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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

First off, as President of the National Association of Priests Pilots, and on behalf of all its members and associates, I'd like to extend condolences to Mel and John on the loss of their dear brother, Reverend Everett Hemann. Ev's enthusiasm about priesthood, flying and life were infectious and we all benefited from his friendship.

Since we had been praying for Ev for many weeks publicly here at Saint Victor, and since his name was not familiar as a Cleveland priest I fielded many questions from parishioners, "who is this Father

Hemann that we are praying for?" This provided me with many opportunities to inform parishioners about the NAPP and explain to them that Ev was a great priest and a great pilot.

I am sure that our National Convention coming up on July 9 – 12 in Elmira, New York will provide us with many opportunities to share memories about Ev. Please be sure to let George know you are coming by using the application form in this newsletter. Also, remember that you have to make your own hotel reservations. If you are interested in the con-vacation later in the week, please contact George.

For many of us the season of Confirmations and First Communion is winding down, and graduation season is rapidly approaching. Here in Richfield, in the north west corner of Summit County, it is prom season for junior and seniors at Revere High School, which also means it is time for the annual pre-prom safe driving demonstration.

Members of many law enforcement and safety forces collaborate with school officials each year to stage a mock accident, complete with salvaged wrecked cars and actors, many made up to look like accident victims. The juniors and seniors watch as the "accident" unfolds in front of them, including a state trooper taking away the young, tuxedo-wearing drunk driver and numerous ambulances evacuating the wounded. Even a local funeral home was

included as one of the pretend victims was removed from the scene in a hearse.

Of interest to priest pilots, Revere High School is directly across the street from Saint Victor Church and fortunately for us, the high school has nowhere for a helicopter to land. Thus, we were contacted a few weeks in advance by the local fire chief asking permission for the Metro Life Flight EC-145 Eurocopter to land in our parking lot.

As you can imagine it was not much of a hardship to grant this request, and as the day drew near I made sure that my photography gear was in order. On the morning of the demonstration heavy rains at Wayne County Airport (KBJJ) almost prevented the flight, but just about ten minutes behind schedule the beautiful ship and its competent crew orbited our property once, carefully identifying overhead wires and other obstacles, and then came in for a perfect landing.

The Metro Life Flight fleet of EC-145 aircraft provides advanced aviation safety features, such as terrain warning system, real-time satellite weather and weather radar, allowing greater flexibility in dealing with potentially changing weather conditions. Further, pilots utilize night



vision goggles to assist with navigation for evening flights.

For many years Metro Life Flight utilized the venerable and perhaps more beautiful Sikorsky S-76. Presumably the transition was made in the interest of economics and safety.

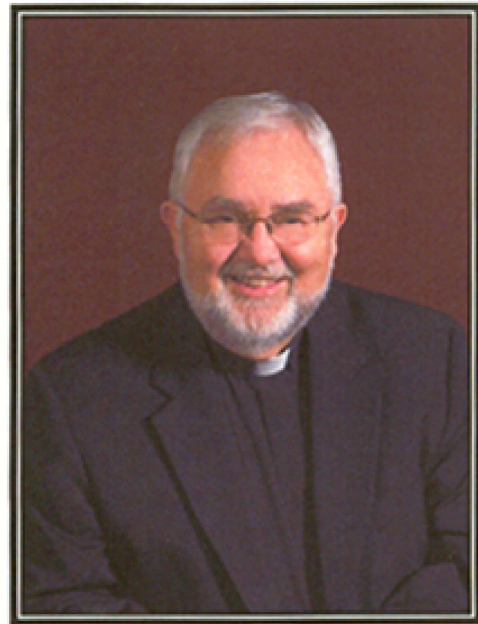
Sincerely,

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IN MEMORIAM



Reverend Everett Hemann

Born: May 29, 1945

Ordained: May 21, 1971

Born into eternal life: April 24, 2012

We thank good friends and fellow pilots

David and Chris Roberts

for their gift of

\$150.00

to NAPP in memory of

Rev Everett Hemann



On behalf of John and myself we want to thank all of you for your prayers and words of condolences upon the passing of our brother Ev. We deeply appreciate your concern and support. A special thanks to those who were able to join us at the visitation and/or the funeral.

As a Master Liturgist every detail of the visitation and funeral were well planned by Ev and all we needed do was follow directions. One added event he did not plan was a fly-over the grave site. Led by a Citation Mustang and then four RVs in formation it was a fitting end to a wonderful life. My RV led the formation and when it peeled off in the missing man formation I thought of the last time we flew it in late November. After our landing he turned to me and said, "Not bad for an old man on lots of meds." He was right of course.

14 Midwestern NAPP members gathered in Davenport, Iowa on May 7 for food, stories and a visit to the Quad City Ultralight factory. Pictures can be viewed on another page.

Members came from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin. A friend, Ted Briedenbach, hosted us for the day and we now have a new Associate Member. Welcome – and thanks – Ted.

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John Schmitz will host the September 24 gathering some where in Missouri.

A REMINDER

Dear NAPP member,

We are looking forward to seeing you at the annual NAPP convention in Corning, NY on July 10 & July 11, 2012. Please mail your convention registration form to our host, George Gratton, 11 Green Iris Ct, Savannah, GA 31419, then, make your hotel reservation at the Comfort Inn, Corning, NY by calling 1-607-962-1515 and mention NAPP for the convention rate. (Unfortunately, the 800 number does not quote the discount rate.) If you have any questions, please contact George Gratton at 912-433-3330 -ggratton@gmail.com or Jack Boyle at 412-854-1817 -jackboyle1@comcast.net.

Fly safely,

Jack Boyle, CFI
Associate Member

SUMMARY IN A NUTSHELL

2012 NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 10 – 11, 2012

ELMIRA, NEW YORK

2012 NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL

September 24, 2012

Missouri hosted by John Schmitz

2013 NAPP 50TH CONVENTION

July 9 – 10, 2013

*Location to be announced at New York
Convention*

NAPP CONVENTION SCHEDULE

July 9 – 12, 2012

Elmira, New York

9 July - Monday

Arrival

Corning-Painted Post – **7N1 - FBO:** Costa Flying Service

Elmira – **KELM** For commercial and IFR arrivals.

(**ROC** and **SYR** are also close by)

6:00 PM Hospitality room Official welcome. Pizza and all the trimmings.

COMFORT INN 66 W Pulleney St. Corning, NY 14830 (866-611-6301)

(Make your own room reservations. NAPP rate is \$104.97 with breakfast)

10 July - Tuesday

9:30 AM Arrival at Corning Museum of Glass

10:00 AM Sand Blast – hands on glass working class

11:00 to 1:00 PM Guided tour with our docent

1:00 PM Lunch

2:30 PM Tour of Rockwell Art Museum (or Free Time)

5:30 P.M Dinner on your own. **EVENING FREE**

11 July - Wednesday

9:00 AM Harris Hill Soaring Museum

Glenn Curtiss Museum

Annual Meeting

Mass **EVENING FREE**

12 July -Thursday

DEPARTURE

Further suggestions from host George Gratton:

Make this a **CON-VACATION** – A Convention and Vacation together in one week

Some suggestions:

1. Wings of Eagles WW II Museum, Elmira, NY

2. Rip Van Winkle River Cruises, Kingston, NY

3. Cole Palen's Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome and Museum – WW 1 airshow

The Holiday Inn Kingston, NY offers a special NAPP rate the nights of 12, 13 and 14 of July. George is going and has a hospitality room. Kingston-Ulster Airport (**20N**)

For details contact:

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**NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING
QUAD CITY ULTRALIGHT AIRCRAFT CORP.**

Moline, Illinois

May 7, 2012



Fourteen Midwest NAPP members from Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin gathered at FBO Carver Aero, Davenport, Iowa on May 7, 2012.



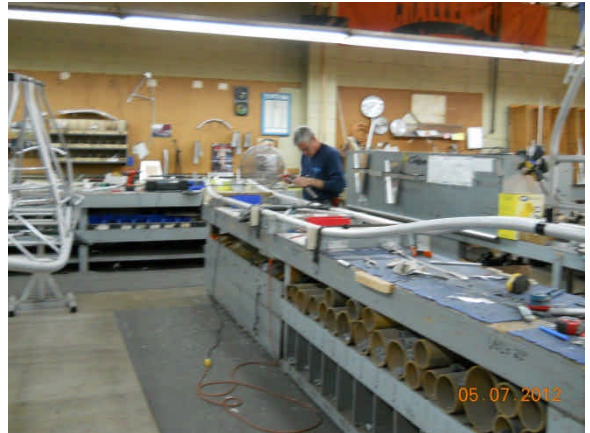
It really was an official NAPP gathering



Lunch was a gift from host Ted Breidenbach



Hostess and General Manager of UltraLight



Laborer assembling UltraLight



Bottom of UltraLight fuselage



Another view



2 UltraLight fuselages ready for shipment



A look at host Ted's Cirrus

NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 10 – 11, 2012
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

VFR Flyins: Corning-Painted Post (7N1) Host airport
FBO: Costa Flying Service
IFR & Commercial Flyins: Elmira (KELM)

HOST: GEORGE GRATTON

Please phone, e-mail or mail RSVP by Friday, June 29, 2012

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

By: Pvt Plane N _____ **-ETA:** _____

By: Car _____ **ETA** _____

By: Commercial Flight _____

DEPARTURE: _____

RESERVATIONS TO:

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YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

COMFORT INN

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Corning, NY 14830

Phone: 1-866-611-6301

BOOK YOUR OWN ROOM

Mention NAPP for special Convention Rate when making your reservation.

NB: If you're taking part in CON-VACATION contact George earlier to finalize plans