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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While reading last month's issue of Sport Aviation (EAA Magazine) I came across a reminder that as of March 31, 2010 my old paper pilot's license would no longer be any good. The old licenses must be replaced by a plastic one issued by the FAA. For those pilots who have been issued a license in the last few years this is not a problem but the last license I received was in 1979 and it was a paper update card to my private ASEL license with Instrument rating. So I got busy and went on line and ordered a new plastic one. It takes a little doing and costs something like \$3.00. If you need to up date yours you can order right on line or you can

down load an application form and mail it in by snail mail. The on line application is about a month faster than snail mail. I had mine in about two weeks. So if you still have the old paper or cardboard type of license be advised that as of March 31, 2010 it is no longer valid.

Congratulations to Fr Bob Lacey from Yankton, South Dakota for passing his Instrument Pilot written exam. Bob applied for and was granted the NAPP scholarship for getting his Instrument ticket. He went right to work and studied for the exam and passed it at Martin Airfield in Sioux City.

I am looking forward to the Spring Midwest Regional Meeting to be held at Waterloo on April 26th. The way the weather has been going we should probably precede that with a weather novena.

I have a question for Ev Hemann who is the pastor of the Catholic parish in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the home of the UNI Panthers. Is the recent success of the panthers on the hard court due to the holiness of the pastor or shell we just chalk that up to good coaching and luck????

Keep em flying.

Gene



My brother John and I flew to Altus, Oklahoma March 21 and 22 to finalize the NAPP July convention plans. It was a good trip. The results are the convention schedule on page 3.

On page 5 listed below John's announcement of his 50th anniversary celebration are hopefully the answers to frequently asked questions. I hope those bits of information will not only help with your planning but alert you to what to expect once we are together.

We have an interesting day lined up for the Midwest Spring regional meeting on Monday, April 26 in the Cedar Falls/Waterloo Iowa area Plan on gathering at Livingston Aviation (The Waterloo FBO) between 11:00 and 11:30. We will arrange rides for the 11:45 luncheon at St. Patrick Church. Following that we'll spend a couple hours at the Veterans Museum. Then some delightful time back at the Livingston conference room as Kelly Sullivan Longern shares her perspective on what it means to be the only granddaughter of the "Fighting Sullivans."

Get your reservation in NOW.

I will probably be manning the NAPP registration desk at the Holiday Inn in Altus. We will try to have some one at the airport to meet you and provide transportation to the Holiday Inn. My cell number is **1-319-230-4957**. I will leave that number at the airport desk in the event no one is there when you arrive.

Most of our time will be spent at Altus AFB which of course requires the necessary clearance. Our co-host is Col John Oates, commander of the flying operations at the base. Quite obviously this simplifies matter. Once I have received your reservations forms I will forward those names to John and all clearances will be OK's before we arrive. Riding the bus to and from the Base dispenses with a lot of individual car inspections.

On the Briefs page I have some information about the Wings program I have listed two web site options that will give you some preliminary information about the program.

I just received an email confirmation from Mr. Boatright. He will arrive at the motel Tuesday evening so he will be rarin' to go on Wednesday morning.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26, 2010

Midwest Regional Meeting
Waterloo, Iowa

July 5 – 8, 2010

NAPP National Convention
Altus, Oklahoma

Hopefully we'll see you

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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Hi Mel!

I hope you're in good health, holy, and happy. I just spoke with our president who is currently taking naps in sunny Texas while I enjoy sleet and snow and freezing rain. My one consolation is merely glossed-up envy: neither of us is flying!

I also wanted to keep NAPPER's readership supplied with a cure for insomnia: I finally screwed up enough courage to drive down to Martin field, S. Sioux City on Tuesday, Mar. 2nd to take the Instrument Knowledge Test. My gut told me I wasn't up to it, but my head told me I possessed close to sufficient knowledge to pass...they were both good gauges. 60 meager questions, 2.5 hours of time – no problem! Yet, 60 questions later and 2:20 on the timer told a different story. Couple my gut feeling with the new rates - \$150 per test, retakes extra! – and you know I was eager to get the results. I tried to look calm and relaxed, but finally I had to ask Tom Fredrickson: "How did I do?" "Well," he said, ever so slowly, "you studied too much." My mind reeled for joy! It was the same line he gave me at the end of the Private Knowledge Test. I finally got to see my exact percentage: 72. 72% of 60. Keep in mind that 70% is required for passing! That same evening, Steve and I sat on the front porch of the rectory, waiting for other YRAA (our local EAA chapter) members to come make sawdust and Pedal Planes. We did the math, discovering that each question was worth 1.7% - I had passed by the skin of my teeth!

By the way, if you want more filler, let me:

know and I'll send you something. Meanwhile, the Ides pass and the end of March draws close.

- Fr. Bob
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You will find in this newsletter the annual Thanksgiving/Christmas letter from our NAPP Tanzanian flyin g member, Pat Patten. Although the letter is several months old by this time Pat's letters are always interesting and challenging.

Keep up the good work Pat and Jacek

FAA WINGS PROGRAM

If you want to get some preliminary information about the seminar Mr. John Boatright from the Lubbock FSDO will be offering in Altus on July 7 go to:

1. www.FAAsafety.gov
2. On the menu CLICK **WINGS**
3. At the bottom CLICK **Learn More**
4. **Wings Pilot Proficiency Program**

This will give you an idea of what it's all about.

ANOTHER OPTION

For a wonderful two column summation of *Before the Change* and *After the Change* regarding the WINGS program go to:
www.FAAsafety.gov/files/notices/2010/Mar/summary_of_Changes.pdf

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

John W. Hemann --- January 30, 1960 --- January 30, 2010

50 YEARS A PRIEST

Sunday, June 20, 2010

11:00 A.M. Mass of Thanksgiving in Visitation Church
Stacyville, Iowa

(Following the Mass there will be a)
Reception and Open House in Stacyville Community Center
(Food prepared and served by the
Mitchell County Cattlemen's Association
and the Visitation Parish Christian Women)

Spread the word. This is your invitation. Please plan to come.

NAPP CONVENTION "Q" AND "A" ITEMS

1. The FAA Wings seminar will be Wednesday morning, July 7 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the hospitality room of our motel, the Holiday Inn. The annual meeting will be held in the same room.
2. If you have a lap top computer PLEASE bring it with you. This will provide you the opportunity of learning the WINGS program right on your computer. It might be wise to also bring an extension cord so that computers can be placed through out the room.
3. I will be manning the NAPP desk in the hospitality room. I will leave my cell number at the airport desk. Hopefully there will be some one at the airport to bring you to the Holiday Inn. If not, call.
4. A lot of our time will be on the Altus AFB. Obviously everyone must be checked prior to entry. Co-host Col. John Oates will have all the names approved before our arrival. By bussing us to the base the time at the gate will be minimal.
5. Hopefully those of you who have a car at the convention will be open to offering a ride to the pilots. With this proclamation we officially declare the week of July 5 through July 8 **give a pilot a ride** week.
6. I'm sure it will come as no surprise that there is a tax on the motel room. The rate quoted will be plus tax.

A Tanzanian Thanksgiving

DEAR FRIENDS,

EVERY MORNING, AS CERTAIN AS SUNRISE, A GROUP OF VERY THIN WOMEN MEET ME AS I GO OUT THE DOOR. THEY GREET ME IN SWAHILI SAYING "NJAA, BWANA" "I'M HUNGRY SIR."

AND I TRY TO LISTEN TO THEIR STORIES...



November 2009

From: Pat Patten

Another cool, clear, cloudless night in north central Tanzania. I was born in Michigan. One week without rain and the farmers talk about a drought. What would they think? Here, it is the sixth straight dry month. It hasn't rained a drop.

The cattle are gone -- moved or dead. Cows are the people's life-blood. They are the babies' post-breast milk. There is no other food. The unripe crops have long since withered on the stems.

Her name is Naramat. It means "the one who delights in caring." She is my same age, 61. Her husband hung himself from a tree one morning two weeks ago. Her son was a night watchman. He was killed in a robbery attempt one night in Nairobi at the factory which he was guarding. They sent his body home. But no money. Lots of young men need work. Plenty of potential night watchmen around. Her daughter has mental problems. She's in and out of the hospital. Off and on medication. Doesn't work very well -- neither she nor the medicine. Oh... and Naramat is blind. She is led here by her granddaughter. There are five grandchildren at home. But she is their mother. Her own daughter died of A.I.D.S. two years ago.



It's quiet tonight. No wind at all. Merciful. With the winds come the dust. Choking. Blinding. Every step on the ground raises a puff. There are places now where we sink down into the fine powder half-way to our knees. We try to avoid those places when we walk. It gets harder to avoid them as the weeks go on. In a car, at noon time, the dust storm can be so dense that we creep along the main roads, headlights on, still only narrowly missing a stopped car or bus or truck. In the dust we see women and children kneeling down and digging out the roots where there once was grass. That is the only food left for the last surviving sheep or goat.

Naramat is at my front door. She calls softly to me. One of her granddaughters is with her. Both women, the young and the old, have sunken spots on the sides of their heads at their temples. (Try something. Touch your head there, one hand on each side. Open your mouth. Now close it. Feel the small muscle moving?) Naramat and her granddaughter have no fat left. Even that tiny muscle is wasting. "Can you help me?" she says. "It's embarrassing to ask." ... "I'm hungry."

WHAT IS LIFE WORTH? How much do we pay to save it? Maybe easy to play the guessing game half-a-world away. But she is at my door, standing in front of me.

There are 79 others like her on the list that we have drawn up. Nearly all widows. They are caring for 265 children. Some people from one of the local parishes told me they want to build a church. They are asking the people to raise \$65,000. I don't agree. An average salary here during prosperous times is less than \$35 a month. I remind them of the bible verse which says:

"True unspoiled religion in the eyes of God is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it."

The rains will come, but meanwhile we wait. The dust will sprout green grass once again. And while we wait, we gather together and distribute what limited resources the mission has available. We try to see that those in the most dire straights make it through what are truly desperate times.

Pat Patten

THE FOOD RELIEF PROJECT is an effort to provide for those who will not survive the drought without it. With the goodwill of generous people, 344 desperate women and children are living off a survival diet of maize flour, cooking oil, a few



vegetables, and some leaves of tea. To stave off starvation, we estimate the equivalent of \$20 a month per adult can provide this subsistence. The local population has out-grown the lands' ability to produce enough food and people were desperate even before the drought. As we search for ways to reduce the problem in the future, we can't let people die from hunger.

ON A BRIGHTER NOTE we are happily watching the 31 disabled students at the Handicapped Training Center prepare to launch back into their world; but now they have a trade and will be able to take care of themselves. After one-and-a-half years, numerous surgeries, new arms and legs, occupational therapy and lots of hard work, we are sad to see them go, but looking forward



to the next group. Also our two aircraft continue to treat and vaccinate an average of 78 patients each day; and the Olkokola dispensary sees an additional 68 patients per day.

For many, life does go on.

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND INTEREST, HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Handicapped Training Center — Olkokola Catholic Mission — Flying Medical Service

If you would like to be part of our work

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From all of us - a happy Christmas and new year.

NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Monday, April 26, 2010

Waterloo, Iowa

KALO

HOSTS: Ev & Mel Hemann

Please phone, e-mail or mail RSVP by Friday, April 23, 2010

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

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

By: Car _____ **ETA** _____

DEPARTURE: _____

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WATERLOO SCHEDULE

11:00 ish Arrivals at Waterloo Airport

11:45 Lunch at St Patrick Church

1:00 - 2:45 Visit to Sullivan Brothers Veterans Memorial Museum
[5 Sullivan Brothers, Waterloo, killed in WW II when Japanese torpedoed their ship]

3:00 Meeting with **Kelly Sullivan Loughern**, only granddaughter of
the Fighting Sullivans. (Editor's Note) She is Good!!!

DEPARTURE ---- *Whenever!!!!*

NAPP CONVENTION SCHEDULE

July 5 – 8, 2010

Altus, Oklahoma

5 July - Monday

Arrival

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

6 July - Tuesday

8:50 AM Altus Air Force bus pickup at Holiday Inn Express

9:00 AM Auditorium

Air Base personnel welcome

Participation in Air Force Mission briefing

9:45 AM Visit C17 and KC 135 planes with crew members
available to answer any and all questions as you explore the planes

11:45 AM Board bus for departure to base diner

12:00 PM Lunch. Cafeteria style --- (You pay for what you eat)

1:20 PM Board bus for motel

1:30 PM Siesta/Leisure time

3:20 PM Bus pickup at Holiday Inn

3:30 PM Two hours with simulators

C17; KC135; includes sim for refueling boom operator training

5:30 PM Dinner on Base --- (Once again you pay for what you eat)
Evening Free

7 July - Wednesday

9:00 AM Holiday Inn hospitality room

FAA Wings seminar.

Presenter: John H Boatright, Lubbock FSDO, FAAST Team rep
(Bring your lap top computer if you have one)

11:45 AM Free

12:00 PM Lunch on your own followed by Siesta/Leisure time

3:00 PM Annual Meeting. Hospitality room at Holiday Inn

4:45 PM Bus leaves for Mass at Base Chapel

5:00 PM MASS

6:00 PM Banquet, etc. in chapel annex
Evening Free

8 July -Thursday

DEPARTURE

NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 6 and 7, 2010
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE

CONVENTION PROGRAM: TUESDAY, JULY 6 AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2009
ARRIVALS MONDAY, JULY 5; DEPARTURES THURSDAY, JULY 8.

FLY-IN AIRPORT: **KAXS** Altus/Quartz Mountain Regional

COMMERCIAL ARRIVALS **KLAW** Lawton/Ft Sills 50 miles 275 degrees
KOKC Will Rogers, Oke City -- 100 miles 240 degrees

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
2812 East Broadway Altus, Oklahoma
Phone Reservations: **1-580-480-1212**

PRIEST PILOT CONVENTION: \$89.00 per room (Special NAPP rate until June 20)
ARRIVING MON 7/5/09 – DEPARTING THU 7/8/09

Hospitality Room for NAPP. Hotel 2 miles from ALTUS AFB.

Members Must Call the Hotel and Make their Own Reservation!
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

CONTACT INFO: () - , () - , () -
HOME PHONE WORK PHONE CELL PHONE

MODE OF TRANSPORT TO CONVENTION: **Private Car** **Rental Car** **Flying**
(CIRCLE HOW YOU ARE GETTING TO THE HOTEL)

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: **AXS (Altus Regional)** _____ **KLAW** _____ **KOKC** _____
(CIRCLE or CHECK YOUR AIRPORT)

AIRCRAFT INFO IF APPLICABLE: N# _____ Type _____
Commercial: Airport: Airline: _____ Flight No: _____ Airport: _____

Date/Time of Arrival: _____ Date/Time of Departure _____

Please complete your reservation form now and send it to Co-Host:
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More Convention Information will be in the NAPP Newsletter
Monday Evening Pre-Event Hospitality Room (Pizza and Beverages, etc.)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY: Exciting Tours and Events C17, KC 135 Simulators, Briefings
WEDNESDAY: Annual Meeting, Concelebrated Mass and Banquet at Altus AFB
FAASafety Seminar Plenty of Free Time Scheduled for Each Day!