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**President's Comments**

As priests with limited resources we have to use a little inventiveness to be able to fly.

Yesterday Bob Lacey, our newest NAPPER drove the 75 miles on Saturday morning so he could get a little stick and rudder time in the Cub. We hopped into his car in Marcus at about 9:45 am and headed to the Cherokee airport 16 miles distant. As we arrived I reached into my pocket for the hangar key which I keep on a key ring with my car keys. You have probably guessed what happened. I forgot the hangar key, it was Saturday

and the airport manager wasn't around and we were running out of time. Since we didn't have time to drive back and get the key we had to get a little inventive. We probably broke some federal law by breaking into my hangar but there was an urgency and we had to get in. As luck would have it the hangar next to mine is where they keep the mowing equipment and it was open. So Bob being a good second story man climbed up over the partition and into my hangar and opened it from the inside. Alls well that ends well, and due to a little resourcefulness we were able to get Bob some stick and rudder time and he left with a big smile on his face – as the picture shows.



*Gene*

Gene



In this issue you'll find a pictorial report of the September Midwest regional gathering. The number of attendees was greatly reduced due to the IFR conditions. That includes "yours truly." When I planned my trip from KALO to C29 near Madison, WI the only alternate for me was home base, KALO. By the time conditions improved several of us decided it was too late so we missed a great and informative event. Perhaps a future time can be arranged so those of us who missed it all can be brought up to date. The **spring 2009 Midwest regional** will be hosted by Jack Paisley in Dubuque on Monday, May 4. Details will follow.

*The **NASA and THE BIBLE** article was sent to me recently. I'm not sure what to think of it but I thought I'd include it for your perusal. If I'd have thought about it earlier I should have sent it to Rome to the Bishops Synod on the Bible for their interpretation.*

We thank those of you since the last newsletter that have paid your 2009 NAPP dues. Those who receive the newsletter via surface mail will find your membership card included. Those receiving the electronic

version have already received your card. I will attempt to segregate those who still need a reminder to once again solicit your cooperation in sending in your 2009 dues.

*Allen Corrigan is putting together a very interesting convention next July in the Cleveland Ohio area. I have placed the plans that have been finalized to this point in the Briefs section of the newsletter. Hopefully by the December issue Allen will have it all together so you can begin your planning in earnest.*

It's such a small world. Recently while helping in an area parish I was advised they would like to introduce a man who assists the parish in the help they offer in Africa. He was Parseko V. Kone who grew up in Arusha, Tanzania and knows Pat Patten well. This past weekend I was in Chicago for a conference at the Cenacle. Sister Dorothy took care of our needs, etc. She hails from Tanzania as well. Although not from Arusha she knows some of the Sisters in that area. Greetings Pat and Jack from Parseko and Sister Dorothy.

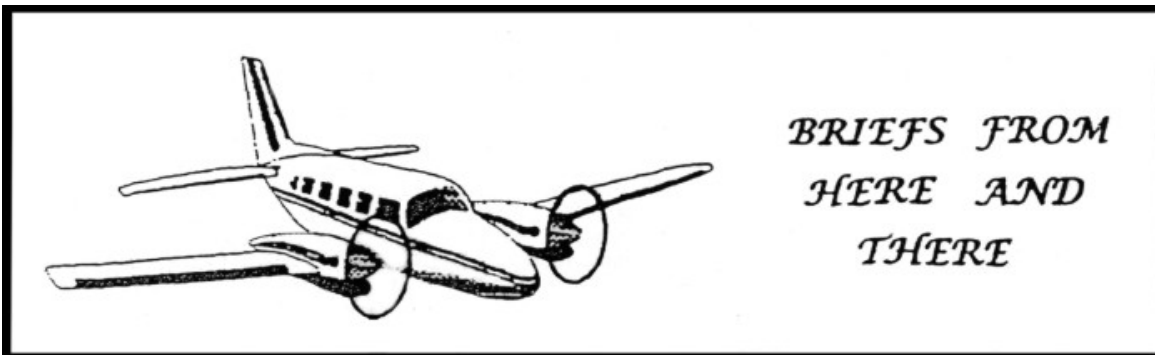
Please remember

1. May 4 NAPP Regional meeting in Dubuque, Iowa
2. 2009 NAPP national meeting in Ohio July
3. Your 2009 NAPP annual dues

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*Tom DeCarlo from Johnston, Iowa  
Included this with his dues*

.Mel,  
I think I owe 2 years. Sorry. I have lost my access to a plane but still keep my instructor's certificate current. Everything is current.

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*Past NAPP President Frank Nemmers  
sent the following note in September*

Father Mel Hemann,

I'm still living after the Mooney crashed (2002), a double by-pass heart operation (2007) and retirement (family home in Bancroft, IA since 2002).

While going through my files this Fall, I re-read all the past issues of the NAPP newsletter. Continued applause for your fine labors.

I have not flown since the 2002 accident. There is no memory of the crash in Florida. Just the twisted wreckage. The empty left tank (probably stolen gas) is still a mystery.

Is the newsletter still in print? If so, I'll send \$.

After re-reading the newsletters, and observing the Church evolve, not to mention presidential politics, my 76 years are poignant indeed.

Best wishes and continued admiration.  
Greetings to all

Frank Nemmers

*Editor's Note: Frank has sent in his renewal check. Welcome back Frank.*

## **2009 NAPP CONVENTION**

**July 7 – 8, 2009**

**Richfield, Ohio**

Allen Corrigan, St. Victor Church in Richfield, Ohio is busy putting things together for the 2009 National Convention. He has sent me the following preliminary plans. Hopefully by the next issue a more complete agenda will be available for you.

Designated airport for those flying to the convention in their own planes will land at the Medina, OH (1G5) airport.

The Radisson Hotel Akron/Fairlawn in Akron, Ohio is the place of lodging. Rooms are \$79.00 per day and that includes breakfast.

Tuesday, July 7, will be spent in Cleveland. A bus will leave the motel in time to transport attendees to the NASA Glenn Research Center. (Only U.S. citizens are permitted on this part of the day). After lunch several hours will be spent at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The Wednesday activities are still in the planning stages. Obviously it will include a time for Mass and the annual meeting. Very likely this will all take place at Allen parish, St. Victor.

The important thing for now is to put these dates, times and location on your calendar.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



*Midwest Fall Regional Meeting*  
*September 22, 2008 Morey Field Middleton, Wisconsin*



Jack Paisley, John Schmitz, Tom Enwright



They're still at it



The group at the Airport in Middleton



One of the items of interest on the tour



Catholic Pastoral Center, Madison



Example of designs made for the Cirrus



Lunch at the Pastoral Center



Electronic Theatre Controls

# NASA AND THE BIBLE

## The Missing Day in Time According to the Bible

NASA AND THE BIBLE ..... this is pretty amazing and interesting!! For all the scientists out there, and for all the students who have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of the Bible, here's something that shows God's awesome creation, and that He is still in control. Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called 'myth' in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and a consultant in the space program, relates the following development. I think one of the most amazing things that God has done for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt Maryland. They were checking out where the positions of the sun, moon, and planets would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to know this so we won't send up a satellite and have it bump into something later on in its orbits. We have to lay out the orbits in terms of the life of the satellite and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down. They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries, and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong with either the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out, and they said, 'What's wrong?' Well, they found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time. They scratched their heads and tore their hair out. There was no answer. Finally a Christian man on the team said, 'You know, one time I was in Sunday School, and they talked about the sun standing still.' While they didn't believe him, they didn't have an answer either, so they said, 'Show us, He got a Bible and went to the book of Joshua where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for any one with 'common sense.' There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, 'Fear them not, I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not

a man of them stand before Thee.' Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy! And if darkness fell, they would overpower them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right... 'The sun stood still and the moon stayed and lasted not to go down about a whole day!' (Joshua 10:12-13) The astronauts and scientists said, 'There is the missing day! They checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes ... not a whole day. They read the Bible, and there it was about [approximately] a day. These little words in the Bible are important, but they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes, you'll still be in trouble 1000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits. As the Christian employee thought about it, he remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went BACKWARDS. The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Book and read these words in 2 Kings that told of the following story: Hezekiah, on his death bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said 'Do you want the sun to go ahead 10 degrees?' Hezekiah said, 'It is nothing for the sun to go ahead 10 degrees, but let the shadow return backward 10 degrees.' Isaiah spoke to the Lord, and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees BACKWARD! Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in Second Kings make the missing day in the universe! Isn't it amazing?

(References: Joshua 10:8 and 12, 13 and 2 Kings 20:9-11.)



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