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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

People ask me, "How's retirement?" I usually try to give some smart answer because there isn't a whole lot to say that would interest them. However, I find that I am very busy and can't fit all the things into my schedule that I would like. For example I had to miss the fall regional at Abilene because our Jesus group was scheduled to go on retreat at that time. One of the problems that I face in retirement is the struggle to stay connected to priestly ministry. It would be so easy to sleep in the mornings. So I schedule things to do for people, do

some weekend coverage and try to visit a few of my relatives who are in poor health. I do miss the regular contact with people but don't miss the administrative tasks.

I try to work in a little flying now and then but I don't do enough of that lately. It seems like the days just fill up and I miss another good flying day.

Today, I get to fly. I don't have to be back for appointments or Mass. So I am going to fly to SLB, Storm Lake, pick up an oil cooler and then fly to 7k8, Martin Field and see if Gene Martin has a replacement for a leaky oil cooler for a Cub. Then it's back to Storm Lake. Praise the Lord.

The nice thing about being retired is the freedom to say no to parish work and not feel guilty about it. That, as the commercial says, is priceless.

Keep 'em flying

Gene



The Midwest NAPP flyers gathered in Abilene, KS Monday, September 27. John Wolesky and his very capable assistant, Daylene Tracy, arranged a wonderful and informative day for us.

14 members and friends from 4 states enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at the Kirby House followed by an interesting afternoon at the Eisenhower Museum. It was a wonderful trip down memory lane. We are enclosing pictures along with some memorable and thought provoking quotes from Ike during his time in service to his country and genuine concern for all of humanity.

Please note elsewhere the date and location of next Spring's Midwest Regional gathering

*Bill Menzel sent this AOPA notice saying
"Sometimes headlines make me chuckle.
I didn't know control towers fly."*

Maryland airport lands control tower

The Federal Aviation Administration recently approved building an air traffic control tower at Frederick Municipal Airport in Maryland. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will pay for the

\$4.8 million project, which will begin immediately. It is expected to be completed in 18 months.

We are still in the process of getting the NAPP Directory on line. Hopefully by, or before, the December issue that task will have been completed.

BE PATIENT – IT'S COMING

Two important bits of information

The 2011 Spring Midwest Regional meeting will be hosted by Bill Menzel and his Wisconsin cohorts in LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Monday, May 9, 2011
LaCrosse Airport

KLSE

(Details will follow in future newsletters)

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

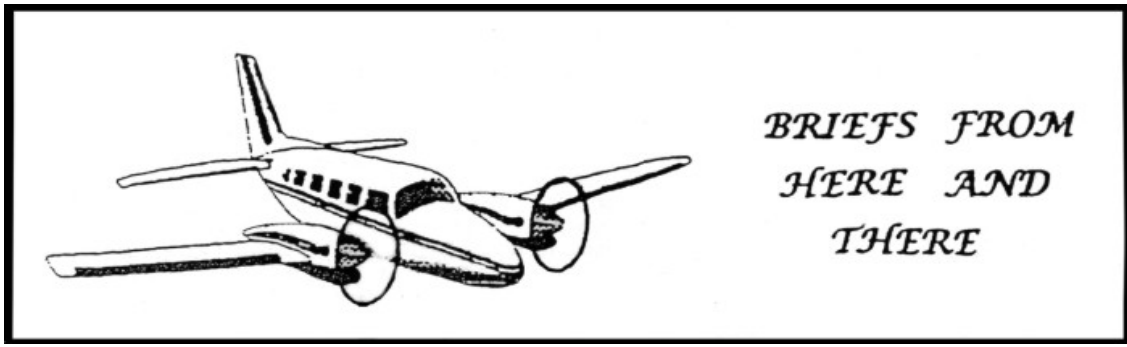
PEACE TO ONE AND ALL

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From Tom Bishop in Palmer, Alaska

Hi Father Hemann!

A little slower in Alaska from the rainiest season on record to the wild prices on aviation fuel. But in spite of the tragic crashes we are tooling up for the hunting season. Seems as fishermen and hunters go they thrive on bad weather. It's so wet in Talkeetna I won't be going to my own cabin this season – opting for higher terrain

The best to you and passing on the word that Fr. Scott is doing a great job in Dillingham.

Tom Bishop

*From Associate Mary Christie Dumont
Sebring, Florida*

Father Mel!

I always enjoy reading the Newsletter!
Love and hugs to all.

MD

Bishop Jim Timlin sends the following

Dear Mel,

Thank you for the reminder about the dues. I am enclosing a check to keep me in good standing. Thank God, I am still flying regularly in my 1966 Beechcraft Debonair. At 83 I just passed my physical in June. God is good.

Sincerely,

+James C. Timlin

Ray Crowe, OMI, sends with his dues

P.S. Keep up the good work. God bless.
R.J.C.

Jack Boyle writes from Bethel Park, PA

Dear Father Mel,

Hello, I hope you and all of the NAPP members are doing well. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the 2010 convention in Altus, OK due to family obligations and Lions Club obligations. I am president of the local Lions Club and that really keeps me busy!

Enclosed is a check for my annual dues and a small donation to be used any way that you think is best.

Please extend my greetings to Father John, Father Ev and any other members that you might see or with whom you might talk. I am looking forward to attending the convention next year and visiting Iowa again.

Have a great day!

Jack Boyle

From Scales Mound, WI Everett Hiller writes

Mel,

I'm doing some helping out again. Doctor has restricted me to fit an 86 year old man. Guess I better listen to the Pro.

It was nice to see your siblings again at John's 50th.

God bless!

Ev

August 23 Nick Rossello wrote

Dear Mel,

Enclosed my dues for year 2011. I hope and pray all is well with you and your family and our brother priest pilots. I'm fine. With the help of doctors, pills, and WD-40 I keep mobile.

Sorry I haven't made the last two conventions. Some health issues. Torn right knee cartilage. Then in May I had my right hip joint replaced. I'm still recovering from that. Well, at 81, the machine needs an overhaul. I'm looking to left knee surgery. It is a possibility. Other than that I'm fine. All this has made it difficult for me to help out and say public Masses. Presently I'm mobile, with a cane, and not too fast. It takes time to get around.

I've seen Dino Lorenzetti a couple of times. He's just fine at 85. Not too bad.

Well, I guess that's about it for now. So take care and best regards to all.

Yours in Christ,

Nick

P.S. Possibly if all is well I will see you in Iowa July 12-13, 2011

Jim Flavin writes from Tewsbury, MA

Hello Mel,

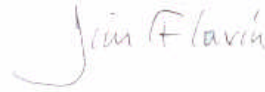
Thank you for the latest newsletter. I felt bad that I couldn't make Altus, OK. Stuff to be done piles up sometimes, as you know.

Here is my dues. I put a little extra on the check because there is always a need for extra money.

I did my biennial flight review last month, so I'm free to hit the skies for the next couple of years. I greased the landing in a pretty choppy crosswind.

I look forward to seeing you again. I regret not living in the Midwest so I could attend the fall meetings. But New England is OK too.

Sincerely,



Jim Flavin

From Miles Barrett in New Jersey

Thanks Fr. Mel, and thanks for all the work.

I flew my Piper Turbo Arrow N42PG towards Iowa for a family reunion (30th & 60th wedding Anniversary and 1 Memorial



Service and 1 Saturday night Mass in Marcus) but had to drive the last leg to and from Ft Wayne, IN last week.

I've attached a lessons learned story if you need filler and feel free to edit to a short paragraph if it's worth sharing.

Thanks again.

Pax Christi, carpe diem!

Miles

(EDITOR'S NOTE) Miles' story will appear in another issue.

MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Abilene, Kansas September 27, 2010



St. Mary's Parish Center



Noon Lunch – Kirby Center



Noon Lunch – Kirby Center



The 14 NAPP members in attendance from Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Wisconsin

EISENHOWER MUSEUM



Ike and Mamie's tomb

IKE'S WORDS OVER HIS TOMB

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. This is not a way of life at all...

Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron.

"The Chance for Peace Address" April 16, 1953



*EISENHOWER HOME
TILL MOTHER'S DEATH IN 1946*

IKE QUOTES

The problem in defense is how far you can go without destroying from within what you are trying to defend from without.

I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity.



Down the long lane of the history yet to be written America knows that this world of ours, ever growing smaller, must avoid becoming a dreadful fear and hate, and be instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect.

Such a confederation must be one of equals. The weakest must come to the conference table with the same confidence as do we, protected as we are by our moral, economic, and military strength. That table, though scarred by many past frustrations, cannot be abandoned for the certain agony of the battlefield.

Disarmament, with mutual honor and confidence, is a continuing imperative. Together we must learn how to compose differences, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose. Because this need is so sharp and apparent I confess that I lay down my official responsibilities in this field with a definite sense of disappointment. As one who has witnessed the horror and the lingering sadness of war --- as one who knows that another war could utterly destroy this civilization which has been so slowly and painfully built over thousands of years --- I wish I could say tonight that a lasting peace is in sight.

Happily, I can say that war has been avoided. Steady progress toward our ultimate goal has been made. But, so much remains to be done. As a private citizen, I shall never cease to do what little I can to help the world advance along that road.

The conclusion of Ike's final presidential address to the American people