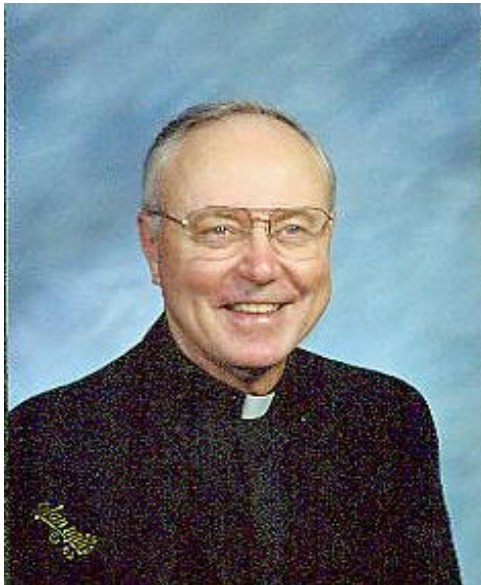




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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Its a long way to Tipperary. I think it is about as far to Altus, Oklahoma, at least when the weather is bad. Just ask Mel and John Hemann how long it took to get there flying into a 40kt headwind on Sunday. The weather gods were contrary for those who wanted to fly.

We arrived back home from Altus in the RV8 at about 3:00 PM on Thursday. Even the trip home was a struggle until Abilene, Kansas where the weather began to improve and the remainder of the flight was pretty routine. Total flight time for the trip was 8.9 hours on the Hobbs. The weather in general was pretty uncooperative on Sunday and Monday so there were only

three planes and about 20 people who made the trip. Regrettably, our own trip down to Altus had to be delayed because of bad weather on Monday so we arrived too late to attend simulator sessions at the Airbase on Tuesday. Probably, because they were expecting more, the Airbase made available an extended period of time for the guys to play with the KC135 and the C17 full motion simulators. One of the guys said he was ready to get signed off, he had so much time. I wonder how that would look in the log book along side a batch of C150 time. Many thanks to Col John Oates, Base Wing Commander, for the great hospitality shown to the gang. He went out of his way to welcome us and to make it a fun event. Of course the fact that Mel taught him how to fly when he was a teenager might have had something to do with the way he treated us.

The Fall midwest regional will be in Abilene, KS. hosted by John Wolesky and Al Werth. This is the birthplace of Dwight Eisenhower and a visit to that museum will be something to look forward to...

Keep em flying.

Gene



The 2010 NAPP Convention is history. Number wise attendance was down from previous years but, as usual, it is **quality** and not quantity that counts. As you've read in Gene's message the weather was a contributing factor for some: health and work issues prevented others from attending. The 21 members who made it were extremely privileged to spend unusually quality time in the KC 135 and C 17 planes and simulators. We are extremely grateful to Col. John Oates and his personnel for the wonderful series of events they engineered for us.

Thanks John

*The month of July begins a new fiscal year for NAPP. Of course that means we are now in year 2011 and your dues for the new year are **due**. You can send the **\$25.00** to my address listed below or send it electronically via Pay Pal. Directions for that are posted as you open the newsletter where it says **PAY NOW**. The sooner the better on this end.*

You will find in this newsletter the minutes from this year's meeting. Last year the membership decided to publish the annual NAPP directory at the beginning of the fiscal year, rather than in January, the calendar year.

This year the attendees voted to put the entire directory on line. When John Zapp and I get that done, hopefully some time in August, you will be given a secure password that will enable only NAPP members to access that information. This will enable you to have all the latest information on membership deaths, moves and any other changes.

I want to thank the members for this move as it will save NAPP a lot of paper and money. For me personally, **time**. Thank you.

Two important bits of information

The Fall Midwest Regional meeting will be hosted by John Wolesky in Abilene, Kansas

Monday, September 27, 2010

Abilene Airport

K78

(See details on reservation sheet)

2011 NAPP CONVENTION

Best Western Motel

Clear Lake, Iowa

July 12 – 13, 2011

Airport: Mason City, IA

MCW

Hosts: Hemann Brothers

(Under the direction of mid-child John)

Caution: Be aware of mid-child syndrome

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

We hope the reminder of dues, the upcoming information about NAPP gatherings, the pictures and remarks from member will excite you to look forward to future gatherings.

PEACE TO ONE AND ALL

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*BRIEFS FROM
HERE AND
THERE*

The following from Tom DeYoung

Hi all!

It's been a long two years since my strokes grounded me. The recovery from the bad effects was fairly rapid, the FAA hurdles required to get back in the left seat were not. After every imaginable test, CT's, MRI's, Labs, Ekg's, EEG's, etc., etc., having spent a full month's retired pay getting everything together and submitted to the powers that be, an FAA authorization letter permitted me to go for a "special issuance" 2nd class medical today. I took the 3rd class as there was no point in doing a second class; a "special issuance" is only good for 12 months at a time. While it was close - BP spiked today for some odd reason (White Coat Syndrome?) - I PASSED!!! Next stop after the AME's office was O8C where N2311T was waiting with full tanks and ready to leap into the air. The .8 hr flight today put me over my lifetime goal of 2000 hours total time. I've remained current over these last two years always finding a "sitter" to ride right seat with me - but how good it was to go SOLO again!

Hope you had a good meeting in Altus. Now I hope to be able to make a future gathering!

What a great day!

Tom

Rev. Thomas J. De Young
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June 5 Frank Nemmers wrote

Mel,

I enjoy the NAPP newsletter. Even Murray's smiling old picture! The heart surgery (double by-pass) several years ago keeps me close to home and town (Bancroft). Best wishes for a pleasant 2010 Convention.

I'm helping out (marginally) in my home parish and even play golf from a cart. The noon meal for seniors downtown is very welcome.

Greetings and 'bon volare' to the NAPP.

Frank Nemmers

*From Bishop Don Kettler, Fairbanks, AK
July 13, 2010*

Dear Fr. Mel:

Thanks for your note and for the 2011 Membership Card. Thanks too for the special \$1000.00 grant for our diocese. It will be a great help to us.

My prayers for you and all in NAPP. Do have a refreshing and safe summer.

God bless you.

Bishop Don

P.S. I'm pleased that Bob Lacey is flying.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS INC.

Colonel Jon T. Thomas
Commander, 97th Air Mobility Wing
100 Inez Boulevard, Suite 1
Altus, AFB OK 73523-5047

Dear Colonel Thomas,

I would like to take this time to personally thank you for the wonderful experience provided by your Wing during our National Association of Priest Pilots' visit to Altus Air Force Base on 6-7 July 2010. It has been an invigorating experience seeing the amazing work performed by your Airmen during our visit. The welcoming we have received from your base has been second to none. Please extend my sincere appreciation to the following individuals:

Maj Steve Martinez – Point of Contact and KC-135 static aircraft and simulator tour
Maj Matt Martin – C-17 static aircraft tour
Maj Mike Coppola – C-17 simulator tour
Maj Kieran Keelty – Transportation
Capt Matt Inscoe – C-17 Static aircraft tour
Capt Jeff Hoelscher – C-17 Static aircraft tour
Capt Nicole Lueckenhoff – Wing mission brief
Capt Andy Lueckenhoff – Wing mission brief
Chaplain, Capt Don Romero – 97 AMW base chaplain representative
TSgt T.J. Sinclair – KC-135 Static tour
SSgt Scott Smith – KC-135 Static tour
SSgt Cliff Leclerc – BOPTT and Wing mission tour
TSgt Rodrick Taylor – BOPTT

These individuals truly provided outstanding informative support to our organization during our visit and I appreciate their services and taking the time to ensure we enjoyed a first-class event.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. John W. Hemann, Brig Gen, (Ret. Chaplain)
National Association of Priest Pilots
481 N. Shore Drive Unit 301
Clear Lake, IA 50428-1368



"It is with paternal satisfaction that the Holy Father views the efforts of the members of the National Association of Priest Pilots to encourage the use of air transportation to obtain ever more abundant spiritual fruits from their sacerdotal ministry and missionary apostolate."

Vatican, Sept. 29, 1964

NAPP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

July 4, 2010

NAPP CHECKING

OPENING BALANCE July 4, 2009	\$3,839.90
NAPP Dues	\$2,751.07
Donations	\$ 400.00
Convention Rebate	<u>\$1,464.51</u>
Total Inflows	\$8,455.48

OUTFLOWS

Newsletter	\$ 553.69
Postage	\$ 116.77
Supplies	\$ 12.33
Donations	\$3,000.00
Longin Buhake	\$1,000.00
Flying Medical Service	\$1,000.00
Scholarship – Lacey	\$ 1,000.00
Convention Bus	\$ 453.00
Bank Charge Checks	<u>\$ 18.50</u>
Total Outflows	\$4,154.29
 BALANCE JULY 4, 2010	 \$4,301.19

NAPP SAVINGS ACCOUNT

July 4, 2010

OPENING BALANCE	\$5,923.38
Deposit – Interest (12-31-2009)	\$ 29.86
Deposit - Interest (06-30-2010)	<u>\$ 29.53</u>
 BALANCE JULY 4, 2010	 \$5,982.77

Your 2011 NAPP Dues are now due.

Use this form to send your dues to me
Or
Use Pay Pal electronically.
(Go to: www.priestpilots.org and click on **Pay Now**)

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Any questions contact me at
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Or

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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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

Email _____

Type of Member: _____ Charter _____ Regular _____ Associate

NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Monday, September 27, 2010

Abilene, Kansas Airport: K78

HOSTS: John Wolesky & Daylene Tracy

Please e-mail or mail RSVP by Friday, September 24, 2010

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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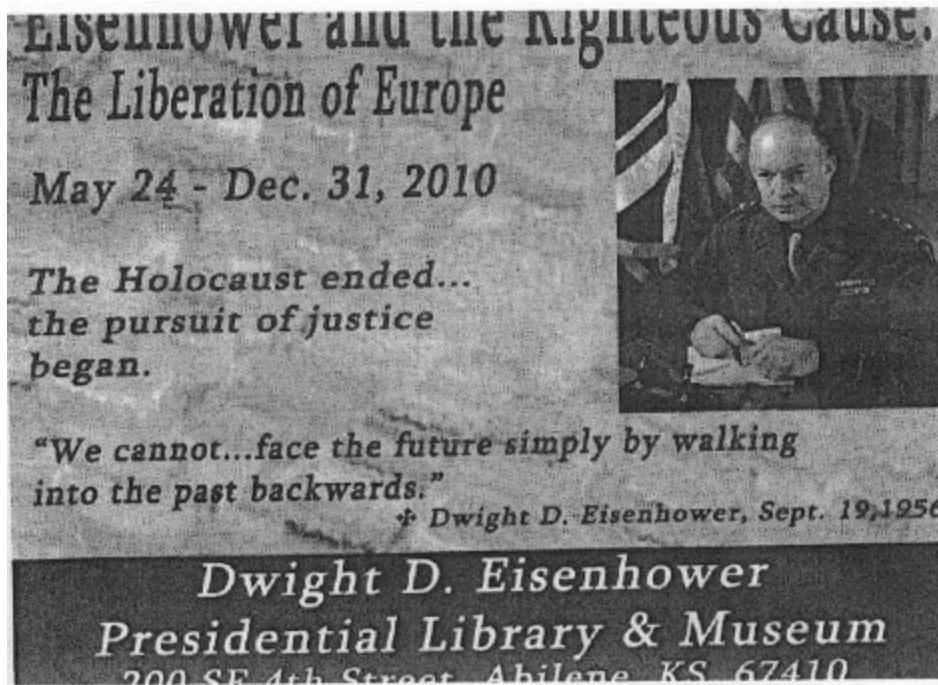
By: Car _____ ETA _____

DEPARTURE: _Time & Date _____

RESERVATIONS TO: John Wolesky 3599 N Field Rd Solomon, KS 67480

jwolesky@live.com (B) 1-785-452-73559 (M) 1-785-655-2221

ABILENE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



- 11:00 ish** Gather at Abilene Airport (K78)
12:00 Noon Meal at “Kirby House” Restaurant
1:00 - 3:00 PM Eisenhower Library and Museum
3:00 PM Break – St. Andrew Parish Hall
4:00 PM Optional Greyhound Museum tour
Departures! (whenever)

N.B: John has 3 rooms if any one wants to come early or stay late. Please advise on your registration.

**MINUTES OF THE NAPP 2010
CONVENTION
JULY 7, 2010
ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA**

Total number of members present was 21

3 Charter Members

John Hemann, Mel Hemann and Al Ruschman

11 Regular Members

Bill Bevington, Merlin Kieffer, Bob Lacey, Gene Murray, George Remm, Francis (Jerry) Scanlan, John Schmitz, Owen Shanley, Tom Weinzapfel, Al Werth and John Wolesky

7 Associate Members

Robert Crisp, John Daughenbaugh, Rick Giarusso, Ryan Giarusso, George Gratton, Vince Kearns and Tom Scanlan.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Gene Murray and was held in the social room of the Holiday Express Inn.

The Minutes of the 2009 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Al Ruschman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and it was seconded by Al Werth. Approved.

The Treasurer's report was handed out and reviewed. The checking account showed a balance of \$4,301.19 as of July 4, 2010. The savings account showed a balance of \$5,982.77 as of July 4, 2010. The combined checking and savings accounts come to a sum of \$10,283.96. A convention rebate, from July 2009, was \$1,464.51 as the largest number in the income bracket. \$3,000.00 (3 donations of \$1,000.00 each) was reported among the expenses. George Gratton made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Jerry Scanlan. Approved.

Old Business:

Bob Lacey, recipient of the 2009 \$1,000.00 scholarship, expressed his thanks and reported he is about half way through his training for his IFR ticket. He expressed that he has a problem with "slow learning" to the controllers. This simply means that he has a difficult time with the terminology and speed with which ATC gives a clearance, etc.

John Schmitz reported on the workings of the recruitment committee. John presented the flyer/material which was prepared, providing NAPP information and historical data, and said that 627 priests in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas had received the mailing which included an "invitation" to join and attend the 2010 meeting in Altus. The response and interest was "negative" (NIL) and thus disappointing. We shall try the same approach for the 2011 meeting in hopes we might find a few new members. It was reported that there are at least five, retired and former military pilots, who are presently in major theology and preparing for ordination. Most of them are studying for the Archdiocese of the Military and an effort will be made to contact them with a personal "invitation" to join NAPP.

Regional Reports:

East: Bill Bevington had nothing to report.

Midwest: John Hemann reported that Bob Lacey hosted the group in Sept. 2009 with a tour of the Freeman Company in Yankton, SD. Mel and Ev Hemann hosted the group in April 2010 in Waterloo, IA. Time was spent visiting the "Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum" in Waterloo. The five Sullivan Brothers were all killed on November 13, 1942 when their ship went down in the Pacific. After the visit, the granddaughter of the one and only of the five Sullivan brothers who had been married, spoke to the group about the relationship which continues to exist between the Sullivan family and the Navy.

John Wolesky is planning to host the Midwest group on Sept. 27, 2010 in Abilene, KS

West: No regional report available.

New Business:

Al Ruschman reported that the Corporation of the NAPP Charter papers has once again been renewed in the State of Kentucky.

Appropriate letters of “Thanks” will be addressed to Colonel Jon T. Thomas and Colonel John S. Oates at Altus Air Force Base expressing gratitude for the hospitality and training provided by the group.

Discussion took place on the Annual Directory. If the directory were sent out electronically, like the newsletter, a considerable amount of money (necessary for printing and postage) would be saved. Furthermore the time involved in preparing the mailing would save hours of labor. Of the 138 on the NAPP membership list, all but about 28, have the capability to receive the newsletter and the directory on the computer. Working with John Zapp it is believed that we would all receive a special “password” that would allow and enable ONLY NAPP MEMBERS to retrieve the directory. John Wolesky made a motion to provide the Directory through e-mail and Al Werth seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Annual Gifts:

Mel reported that Longin Buhake, recipient of a \$1,000.00 gift last year, is struggling about his future. The civil war in the Congo is now at a stage where he can return safely to his home land. He has established a school for children which is supported by people in his Florida parish. A return home would greatly affect the future of that project. He has made little, or no, progress on his flight training this past year. Hopefully he anticipates having his U.S. private license before the end of 2010.

Bishop Donald Kettler, Fairbanks, AK, is ever grateful for gifts received in the past.

Fr. Pat Patten and Fr. Jacek Rejman have no problem using the \$1,000.00 gift from us for their Flying Medical Service in East Africa.

A motion was made by George Gratton, seconded by John Wolesky, to send \$1,000.00 to Bishop Kettler in Fairbanks, AK. Approved.

A motion was made by Al Ruschman, seconded by Bob Lacey, to send \$1,000.00 to Fr. Pat Patten and the Flying Mission Service in East Africa. Approved.

Comments were made concerning the status of the work which Fr. Bob Kirsch had been doing prior to his death. Apparently, that work has changed considerably.

Election of Officers:

For 1st Vice President: Jerry Scanlan nominated John Schmitz and it was seconded by George Gratton. George Gratton made the motion that nominations cease, seconded by Al Werth, and motion carried. **John Schmitz** was reelected to another term as 1st Vice President

For Treasurer: George Remm nominated Mel Hemann and it was seconded by Al Ruschman. John Wolesky made a motion that nominations cease, seconded by Owen Shanley, and motion carried. **Mel Hemann** was reelected to another term as Treasurer.

2011 Convention Site and Dates:

Dates will be July 12 & 13, 2011 and the site is undetermined at the present time. Please be alert to the NAPP newsletter to find out where the place will be.

Bob Lacey will seek information about returning to the Black Hills in Rapid City, SD. A Convention was held there in 1968.

John Hemann offered the meeting in Clear Lake, IA with visits to Algona, IA where they are presently making a movie about a WWII German Prison of War Camp and a visit to the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, IA.

Wherever the place – **DATES ARE JULY 12 & 13, 2011.**

A Motion to Adjourn was made by George Gratton, seconded by Bob Lacey, and the meeting ended at 4 15 p.m...

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Hemann – temporary secretary.

2010 NAPP CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



NAPP Headquarters



Col John Oates welcomes NAPP



Al Werth sets an example – Pays Dues



Checking out a C 17



ALTUS AFB Hangars from the motel



The gas nozzle on a KC 135



Boarding the bus for the AFB



John Schmitz in boom operator's sim



NAPP Group After Mass



There's Always Good Food



Col. Oates and His Flight Instructor