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President's Comments

Using the airplane for higher things.

In the May 2009 issue of the AOPA Pilot there is a feature article about Jeff Puckett from Denver who flies a Jet Ranger helicopter. The article explains how Jeff started flying the ministers of the area around in his helicopter to give them a different perspective. He calls it Prayer One. While Jim Puckett did not originate the idea of using aircraft in ministry he found a useful way of combining the pleasure of flying and doing something good for the Lord.

The charter of the NAPP encourages the use of the airplane in our ministry. It is a natural way of combining two of the great loves of priest pilots.-Love of God and love

of flying, I hope I have those in the right order.

I was reminded of some of the past and present members of the NAPP who have used their airplanes for mission work on a rather grand scale. Notably, Pat Patten, Archbishop Hurley, Marc Tilia, Bob Kirsch, Jim Kelly, Preacher Smith etc. I am sure there are many more that I cannot at this moment recall. While they used the airplane in direct service of the Church most of us fly for the sheer joy of it and find it a wonderful fulfillment of our lives. I believe that is justification enough for flying. However there is an added joy when we can fly and bring someone else closer to the Lord

Some priest pilots like those mentioned above are blessed by the fact that they are able to combine the joy of flying with ministry. Most of us have at times combined the joy of flight with the service of our parish members. Mel and Ev Hemann have enjoyed the joy of training pilots. Fr Ed and I have organized and given Young Eagle rides to our altar servers. Bill Menzel is involved with Angel Flights and Leo McGee used his years as a school teacher to acquaint and inspire students to fly. Most of us have flown to visit parishioners in distant hospitals, given rides to the teachers in our catholic schools. Not to be forgotten are those associate members who have flown priests to conventions, given us instruction and even hosted our conventions. The 'river that runs through it' all is the love of flying. If you pardon the expression, I believe that flying can and often does elevate our priesthood to a higher level.

While Jim Puckett did not originate the idea of using aircraft in ministry he found a useful way of combining the pleasure of flying and doing something good for the Lord. He discovered what most of the NAPPers have known all along.

Gene

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There seems to be a dearth of news for this issue so most likely it will be a smaller than usual edition of the newsletter.

You will find in the newsletter pictures from the Midwest regional gathering in Dubuque earlier in May. In fact, I may fill up the extra room on the Briefs page with additional pictures.

The Fall Midwest regional gathering will be hosted by Bob Lacey in Yankton, SD. Details will follow before the September event sill in the planning stage.

The NAPP fiscal year begins July 1. The 2010 year will begin then. Dues will be collected from members in attendance at the Ohio meeting. As mentioned earlier we are in the process of enabling you to pay with your credit card. The next newsletter – AUGUST – will have details on that. Some of you have been asking about that so hopefully, if all goes as planned, you will have that option

Obviously, this is the last newsletter before the July convention. The reservation sheet with all pertinent information is again included at the end of the newsletter.

Please note that special NAPP room rate is good until June 5. Please get your reservations in.

REMINDER

NAPP CONVENTION

July 7 – 8, 2009

Medina, Richfield, Cleveland
OHIO

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Radisson Akron/Fairlawn
Copely, OHIO

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

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SPRING MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING
 DUBUQUE, IOWA May 3, 2009



The above regular and associate members, plus a few guests, were in attendance in Dubuque on May 3.

From Wisconsin: Bill Menzel, Tom Enwright and Tom Murphy.

From Kansas: Al Werth and John Wolesky.

From Missouri: John Schmitz and Chris Vonund.

From South Dakota: Bob Lacey

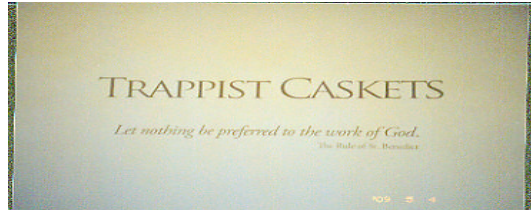
From Iowa: Jeff Bryant, Phil Gibbs, Ev Hemann, John Hemann, Mel Hemann, Mike Makelbust, Don Meyer, Gene Murray, Jack Paisley and Phil Schmitt



Prayer at New Melleray Abbey



No wines, candies or jelly here



Dubuque Jet Center gathering site



Finally, it's time to go



The UD Flight Op Center - above & below



NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION
MEDINA, RICHFIELD AND CLEVELAND, OHIO

CONVENTION PROGRAM: TUESDAY, JULY 7 AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009
ARRIVALS MONDAY, JULY 6; DEPARTURES THURSDAY, JULY 9.

FLY-IN AIRPORT: 1G5 – Medina Municipal Airport (FBO: Flight Services of Medina)
2050 Medina Road (Rt. 18), Medina, OH 44256 330-239-1606

COMMERCIAL ARRIVALS Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (KCLE)
Akron Canton Regional Airport (KCAK)

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

RADISSON AKRON/FAIRLAWN

200 Montrose West Avenue Copely, OH 44321

Phone Reservations: 1-330-666-9300

NAPP BLOCK RESERVATION: \$79.00 per room (Special NAPP rate until June 5)

ARRIVING MON 7/6/09 – DEPARTING THU 7/9/09

Hot Breakfast Buffet, Hospitality Room for NAPP, Hotel 6 miles from 1G5.

Members Must Call the Hotel and Make their Own Reservation!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

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: **1G5 (Medina)** *KCLE (Cleveland)* *KCAK (Akron/Canton)*
(CIRCLE YOUR AIRPORT)

AIRCRAFT INFO IF APPLICABLE: N# _____ Type _____

Commercial: Airport: Airline: _____ Flight No: _____

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

Please complete your reservation form now and send it to the Local Site Host:
REV ALLEN F. CORRIGAN, ST. VICTOR CHURCH, 3435 EVERETT RD, RICHFIELD OH 44286, 330-659-6591

More Convention Information will be in the NAPP Newsletter
Minute-to-minute Convention Info at: <http://priestpilot.blogspot.com>
Monday Evening Pre-Event Hospitality Room (Pizza and Beverages, etc.)
TUESDAY: Exciting Tours and Events: NASA/Glenn, Little Italy, Cleveland Museum of Art
WEDNESDAY: Annual Meeting, Concelebrated Mass and Banquet at St. Victor Church
Plenty of Free Time Scheduled for Each Day!