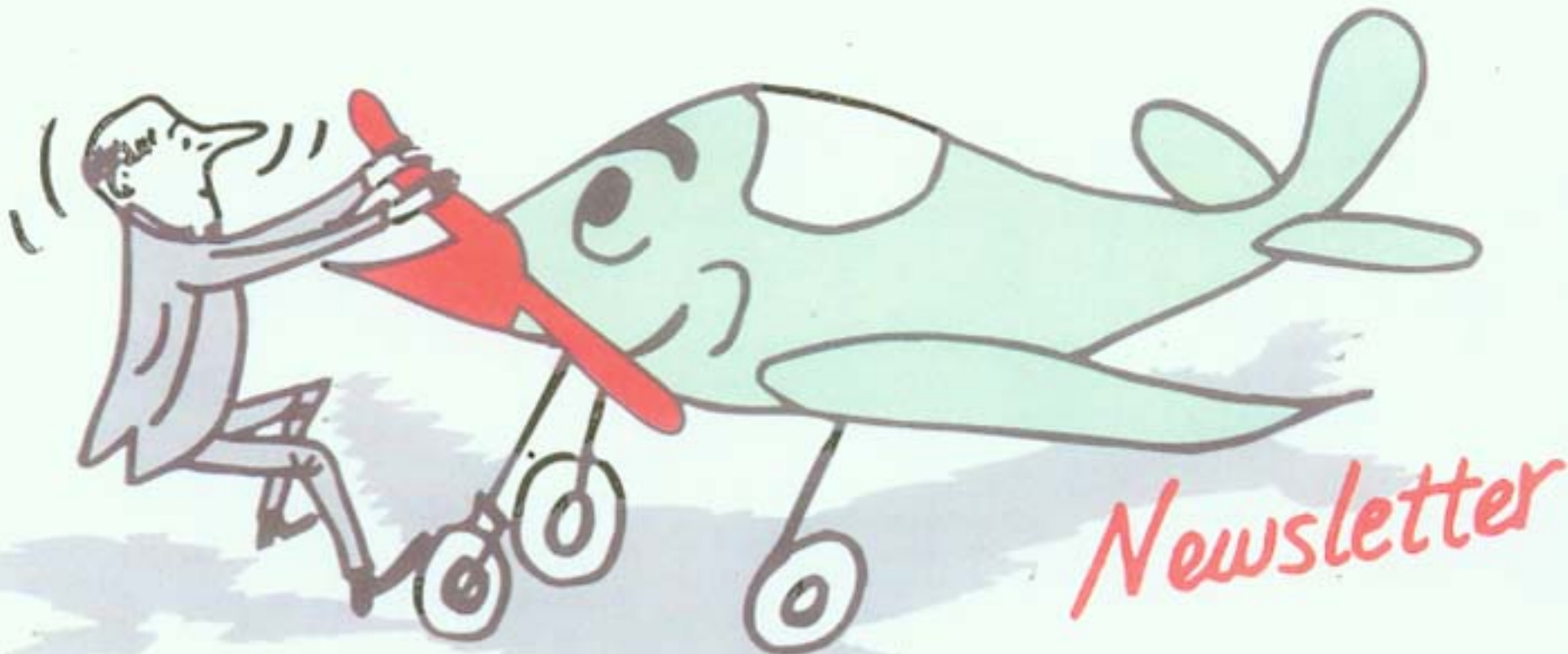


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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring weather is here. Birds are flying, and so are the padres. During this Easter season treat yourself to a little trip somewhere. Or go flying for an hour enjoying God's grand creation.

Your little trip might be to the Cirrus factory in Duluth, MN. Our region is gathering there Monday May 17. Details are in another section of the newsletter.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the Cirrus Company twice. Two years ago I went with Jeff Trom (one of our Convention hosts last summer) to pick up and be checked out in his SR-22. The Cirrus Company prides itself in an outstanding aircraft and customer service. I testify to both.

<http://www.cirrusdesign.com>

Last month the Iowa State University Flying Club went there. They returned to Ames telling of the hospitality they experienced. Kate Andrews is our contact at Cirrus. She has been a delight to work with in planning this event. Kate hopes that Dale Klapmeier can meet us. Park at the FBO – North Country. Either they or Cirrus will have ground transportation for us.

Bishop Dennis Schnurr is an "Iowa boy" from the Sioux City diocese. He invited us to the Pastoral Center for lunch. He has graciously agreed to speak about his experience as leader in the Church. He is one of two priests who have ever served both in the Apostolic Nunciature AND as General Secretary to the Conference of Catholic Bishops.

When was the last time we had great leaders in both the CHURCH and AVIATION welcome us? Another interesting site

<http://www.cirruspilots.org>

Ev Hemann, President





**MIDWEST REGIONAL PRIEST PILOTS GATHERING**

**CIRRUS PLANT  
DULUTH MINNESOTA AIRPORT  
MAY 17, 2004**

**Arrival Information: 10:00 to 10:45 AM**

Because of our tour of the Cirrus plant we must arrive at this earlier than usual time.

*Plan accordingly*

**Park at Cirrus Design**

**Schedule for the day:**

11:00 to 12:00 Tour of the Cirrus Plant

12:30 -- Depart airport courtesy of Diocese of Duluth transportation

Lunch --- about 1:00 with Bishop Dennis Schnurr  
(former Sioux City Iowa boy)

Afternoon activities -- to be announced

Business meeting ---- sometime, some where, along the line

2:30 PM Departures to Duluth Airport

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St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
2210 Lincoln Way  
Ames, IA 50014  
515-292-3810 (H)  
Email: [ev@iastate.edu](mailto:ev@iastate.edu)

Ev has been flying a Cirrus for a number of years. You saw i at the Ames convention last summer. He is making all the arrangements. You can contact him at numbers above or send the form below to him.

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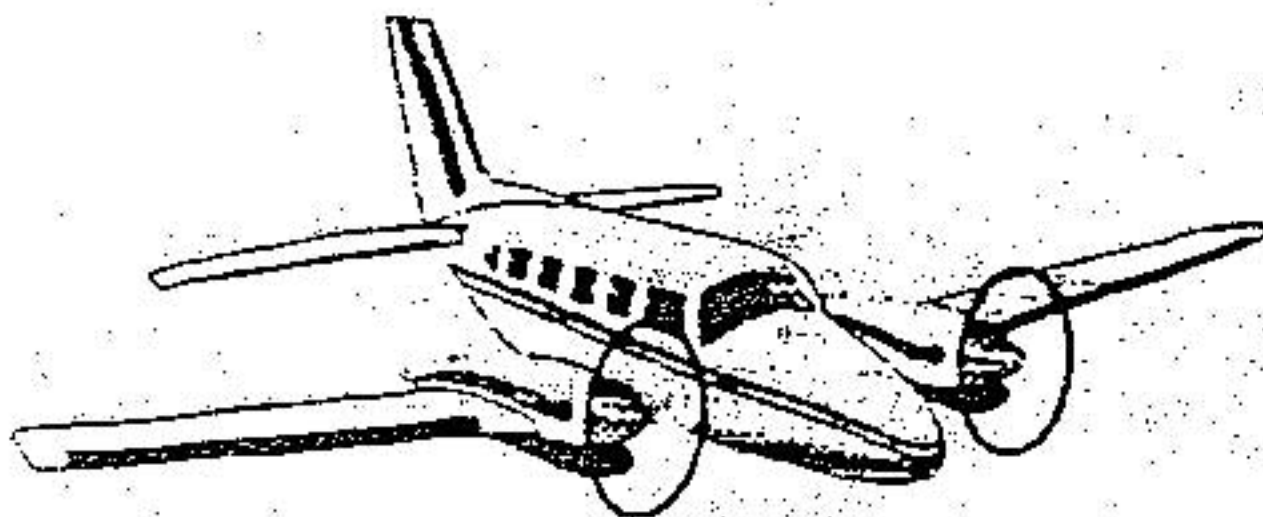
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## BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

*On March 10 I received the following from Pat Weidinger, Frank's wife. Frank was a NAPP charter member and maintained his NAPP membership throughout the years.*

Dear Fr. Mel,

On February 16, Frank went into the wide blue yonder to his eternal reward. We were able to keep him here at home during his long illness for which we were very happy. Frank hadn't been too well since last October. The last time we got him up in his chair was Thanksgiving Day. The Parkinson's disease and stroke finally took their toll.

The night before Frank died our priest came to read the prayers for the dying. A group of family and friends gathered in Frank's room to join in the prayers and to serenade him. We sang in English and in Latin. We sang "Jingle Bells", "Silent Night" and Frank's theme song, "Home on the Range". Our friends left about 11:30PM. Frank was still breathing then.

Mary Pat and I blessed him and left him to rest. I was sleeping on a cot beside his bed and didn't hear anything. Frank left very quietly and peacefully between 2:00 and 4:00 AM. Mary Pat and I washed his body and lotioned it while we read prayers.

We had a beautiful Vigil Service and funeral. Our former pastor, Fr. Ron Belisle, came back to celebrate the liturgy and our present pastor, Fr. Derek Lappe, concelebrated. When we were coming out of the church after the funeral three jets flew over and I said it was in honor of Frank.

Another priest pilot has gone to heaven!

Happy spring! Pat and Mary Pat Weidinger

*This one came from Fr. Bernard McCoy, OCSO in Sparta, Wisconsin*

Dear Mel,

It started as a normal day for me: rise at 4 am, chant and pray the early hours, and then it was off to a neighboring town to offer some counseling and expertise on the monastic life to one of the hermits in our region. On the drive back my cell phone rang.

It was one of our MonkHelpers. A new LaserMonks corporate client (a little dry goods peddler named WalMart) had a distribution center in our region with desperate need for a particular toner cartridge in order to finish important reports that night. It was already noon. We didn't carry this particular cartridge in stock, as it's for a discontinued printer. Our MonkHelper began checking with various suppliers in our region. There was not a single cartridge within 150 miles. "What do I tell our client?" she asked me.

"Well," I responded, "it seems we have 2 options: 1) We can have one sent Overnight from one of our regular suppliers. But we're sorry, we can't locate one that we can get to you by this evening. 2) We can loan you one of the LaserMonks printers to complete tonight's reports. Try that and see what they say."

She called the Network Administrator at the company and explained that we had searched, really tried to come up with something we could provide them, but that there wasn't anything available. Could we offer either of our two options? His response was that they absolutely had to finish the reports by the next morning, and that they couldn't use a loaner printer because of company policy concerning

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