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President's Comments

Greetings to All,

July was a good month. Mel called and told me that the convention in Cleveland was a great success and that Alan had things really well organized. I am glad to hear that. He also tells me that I was reelected president in absentia, for another term. I guess that happens when you aren't there to defend yourself. Nevertheless I shall happily continue to serve as president.

July was a good month for Fr. Ed as he completed another round of chemo in time to journey to Oshkosh with his three brothers and a few nephews and a doctor. He flew in with me in the RV 8 and we stayed at the Oshkosh Jesuit Retreat House. Dr Barber, a personal friend and pilot, accompanied us and kept an eye on Fr Ed while we were there. Brother Ray and Fr Ed rented electric wheel chairs to tour the grounds because they were unable to walk the great distances required to get around. Fr Ed returned via car on Thursday to get a transfusion. We continue to rejoice at the fact that he is still able to be mobile and drive his own car and be somewhat independent. Each day is a gift and a small miracle.

We look forward to seeing the gang at the Fall Midwest Regional in Yankton.

Gene



Another successful and wonderful NAPP convention has come and gone. Host Allen and his volunteers did an excellent job in all aspects. Thanks to one and all.

The minutes of the annual meeting are in this edition of the newsletter. Several items should be brought to your attention.

1. The membership voted an increase of \$500.00 in the amount of assistance the President can offer a member seeking a new license or rating.
2. The issuance of the annual printed NAPP Directory will coincide with the fiscal year policy of the new year beginning in July. The printed copies will be handed out to attendees at the annual convention. This will result in a tremendous amount of postage.
3. It is possible to pay your NAPP dues by credit card if you choose that option. When you open up the "on line newsletter" the DONATE logo appears. Follow the directions. Of course there is a small fee charged to NAPP for this service but some of you may find this method useful.

Be sure and read the minutes for the rest of the late breaking news.

There was a rather lengthy discussion about the annual NAPP directory.

*The printing plus mailing accounts for a large portion of the newsletter cost each year. The decision to hand out copies at the annual convention will eliminate some of that cost. The discussion came up again of the possibility of putting the directory information on line with the assurance it could be **accessed only with a secured password** known only to NAPP members.*

Another suggestion was that members might be polled as to their choice – printed or electronic – version. In the months ahead I'll consult with my mentor, associate John Zapp, who puts all of this together for us and see what some of our possibilities might be.

Our new fiscal year, 2010, began July 1st. That means your dues of \$25.00 US are now due. I will try to indicate with a message in your hard copy newsletter or your electronic issue of your membership status.

There are two upcoming NAPP events on the agenda.

FALL MIDWEST REGIONAL

Host: Bob Lacey

Yankton, South Dakota

September 28, 2009

(See details on the reservation sheet and let Bob know your September intentions)

2010 NAPP NATIONAL

Hosts: Col. John Oates & Mel Hemann

Altus Air Force Base

Altus, Oklahoma

July 6 – 7, 2010

Details will be forth coming in coming months

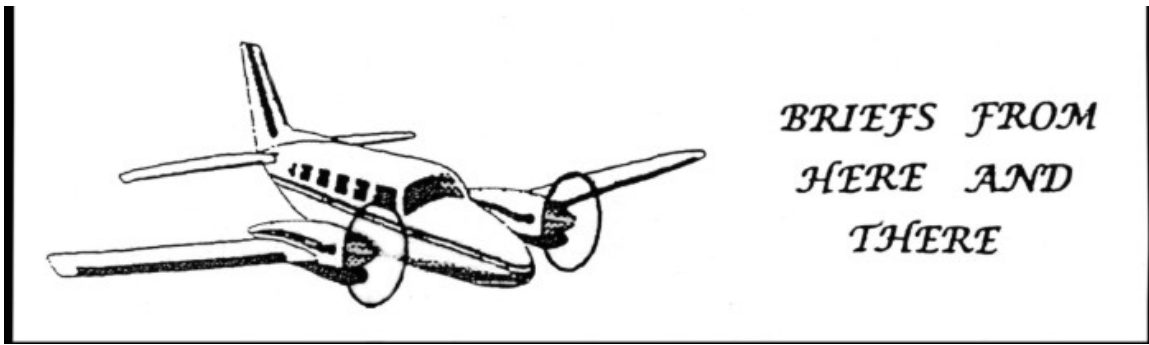
In the mean time, put both dates on your calendar **NOW**.

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BUGATTI VERYON

I had a once in a lifetime experience in June. Last year a man asked if I would assist him in obtaining his multi engine commercial license. He had just purchased a King Air C90 and was now in need of a multi engine certificate. When our flying goals had been achieved he invited me to "come visit us" in Austria. Though Martin Volke lives in Austria he owns three factories in Germany that design and manufacture the interiors of BMWs and Volkswagens. He also works with the Italian Bugatti sports car and they have designed and built the fastest commercially built car in the world called the Veryon. It will exceed 250 mph. Below is the picture of Martin and myself next to his Veryon. Unfortunately the car was in the shop for an oil change and general check up so I was unable to drive it.

Martin has five planes: 2 Steermans, a C182, Caravan and the King Air. He is also a collector of cars and has about 40 in his collection. I never had to ride in the same car twice.

Incidentally, if you are looking for that special something to give me this Christmas you might consider a Veryon. A little over 2 million dollars will get one.



*Dino Lorenzetti sent the following from
Tonawanda, NY*

Dear Mel,

Some time back I mentioned to Nick Rossello that I would no longer be interested in the NAPP since the death of Tony Attea....However, if you let me know what dues I owe, I will be pleased to send a check covering it....My best to you and the guys.....My memories of being with you lingers on and they are among my favorites....

God bless you and all those great men in your group...

Peace..

Dino Lorenzetti....

John (Knobby) Walsh celebrated his 65th anniversary of ordination a few months ago Knobby is by far our senior member and an inspiration to all of us. His diocesan paper quoted him on his anniversary. His first pastoral assignment was to start a new parish which coincided with the beginning of Vatican II. The parishioners informed him "they were used to the old ways." Knobby replied, "Since we never have existed before we have no old ways." Knobby, your optimistic spirit continues to challenge all of us.

As you will see on another page I was ordained January 31, 1959. I am celebrating my 50^h on Sept 6 at a 12:00 Mass in St. Patrick Church, Cedar Falls, IA. A reception will follow. If you're in the neighborhood, feel free to drop in.

I know there are a few others who celebrated this year. Congrats to one and all.

2009 NAPP CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio July 7 and 8



The Radisson – our headquarters



John Glenn NASA experimental site



Our hosts did a great job



VP John Schmitz ready for C150 flight



After a long trip this is good



There's more than one way to fly



After all that space time we're hungry



2009 National Meeting



Jack & George get in the act with Phil



Visitors at Air Force Museum



Knobby asks, "Do we have to eat this?"



St. Victor Church, Richfield, OH



It sure was a good meal



Merlin & Al need a refresher



Joe Burg & Mel discuss Jamaican affairs

2009 NAPP GIFT RECIPIENT

Longin Buhake
Republic of the Congo



(The picture above of Login and myself was taken last winter at Florida's Daytona Beach airport)

Hi Mel,

I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for me to help me keep my desire to fly airplanes. I am back from Congo where I went on Mission Trip with some of my friends from Holy Redeemer. A Cessna Caravan took us from Kinshasa to Ilebo. I enjoyed sitting on the Copilot seat and sharing my aviation knowledge with the Pilot in Command. I am back in Florida and thank you for the big and good surprise: I found the check on my desk waiting for me. I express my gratitude to the NAPP staff who have once again accepted to support me in my flying lessons.

I look forward to flying with you when you come to Florida next Winter.
Sincerely,

Longin Buhake

REV. MELVIN HEMANN

ASSIGNMENTS

Associate Pastor:

June 1959	Holy Trinity, Protivin & Holy Cross, Schley
August 1959	St. Patrick, Cedar Rapids
March 1960	St. Peter, New Haven
June 1960	St. Benedict, Decorah
August 1965	St. Thomas, Aquinas & Student Center Ames

Team Ministry:

July 1972	Mason City
July 1976	Charles City & Roseville

Pastor:

September 1977	St. Joseph, Chelsea
July 1981	St. Joseph, Preston
July 1987	St. Peter, Sabula & Sacred Heart, Green Island

July 1987	Dean of Bellevue Deanery
July 1991	St. Joseph, Rickardsville
September 1993	SS Peter & Paul, Sherill & St. Francis, Balltown

Executive Secretary

July 1991	Balltown—Sherrill Consolidated School Family Life Office
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Retirement:

July 20, 1998	
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Born:
October 15, 1928 Staeyville, Iowa
Parents:
Bernard and Olive (Halbach) Hemann
Ordained:
January 31, 1959
St. Raphael Cathedral, Dubuque

Salvador Dali
Christ of St. John of the Cross
Glasgow Art Museum
(Picture used on ordination Card 1959)

This is a copy of the handout for my 50th anniversary on September 6. 12:00 Mass at St. Patrick Church, Cedar Falls, IA. Everyone is invited. I used the Dali “Christ of St. John of the Cross” picture on my ordination card 50 years ago.

MY AVOCATION

December 19, 1960	Private Pilot License
July 26, 1962	Commercial Pilot License
August 6, 1962	Certified Flight Instructor
July 2, 1964	Instrument Pilot License
June 18, 1965	Instrument Flight Instructor
September 3, 1974	Multi-Engine License
June 3, 1975	Multi-Engine Flight Instructor
April 4, 1976	Airline Transport License

USELESS VITAL STATISTICS

September 2009 16,500 hours of flying
9,500 hours of flight instruction given.
My flying has taken me to all 50 states, Europe, Africa, the Caribbean Islands and every country from the Arctic Circle to the Panama Canal. Flight students came from all over the U.S., Canada, Europe, the Philippines, Tanzania and Congo in Africa. I thank God for this special gift that has not only been FUN but benefited people ranging all the way from the Papal Nuncio to the U.S., our Archbishops and missionaries throughout the world.



November 23, 1998 Completed construction of RV 6 plane N298MH. I have landed this plane in 49 states (will we make Hawaii?) and 4 Canadian Provinces.



NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Monday, September 28, 2009

Yankton, South Dakota

HOST: Bob Lacey

Please e-mail or mail RSVP by Friday, September 25, 2009

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

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

By: Car _____ **ETA** _____

DEPARTURE: _____

RESERVATIONS TO:

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YANKTON TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 10:30 ish** Arrivals at Yankton Airport
- 11:00** Mass
- 11:45** Lunch
- 12:30** Freeman Co. tour (CNC parts for Airplanes (Boeing) and Helicopters)

MINUTES OF THE 2009 NAPP CONVENTION

July 8, 2009
Richfield, Ohio

Total number of members present was 30.

3 CHARTER MEMBERS:

The Reverends Mel Hemann, John Hemann, and Phil Schmitt.

20 REGULAR MEMBERS:

Bill Bevington, Tim Brown, Joe Burg, Hugh Connaghan, Allen Corrigan, Jim Flavin, Phil Gibbs, Ev Hemann, Merlin Kieffer, Jim McPhillips, Mike Murray, Jack Paisley, George Remm, Francis Scanlan, John Schmitz, Owen Shanley, Pete Sweeney, John Walsh, Al Werth and John Wolesky.

7 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Dan Baier, Jack Boyle, George Gratton, Jim Kiernan, John O'Neill, Al Ruschman, and Ron Teufel.

The **ANNUAL MEETING** was called to order at 9:00 am in Parlor A of the Radisson Hotel with 1st Vice President John Schmitz presiding who opened the meeting with a prayer. During this prayer we offered a brief moment "IN MEMORIUM" for those of our membership that have died or have fallen ill since the last annual meeting. We fondly remembered John Friederick and Betty Puhl. We were asked to keep Ed Murray, Richard Bevington (Brother of Bill) and Bill Ruschman (Brother of Al) in our prayers. We were also reminded that Bill Brown sends us his greeting.

The **MINUTES OF THE 2008 MEETING** were distributed and reviewed. John Hemann made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and it was seconded by Ev Hemann. The minutes were approved.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was handed out for review. The checking account showed a balance of \$3,839.90 as of July 4, 2009. The savings account showed a balance of \$5,923.38 as of July 4, 2009. The combined amount of checking and savings comes to a sum total of \$9,763.28. Ev

Hemann made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. John Hemann seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A **POST CARD CAMPAIGN** was the proposal presented to the membership by the four member sub-committee developed to explore the possibilities of promoting NAPP and increasing membership. The sub-committee consisted of George Gratton, Ev Hemann, John Schmitz and Phil Gibbs. Phil Gibbs presented the group's proposal of doing a "regional" outreach for potential members based on the location of the next annual convention. Post cards will be sent out to priests in that "region" in order to invite them to come and see our organization. Incentives, such as a \$250.00 reduction in the convention fee and a free membership for a year, will be offered to entice them to join us. Jim Kiernan made a motion to accept the proposal and John Wolesky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INCREASE AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP: on behalf of the recruitment committee Phil Gibbs also presented the motion to raise the scholarship from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 as it might prove to be more of an incentive for potential priest pilots to join our ranks. Al Werth made a motion to accept that proposal. Ev Hemann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CONVENTION SITES: The floor was open to discussing potential sites for the convention in 2010. Mel Hemann made the proposal to meet at Altus Air force Base in Altus, OK. Mel has some connections to the ranking officers who had expressed an openness to host us. Al Ruschman brought up the thoughts of going to Alaska as the membership has met there every 10 years.

After some discussion Ron Teufel made the motion suggesting that the membership go to Altus Air force Base in OK. John Hemann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NAPP CHARTER, once again, has been taken care of by Al Ruschman. Thanks Al.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS took place for the positions of President; 2nd Vice President (since Ed Murray's condition was grave) and Secretary. Mel Hemann did state that Gene Murray would run again as president. Ev Hemann nominated John Schmitz. Jack Paisley moved that all nominations cease. Jack Boyle seconded. A vote was taken and Gene Murray was reelected for a 2nd term. For the position of 2nd Vice President Phil Gibbs nominated Allen Corrigan which was seconded by John Schmitz. Jack Paisley made the motion that all nominations cease. John Wolesky seconded. Allen Corrigan accepted the position of 2nd Vice President. For the position of Secretary, George Gratton nominated Phil Gibbs. Al Werth seconded. John Hemann made the motion that all nominations cease. Merlin Keiffer seconded. Phil Gibbs will serve for another term as secretary.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

EAST: George Gratton, on behalf of Tim Brown, Dan Baier and Jack O'Neil, presented the possibility of hosting the 2011 convention in Elmira, NY.

MIDWEST: John Hemann spoke of the Midwest gatherings during the Fall of 08 in Madison, WI with Bill Menzel and Tom Enwright hosting. John also spoke of the Spring 09 meeting in Dubuque, IA with Jack Paisley as our host. The next regional gathering in the Midwest will be the Fall, Monday, September 28th in Yankton, SD with Bob Lacey (our newest member) hosting us.

WEST: No regional reports were given.

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS:

Mel Hemann mentioned that the website now allows members to pay their membership fees online through PayPal. A discussion ensued about how to make the website even better and perhaps disseminate information (membership lists, passwords, etc.). Membership expressed various opinions. Not much headway was gained.

ANNUAL GIFTS:

Mel Hemann proposed that we give a gift to Longin Buhake, a priest from the Congo, so that he can receive his pilot's license and assist in teaching the children of an orphanage he is associated with in the Congo. Ron Teufel made the motion to accept Mel's proposal and George Gratton seconded it. Motion carried. Al Ruschman made a motion to send a gift to Pat Patton in Tanzania. Jack Paisley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Kiernan made the motion that both gifts should be in the amount of \$1000.00. Joe Burg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MANY THANKS to Allen Corrigan to all his associates who helped prepare and host the gathering in Cleveland. Thanks went out to Tom Murray for the hotel connections. We were all impressed by the interests that the local TV, radio and newspapers took in our gathering.

Car Pooling to the Church and banquet was discussed before concluding.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Phil Schmitt and Ed Murray seconded by proxy of Phil Schmitt.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Gibbs
Secretary

NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
 July 4, 2009
NAPP CHECKING

OPENING BALANCE July 4, 2008	\$4,580.14
NAPP Dues	<u>\$2,935.00</u>
Total Inflows	\$7,515.14
OUTFLOWS	
Newsletter	\$ 652.96
Postage	\$ 271.45
Supplies	\$ 148.83
Donations	\$2,500.00
Archdiocese of Anchorage	\$1,000.00
Flying Medical Service	\$1,000.00
Scholarship – Lacey	\$ 500.00
'09 Convention Bus	\$ 100.00
Bank Charge	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
Total Outflows	\$3,675.24
BALANCE JULY 4, 2009	\$3,839.90

NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT
 July 4, 2009

OPENING BALANCE	\$5,763.78
Deposit – Interest (12-31-2008)	\$ 101.44
Deposit - Interest (06-30-2009)	<u>\$ 58.16</u>
BALANCE JULY 4, 2009	\$5,923.38

The NAPP fiscal year begins July 1. Your 2010 dues are now due

*If you have not paid your current NAPP dues
we ask that you complete the form below
and mail it with your check to:*

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CEDAR FALLS, IA 50613-1683**

*Any questions contact me at
319-266-3889*

Or

n298mh@cfu.net

N.A.P.P. DUES -- U.S. \$25.00

Please fill out this form! Make check payable in U.S. Dollars to N.A.P.P., Inc.

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Type of Member: _____ Charter _____ Regular _____ Associate