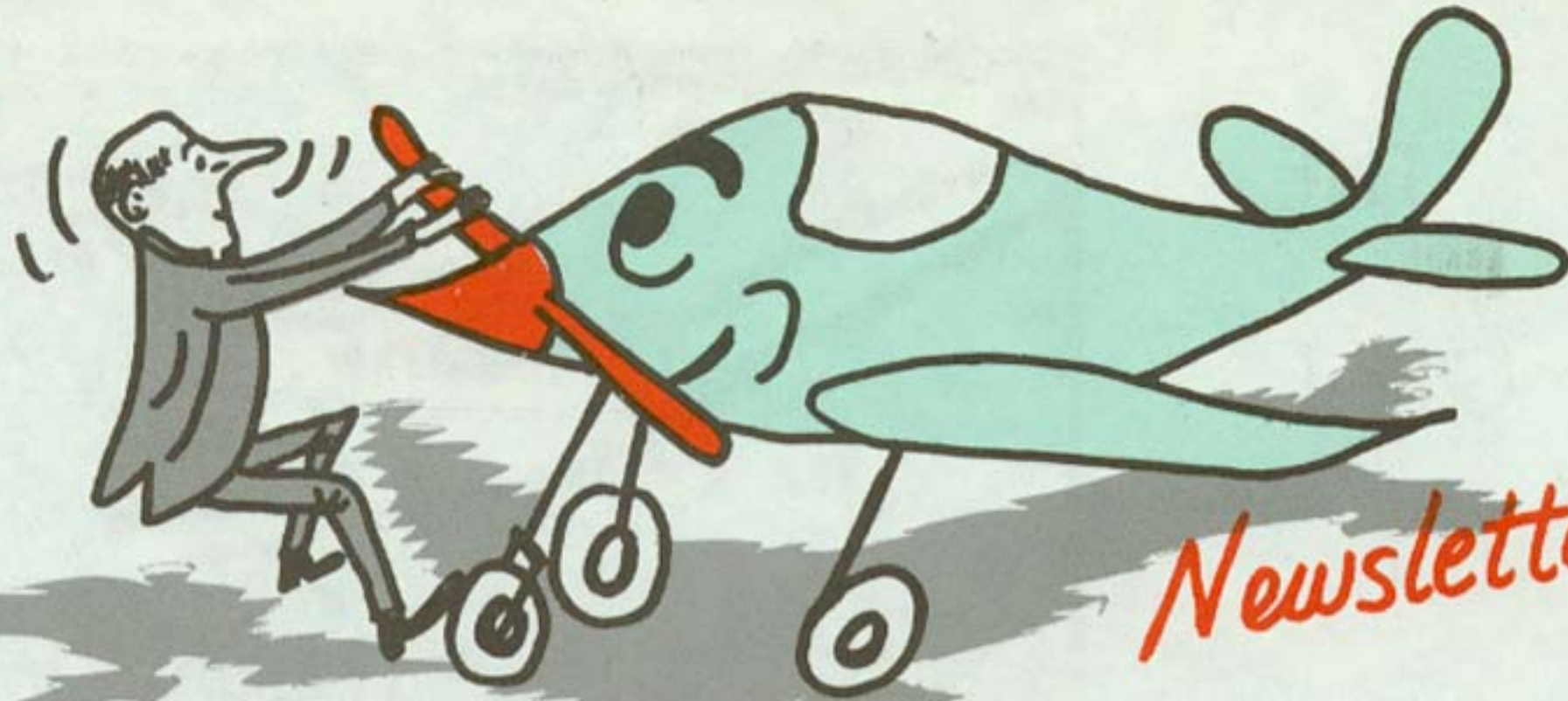


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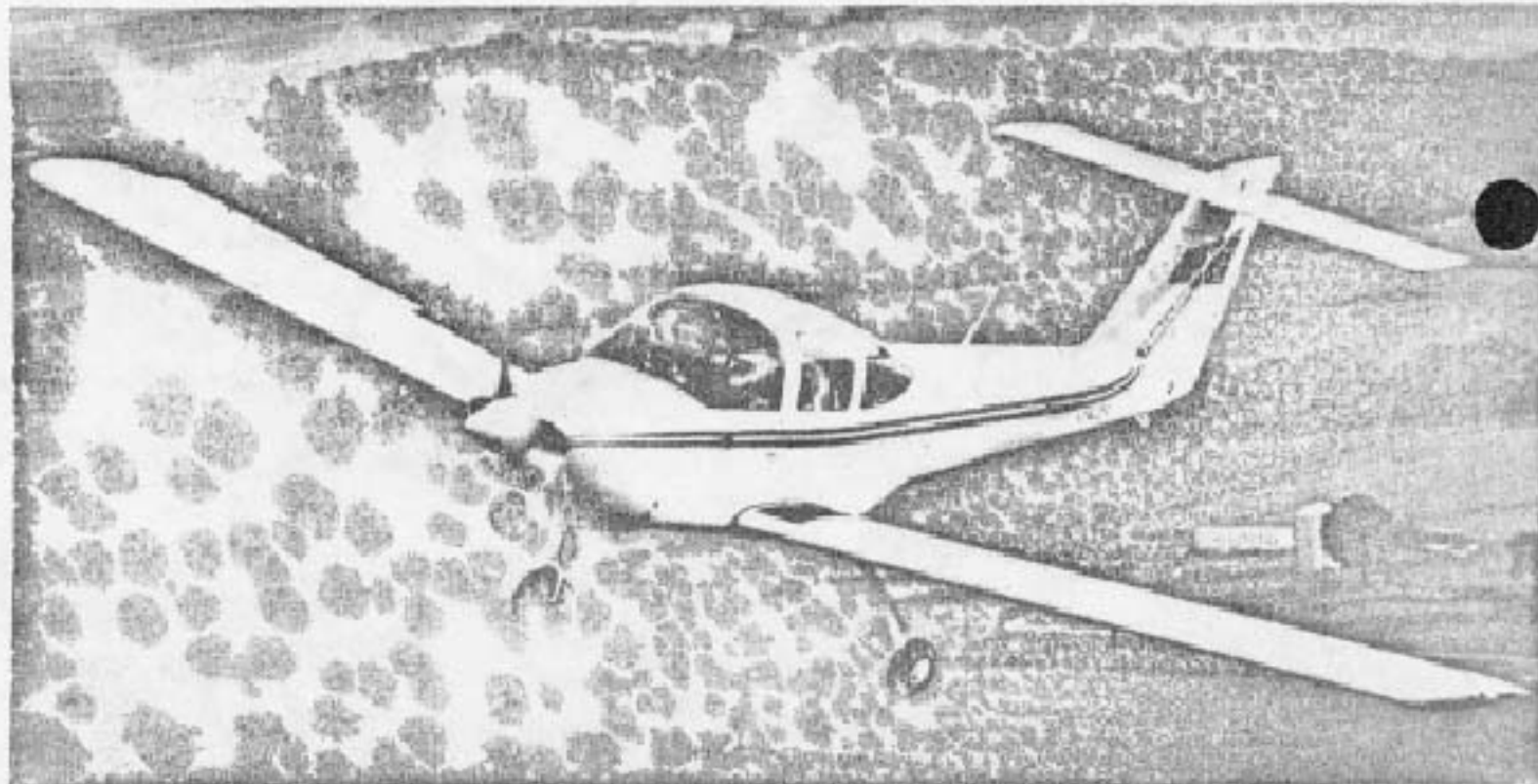


Jimmy

May the Peace and Joy
of Christmas Abide with you Always.

Fr. John W. Hemann

THE GIFT



Mr. Cyril V. Moore, of Westerly, Rhode Island, read an article in one of the newspapers in the East concerning our annual meeting in Rennselaer, N.Y, and of our \$350.00 to the St. James Society. He contacted Fr. Vic Schoenberger, who had hosted the meeting, and offered to contribute something to help "spread God's Word."

Fr. Vic contacted our NAPP president, John Hemann, and said that a 1978 Piper Tomahawk, N9765T, would be available to our organization as a gift from Mr. Moore. The Piper Tomahawk is equipped with dual VOR's, DME, ADF, XTP and 350 TT. Value \$25,000.00.

This good news came to NAPP on November 2. Our president contacted the officers in order to decide what could be done with the "precious gift." Archbishop Frank Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska, was contacted and indicated his diocese would be happy to accept the gift.

In telephone conversations with Mr. Moore, President Hemann, has been informed that the NAPP or the Archdiocese of Anchorage can take the liberty to trade the Tomahawk for a Cessna 182 or some other craft that might be even more helpful in "spreading God's Word."

Through this edition of the "newsletter" we might find one of our members who could suggest where a GOOD Cessna might be located and might be able to provide an addition to the already "precious" gift and a trade could be made.

Presently the plan calls for the Tomahawk to be ferried to Iowa in early February. A hangar, rent free, will store it until May or early June when it will continue its journey to Alaska. Several priest pilots have already come forth and volunteered to transport the plane from its home in Rhode Island to its new service "for the Lord" in Alaska.

Our organization is deeply grateful to Mr. Moore for his generosity and we are happy to assist in helping his wishes to be carried out. Amazing what publicizing our generosity and concern for spreading the Gospel can accomplish!!!

If you have any suggestions - about a trade of planes, about someone else who wants to add to the donation, or anything that would be helpful in this project we ask you to contact NAPP President John Hemann, 319-233-5242. Incidentally, John is planning to ferry the airplane and another member has suggested flying to Alaska and bringing him home. This would be done in a four place^s so if two of you are interested in a trip to Alaska in May or early June, this could be a nice outing between Sundays or whatever can be worked out. Contact John for more info

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REMINDER: When you move, please fill out one of the postal cards for changes of address and send it to me: REV. MEL HEMANN

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Many of you fail to do this. For every address change the P.O. sends because of the change of address requested on the envelope, it costs us 25¢. Others come back stamped "addressee unknown - no forwarding address." I usually keep sending the newsletter until finally the new address does come from someone. Presently I have five or six that have just dropped out of sight. So I've quit sending.

WE'LL TRY AGAIN

Ever faithful to the tenacity that has made the Midwest Region of NAFF the meetingest group that is, we will meet next April.

For those of you with short memories, or who never knew for one reason or another, you will recall the October meeting never even got the engines revved up. In order that your anxiety might be somewhat eased during this festive season we are happy to announce the new schedule of events for the Spring meeting.

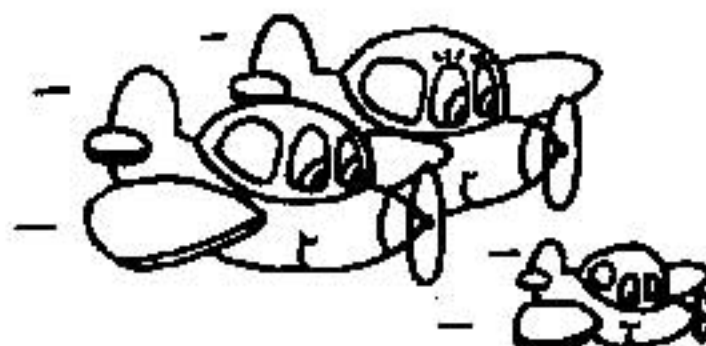
The meeting is once again planned for Aurora, Illinois. The main activity will be a tour of Chicago Center. This time around we are trying a mid-week date, Wednesday, April 16. Our host and contact person is:

Rev. Everett J. Hiller
St. Rita of Cassia
750 West Old Indian Trail Road
Aurora, IL. 60506
312-892-5918

Please mark your 1980 calendar now and plan to join us for all or part of the day. It is important that Everett knows ahead of time how many are coming so that he can make plans to meet planes and whatever motel reservations are needed.

BARRY and Nancy

a flight of three.



announce

Registration: Amy Elizabeth
Length: 21 inches
Gross weight: 8 lbs. 3 oz.
Joined formation: 11-3-79 6:05 a.m.

Come see the newest hangar addition
at 1733 Twenty-Ninth Street NW.

BARRY & Nancy BROWN

(Editor Mel's note:)

Due to the above complications I am forced to put together this newsletter without the very capable assistance of co-editor Nancy. Little Amy decided to get sick when Mama was to render her services for the greater honor and glory of NAPP. We hope this will not be a recurring trend every two months.

To bring you up to date. Nancy quit her job as a flight controller at the Cedar Rapids airport some time ago and worked at one of the local hospitals till the "event."

Husband, and now Father, Barry, is employed by Collins radio, owned by Rockwell International, as a pilot. On Monday, December 10, he earned his ATP and also received his type rating in the Gulfstream G 1. Congratulations from all of us to all of you!

BRIEFS FROM HERE - THERE

Fr. Earl Newman of the Josephites, Baltimore, wrote in November that he was scheduled the following week to take a check ride in a Cessna 337 for the CLT rating.

We presume you passed Earl and are now boring holes in the blue with that push-pull Mixmaster. Congratulations!

NAPP'ers having been in the news:

A recent issue of Catholic Digest carried an article written by Fr. Vern Schaefer of LeRoy, Minnesota. In it he shared the personal value of a priest working on a Marriage Encounter weekend. If you didn't read the original I would recommend looking this one over.

The last issue of Extension featured a seven page spread on one of the Flying Padres in Alaska. None other than the San Diego host of 1969 - R.K. "Preacher" Smith. Another article very well done. It seems very timely in light of the new "gift" going that way.

Without a doubt the best media coverage ever for an NAPP convention was that arranged by Fr. Vic Schoenberger at last summer's New York meeting. Since August I have had at least 6 calls from various papers throughout the Country saying they picked up the news releases on the AP wires and were seeking additional information. People are starting to know we exist.

On a not so cheery note, The current issue of Glenmary's Challenge has four pages on Fr. Clem Borchers - his life, his contribution to the Church, the Missions, and his death. The passing of another great man, great priest and great supporter of NAPP.

Fr. Eugene P. McCahey wrote recently that he is leading a tour of Europe next year. The tour will depart on September 7, 1980 and return on the 19th. Cost is \$1885.00 from/to New York. If you know anyone interested he can be contacted at: 10500 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge, Il. 60415

I would like to conclude this page with a few personal observations.

After 17 years and a little over 3000 hours of time as a flight instructor I recently had my first student "buy the farm."

Last December a young man from ^{the} parish came home with his private ticket. He then started an aerial photography business and logged close to 400 hours by the 20th of October. On the 19th they finished their work for the season and he stopped by to make arrangements to begin work on the IFR ticket the following week. Saturday evening he decided to take his girl friend to Cable, Wisconsin, to show her the lodge and resort where he would take her skiing this winter. The weather was marginal and yet he took her in that direction. About 9:15 PM they crashed 17 miles south east of Eau Claire, Wis., killing them both instantly.

Dan was one of the sharpest students I've ever had - an excellent pilot. Only two weeks before the accident I told him he was now in that "most dangerous" phase - flying long enough to get cocky and not long enough to really be that good. From reading the note pad with the briefing from FSS and a conversation with a friend we know he knew he was going into something that exceeded his capabilities. What drives one to do it?

1980 DIRECTORY

By this time you have undoubtedly noticed that it's that time of year again - RENEWAL TIME. You will find in this envelope the annual reminder to send in your \$10.00 dues.

In view of the help that we are able to give in the year 1980 to Archbishop Hurley just because we are seems all the more reason to keep us going. Only the Good Lord knows what he has in store for us and in what way NAPP may be the all important link to continue spreading the GOOD NEWS.

Send the dues in immediately before you forget.

Along with that we would like to encourage you to send in a passport type photo of yourself that we might include in the new pictorial directory. If you sent one last year and haven't undergone any drastic changes during the last year of this decade we can use that as we have all those on file in our rogues gallery.



1980 Convention
in Wisconsin
featuring
a day at E.A.A. in Oshkosh

Since the above preliminary notice was given you in the last issue a few more of the details have begun to fall into place.

Convention site will be St. Norbert's College in De Pere, Wisconsin. Please note the date and mark that on your 1980 calendar. This convention should once again be one of those rare experiences, especially if you've never been to Oshkosh to see and be part of the EAA convention.

More details will follow in future newsletters.