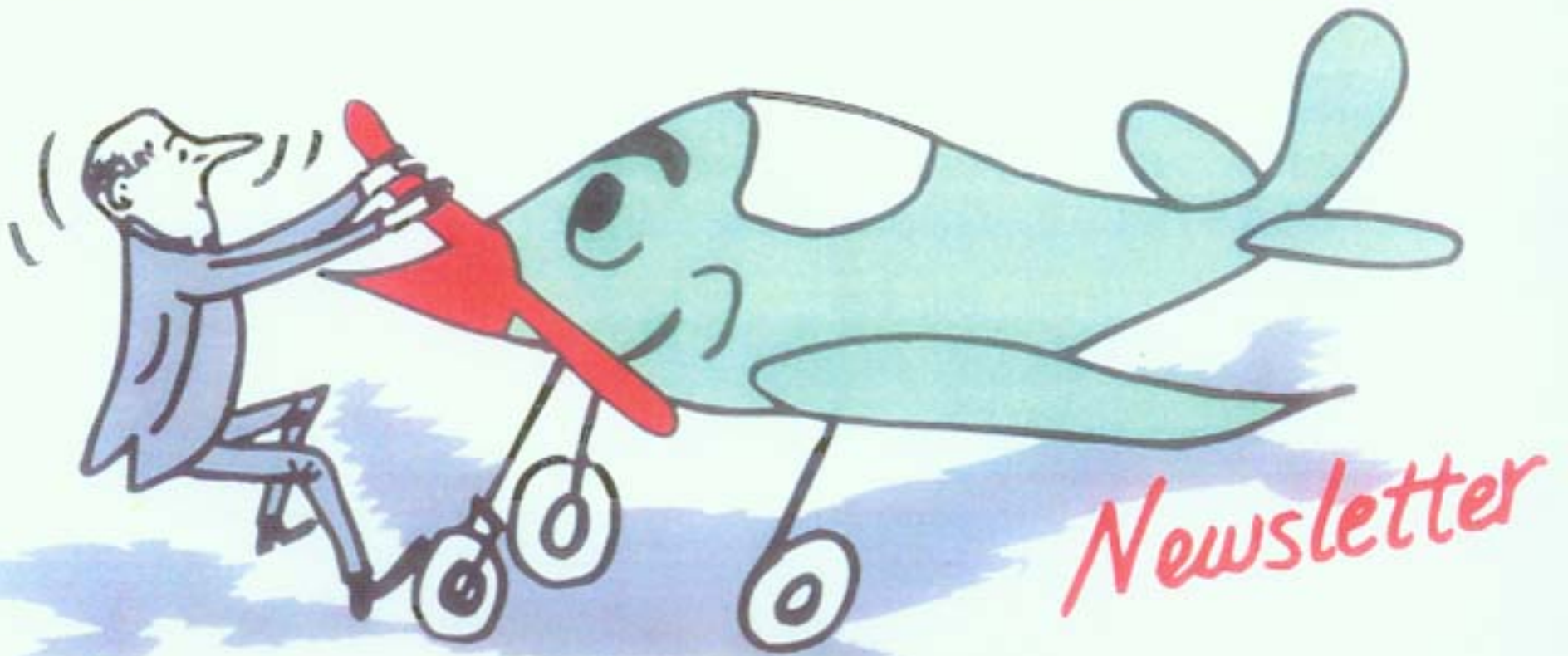


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was strange. We had a good day at Garmin. Raedawn, Tim, John and Tom were all very gracious and good to us. Then we received the news that someone whom we did not know, but who was scheduled to join us at Garmin had gone down. It was strange and sad.

Nathan Packard had just recently joined NAPP. None of us had yet met him. This was to be his first NAPP outing. This incident reminds me again of the profound bond which exists among us. We share ordination and aviation. We are brothers and comrades. Even though we did not know him personally,

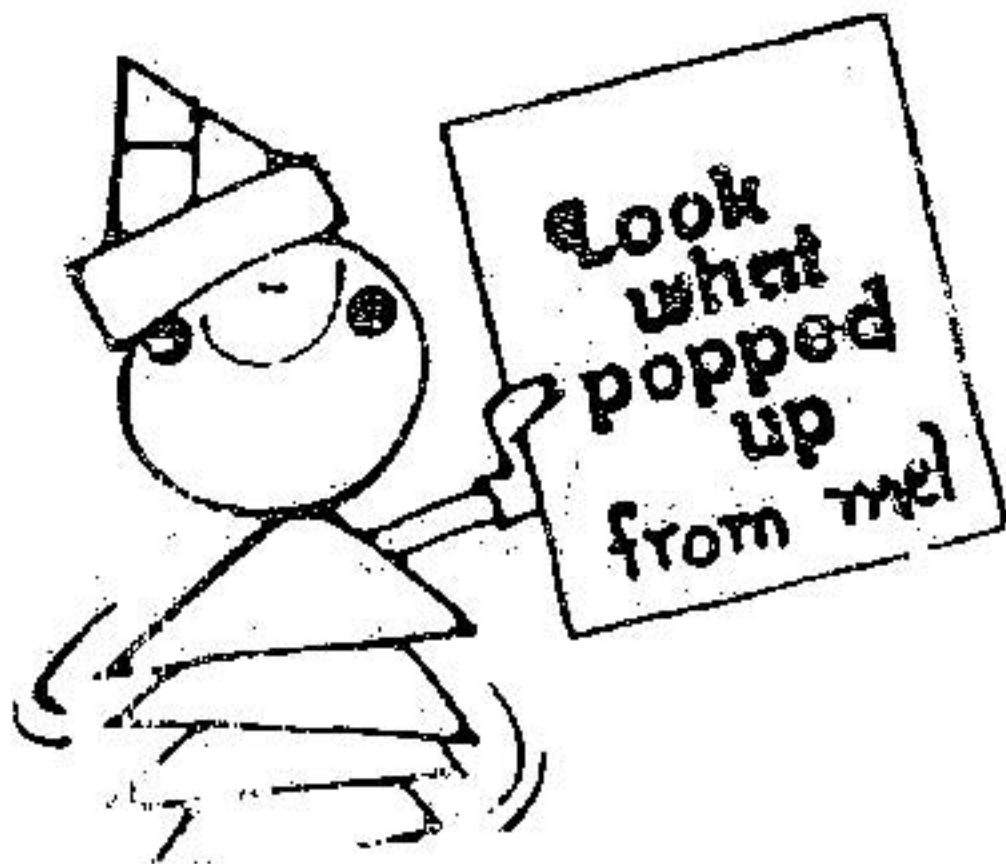
one of our own is missing. It was sad.

For those of us who flew in N5274S, the news that he had gone down on take-off was especially jolting. Like Nathan we too flew a Cessna 182 to Garmin. As we did our run-up at IDX, preparing to return to Ames, we got a right mag drop of 250 rpm. The temptation was certainly there. "It's probably just a fouled plug that will clear when the engine gets good and hot" "It's CAVU all the way. We can get any work done back home where it is cheaper"

We taxied back and the mechanic found two seriously fouled plugs. They probably would not have burned clean. But they possibly would have gotten us home. We made the correct decision. We were safe for take off.

Let's keep it safe out there. The necrology has too many "cause of death" listed as aviation accident.

Everett Hemann



This issue has some pictures taken at our Midwestern Regional meeting in Olathe, Kansas. The 17 in attendance agreed it was one of the most informative visitations to a factory we have ever had. The openness and cordiality of those who served as our guides were exceptional.

The only dark side of the day was finding out the next day the reason for one of our member's absence, Fr. Nate Packard, was the fact he was killed in a plane crash as he departed his Morris, MN airport. The account from the St. Cloud diocesan paper is included in this issue. May he rest in peace!

I am including in this issue a page sharing a dream I fulfilled in September. A couple of years ago I realized that I had had my RV 6, N298MH, in over 30 states. I began planning fuel stops in states I hadn't landed N298MH in. In September my brother John and I visited our sister in Rhode Island and on that trip I landed in the last 5 states needed to finish off 49. I have listed the date and point of landing in each state. To go for #50, Hawaii, will take a bit of additional contemplation and a lot of prayer. I may very well decide that 49 will be it. This may

very well be a lot of useless knowledge. If nothing else it does fill space in the newsletter.

We thank those who include bits of news along with their annual dues. One special and touching bit is Fr. Don Eder's account of his health in the BRIEFS section. You are in our prayers Don.

Those who have paid their dues since the last mailing will find their new membership card enclosed. Another dues envelope is a reminder to those who haven't sent the dues.

Did you see the article on "LaserMonks" in the October 8 issue of the National Catholic Reporter? It's about NAPP member, Bernard McCoy, and the work he and his fellow monks are doing.

REMINDER

2005 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 12-13, 2004

Hosted by the Eastern Region

Main Event:

*The new Air Museum at
Dulles Airport*

Please note new date

SPRING MIDWEST REGIONAL

April 25, 2005

Mason City, Iowa

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LATE MINUTE FLASH

A few days ago Charlie Teufel, Eastern Regional director and co-host of the 2005 NAPP July gathering in Maryland, called with the following disturbing information. Our conference dates are July 5 - 6. Arrival for most is on Monday, July 4. Charlie had gotten a call from Hood College, our residential site for the convention, informing him that July 4 is a holiday and the College would be closed.

PERIOD. No Ifs or Buts about it!

We could change the date - or - look for motel accommodations in the area. Obviously the latter choice would be much more expensive.

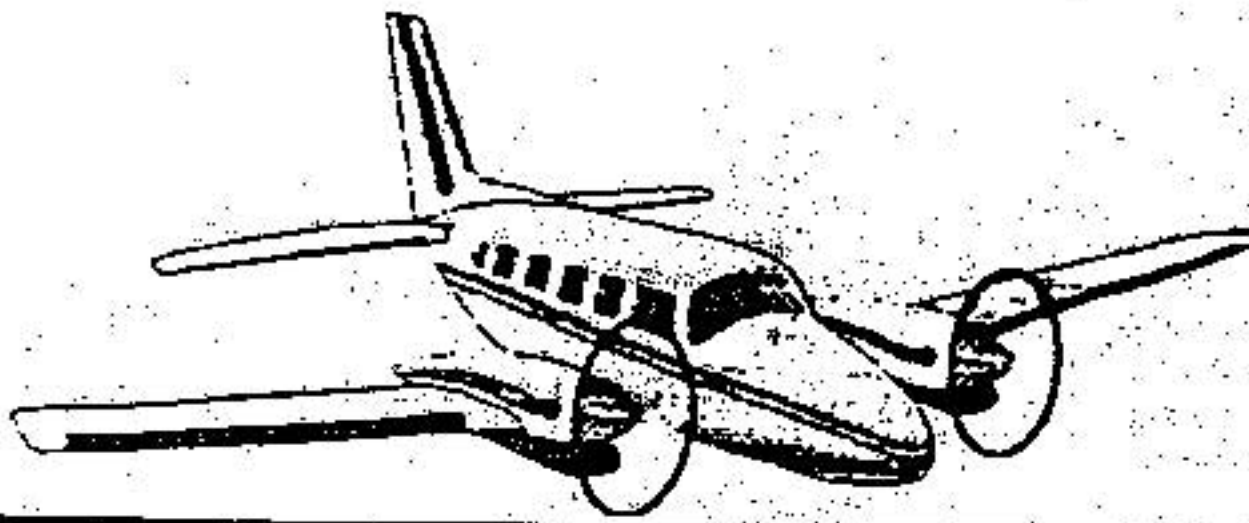
A hasty call was made to our beloved president, Everett Hemann, asking for guidance from the administrative hierarchy of NAPP. After a prayerful and lengthy decision making process, (at least two minutes), involving the president and his most astute and trusted confidant, (ME, his older brother) an executive decision was made. The following pronouncement stands in effect as of this day.

In view of the fact that circumstances beyond our control have arisen that affect the **National Association of Priest Pilots** annual convention the dates of the above said gathering shall be changed as follows

Convention Dates: July 12 - 13, 2005

Please make note of this change and try to plan your 2005 mid-July appointments accordingly.

I am Everett Hemann, Lame Duck President of NAPP, and I approve of this message.



BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

From Don Eder, Oxford, Indiana

Dear Mel,

Here's a li'l help for the organization, my last one as a member. I'm dropping my membership along with other things as this cancer and the treatment for it gets more and more complicated. I get chemo 2 X a week and each time it is a half day experience. The side effects aren't so hot either.

I haven't been in a cockpit now for several years and feel myself farther and farther away from something that was such a wonderful part of my life. I had a SME CFI ticket and flew around 200 hours a year - enjoying IFR more than anything else.

I have wanted to be more active with NAPP but the energy just wasn't there and now there is even less.

I guess I'll have to wait till we get our 1st NAPP convention in heaven before I can get with all of you.

Don Eder

Editor's Note: Don, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We'll continue our remembrance of you by continuing your membership in NAPP. Thanks for the couple of times you were able to join us. Peace!

*This memo from Fr. Bernard McCoy
along with his dues check*

Dear Mel,

I'm sorry I missed the Garmin gathering. I had to meet with the Archdiocese of St. Paul on

charitable projects that LaserMonks will be doing for their school system. And yes, I did fly up there -- and in my habit. The whole crew at St. Paul downtown came out to see the flying monk getting out of the plane - and then they most graciously chauffeured me to the Chancery. "Can't expect a man of the cloth to have to call a taxi...." I then flew to Superior to bring our TriPacer back home after loaning it to a young couple to get their private licenses. I introduced both to flying. The wife began studies 2 weeks ago in professional aviation and hopes to work with DNR, Customs, or maybe corporate. (Incidentally, I had the joy to bring her husband into the Church, marry them a couple of years ago, and baptize their first child earlier this year. I also took the whole family up flying last weekend - baby's first flight - she loved it, cooed and slept the whole time! A flying family has been created!)

I completed my biennial review yesterday in Superior, appropriately on the Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels. I have sold our '54 TriPacer and upgraded just a little to a 66 Beech Musketeer that is Instrument Rated. I hope to work on my Instrument rating this Autumn.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the not so distant future.

Mel, don't kick me out of the club. I will send in my dues after I click "send" on this.

Oremus pro invicem.

Fr. Bernard

Fr. Bernard

Diocese of Saint Cloud



Father Nathan Packard
1957 - 2004

September 29, 2004

DIOCESE CONFIRMS DEATH OF PARISH PRIEST IN SMALL PLANE CRASH NEAR MORRIS

(ST. CLOUD) – The Diocese of Saint Cloud today confirmed that Father Nathan Packard, age 47, died early Monday morning, September 27, in the crash of a small plane he was piloting just south of Morris, MN. He was the plane's lone occupant.

Father Packard was scheduled to fly out of the Morris Municipal Airport at 5:30 a.m. Monday on his way to a gathering of priest pilots near Kansas City. Church authorities became concerned when he did not show up for a scheduled Mass Tuesday morning in Chokio. The diocese alerted law enforcement authorities who began a search and discovered the crash Tuesday evening.

Stevens County authorities pronounced Father Packard dead at the scene. The cause of the crash is under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Funeral arrangements are pending as of late today (Wed.).

St. Cloud Bishop John F. Kinney expressed "profound sadness" over the loss of Father Packard. He said, "This is a deep tragedy for Father Packard's family, his parishioners and the Diocese of Saint Cloud."

Father Packard served 17 years as a parish priest, and was currently serving as pastor of the Church of St. Mary in Chokio, and the Church of St. Charles in Herman. He previously served as pastor of the Church of St. Rita in Hillman and the Church of the Sacred Heart in Wahkon.

Father Packard also served as associate pastor of the Church of St. Joseph in Waite Park.

Father Packard is survived by his mother, one sister, and four brothers. He was preceded in death by his father in 1999. Family members and priests of the Diocese of St. Cloud have been notified of his death. The diocese is also notifying parishioners in Chokio and Herman.

MEL HEMANN'S 49 STATE LANDINGS IN RV 6 - N298MH

	1998	1998	1998	1998
1	IOWA	Dubuque	DBQ	11/2
2	MINNESOTA	Mankato	MKT	11/24
3	TENNESSEE	Nashville	BNA	11/25
4	FLORIDA	St. Augustine	SGJ	11/25
5	ALABAMA	Huntsville	HSV	11/30
6	ILLINOIS	Chicago	MDW	12/24
	1999	1999	1999	1999
7	GEORGIA	Vaidosta	VLD	1/26
8	MICHIGAN	Saginaw	MBS	4/2
9	MISSOURI	St. Joseph	STJ	4/20
10	KANSAS	Wichita	ICT	4/20
11	OHIO	Youngstown	YNG	5/25
12	RHODE ISLAND	Richmond	08R	5/25
13	CONNECTICUT	Hartford	HFD	5/28
14	PENNSYLVANIA	DuBois	DUJ	5/28
15	INDIANA	Goshen	GSh	5/28
16	NEBRASKA	Hastings	HSI	8/22
17	COLORADO	Alamosa	ALS	8/22
18	ARIZONA	Phoenix	PHX	8/22
19	KENTUCKY	Paducah	PAH	9/2
20	TEXAS	Lubbock	LBB	11/19
21	OKLAHOMA	Guymon	GUY	11/22
	2000	2000	2000	2000
22	SOUTH DAKOTA	Rapid City	RAP	7/4
23	MONTANA	Billings	BIL	7/4
24	WASHINGTON	Olympia	OLM	7/4
25	ALASKA	Northway	ORT	7/9
26	NORTH DAKOTA	Minot	MDT	7/19
	2002	2002	2002	2002
27	NORTH CAROLINA	Raleigh/Durham	RDU	2/21
28	NEW MEXICO	Albuquerque	ABQ	2/21
29	WYOMING	Rawlins	RWL	11/5
30	UTAH	Ogden	OGD	11/5
31	IDAHO	Malad City	MLD	11/6
32	NEVADA	Reno	RNO	11/6
33	CALIFORNIA	Hayward	HWD	11/6
34	OREGON	Aurora	UAO	11/11
	2003	2003	2003	2003
35	WISCONSIN	Madison	MSN	8/1
36	NEW JERSEY	Lumberton	N14	10/2
37	DELAWARE	Wilmington	ILG	10/2
38	MARYLAND	Westminster	2W2	10/2
39	WEST VIRGINIA	Elkins	EKN	10/2
40	VIRGINIA	Roanoke	ROA	10/2
41	SOUTH CAROLINA	Greer	GSP	10/5
42	ARKANSAS	Walnut Ridge	ARG	12/26
43	MISSISSIPPI	Jackson	JAN	12/26
44	LOUISIANA	Bogalusa	BXA	12/27
	2004	2004	2004	2004
45	NEW YORK	Binghamton	BGM	9/5
46	MASSACHUSETTS	Fitchburg	FIT	9/7
47	NEW HAMPSHIRE	Nashua	ASH	9/7
48	VERMONT	Springfield	VSF	9/7
49	MAINE	Fryeburg	IZG	9/10



**NAPP MIDWEST GATHERING --- OLATHE, KANSAS
GARMIN FACTORY --- SEPTEMBER 27, 2004**



GARMIN PRE-FACTORY TOUR BRIEFING



**RAEDAWN BUCHANON, HR ASSISTANT,
OUR CAPABLE BRIEFER**



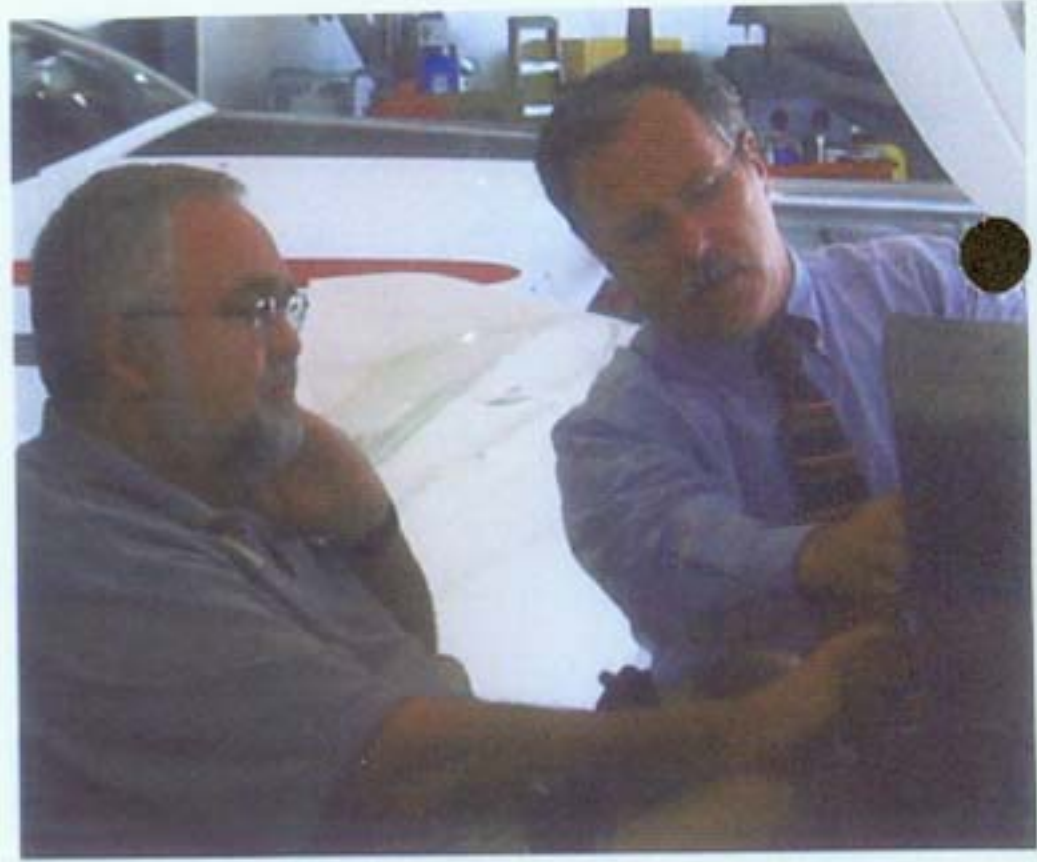
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**ONE OF THE COMPUTER GENERATED
MACHINES ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE**



JOHN KENKEL, DESIGN ENGINEER, & EU



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A GARMIN INSTALLATION TO EU**



**ATTEMPTS TO FIGURE OUT THE
GARMIN INSTALLATION IN THE DIAMOND**



**TOM CARR ORIENTS NAPP MEMBERS ABOUT
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INSTALLATIONS IN GARMIN'S TEST FLEET**



**A TEST OF EQUIPMENT AS IT IS
INSTALLED IN THE CITATION**



THE BARON - ONE OF ABOUT 5 GARMIN TEST PLATFORMS