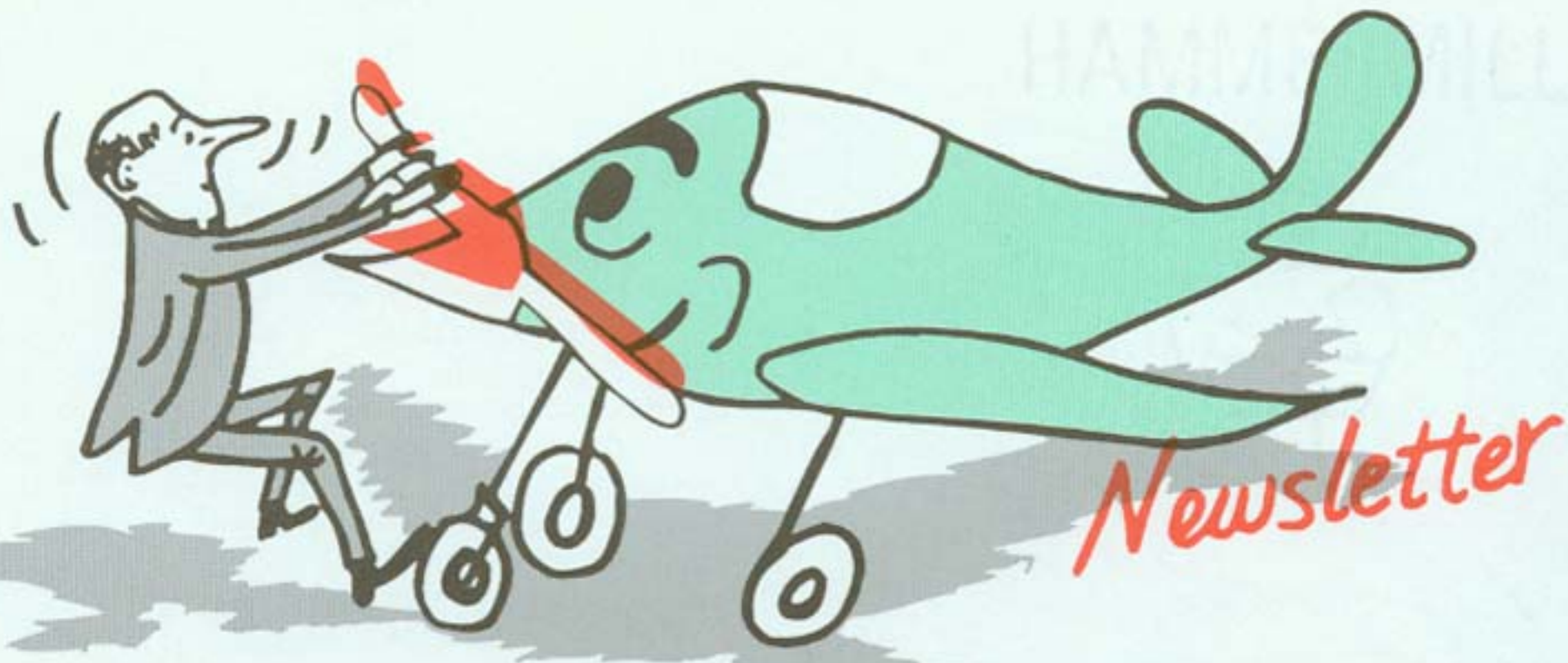


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The mid-West region met at the Des Moines airport. The Iowa Air National Guard provided a very educational tour concluding with the departure of three F-16 going out to practice. Then we toured the Crash & Rescue base. Interesting.

As I write, it is a beautiful fall day. Visibility rivals what you see in New Mexico. Westerly winds up high provide quick trips going East and plenty of time coming back low and check out the magnificent coloring of the trees. But winter is at the door with the frequent forecasts of ice. Be careful out there **WHENEVER** you fly.

The scandal in the Church continues. At our parish we have been open and direct,

holding our second "open forum" to present a fuller picture of what has happened and what is presently happening. The response has been very positive, by parishioners and media alike. The openness is greatly appreciated and many have commented that this might help the Church to become generally more open. It is very evident that, at least here, people love the Church and their priests.

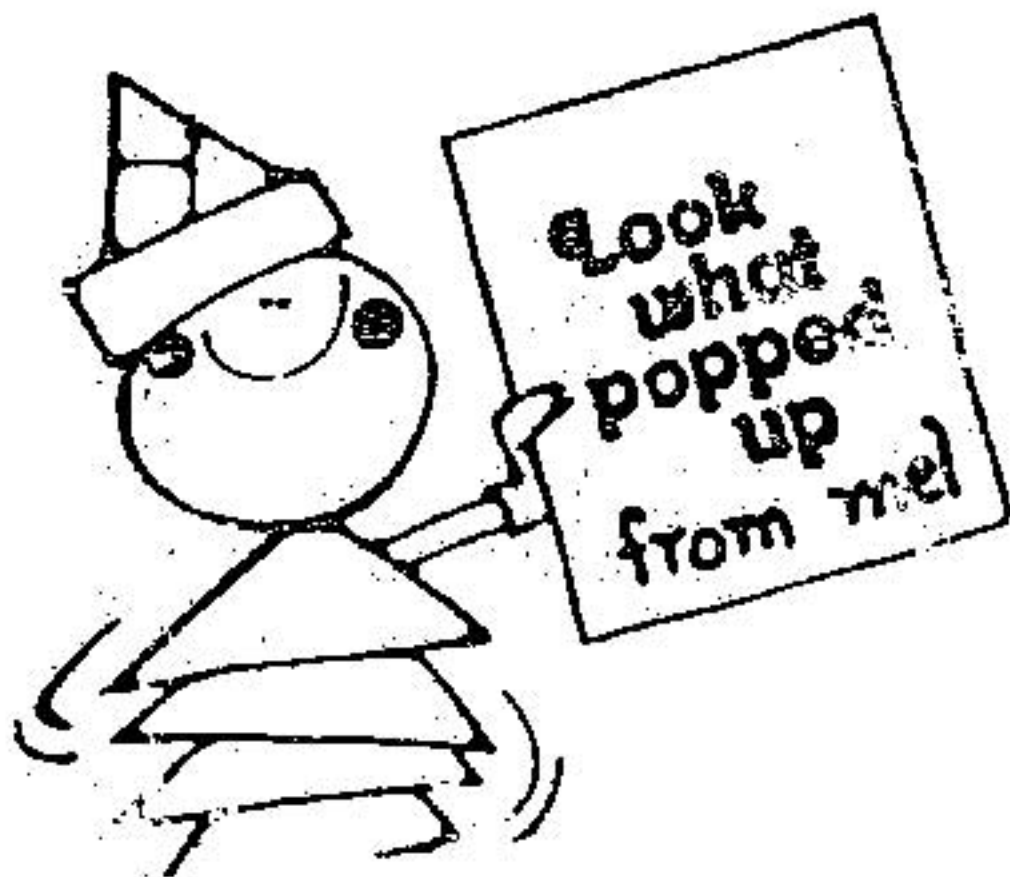
Flying a Cherokee, brother Mel had an interesting experience.

Waterloo Approach (providing flight following): Cherokee 123, I've got a primary target at your 2 o'clock, 3 miles, altitude unknown. Looks low and real slow.

Cherokee 123: Waterloo, any info on altitude or speed?

Waterloo Approach: No, primary target only. Wait a minute ... disregard. It's a semi on the interstate.

Everett Hemann



preparations for the visitation of three Cardinals from Rome.

We now have passed the century mark in the number of members who have renewed their NAPP membership. The new membership card for the year 2003 is enclosed with this newsletter if you paid since the last mailing. Those who have not done so will again find a reminder in the form of another dues envelope. Please return that as soon as possible.

Thanks to all who have renewed. A special thanks to those who have included some extra bucks. As postage and printing costs continue to rise it helps in that there is more to share with others.

There has been quite a number of changes - addresses & phone numbers - coming in from the annual dues. So many I've decided not to list them. The new directory will be out in a few months and they'll all be in there.

John Walsh sent a correction to the NAPP annual minutes. He and George Gratton were present in Albuquerque. Some how their names never made the list.

During the past months I have had several email messages from Msgr. Joseph Barbieri, a priest from Canada, and currently a member of the Vatican Diplomatic Corps. The past several years he has been assigned to one of the African nations. A few months ago he wrote from his present assignment in Warsaw, Poland. Joe has been doing some flying there but says the language, and more recently the weather, is a bit of a problem for him at this time. He is interested in pursuing an instrument rating so we may meet Joe at one of our future meetings when he comes to the States to fulfill that dream. In the meantime he says he is preoccupied with

The resolution at last summer's convention to offer a \$500 scholarship to a priest working towards a private or other rating will work only if we promote it. Use every opportunity to encourage interested persons to take that first step in getting started.

Ev made mention of the Midwest regional meeting in Des Moines. 13 attended. No pictures as it was not allowed. I know the Eastern region had several meetings but no reports so nothing to report.

REMINDERS

NATIONAL MEETING

Ames, Iowa
July 9 - 10, 2003

MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Hosted by Gene Murray in NW Iowa
April 29, 2003

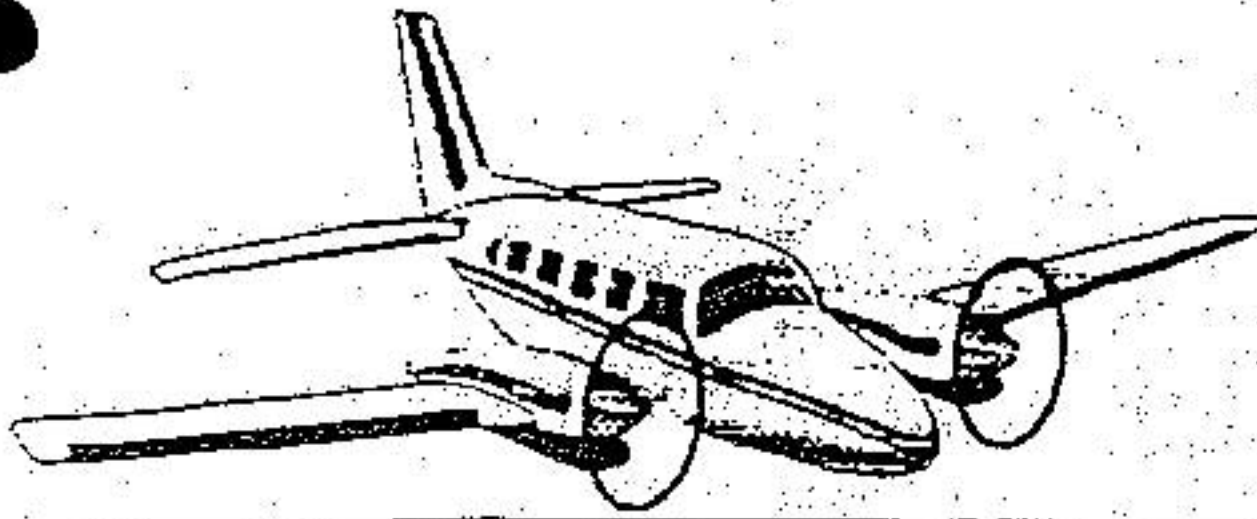
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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

*From Frank & Pat Weidinger
Camas, Washington*

Greetings from Frank and me,
Frank is doing fairly well. He is not mobile anymore. We're happy to have him home. Our daughter and son-in-law are a big help to me. Frank hasn't had a major illness since last September, praise the Lord!

Greetings to all who knew Frank. He remembers all of you with love.

God bless all of you.

Pat & Frank

*From Mary Christie Dumont
Sebring, Florida*

Hi Father Mel!

Always enjoy the news letter.
Hope things - all good - happening in your world.

Love and hugs!

McD

*From Tom Bishop
Palmer, Alaska*

Hi Mel!

Another year and it's dues time.
We are missing Father Kelley's smile.

Haven't found anyone to fill his shoes and with the slow up in our fishing economy, his pastoral care is sorely needed. No permanent pastor has been found, for Dillingham or Kingsalmon, not to mention the other thirty or so stops Jim managed to make. Please add that to your prayers.

Haven't sold the twin yet so hopefully there is a reason for that. It is by far the best plane I take care of. And I've got to tell you that not having Jim drop in and say nothings wrong but by the way could you look at this, has not helped my feeling of loss.

Thanks for keeping me on your list.

Peace to you Mel.

Tom Bishop

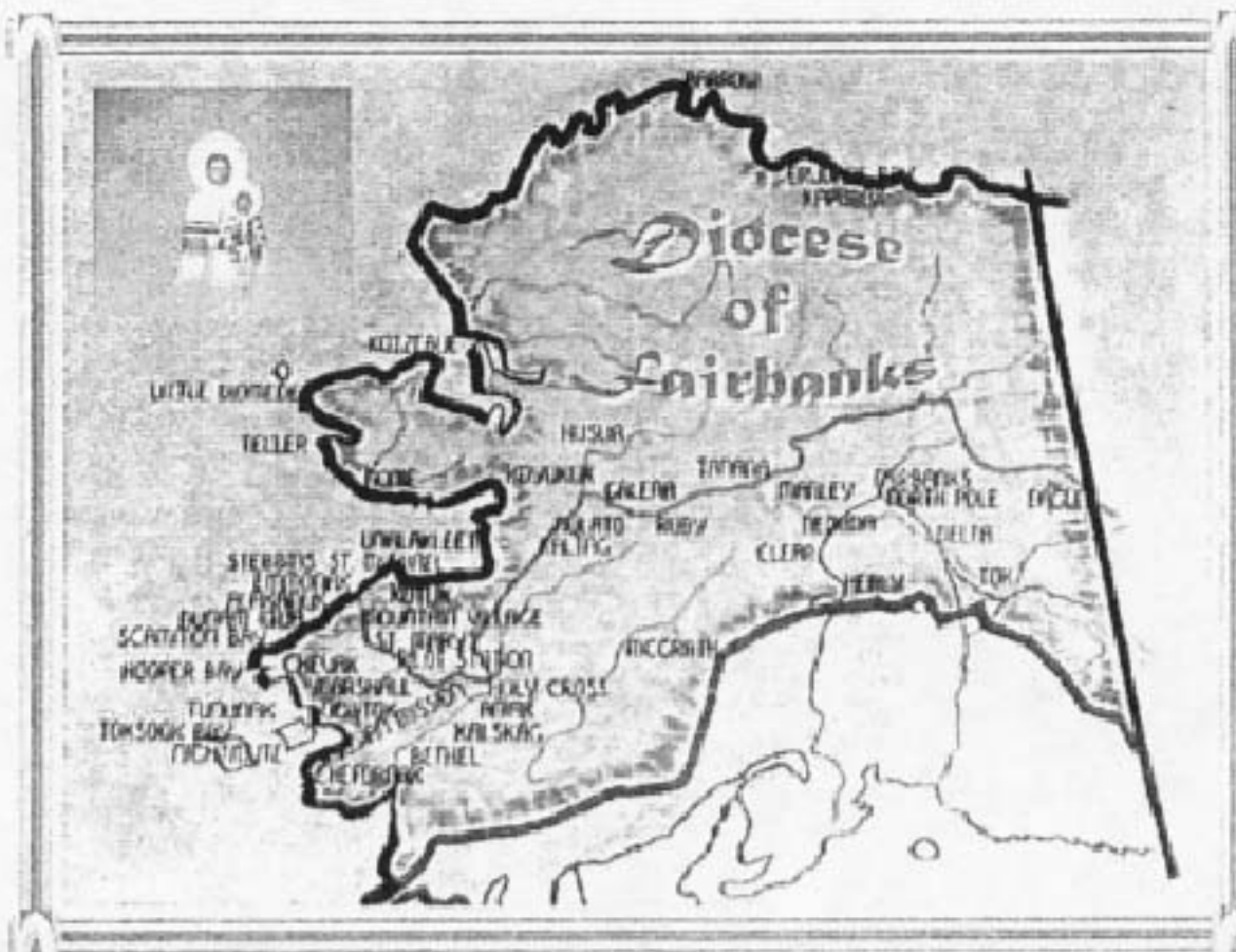
*From Everett Miller
Scales Mound, Illinois*

Mel,

Busy some place every weekend. In between - Days of Recollection and Parish Missions. Love every minute of retirement, especially the freedom from administration and responding to Rockford about money.

Hope all is well with you, John and Everett.
God bless all!

Ev



From Bishop Donald Kettler
Fairbanks, Alaska

11 Sept. 2002

Dear Mel, President Ev and all NAPP members -

I appreciate the kind and generous gift of \$1,000.00 to the Diocese of Fairbanks on the occasion of my ordination. To date, I have completed most of the required flying activities for private pilot. However, I have not yet taken my written or flying exam. Hope to do that soon.

I would be interested in receiving your newsletter. Thanks again & God bless you.

Bishop Donald Kettler

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From Marc Tilia in Brazil

12 Sept. '02

Dear Mel,

I have made 12 trips to or from the States to Brazil and enjoyed it immensely - But Australia? Put it in a container. (Editor's note: Reference to last issue about delivering a plane to a diocese in Australia). Certainly don't load the plane with anybody besides the pilot. If he needs help, he is not the one who should go.

Note to Frank Nemmers. In Brazil, in matters of radio, fuel or maintenance, don't trust

anybody but your mother...and keep a close eye on her.

Sincerely in XPO!

Marc

Marc Tilia

(Editor's note: Here in Waterloo we have an FBO who for decades has been buying and delivering planes all over the world. For years they sold planes to buyers in other lands. Now because of noise abatement policies they are coming back to the States. With proper planning planes are flying back and forth over extremely long distances).

At the July convention in Albuquerque many asked about the whereabouts of John Bellon. John was one of two who had attended every convention and was our unofficial photographer.

A few weeks ago I called the place in Michigan where John has lived this past while. I left my message on the answering machine. Several days later I received a call from one of the priests who lived with John. He informed me that John's general well being had deteriorated to a point that he could no longer be left to care for himself. The decision was made to move him to the St Clement Health Care facility, Liguori, MO 63057. Phone: 636-464-3666. I called John and had a nice visit with him. We also talked about some how getting all the NAPP picture albums to me so they remain a part of NAPP's heritage.

Bob Kirsch now holds the distinction of being the only member to have attended all NAPP conventions through 2002.