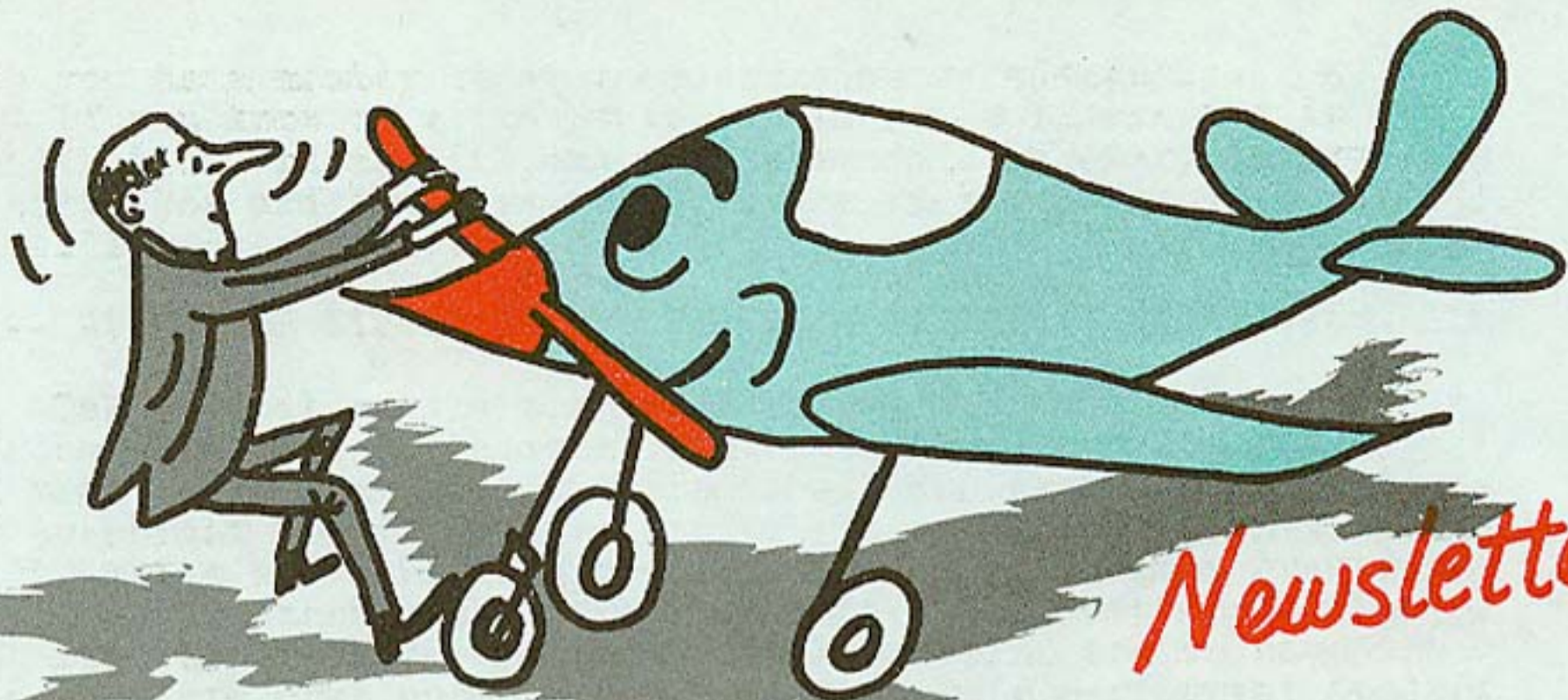


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Your President Says--

----- ABOUT ACCIDENTS

Most accidents happen when a person becomes distracted. Such was the case with myself when on January 29 I planned to pop myself some popcorn. I poured the oil in the pan, turned on the burner, and then became distracted in reading an article in the Sunday paper. The grease ignited and before it was all over, which took only about two minutes, I had second and third degree burns on my left hand. I rushed to the emergency room that night and have been making two and three trips a week to the doctor's office. There's still a possibility that skin grafting might be necessary but some permanent scars and a pink left hand will probably be the constant memory. No damage was done to the rectory. The parishioners are happy about that.

----- ABOUT RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

At this writing, our treasurer Charlie Teufel, has forwarded sixty six (66) membership cards to me. Most of them are renewals but a couple are new members. I miss the names of many of my long time friends in this list. Perhaps it happened that you laid it aside, meaning to get that \$10.00 check and card in the mail tomorrow, but now forgot all about it. Please, this is a good reminder, do it RIGHT now. (You should still have the renewal envelope. If not, simply send your check to Charlie Teufel, 219 Robinson St., Fairmont, W.Va. 26554). We want to

keep you as a member because we enjoy your friendship.

If you know of a priest who flies, or is interested in our organization, please drop me a note and I'll forward information to him. You are the best sales person we have when it comes to telling others about N.A.P.P.

----- ABOUT OUR FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Take a look at the agenda which appears on another page in this newsletter. Bob Kirsch, and his committee, have really put together a fun-filled, educational, and exciting convention. The overnight lodging at the seminary is \$5.00 per night. Some of the meals are donated and even our special program guests want to share their expertise with us for little or no cost.

That's how happy the people in New Mexico are to have the Priest Pilots come and visit them. What a "super" great feeling to know we are so welcomed.

Before you lay this copy of the newsletter down, fill out the convention form and mail it today; tomorrow at the latest. Make sure you mark your calendar and tell your parish council president, your associate, your pastor, and your Bishop (if you aren't a Bishop), that you'll be away from July 10 - 13, on "business with the Lord."

----- ABOUT THIS HOLY SEASON

The other officers, and our newsletter editor, join me in extending our best wishes and prayers to you. We trust that your spiritual experiences thus far during Lent have been growing moments for you. May the "Peace" of the Risen Christ this Easter be yours to share throughout this year.

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Central Region Will Meet

Mel Hemann will host the Spring Regional meeting in Chelsea, Iowa on May 1. The festivities will begin around 4:00 pm, or whenever you arrive.

Please let me know when you'll be arriving. The closest airport is Belle Plaine - a 2300' grass strip. Good place to sharpen up those short-field landings and take offs. Only obstruction is a high line on the north end. There are lights on the field.

The place is without a telephone so that's why it's important I know ahead of time when you'll arriving so someone can meet you.

Contact me at St. Joseph's; Box 98; Phone: 515-489-2270.

"it's another world"

CONVENTION 1978
JULY 11-12



Santa Fe ...

Name _____

Address _____

ETA (date & time) _____

ETD (date & time) _____

Arrival by:

_____ private plane N _____

_____ commercial flight # _____

_____ car

Send reservations to:
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Convention Agenda

Monday: July 10th: Arrivals all day at Santa Fe Municipal Airport: Transportation to Immaculate Heart Seminary, Santa Fe, and checking in.

Tuesday: July 11, 1978:

- 7:00 Provisions for concelebrated holy Mass.
- 8:00 Continental Breakfast at Seminary. 8:30 Board Meeting.
- 9:30 FAA Flight Specialist briefing re: high elevation operations.
- 11:30 Flight in common by all conventioners from Santa Fe Municipal Airport to Taos Municipal Airport (about 45 minute flight). Bus into Taos.
- 1:30 Lunch at the La Casa Peralta (Mexican style).
- 2:30 Tour Taos Indian Pueblo by bus (very typical Southwest Indian Pueblo, multi storied dwellings, etc.).
- 4:00 Flight back to Santa Fe.
- 5:00 Seminary: freshen up; cocktails, etc.
- 6:00 Tour on foot of historic Santa Fe.
- 8:00 Supper followed by Annual Business meeting.

Wednesday: July 12, 1978

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast at Seminary.
- 9:00 Flight in common to Los Alamos (elevation 7,000').
- 10:00 Tour of the Atomic Museum; history of Atomic Bomb built at Los Alamos 1944, exploded at Trinity Site, New Mexico same year; tour of Meson Laboratories; Desalinization reactors, etc.
- 12:00 Lunch at Los Alamos Inn (or possible cookout at home of Los Alamos parishioner).
- 1:30 Return flight to Santa Fe.
- 2:30 Tour Air Museum: at Santa Fe Airport; with rides on 1927 original American Airlines flagship; tri-engine Stinson, and other antique aircraft.
- 5:00 Washup at Seminary.
- 6:30 Mass at Cathedral with Archbishop Sanchez.
- 8:00 Banquet at La Fonda Posada, Santa Fe; guest speaker: Astronaut Captain Dick Mullane re: his assignment as crew for space shuttle, etc.

Thursday: July 13, 1978

Departure after Continental breakfast.
Briefings on side trips from Santa Fe:
into Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, Grand Canyon, Air Force Academy, White Sands, NASA Museum, Glen Canyon Dam, Lake Powell, Dodge City, fishing trips, etc., etc.

NAPP and HAITI -



Father
Bob Hogan
Mason City, Iowa

(The following letter to the editor appeared in the November 7, 1977 issue of the WITNESS in the Archdiocese of Dubuque).

It was with a great deal of interest that I read your front page article in last week's issue regarding the "appalling life in Haiti." I want to share with you the fact that Holy Family Parish of Mason City is not only aware of the plight of those people but has been actively involved for the past two years in trying to alleviate some of their misery.

The history of this concern dates to July of 1975 when the National Association of Priests Pilots held their annual convention in Nashville, Tenn. On this occasion, we had the opportunity of meeting a dynamic and mission-minded Catholic layman by the name of Harry Hosey. Mr. Hosey is working directly with Bishop James D. Niedergeses of Nashville, Tenn. In addition to making thirty-two trips to Haiti in ten years, he has also contributed \$20,000.00 of his own funds each year during that same period of time. Blessed with a lovely wife and a beautiful family to sustain him, he has dedicated himself to the people of Haiti.

The second phase developed in our parish council. In an effort not to become entrapped in parochialism and ignoring needs far greater than our own, we decided to form an ad hoc committee (chaired by John Winger) to pick out and determine a personal parish mission for Holy Family. Not just another mandated collection, but some apostolate in real need to which we as a parish could commit ourselves personally. Many were discussed and Father Milota's work with the Indians in South Dakota ran a close second but Haiti became number one for us.

After contacting Mr. Hosey for pictures, stories and more details, these were posted in the church. We kicked off the program as part of the Sunday homily. We agreed to build a two room school somewhere in Haiti for \$4,200.00; to be carried out by sending \$1,400.00 for three years. (Parish Council Minutes of Aug. 21, 1977). The first payment was sent in September.

Following the homily, one individual reacted by promising a check for the total \$4,200.00 provided the parish would maintain its own commitment of \$1400.00 annually for three years. And so it has come to pass!

You have heard it before but I will say it again, "God works in strange ways." Or is it just a coincidence? I mailed the \$4200.00 check Monday. On Saturday I read the The Witness article about Haiti and began to respond with this letter. About an hour after starting, I received a call from Mr. Hosey who just returned from his thirty-second trip to Haiti. He was elated to have received the check and said the locale of the school we will build has been chosen, Brooklyn, part of Port-au-Prince in Haiti, originally a garbage area. It was Brooklyn which your article of last week referred to and described in such depressing but realistic tones.

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Sanderson Filmstrips Schedule

IFR

Vernon Schaefer - March - April
Mel Hemann -- May - June

PRIVATE

Jack Paisley

Briefs From Here and There

Congratulations to Jack Paisley of New Hampton, Iowa. He got the private ticket on November 4. Congratulations also to his instructor, viz., me!!

Irv Weber writes from Benkelman, Ne.

"I have gone through the film strips about 4 times, and I will forward them to Father Vernon Schaefer in LeRoy, Mn. this next week. I will probably call him first.

"I hope to finish my instrument training this spring. I have been flying with an instrument instructor in Goodland, Kansas since November about three days a week, and I should be ready to take the written test very soon.

"Another note that I wish to pass along is that Fr. James Kremeier had a very serious bicycle accident in his home parish of Ashton, Ne. and has been in the hospital since last September recuperating. He has some loss of memory because of the concussion and is in the St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island, Ne. at the present time for possibly another month. (Written Feb. 4). It would be good for him if you would call him because it helps to refresh his memory. I shall see him again this next week."