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, BUT I FEEL CLOSER TO ALL NAPP'ers THAN TO ALL BUT A FEW PRIESTS IN MY DIOCESE. AND MAYBE THAT'S WHAT THE FLYING PADRE ASSOCIATION IS ALL ABOUT (but more about that another time).

THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO MY BIT TO CARRY ON IN THE TRADITIONS OF BOB SENNOTT AND MEL HEMANN. I JUST HOPE TO COME CLOSE TO THE TRACK RECORD THEY SET.

OREMUS PRO INVICEM
(don't tell me you forgot already)

DICK SKRIBA

MINUTES of MEETING

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF NAPP HELD ON JULY 12, 1973 at the SHRINE OF ST. TERESE 23 MILES NORTHWEST OF JUNEAU, ALASKA.

President Mel Hemann opened the meeting at 8:55 pm. Thirty members and three guests were present, including the following officers: Frank Weidinger, 2nd Vice President; Charles Teufel, Treasurer; Tony Attea, Secretary; and our host, Bishop Frank Hurley.

President Hemann thanked our host, Bishop Hurley, for his kind and generous accommodations; applause followed. Bishop Hurley made some brief opening comments.

Minutes of the 1972 convention in Emporia, Kansas, were read by secretary Attea. They were approved after two mistakes in names were corrected.

Treasurer Teufel then presented the Treasurer's Report. Charlie again emphasized the safety of our investment in the private loan association. After explaining briefly the workings of the loan association, the Treasurer's report was passed by the group.

Marty Pfab moved that a list of members present be made available and that a roll call be taken. Phil Schmitt seconded and motion was carried. A roll call was then taken and the following were present at the meeting:

Mel Hemann (Pres.), Frank Weidinger (2nd Vice-Pres.), Charlie Teufel (Treas.), Tony Attea (Sec.), Bishop Hurley, Dick Skriba, Leo Dobosiewicz, Frank Nemmers, Ev Hemann, John Hemann, Bob Hogan, Jack Dompka, John Bellon, Dick Funke, John Freiderick, Phil Schmitt, Dave Hogan, Tom Geelan, Ray Radzieta, Bob Sennott, Gil Chaloult, John Brickley, Al Sigur, Charlie Mears, Preacher Smith, Bernie McMeel, Dan Tainter, Bob Kirsch, Marty Pfab and Peter Gorges.

Preacher Smith then introduced his two guests and Bob Kirsch introduced his guest. One of the members made the comment that he hoped Kirsch was not teaching his guest how to fly (God forbid!).

Then the group set up the time for Liturgy on Friday night - between fishing and dinner - 5:30 p.m.

The next item of business was how to reimburse the members for expenses incurred on this trip to Alaska. Dompka felt that the idea of the motion was to divide the \$2000 among the members who were in good standing for at least a year to cover part of the expenses incurred from Great Falls to Juneau. There was much discussion concerning the different expenses of each member and concerning the yet unpaid Great Falls expenses. Bob Sennott suggested that we use the \$2000 to pay up all our commitments at Great Falls and Juneau (steaks, room rent, train tickets, follies, etc.) and then divide what's left over among the members who made the trip. Funke then made a motion that we use the \$2000 to take care of the expenses each member incurred, including the \$10.00 convention fee, and then to send to each member present what is left over after expenses. Frank Nemmers seconded and motion was passed.

Then was discussed the policy to be followed for future conventions. Charlie Teufel suggested that members pay the standard convention fee of \$10.00 which would INCLUDE 2 nights lodging, the banquet, and the snacks and beverages; the treasury will cover expenses over and above.

Bob Sennott felt a limit should be placed on the expenses.

Frank Nemmers then made the motion, seconded by John Friederick, that each member attending the convention pay a \$10.00 Convention Fee, and the club will subsidize the rest to a ceiling of \$1000.00. Motion passed.

Regional meetings were then discussed. Midwest indicated success with their meetings. Everyone was encouraged to build up his region. Make sure the NAPP newsletter includes all schedules, etc. of regionals.

It was easy enough getting to Juneau - but getting back to the planes left at Whitehorse created some discussions. Toney Attea and Leo Dobo suggested two charter companies; Smith and Kirsch offered their services to fly back to Whitehorse at least the pilots. Since no one could agree on any one method, everyone was told to make his own arrangements for the trip to Whitehorse.

Bob Kirsch then made a motion to buy a second Instrument Course for use by the members. Bob Sennott seconded and after a brief discussion, the motion was passed.

Bishop Hurley was called from the meeting. Bob Sennott took the opportunity during his absence to suggest we donate something to the Bishop as a special act to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. Jack Dompka made a motion that we donate \$1000 to the Juneau Diocese, seconded by Al Sigur. Passed by all present.

Mel Hemann informed Bishop Hurley of the results upon the Bishop's return to our meeting. Bishop Hurley was both surprised and pleased and thanked us.

The next business was the election of officers. The offices open were: President, 1st Vice-President, and Secretary.

Members discussed the functions of the Presidency and whether that office included the Newsletter. Mel felt that these were two separate functions. Therefore the new president should not automatically take over the letter. Mel said he would be willing to continue with the letter. (APPLAUSE).

Then were discussed the functions of the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents. Tony Attea suggested that the host of the next convention should automatically be the 2nd Vice-President. John Brickly felt we should drop that office. Brickly then made the motion to eliminate the 2nd Vice-Presidency, seconded by Preacher Smith and passed. Sennott and Teufel felt we could not eliminate the office by just a simple vote, but that we should follow the Constitution in such important decisions. Since no Constitution was available, Teufel made a motion to reconsider this decision; Ev Hemann seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. Frank Weidinger will then continue as 2nd Vice-President for the next year and in the meantime find a copy of the NAPP Constitution to find out what the heck his office is all about.

Mel then asked for nominations to the Presidency. Kirsch nominated Dick Skriba, seconded by Attea. Jack Dompka was nominated by Attea, seconded by Bellon. Frank Nemmers closed nominations.

Dick Skriba was elected new President.

John Lawler (nominated by Kirsch), John Hemann (nominated by Weidinger), and John Freiderick (nominated by Ev Hemann) - three Johns - were the nominees for 1st Vice-President.

John Hemann was elected 1st Vice-President.

Kirsch nominated Tony Attea to continue as Secretary. Charlie Mears closed nominations. Tony Attea was re-elected as Secretary.



Left to right:

Tony Attea, Sec.
John Hemann, 1st V. P.
Mel Hemann, Newsletter
Dick Skriba, Pres.
Bishop Hurley, Juneau Host
Frank Weidinger, 2nd V. P.
Charlie Teufel, Treas.

Skriba then took over as President. First item of business under the new President was next year's convention site. Ray Radzieta suggested New Orleans. Al Sigur offered to be host, and the convention was set for the 2nd week of July in New Orleans.

Mel offered to continue as the NAPP Newsletter editor. Mel received a resounding vote of confidence for a difficult job well done.

Some discussion began on changing the time and date of our meetings - perhaps to winter at least for New Orleans. 10 members felt that winter would exclude them from the meeting. It was finally agreed to keep the convention in July.

Motion was made and seconded to thank Frank Weidinger for work well done as Great Falls Host and for preparations and work accomplished to make our 10th anniversary convention such a memorable one. Unanimous applause. Frank Weidinger claimed the other "Frank" was the biggest help. Bishop Frank Hurley made almost all the arrangements and gave the moral support to everything.

Bishop Hurley made the closing comments, thanking us for our generosity and acquaintance. He also made available two fishing boats to be used by those desiring to go salmon fishing.

John Hemann then made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dick Funke. It passed.

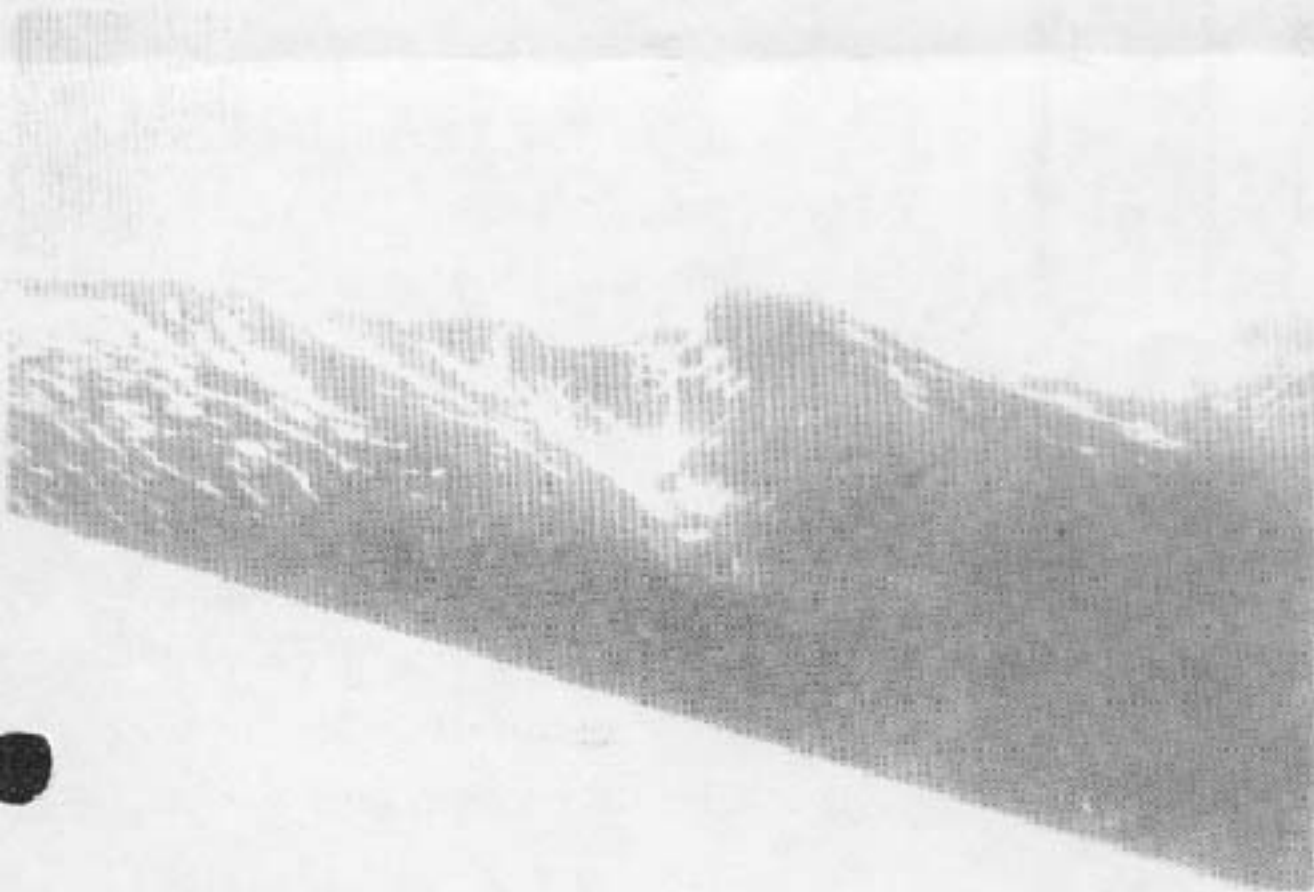
Respectfully submitted by

Tony Attea

Secretary, NAPP

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HIGHLIGHTS



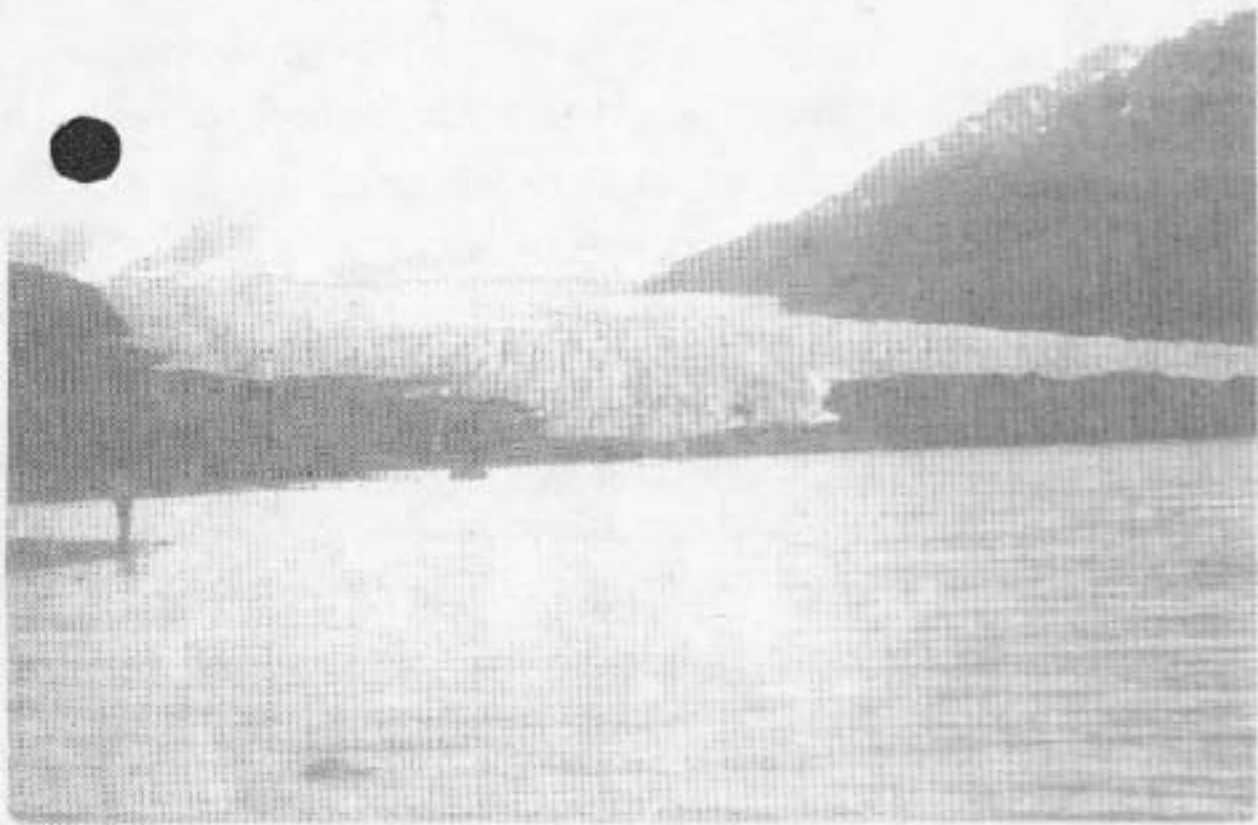
All the Flying Padres whose flight plans called for meeting in Great Falls arrived by 8:00 on Monday evening. Convention Coordinator, Frank Weidinger, proved a great host in arranging sight-seeing, relaxing and a western-style cookout. While seated around the campfire, chomping away at the grub and washing it down with samples of the local fire water, the decision was made to make the 1200 n m jaunt to Whitehorse the next day.

Early morning saw eight planes lifting off 24 at Great Falls and making the right turn out that would ultimately end in Whitehorse. Scattered throughout the thousands of miles of wilderness were places like Calgary, Dawson Creek (mile 1 of the Alaska Highway), Ft. St. John, Ft. Nelson, Liard River, Watson Lake and Teslon. Finally, after skirting ground the cloud covered peaks of the Cassiar Mountain Range, evening found everyone in Whitehorse enjoying the Yukon territory rendition of the follies.



Wednesday morning saw 23 of the Padres board a private car on the narrow gauge rail for the 110 mile trip to Skagway. The journey through some of North America's most rugged terrain took a little over 8 hours -- 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The 8:00 departure of the M. V. Wickersham, one of seven state-owned ferryliners of the Alaska Marine Highway System, gave all ample opportunity to see the sights in once rowdy Skagway. Most were seated at table enjoying a delightful "ship board" dinner when the Wickersham lifted anchor for the 100 mile cruise down the Lynn Canal to Juneau. As the clock ticked away the hours, most experienced for the first time the land of the midnight sun. However, it was dark when we became land lubbers about 3:15 am in Juneau. Standing in the rain to welcome us at that ungodly hour was our host, Bishop Hurley, along with cars and drivers to take us to St. Therese's Shrine. This shrine, 23 miles northwest of Juneau, was our headquarters during our stay.

After a late sleep-in and breakfast, those present gathered in the Shrine Chapel for a Concelebrated Mass. Following this the sight-seeing began with the first stop at the Government-sponsored



Biological Laboratory. Here we were shown the research being done on marine life and the varied species in the aquariums. The next stop found us at the foot of the Mendenhall Glacier, one of the many that are fed from the 1500 square mile Juneau Icefield.



Following dinner the annual meeting took up most of the evening.

Friday offered several possibilities for sight-seeing, shopping or fishing. It wasn't all in vain.





Evening found us all gathered around the altar with Bishop Hurley as principal Con-celebrant to share together the high point of the Juneau Convention. Awaiting us in the lodge was a fantastic king salmon and beef dinner with king crab as hors d'oeuvres. The rest of the evening was spent in song and merriment to the accompaniment of Peter Gorges on the ivories.

Saturday found the group leaving Juneau in all directions. Most flew charter flights to Whitehorse and then farther north into Alaska. Others went down the coast toward Washington and California. Some headed easterly toward home.

From reports received, it seems the second week in July was open season on vacuum pumps. Charlie Teufel lost his approaching Mason City; Ev Hemann's went out while making a practice approach at Minneapolis, and Jack Dompka's went out over upper Michigan.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

next convention site -
New ORLEANS!

RENE HENRY GRACIDA

August 9, 1973

Dear Father Hemann:

Thank you for your letter of July 19, 1973 and its enclosures; I am happy to have been accepted as a member of the National Association of Priest Pilots.

Too bad that I did not learn of the NAPP Convention in Juneau until after it had occurred. I had been planning for many months to visit Bishop Hurley in Juneau and did in fact do so in the third week of July. He told me all about the Convention and I am sure it must indeed have been a great success.

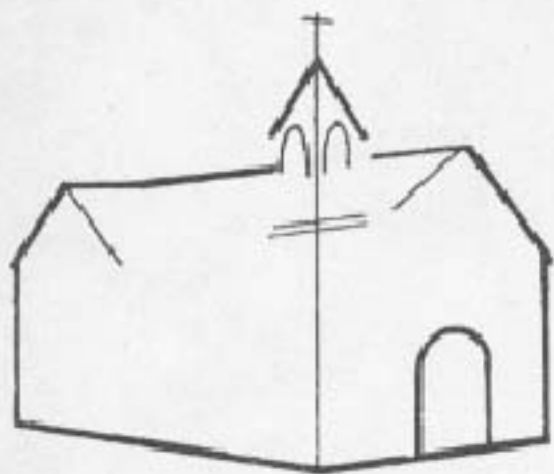
Looking forward to meeting with you and the other members of the Association, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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Auxiliary Bishop

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- Hospital General
- Pabellón Tuberculosos
- Convento Contemplativo
- Colonia Industrial
- Talleres
- Granja
- Base Aérea Misional

BATOPILAS: (Chih.)

- Escuelas primarias m. y f.
- Dispensario

CARICHI: (Chih.)

- Seminario Menor
- Escuela Primaria
- Internado F.
- Dispensario

NOROGACHI: (Chih.)

- Escuela Primaria
- Internado m.
- Hospital
- Centro Lingüista
- Base aérea Misional

GUADALUPE Y CALVO: (Chih.)

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- Internados m. y f.
- Hospital
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- Internados m. y f.
- Centro Coordinador Social
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- Comercio
- Internado femenino
- Dispensario

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- Internado Indígena f.
- Dispensario

CHINIPAS: (Chih.)

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- Dispensario

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August 4, 1973

Fr. Mel Hemann
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 Mason City, Iowa

Dear Friend:

On June 16th I was nominated by the Pope Paul VI Apostolic Administrator of the Tarahumara. That means, practically speaking, that I have now the responsibility of the whole Tarahumara country, of all the Priests and Sisters working here and of the policies we are going to follow in this mountain area of approximately 14,000 sq. km. Because of this I have to leave the Radio Schools. The new Director is Gilberto Alvarado, who for the last year worked very closely with me in the new projects for our Schools.

My residence will be Sisoguichi, as it has been for the last 20 or so years.

I hope that you will not forget our work among our Tarahumara brothers.

Sincerely yours,

Jose A. Ilaguno, S.J.

La correspondencia de los Misioneros, es su propaganda y su petición de ayuda.

Necesitamos: oraciones, sacrificios, limosnas, para trabajar ¡Por Cristo y por México!

SANDERSON COURSES

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Jim Harney — Sept. & Oct.
Bernard McMeel — Nov. & Dec.
Marty Pfab — Jan. & Feb.
V. J. Schaefer — March & April

PVT

Joe Zemites — Sept. & Oct.
Emil Sasges — Nov. & Dec.

GOOD NEWS!!! You probably noticed in the minutes from the annual meeting that we voted to purchase an additional set of the IFR A/V course. There seems to be an increasing number who want to take advantage of the course but the thought of waiting over a year has caused second thoughts. Hence, a second set is definitely needed.

Sanderson is in the process of up-dating the entire course. The new manual will be out around mid-August. Completion date for the A/V series will be about the middle of December. I thought it rather pointless to invest our money in the old set so we are on order for the new one.

Some thought was given at the meeting about the possibility of procuring the series in the book form that all Cessna and Piper training centers use. Sanderson produces the materials for them but have nothing to do with sales or distribution as the aircraft companies handle that and have all the copyrights, etc. It might be possible to get a set from Cessna but the price would be extremely high and it would be extremely difficult to ship all the books (about 20) every two months. So we'll be using the film strips as before.

I will continue to handle the reservations for both series here at 10 River Heights in Mason City so let me know if you want them. By the first of the year we should be able to give faster service.

Reminder: I am a Sanderson dealer and any materials you want from them I will pass on my 40% discount to you.

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CENTRAL MEETING PLANNED

The Central Region is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 1, at Offut Air Force Base. It was impossible to work out all the details prior to press time, so those of you who are planning to attend, please contact Regional Director John Herzog.

Just in case you've already lost the Directory, his address is: St. Mary's Church, Box 609, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

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NAPP National Headquarters moved with the election of Dick Skriba as President. Accordingly, headquarters address is now:

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