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FROM THE PRESIDENT.

On November 3rd, the Feast of **St. Martin**, at 15:00 Z, **Bob Kirsch** was cleared by The Controller from his home in Albuquerque, NM, up into Class A airspace - and beyond. No one else was present except Edwina. "He died holding my hand."

Bob struggled with cancer for the past three years or so. Yet he was still able to attend the convention a few short months ago in Frederick. He even managed to write up the minutes of that meeting. Bob always said that he would die with his "boots on."

He spent his last days at his very humble home at San Ygnacio Pl, SW Albuquerque. Long-time associate Edwina Tabares took great

care of him. On Sunday evening, the 6th, over 30 came to his home for a rosary-wake. More people came and went until 2am.

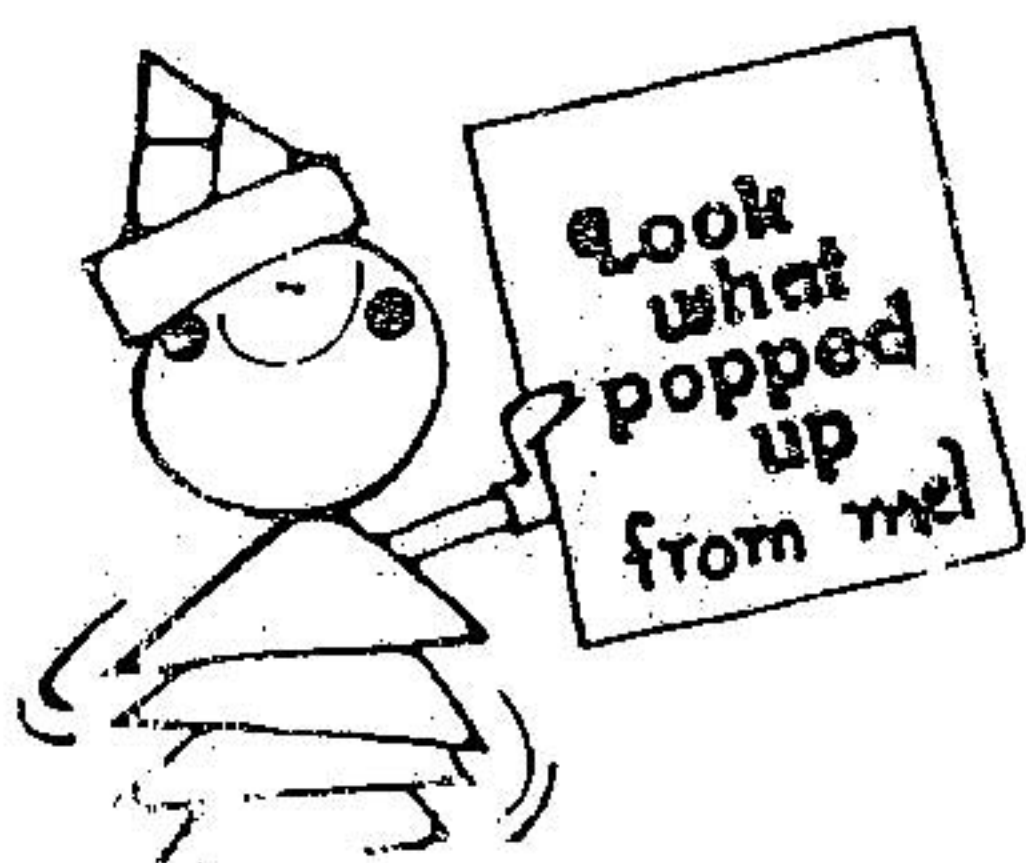
On Tuesday evening over 400 came to St. Martin Church for the rosary, and over 800 celebrated the Liturgy of Christian burial on Wednesday afternoon. His long-time friend Fr. Richard Olona presided. Then on Friday there was a "candlelight vigil."

Bob was a wonderful guy. He did a great amount of good for the poor, especially in Mexico. And he served NAPP as well. He never missed a convention, even if he showed up on Thursday. This year was probably the earliest he ever arrived. Bob, you are cleared to FL 450 and beyond. Fly in peace!

A Holy Christmas to you all. And may the Almighty Pilot in Command bless you throughout 2006.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Charles B Teufel



I'm beginning to wonder about the wisdom last July of electing Charles Teufel as our current president. So far 2 out of 3 messages from the president are about the death of a member. Last time, Bob Pool; this time Bob Kirsch. I'm grateful my name is not Bob.

We are in the business of dealing with the only absolute (next to taxes) in life.....DEATH!! The passing of our brothers does not come as a surprise but we realize the inevitable is cause for reflection.

Bob kept reminded us the past couple of years about his cancer. Personally, the two of us had a nice conversation in July knowing it probably would be our last. In the weeks that followed there were memorable telephone calls. With his death we have the lost the only NAPP member who was with us at the charter meeting in July of 1964 and never missed since then. His uniqueness will be missed.

BOB, MAY YOU REST IN PEACE

2005 Convention host, Charlie Teufel, has sent a financial report. You will find it elsewhere in the newsletter. We are grateful for his astuteness and managerial skills that enlarges the NAPP coffers.

Thanks Charlie for a job well done.

John W. Hemann has pretty well completed the arrangements for July 2006. That information is included in this mailing. The next issue will have a reservation sheet. I don't want to put that out too soon as those of us with a few years behind us will probably forget we mailed it in.

Those who paid their 2006 dues since the last newsletter will find their membership card enclosed. Others will find a FINAL reminder dues envelope. The new directory will come out in February of 2006. You will be in it if you return the dues or request that we maintain you as a member.

MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

May 1, 2006

Mexico, Missouri

Fr. John Schmitz will be our host. After all, how many times is it so convenient to go to Mexico?

More details will be coming in the future as John sends us the needed information.
(John: Hint!! Hint!!! Hint!!!!)

EARLY REMINDER

2006 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
July 11-12, 2006
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**A MOST BLESSED AND
HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

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Memorial Service for
Father Robert "Bob" Kirsch
November 8, 2005
Immaculate Conception Church, Albuquerque



"Return to Sender"

Date of Birth: June 15, 1924
Asleep in the Lord: November 3, 2005

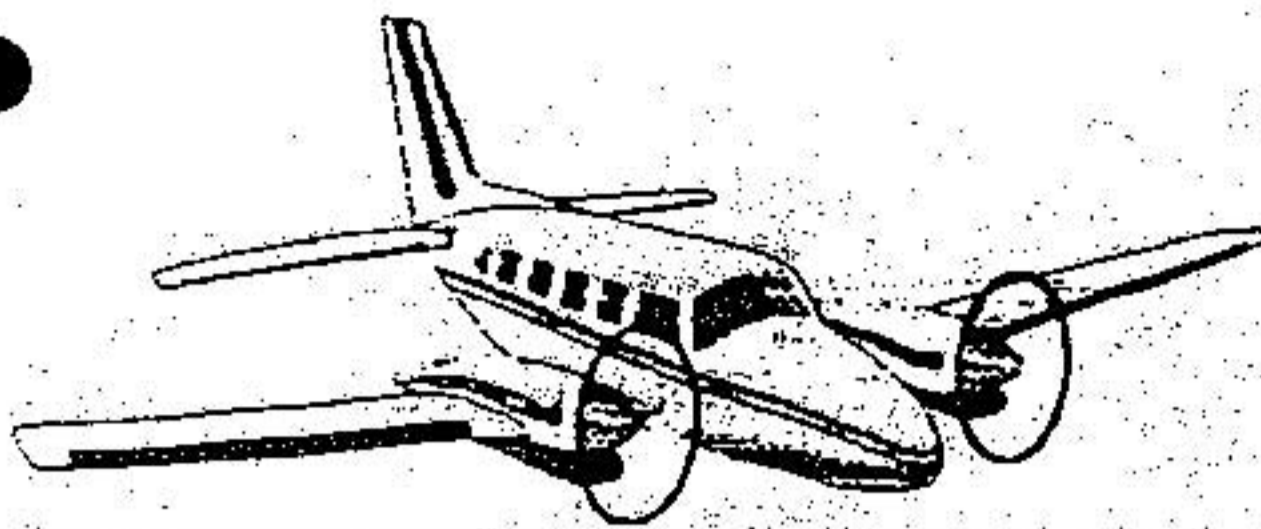
Dear partners in our mission,

As you can see by the enclosed material, our beloved Fr. Bob has graduated into heaven. He went home on the feast day of San Martin de Porres. Our Lord saw fit to send one of his greatest saints for him. The services were beautiful and as he said many times, "People don't die." "This bag of bones will die, but I will still be here".

Many people have asked if the mission work will continue, the answer is "yes". We will carry on the works he started. We can never fill his shoes, but we will try our best.

He spent his last days going over the cards you all sent and saying prayers for each and every one of you. May God Bless You.

Edwina Tabares and the board of
-4- San Martin Flying Mission



BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

From Bob Lavery, 2004 Convention Speaker

Hi Father Mel,

During the NBAA convention in Orlando, I had the fun of being the ARINC radio operator and occasionally put on a second headset to monitor Unicom when the Unicom guy took a break. It looked strange but it kept the noise and interference of radio stuff from distracting the very very busy folks at the Showalter front desk.

I'll very much appreciate it if you will keep my Brother, Bill Lavery in your prayers. He's in Florida Hospital South in Orlando, Fl, gravely ill. It's diabetes related, neuropathy, with complications. A really bad infection in his blood right now has got him knocked out. As of a couple of days ago he became unable to communicate and was unresponsive. He's been unconscious for a long time now. It seems that all the signs of the end of this experience and the beginning of a better one are at hand. Bill earned his Private Pilot certificate shortly after our Dad died in 1978. While Bill couldn't really afford to fly, he very much was interested in aviation. Bill has two sons with wives and children and they are doing their best to watch out for their dad. My nephew David has a wonderful and saintly, beautiful (inside and out) wife by the name of Amy who has done an awful lot to make Bill comfortable. When I visited with them a week or so ago, I was really impressed with Amy's care of her Father-in-law. I see that as a very challenging job.

A good friend of ours, Johnny Barmore and his two flying partners did indeed buy the Cherokee 180D in Davenport, Iowa. Johnny sent his older son, Ryan, who is studying toward an aviation career at college in Stillwater, Oklahoma, to pick up the airplane and ferry it home. It looks like he got a good, IFR (1968 state of the art stuff) Piper Cherokee 180D. We

started our lessons a few days ago. The airplane looks pretty good with a few minor warts and a concern or two. Johnny did an excellent job on his first two flights, with a strong concentration of course on the basics. He pretty well understands how to trim an airplane...and that's great.

I had spoken often with Johnny sharing the caveats in buying an airplane. I found that the left wing tank has a couple of rivets that might have worked slightly. There is a stain, (not a weep, seep, drip or drop) of blue fuel at the site of two top rivets. He'll want to watch this and get it corrected soon. Johnny is very proud of the fact that the engine only has 450 hours since major. While I had told him in person and by e-mail that TBO is based not just on total hours since major overhaul, but also on 20 hours use per month. I fear that Johnny didn't take that into account. The engine was field overhauled about 23 years ago. It may be just fine and they may indeed get the full 2000 hours between overhauls. I would be a bit surprised if they get that lucky. I'll recommend oil analysis and hope that the engine does indeed stay healthy. With such a long period since major and long periods of inactivity, I'd be concerned about oxidation of parts inside the engine.

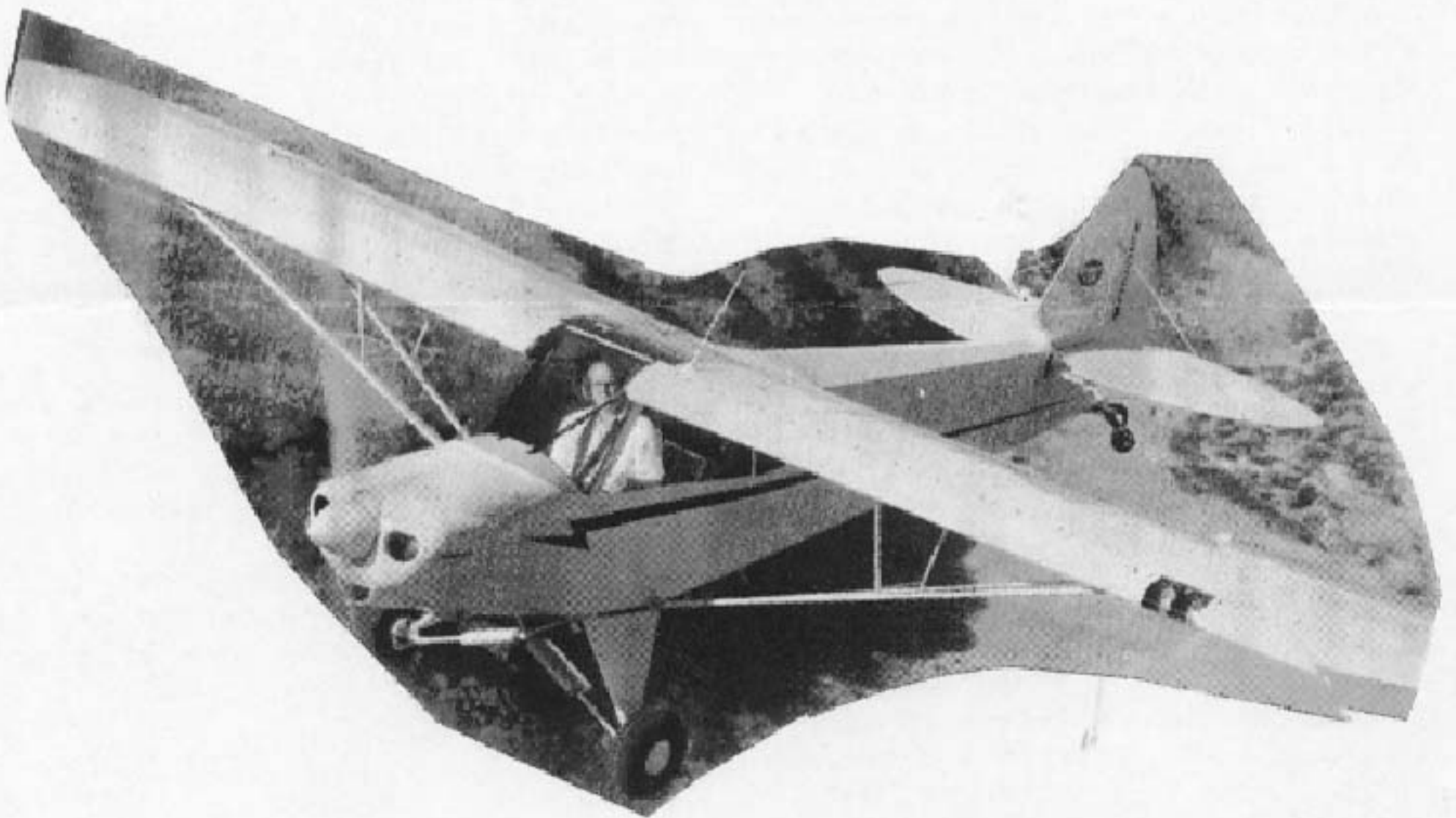
The good news is that the overhaul included the use of chromed cylinders. If it's a good job with the right materials, that may help a bunch considering the type of use the engine has had and is experiencing.

Father Mel, that's the news for now. Take it easy. Hopefully John Zapp, Dan Urbanski and I will get to hear Paul Poberezny at the next NAPP convention.

Bob Lavery

**2006 NAPP CONVENTION
43rd Annual Meeting
July 11 -12, 2006**

You will find information, on another page, pertaining to the July 11 -12, 2006 Annual NAPP gathering scheduled for Oshkosh, WI. You will also find a "registration form" in the next newsletter. When you get that, please complete the "registration form" and return it to John W. Hemann at the address provided. Please contact the AmericInn and reserve your motel room for the meeting dates. A block of rooms have been set aside for our membership. When you contact the AmericInn in Oshkosh, please inform Amanda, that you are with the NAPP. Rooms are \$59.90 plus tax (with two beds in each), a continental breakfast, an indoor pool and we have a "hospitality room" for NAPP social gatherings included in the motel fee. So, select your roommate to share the expense, and make your reservation. All commercial flights will arrive at Outagamie County Airport (approximately 20 miles away) so book accordingly. We will attempt to provide transportation for arrivals, but, it will be necessary to provide information to John W. Hemann in advance and this should include your ETA (date & time) and your Flight #. Looking forward to having a great get together.



"BLACK FRIDAY"

(so I heard on the radio the day after Thanksgiving Day, USA)

November 25, 2005

Brother Mel,

I am trying to make it as easy as possible for you to insert into the newsletter the bi-monthly message for page 1. I compose these messages using WordPerfect 9.0. I have looked very carefully at the last 2 newsletters. Now, I think that I know how to write for future ones. Please let me know how to do better.

Having said all the above, I hereby attach the financial report for the 2005 convention. I hope that it will be easy for you to insert it into the next newsletter. Mel, I am really trying to make your "job" as easy as possible.

You are doing a great job of publishing our NAPP newsletter. You do it voluntarily, from the bottom of your heart. Thanks, and may God bless you, brother.

I mailed the donation check 4 days ago (Tuesday). Once it clears the bank, the account with my Social Security number on it, will close out and fade into history. May God bless our 2005 convention.

That's about it. I miss my dear friend Raymond, and our mutual friend Bob.
Happy Thanksgiving, the day after.

Charlie

2005 CONVENTION

RECEIPTS

Fees from participants	\$8,270.00
Donations from Boyle, Flavin, Kiernan, Kirsch	<u>\$ 230.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Hood College rooms/meals	\$5,197.40
\$ 1,000,000 liability policy	\$ 408.25
Transportation	\$ 768.04
Hats	\$ 291.38
Pizza, Veggies, AOPA lunch	\$ 417.36
Spirits	\$ 222.94
Snacks, paper goods, etc.	\$ 179.99
Office expense, misc.	\$ 76.15
Donation to treasury*	<u>\$ 938.49</u>
TOTAL	\$8,500.00

*Hood College overcharged on meals and hidden fees, and undercharged on rooms. If they had charged what the contract said, the donation to the treasury would have been \$202.39. Who is complaining?

**COME ONE ~~~ COME ALL
43rd ANNUAL MEETING
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS (N.A.P.P.)
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN
JULY 11-12, 2006**

PRIVATE PLANE ARRIVALS ~~~ Wittman Regional Airport
Oshkosh (OSH)
FBO: BASLER FLIGHT SERVICE
COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ARRIVALS ~~~ Outagamie County Airport
Appleton (ATW)
CAR ARRIVALS ~~~ US Highway #41 ~~~ Junction Highway #44
1495 W. South Park Avenue

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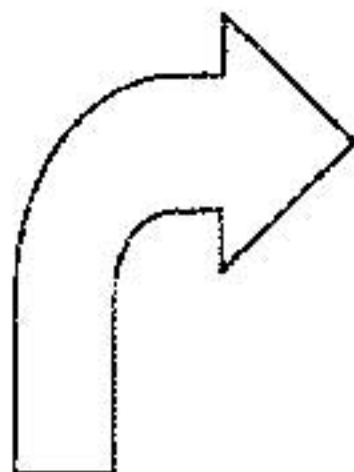
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EVENTS

TOURS ~~~ EAA Air Venture Museum
Sonexaircraft (Sport Plane)
Basler Turbo Conversions, LLC
Father Carr's "Place 2B"

ALSO ~~~ Annual Meeting
Annual Banquet
Liturgy
Share Stories, etc.



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