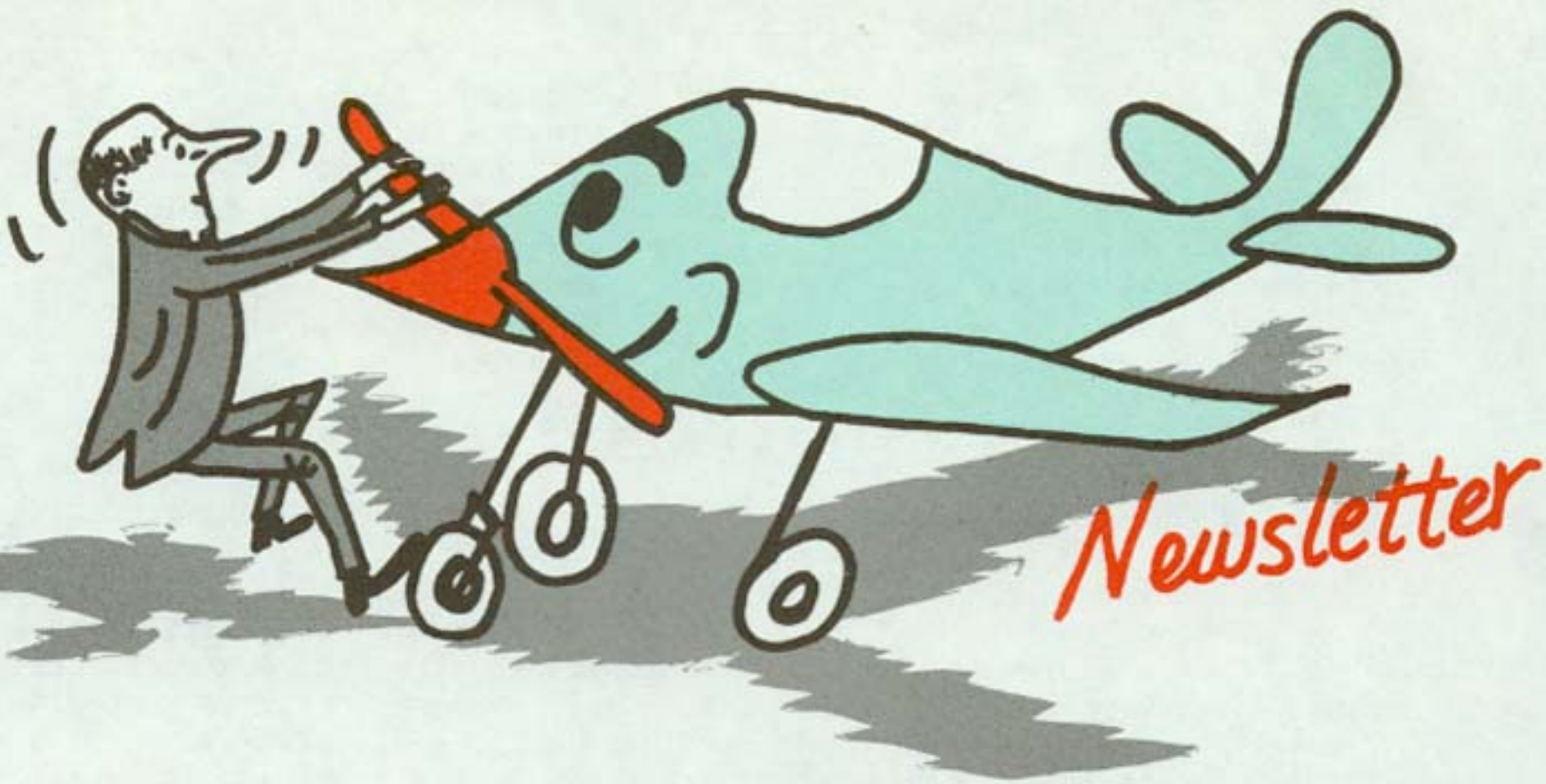


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Your President Says This:

ABOUT TRAVELING TO ALASKA FOR THE 18th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Please refer to the February 1981 "Newsletter" concerning information about obtaining your IF.R. and V.F.R. charts and approach plates. My route of flight last May with the Tomahawk was: Canadian customs at Estevan, Saskatchewan; overnight at Saskatoon then over Edmonton, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson and overnight at Watson Lake and to Whitehorse, Haines Junction, Burwash Landing, Northway (Alaska and customs), Glenallen, Palmer and Anchorage.

From the responses which I have received I am suggesting that WE DO NOT plan a gathering place in the lower 48 states. Only one suggested it be done while eleven others felt it best we travel North/Northwest from our points of departure. Those on the mountain slopes and West coast will find it more practical to go North through British Columbia without coming East to a meeting point. Thus, NO MEETING PLACE.

A couple of planes from the East will be trying for Winnipeg for Sunday overnight. Mel and I, each flying Piper Archer II's, are planning Saskatoon for Sunday night. I would like to suggest that when you cross into Canada on a Sunday try not to get stuck with paying a lot of money to go through customs. A little extra planning ahead of time might save you a few bucks. The same would be true when you return if you enter the lower 48 states on a Sunday you could pay extra, so be careful.

One pilot suggested overnight, Monday, at Watson Lake, Yukon. My response is NO NO NO. Watson Lake has a good airport with a fine weather station, BUT, the airport is about nine miles out of town. The town has only ONE motel and only ONE eating place, which closes at 8:00 p.m., and has only ONE taxicab and stores are not open after 6:00 p.m. I know this for certain because I spent ONE night in Watson Lake last May. Whitehorse, the next stop about two hours up the line, has excellent accommodations in the town and the airport has excellent facilities.

I suggest flying the Alaskan Highway, at least from Watson Lake, to Anchorage. You could pick it up as early as Fort St. John. The distance between the mountains along either side of the highway provides a VERY SAFE avenue for flight.

Put together some kind of SURVIVAL KIT or rent one if you care, but do plan to have this item along. My survival kit last May weighted 28 lbs. Sacrifice a little luggage or a few gallons of fuel to provide the survival kit. With fewer airports in Canada, the Yukon and in Alaska you can't fly the last gallon of fuel out anyway, you should plan to land more frequently. Navigation aids are rather modern, much improved over eight years ago when we flew to Whitehorse.

SUGGESTED SURVIVAL KIT

Hand Compass
Matches (in a waterproof container)
Candles
Flashlight(s)
A Hand Strobe Light
First Aid Items
A Good Pocket Knife
Hatchet and Saw
Fish Hooks and lines

Plastic Container(s) with Fresh Water
Candy Bars
Granola Bars
Some Dried Fruit
Water Purification tablets
Sleeping Bag & Blankets
Tent (maybe)
insect repellent
Whistle

IMPORTANT!!! IMPORTANT!!!

MAKE SURE YOUR EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER (ELT) IS OPERATIVE BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME.

----- ABOUT THE 1981 MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY

If you discover the 1981 "BLUE MEMBERSHIP CARD" with this mailing then you have paid your dues. If you do not find the membership card then you still owe your dues. Please forward your \$10.00 dues money to our treasurer, Charlie Teufel.

The 1981 Directory is also enclosed. A decision was made by myself and the editor of our "Newsletter" to save approximately \$80.00 - \$100.00 AND NOT print the pictures this year. No one, whose picture was printed last year updated with a current picture, and only three new pictures of members were received this spring when they paid their dues. Mel and I felt that you could use the 1980 Pictorial Directory" to see what we look like. Besides, just a few more than half of the names in the directory have taken the interest to provide their picture so we thought we could save some money, and ask you to use last years directory if you want to see a face. I beg the understanding from Barrett, Reder and Scanlan whose pictures were provided this year but are not being printed at this time. Maybe next year we can get some updated pictures and some from those who haven't provided the first one yet.

158 names appear in the 1981 directory. 49 changes appear from last year; they include 12 new members and 35 changes of addresses and phone numbers and 2 deletions. IOWA leads the list with 25 members.

----- ABOUT THE AGENDA AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN JULY

I would like to suggest that you begin thinking about the following items for discussion at our annual meeting. If you will not be able to be with us in Alaska you might send your thoughts and ideas to myself, or our secretary, John Paisley.

-- A change in our constitution and by-laws. Presently our "regular" membership is for "any catholic priest citizen of the United States....." We now have members who are citizens of Canada and Australia. We have an "associate" member who is a citizen of England. We have not changed the membership status to include the "ordained lay deacon" and this probably should be done now also.

-- A receipt for our annual financial donation. I have received one suggestion thus far and more details will be given to me before the meeting. Maybe the "Wings Of Hope", since our 1980 donation wasn't as large as we had hoped. Maybe leave some in Alaska for our own priest pilots there. Suggestions, suggestions, please.

-- Election of Officers. I have served two terms as the First Vice President and am now completing my second term as President. I will not be able to be re-elected because our constitution allows the President only two terms. A new president and first vice-president must be elected this summer. Eight years in office makes one anxious to look forward to the "retirement benefits".

-- Convention site for 1982. The mid-west is the location. Do we have someone in the area who will come forth and volunteer so we can make the announcement at the meeting? How about the Air Force Academy in Colorado! Do I hear from Chaplain Ronald Newland on this suggestion???

-- Other items. If one of the members has other thoughts to be discussed you may forward them to me before the next "newsletter" and I'll try to get them printed here so everyone can think about it before the meeting.

FACTS ABOUT ALASKA

Greetings from Alaska!

Anchorage

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Crossroads of the Air World

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

GEOGRAPHY: Anchorage is situated on a bluff overlooking the Knik Arm outlet of the Knik River at the head of Cook Inlet in south central Alaska. The city occupies 51.1 square miles of the 1500 square mile area of Greater Anchorage Area Borough, and is seat of the Borough government, as well as site of many state and federal government offices. Nearby are Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Much of the Borough terrain, which varies from level to gently rolling to mountainous, is heavily forested. Topographic features include Cook Inlet, Knik Arm, Turnagain Arm, Knik River, Hood, Goose, Spenard and several other lakes, a number of creeks, and Portage Glacier. To the east are the Chugach Mountains and to the south the Kenai Peninsula.

Surprising to many people, this region has a more moderate climate than some of the North Central States. Temperatures range from 15 degrees during winter to 69 degrees in summer, with occasional periods of colder or warmer weather. Average annual precipitation totals approximately 8 inches of rainfall and 65 to 75 inches of snowfall. Average relative humidity is 70.8%. Prevailing winds are from the north, with an average velocity of 6.5 miles per hour.

POPULATION: Present population of Anchorage is estimated to be 295,000.

TRANSPORTATION: Local bus transportation is furnished by People Movers. For information about routes, fares and schedules, phone 264-6543. Bus service to Elmendorf Air Force Base and Eagle River is provided by People Mover. Taxicabs and rental cars are also available for hire.

Bus service to other cities is furnished by Transportation Services Inc. (Seward, Alyeska), Valdez-Anchorage Busline (Valdez), and Transfar (Fairbanks). More services are offered in summer through tours. The Alaska Railroad furnished passenger service between Anchorage and Fairbanks. There is no passenger steamship or ferry service to Anchorage at the present time. Anchorage International Airport is served numerous foreign and domestic airlines. Other public airports include Merrill Field and Lake Hood (for seaplanes). There are about a dozen small airports in the area and another seaplane base. Most communities in Alaska can be reached by air from Anchorage either by regularly scheduled service or charter plane.

Alaskan arterial highways are paved. The Alaska Highway runs 1,314 miles from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada, to Tok Junction south to Anchorage via the Glenn Highway. The distance from Seattle, Washington, to Anchorage via the highway is 2,500 miles.

CULTURE: Music, art and drama are important cultural assets of Anchorage. Concerts, productions and exhibits are offered by the Symphony Orchestra, Community Concert Association, various music clubs, Civic Ballet, Little Theatre, Alaska Repertory Theatre, collegiate groups, the Historical Society, Art Museum, and several art galleries, as well as indoor and drive-in theatres.

RECREATION: The parks & Recreation Department provides facilities for a variety of recreational activities. There are parks and playgrounds, swimming pools, baseball, softball, basketball, football, tennis and hockey, plus community and recreation centers, a ski chalet and municipal golf course. For detailed information about programs and activities scheduled by the Recreation Department, phone 264-4356.

Winter sports of all kinds are popular among Anchorage residents. Among these are skiing, snowmobiling, ice hockey, curling, ice fishing, ice boating, tobogganing and dog sledding. Golf, swimming, boating, hiking, camping, hunting and fishing are among the most favored of summer activities. There are facilities for archery, bowling, roller and ice skating, scuba diving, parachute jumping and horseback riding.

Earthquake Park is the view side of the 1964 earthquake on Knik Arm at the west end of Northern Lights Boulevard. The park encompasses 135 acres and contains hiking trails and picnic areas.

Among annual events are the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous (the Rony) held in February, the Alaska Festival of Music in June, and in August at Palmer, the Alaska State Fair.

RESTAURANTS: Among well-known restaurants in Anchorage are the A & W Drive Inn, International Inn, Arctic Roadrunner, Big Boy Restaurants, Black Angus Steak House, Captain Cook Hotel, Holiday Inn, Kentucky Fried Chicken, La Mexicana, McDonalds, Hamburgers, Oriental Gardens, Peggy's Cafe, Pizza Hut, Shakey's Pizza Parlor, Travelodge, Anchorage Westward Hotel, Clinkerdagger, Bickerstaff and Pett's, and Downtown Deli.

CLIMATE

Alaska is not a land of ice and snow. It is a large subcontinent and because of its size it is comprised of a variety of climates.

Average Temperatures in Fahrenheit (minimum, mean, maximum)

	ANCHORAGE			FAIRBANKS			JUNEAU			KETCHIKAN		
Jan.	3.5	11.8	20.0	-21.6	-11.9	-2.2	17.8	23.5	29.1	30.3	35.1	39.9
Apr.	26.8	35.3	43.8	17.3	28.9	40.4	31.3	38.9	46.5	36.2	43.6	50.6
Jul.	50.1	57.9	65.6	49.6	60.7	71.8	47.7	55.7	63.6	51.3	58.2	65.1
Oct.	27.8	34.8	41.8	16.9	25.2	33.5	36.4	41.8	47.2	42.4	47.6	52.8

Annual Precipitation in Inches (average)

ANCHORAGE	14.74
FAIRBANKS	11.22
JUNEAU	54.67

GASOLINE*	ANCHORAGE	FAIRBANKS	JUNEAU	KETCHIKAN
Premium Gasoline	\$1.32	\$1.45	\$1.33	\$1.39
Regular Gasoline	1.24	1.36	1.27	1.34
Diesel No. 1	1.14	1.08	1.07	1.11
Heating Oil	.99	.86	1.03	1.07

Generally speaking, costs increase as you go north or away from the transportation centers. Of course, there are no "average prices" due to personal tastes and each family's income.

* All prices are approximate and subject to change.

NAPP TRAVEL AGENCY

By the time this reaches you some of those listed below may have found a ride to Anchorage. A couple were listed in the last newsletter but I'll list them again in the event they are still looking for a ride.

Either John or myself has been contacted by these in the past couple of months. If you have room in your bird, contact any of the members listed below who might be somewhere near you.

1. John Birk, 7404 E. Marietta, Spokane, Washington 99206.
2. Tom Brady, 5600 Cote Des Neiges Road, Montreal H3T 1Z1 (733-5600).
3. CDR James Kelly, Office of the Chaplain. Marine Corps Base, Camp La Jeune, N.C. 28542
4. Irvin Weber, St. Joseph's Church, Box 447, Benkelman, NE 69021. (304-423-2329).

Bob Kirsch, Santuario de San Martin de Porres, 6108 Gonzales, S.W. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. (505-298-7553).
Bob has room for two in his plane -- this was January.

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5. (late arrival) Steve Ebel, Sacred Heart, 422 E. 10th At. Davenport, IA 52803. (319-324-3257).

Chaplain of Hoboes Celebrates 45th Year as Priest

UNPLEASANT NEWS DEPARTMENT

We extend our sympathy and prayers to our 1981 Convention host, Archbishop Frank Hurley. His mother recently passed away and was buried April 11 in California.

May she rest in peace!



Above is the Rev. John Brickley, holding the anniversary cake one of his parishioners made for him in celebration of his 45th anniversary as a priest. Father Brickley was graduated from the Catholic University in Washington in 1935. He attended Loras College and joined then the Dubuque Diocese. At present he is pastor of St. Patrick Church in Britt, Iowa. Britt is known as the hobo capital of the world. Last year Father John was elected as chaplain of the Hoboes.

Parishioners of St. Patrick church were hosts at a dinner and reception after the anniversary mass.

SANDERSON FILMS

PRIVATE

Gene Murray
Richard Reder - waiting

INSTRUMENT

Nick Rossello
Frank Hurley - Summer
Ev Hemann - Fall

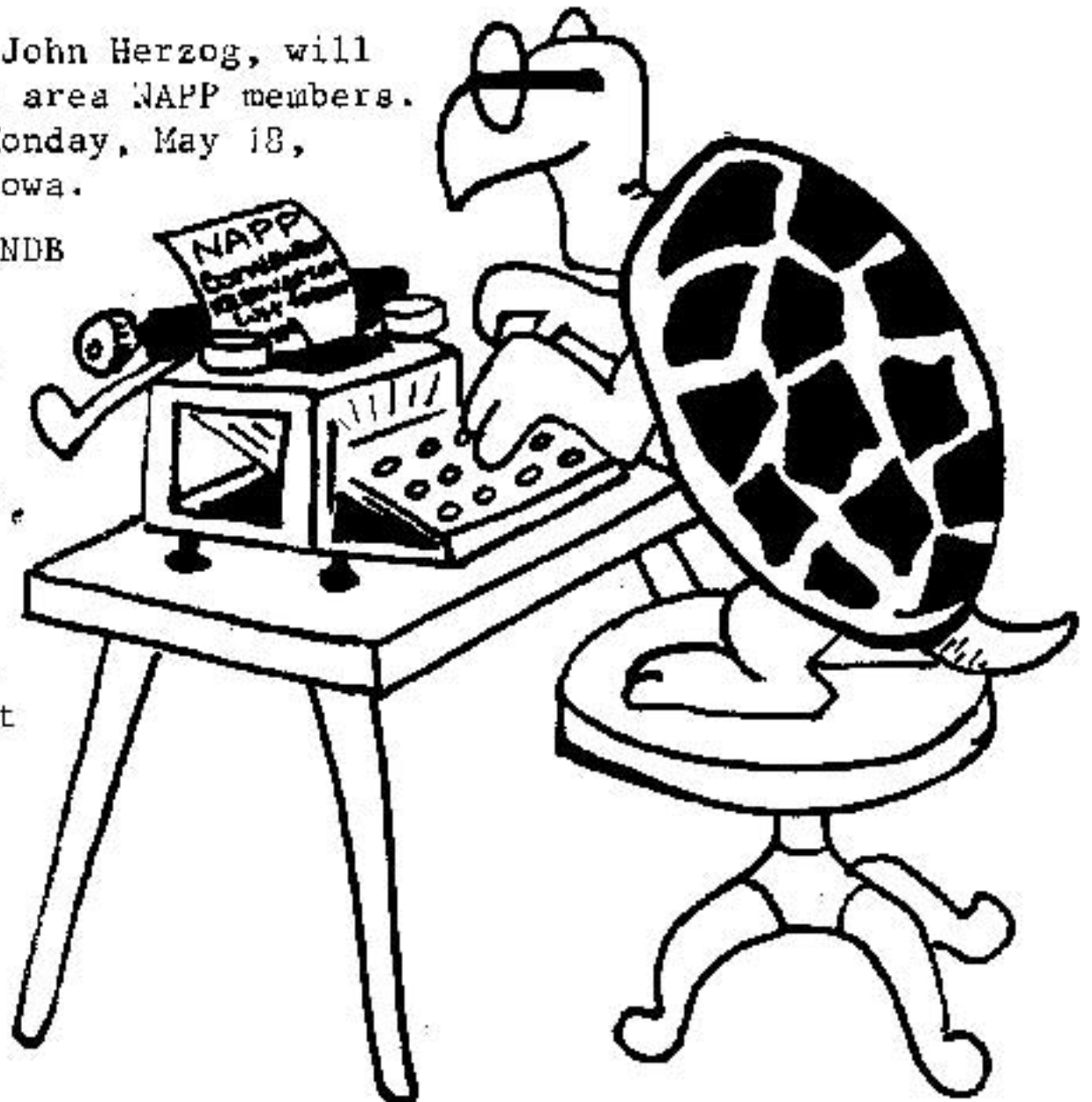
CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING

Central Regional Coordinator, John Herzog, will host the Spring meeting of the area NAPP members. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, about 4:00 PM in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

The Iowa Falls airport has an NDB approach, frequency 368.

John's address, etc. are found in the new directory that accompanies this newsletter. Please contact him and let him know when and how you are coming. Also, how long the duration of your visit will be. If, for example, you plan on making this a stopover point on your way to Anchorage for the July Convention, John may have to lay in a few more supplies.

We hope to see a goodly number in attendance to enjoy the companionship of each other.



(Editor's note: Bill's letter below came a year ago but because of some of the other lengthy articles featured this past year we are only now getting around to running it. We hope you continue to send us your news items and we'll run them as time and space permit. Mel Hemann, Box 98, Chelsea, IA 52215. That's what keeps the letter interesting and meaningful to the members. Many thanks. Mel).

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March 5, 1980

Dear John,

Just received today the issue of February 1980 of the Newsletter.

I sent you my check for \$10 for renewal on 27 December 1979 but on looking back through the old checkbook, I see where the check has not been cancelled nor come back to me. This is just one more of the foul ups of our beloved APO mail system - there are many letters that I have not received which I know were sent and I am sure the vice versa is true also.

So here is another one. If the first one shows up, keep it and use it for the Association, too.

You speak also of the Pictorial Directory - last year I sent my beloved phiz in to you - one of the first to do so - and as you said later on, the swift response so unnerved you that you promptly lost the picture and I appeared only as a name (sob!). Even though you state that if we sent you one in last year, we wouldn't have to do it again, I will send you one more -- the only ones I have - they are passport photos. Guard it with your life - otherwise I will develop a complex, Freudian or otherwise.

All goes well here in Bonn, but no flying for 10 these many months - weather, cost of gas here in Germany, etc. We had a couple of sit ins by the Iranians and one by the Communist Afghans who said on their placards that the US should get out of Afghanistan. The German police guard the Embassy and the large housing area well with horses, dogs and panzerwagen - armored tanks.

So enough for the nonce - sorry I can't seem to make any of the bashes - being over here has its drawbacks. But then the beer and bratwurst do make up for some of it. I was stationed in Europe for 9 years - 3 years in Munich, 3 years in London and 3 years in Madrid - should have been paying the government a salary.

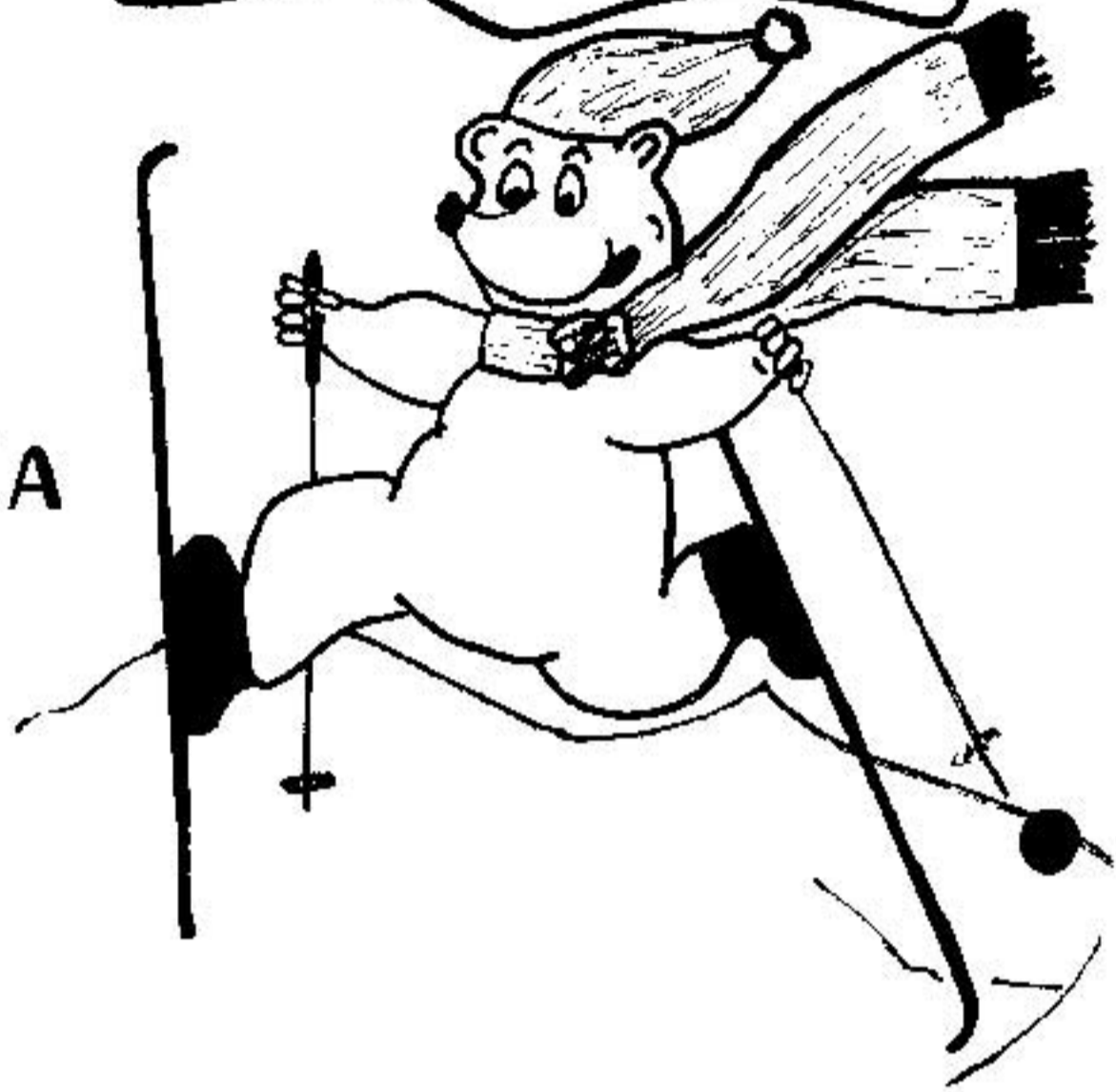
Of course 2 years in combat in Korea (where I learned to fly T33s and had jet combat missions) and a year in Nam sort of made up for it. Then the last four years before the retirement -68-71 - were glorious - I was Staff Chaplain with the 22nd AF in MAC at Travis AFB in California - our territory went from the Mississippi to India and from Alaska to McMurdo Sound in Antarctic and I flew crew member in the C141 and C5 once a month all over the Pacific - ah the sacrifices I made for the troops!

alles gute - Bill
Travis

CONVENTION

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ANCHORAGE ALASKA
july 15-16



RESERVATIONS:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ETA (date and time) _____

ETD (date and time) _____

Arrival by:

___ private plane N _____

___ commercial flight # _____

___ car

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