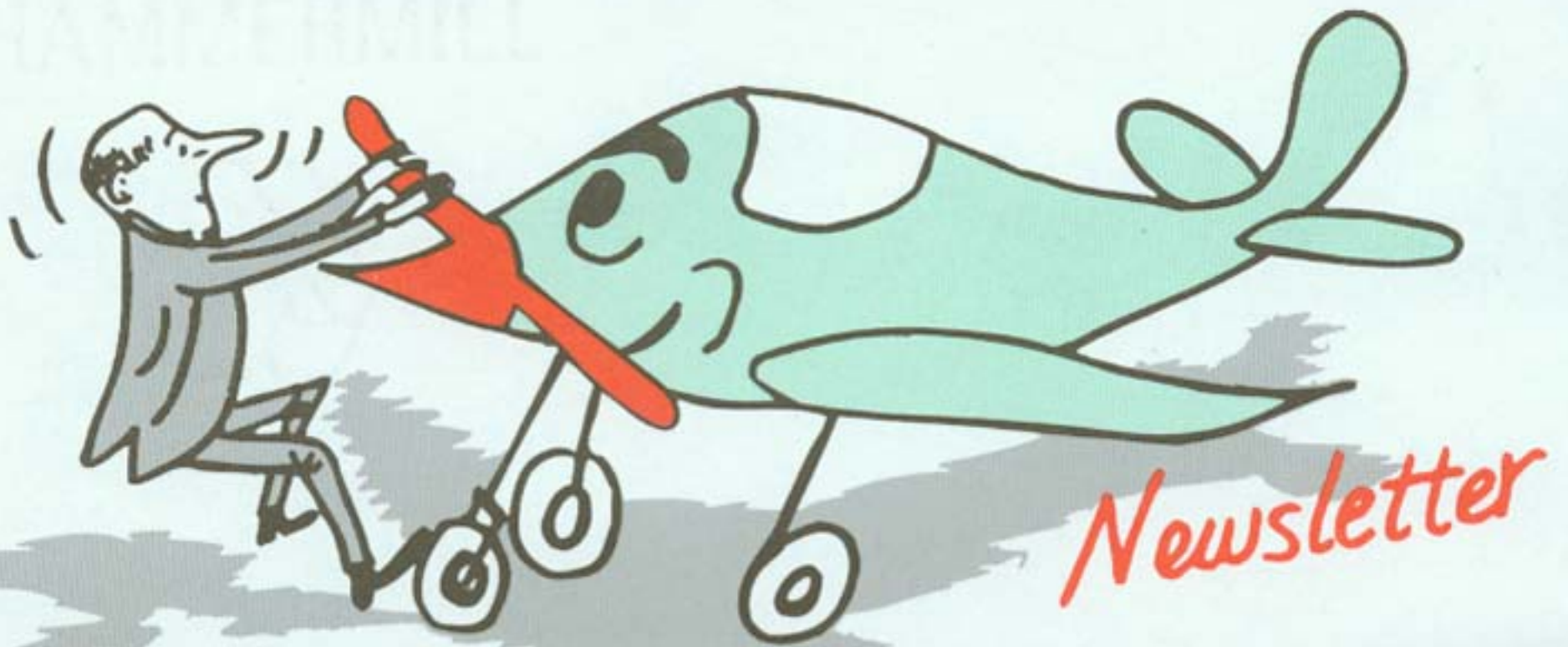


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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's an easy 38 minute flight to Sioux City. The Vocation Director picks me up and we discuss two Iowa State students in our Priest Discernment Group. Lunch is with a priests group in Sioux City. As chaplain at a state university, I try to retain contact with pastors throughout Iowa. Evening banquet is at the Knights of Columbus State Convention. Knights are very generous to campus ministry. I give a report to the 350 delegates on spiritual activities at St. Thomas Aquinas.

A parishioner attending the Convention drives me to the airport about 9:30 PM. A 65 minute flight to Cedar Rapids was challenging with icing and some freezing rain. Saturday I teach a 6 hour class on Liturgical Presiding with 45 laity preparing to lead Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. The 40 minute flight back to Ames is easy IFR. I arrive just in time for the Saturday afternoon Mass.

Most days do not find me traveling that much. In the past month, I have made 4 other trips which I could not have done without a plane. I live 3 hours or 50 minutes from Dubuque, depending how I travel. A generous STA supporter allows me to use his Cirrus when he is not using it. It allowed me to participate in ordination, Archdiocesan Worship Commission, annual Priests' jubilee, visit an alumnus and go to my Jesus Caritas group.

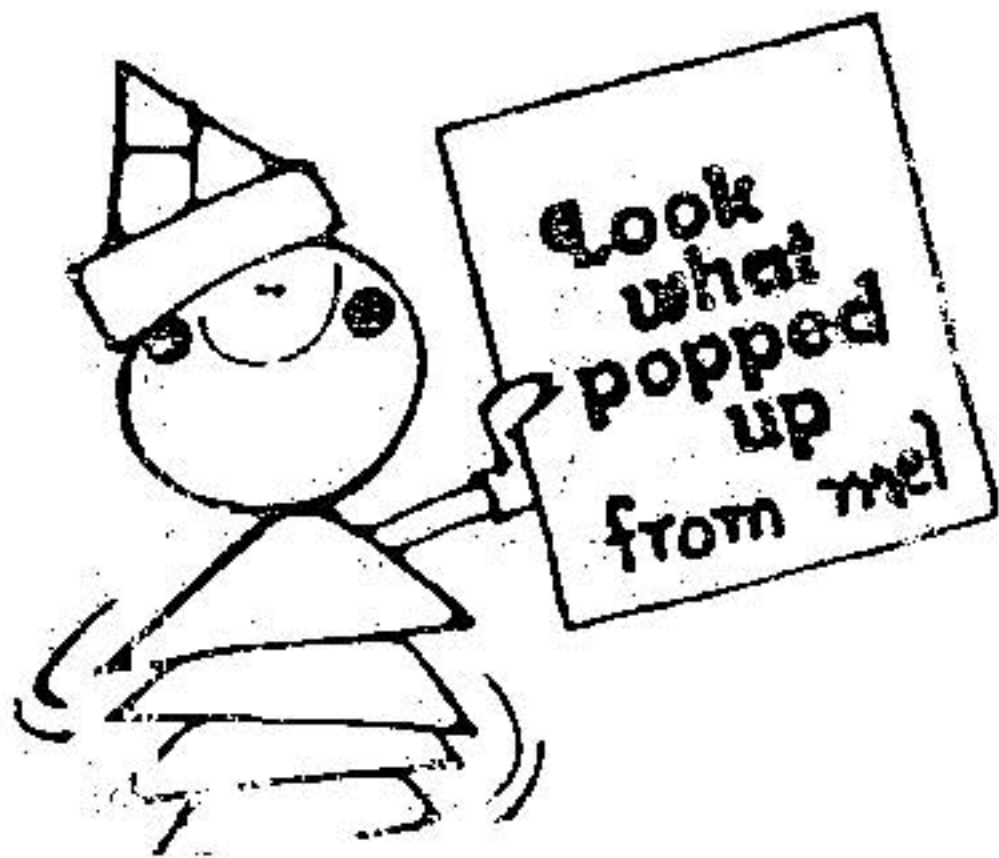
Flying enables me to provide MORE ministry for MORE people. Flying also provides a wonderful balance in my life FROM ministry. I still do some instructing. This reminds me of a student's response to my critique of his landing.

"You're simply impossible to satisfy. I just finished navigating successfully through a boiling fluid swirling around a rotating sphere that is hurtling around a fusion reaction source at thousands of miles per hour. This system is moving in a circular motion around a black hole at who knows what speed, while the space it takes up is expanding. And then I bounced the landing six inches. SIX MEASLY INCHES! Get off my freakin' back!"

We're not going to be judging your landings when you come to Ames next month. We just want you here..safe! See you.

Rev. Everett Hemann





This issue has the final copy of the official registration form for the July 8 - 9 convention in Ames, Iowa. A couple of "improvements" have been made to the schedule. These changes, hopefully, will make our days together a little more user friendly

Be sure to get your reservation in so you won't miss this mid-America event. Like all our previous gatherings the Ames group has planned events that would be hard to duplicate anywhere else.

*The South Dakota Spring meeting proved to be a delightful day for those in attendance. Bad weather kept some away. Those of us who made it had a very worth while day*

*Our Fall gathering will be hosted by Fr. Bernard McCoy at the Cistercian abbey near Sparta, Wisconsin. The date is Monday, September 29. Put it on the calendar. Details will come later.*

Fr. Bernard McCoy, the Cistercian mentioned above, asked me to share the following information with you.

The monks have come up with a unique way of putting food on the table. Bernard has

developed a web site that makes it possible to purchase cartridges for your printers and fax machines at a tremendous discount. I gave it a try as have several local parishes. And the prices are fantastic.!!! It's true!!!

[www.LaserMonks.com](http://www.LaserMonks.com) is the address to type in. Search out the equipment you use and the replacements you need. You can order on line.

A bit of advice. UPS charges are the same for packages up to 2 pounds. You might want to remember that in ordering.

## **REMINDERS**

### **NATIONAL MEETING**

*Ames, Iowa  
July 8 - 9, 2003*

## **REMINDERS**

### **2004 NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

*Frasca Field  
Urbana, Illinois  
July 6 - 7, 2004*

### **Fall Regional Meeting**

**Monday, September 29, 2003**

We are in the initial process of searching the possibility of having a NAPP web site. If we can work this out and make it a reality we may use it in the future to share the newsletter with those who have the capability of receiving that mode. It would save mucho bucks. We could use the extra cash to help others in their work.

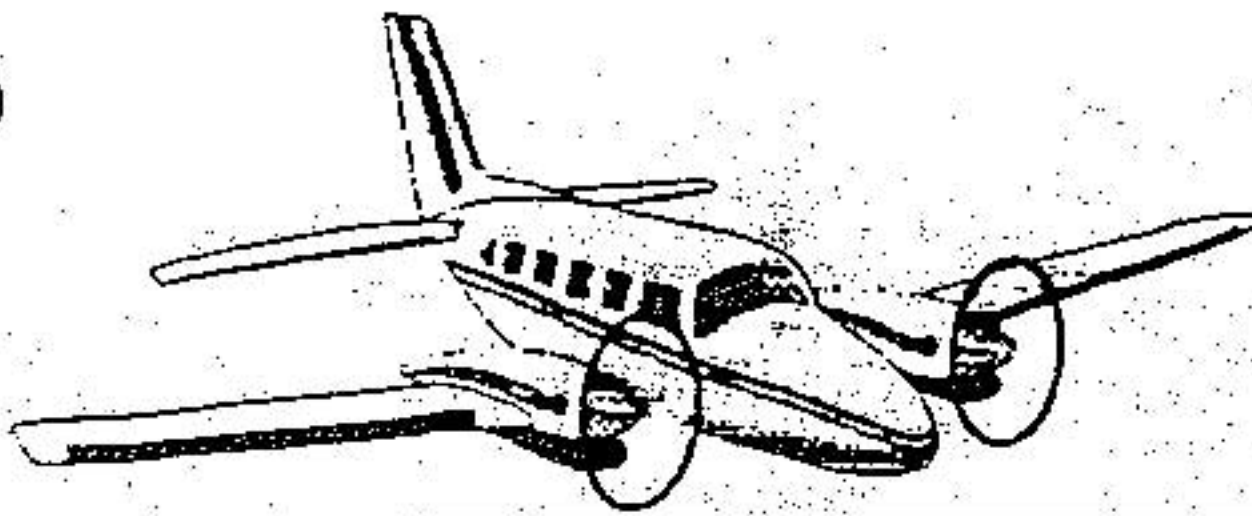
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## BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

### BIO OF PAUL BERGE, AMES NAPP BANQUET SPEAKER

From Iowa Public Television

"To the best of my knowledge, Senator, these are the facts of my life as I recall. Allowances must be made for the first 2-3 years as I was not terribly observant.

"I'm told I was born in Newark, New Jersey. The name of the hospital eludes me but it did have a diner across the street where my father drank coffee and smoked unfiltered Luckies awaiting the news of my arrival. I was late, so he moved to a tavern down the block where he lost \$13 shooting pool with some fat guy from Minnesota.

"After that it was the typical Eisenhower Era childhood: TV dinners, Lionel Trains, Yoo-hoo, and Catholic guilt. At age 18, I joined the Army. Apparently there was war in Vietnam, and since my draft number was 320 and I was headed to college—a place I didn't want to be—I joined up.

"They made me a Pharmacist (no kidding) and sent me to Monterey, California. After that, I was sent to Hawaii for 13 months, where I learned to body surf and fly airplanes. I still fly airplanes. In fact, that's one of my first loves. I'm very egalitarian about loves, so have many firsts. The Vietnam war ended, no doubt in part due to my prescription filling abilities under fire.

"I managed to stumble through four years of college and graduated with a BA in European History from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Tried graduate school, but grew bored after a year, went home and wrote a novel called *Bootleg Skies*. Someone accidentally published it. Sold dozens of copies. "Wrote three more, luck ran out; piled up mounds of rejection slips. So, remembering what Sister Belladonna told me in the third grade, "When you get lemons, make lemon daiquiris," I contacted a producer named

Joe Pundzak and together we created the radio drama series, *Rejection Slip Theater*. "Didn't make a nickel but RST is still on WHO 1040 am, Sunday nights at 9.

In between fighting wars in Hawaii, gleaning liberal arts degrees in California and producing weird radio, I've managed to work 17 years as a FAA air traffic controller-13 at Des Moines International. I've written for a handful of aviation magazines and currently edit one called *IFR*, which stands for Instrument Flight Rules. "I fly as often as possible and manage to do a little flight instructing in my 53-year old airplane whenever weather and spare parts allow.

On a more personal level, I'm married to a veterinarian named Kathy, who always travels with a pack of Bernese Mountain Dogs at her heels. We've been married for almost 20 years. "Together we've been raising a wonderful little girl named Emily who is becoming less little with each passing year; she now has nine to her credit. She loves to read, draw, and fight world hunger. Oh, and she knows the words to Groucho's "Hurray For Captain Spalding." Can't say the same about her mother, the doctor. But Emily can't spay a cat, either, so it all balances out.

"We live outside Indianola, not because they won't let us in, but because we like woods and fields and power outages in winter. My favorite movie is *White Christmas*; my favorite color is red because it's easy to spell. My favorite book is *Horton Hears a Who*, favorite Beatle is John and favorite baseball player is dead. But, then, so is Lennon. These things happen.

"I don't own a necktie, but I've been to Italy and all but six states in the US. I don't play a musical instrument but once shook hands with Richard Nixon (true). I was in Pharmacy School at the medical center where LBJ died and still get choked up when Old Yeller dies. That's about it."



## DEAR FRIEND OF ST. PAUL MISSION

Joseph R. Vieira  
Livermore, California

In my telephone conversations with many of you, after my sad letter of Fr. Koalas accidental death, I said I would send out another letter with details from the NTSB accident report and the autopsy. I said then that it would take several months. It has been more than a year.

We received the autopsy report from the State of Alaska. The report showed that there had been nothing physically wrong with Fr. Kelley that would have contributed to the accident.

The NTSB report is available on their web at: "www.nts.gov/ntsb/acclist.asp?month=3&year=2002", look for March 23, 2002, report ANCO2FAO25. This is for those of you who have access to a computer and wish to read the full report.

The report gives the circumstances and conditions of the aircraft, the weather, the pilot's experience and locality of the accident, but no definite cause of the accident. They found no preimpact mechanical malfunctions in the aircraft or its history that could have contributed to the accident.

The facts are that Fr. Kelley left Dillingham airport for Togiak at 10:32 am on March 23, 2002, in overcast weather conditions with 2 miles visibility and light snow. Light snow, fog and low clouds were expected in the mountains between the two towns. Togiak, 60 miles to the south, reported satisfactory flight conditions with 10 miles visibility at that time. Somewhere, enroute to Togiak, flight conditions must have deteriorated significantly, because Fr. Kelley turned north to return to Dillingham. Somehow his aircraft struck the top of 1300-foot Tuklung Mountain at high speed. The impact flipped the aircraft over on its back smashing its structure and causing Fr. Kelley's death. It took two days to reach the wreckage because of severe stormy weather conditions.

Archbishop Schwietz of Anchorage has asked the Rev. Leroy Clementich to continue the work of St. Paul Mission. You can continue your assistance to St. Paul Mission by sending donations to Fr. Clem at P.O. Box 810, Dillingham, AK, 99576, the original mission address.

A school teacher and parishioner in the town of False Pass, on an island in the Aleutian chain,

is going to write a book about Fr. Kelley. He is Charlie Epperson, P.O. Box 30, False Pass, AK 99583. His e-mail address is "charlieepperson@hotmail.com". Charlie would be happy to hear from anyone who may have an interesting story or incident about Fr. Kelley, or a story of how he touched their life. I met Charlie when I flew the route with Fr. Kelley and I have been in touch with him on the book. We believe there is a lot of material out there that would make a good book as an inspiration to others. Don't hesitate to contact him if you would like to help.

Yours in Christ,

*Joseph R. Vieira*

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### FLYING MEDICAL SERVICE REPORT

(Abbreviated accident report from Pat Patten)

Elisabeth confronted a series of unfavorable winds in the saddle between Meru and Monduli mountains. She decided to do a right turn out of Arusha to gain altitude and then overflow Arusha field and continued northbound. As she approached Oikokola she got progressively pushed down into the valley. She maneuvered to catch an updraft, but without success. She tried to land on the road but there was solid traffic. She couldn't get over the pass and was going to go into the trees near Lengijave. She turned to put it into a field but hidden in the standing corn was a huge gully about mid-tire. It snapped off the landing gear, bounced the plane up into the air in a bad yaw. It stalled and landed on the tail and wing tip. Both wings are badly damaged. The vertical stabilizer and other horizontal and tail stinger aren't even scratched! The nose wheel and main landing gear collapsed when the plane came in. When the prop hit the dirt, it tore the engine right out of the right side of the engine cowling. All instruments and radios are intact. Neither the pilot nor the 5 passengers were seriously injured. Elisabeth should be back flying in a couple of weeks.

A Netherlands foundation has given \$60,000 towards the purchase of a replacement aircraft. There is a 1977 U206G available in Nairobi. If it passes my inspection we will pursue getting it.

A former volunteer pilot for Pat has agreed to return to Tanzania on June 13. He will assist Pat in his work for three months. Hopefully by that time a new replacement will be on line.



## MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

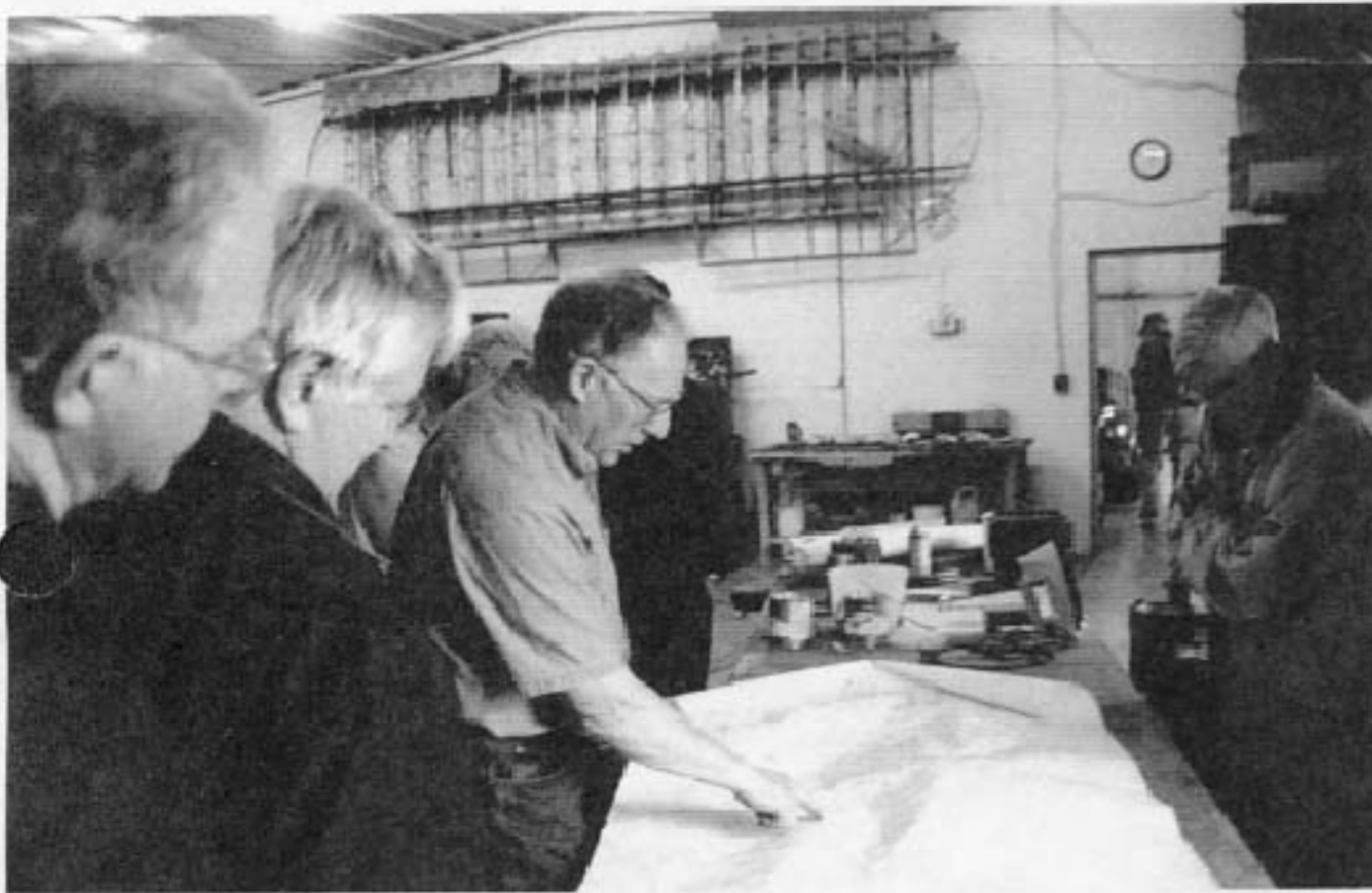
Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Tea, South Dakota

17 members and guests met at Lincoln County airport on a beautiful spring day. After a tour of the airport that featured several experimental aircraft under construction all shared a noon luncheon in the local EAA chapter's hangar

Following lunch a short flight took all members to the Larchwood, IA airport. Here they observed the Piper PA 12 factory owned and operated by Jerry Phillips. After 30 years many A & Ps are uncovering planes with very rusty tubular frames. Jerry manufactures a whole new frame to keep those planes flying. Last year he built and sold 25. For our Alaska membership you might find it interesting that about half his work goes to your state.

After a fantastic home cooked meal by Ed and Gene Murray's brother and sister-in-law all went home at the conclusion of a very interesting day.

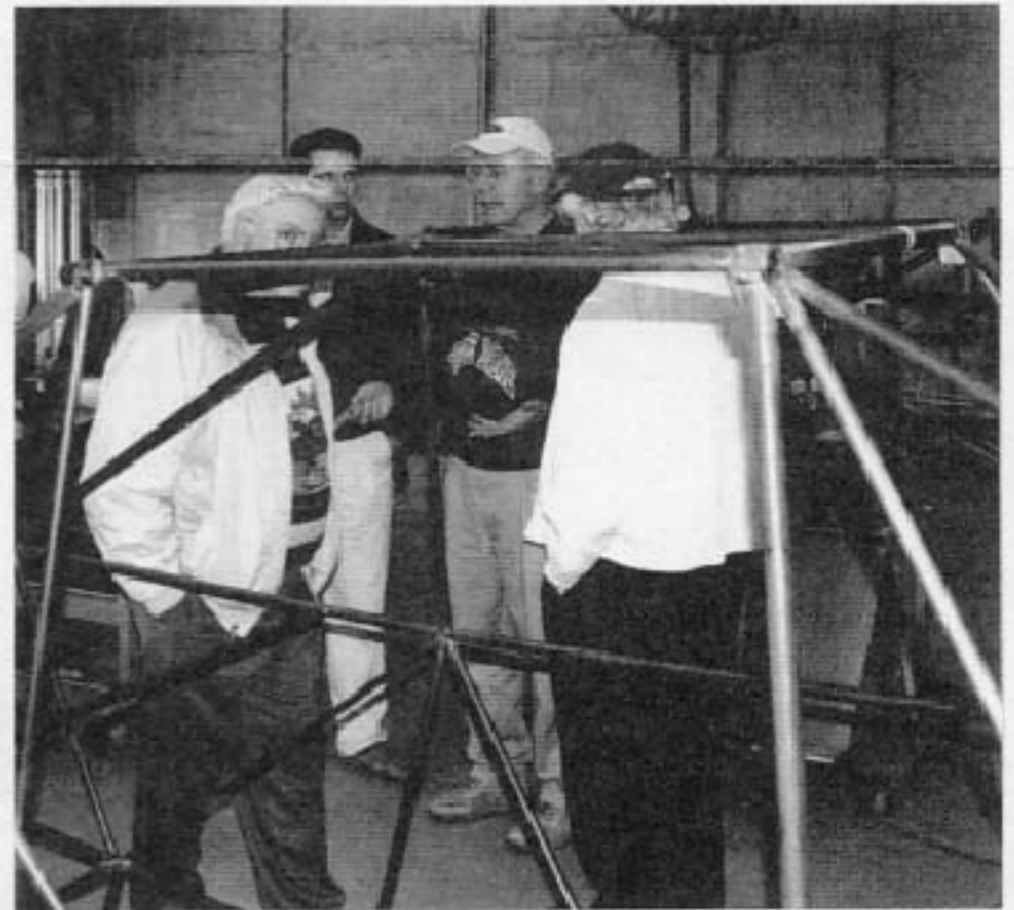


JERRY PHILLIPS SHOWS  
PA 12 BLUEPRINTS TO  
NAPP MEMBERS AT HIS  
SHOP IN LIVERMORE, IA.

ONE OF THE FRAMES  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
IS SHOWN BELOW.



A TYPICAL NAPP PILOT'S ARRIVAL



FEARING NEXT NAPP AUDIT  
TREASURER MEL SEEKS  
ANONYMITY BEHIND PA 12 AIRFRAME

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS CONVENTION**

**Ames, Iowa**

**July 8 - 9, 2003**

Arrival: July 7 - Mon. Gather at Ames Airport

**Hospitality at airport 1:30 PM till last arrival**

*The party continues at STA*

July 8 - Tue.

**\*Tour C-6 "the cave" at Iowa State University**

The world's only 6 sided virtual reality room

**\*Visit the Spacecraft Systems & Operations Lab at ISU**

**\*Tour Reiman garden - includes largest USA butterfly collection**

**\* Demonstratives, INC**

An Ames based company which illustrates aviation accidents

**\*Cookout dinner - annual meeting - The party continues at STA**

July 9- Wed.

**\*Living History Farms**

**\*KCCI weather station with chief meteorologist John McLaughlin, CFI pilot**

**\*Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas**

**\*NAPP dinner with Paul Berge, editor of IFR magazine, as speaker.**

*\*The party continues at STA.*

July 10- Thu. Departures

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Checks are payable to **NAPP**

2004 NAPP Annual dues will be collected at the Convention.  
**Dues: \$20.00**

Additional gifts are welcomed

**Return Reservation Form to: Fr. Everett Hemann**

2210 Lincoln Way Ames IA 50014

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*I am making my own room reservations at the Memorial Union*