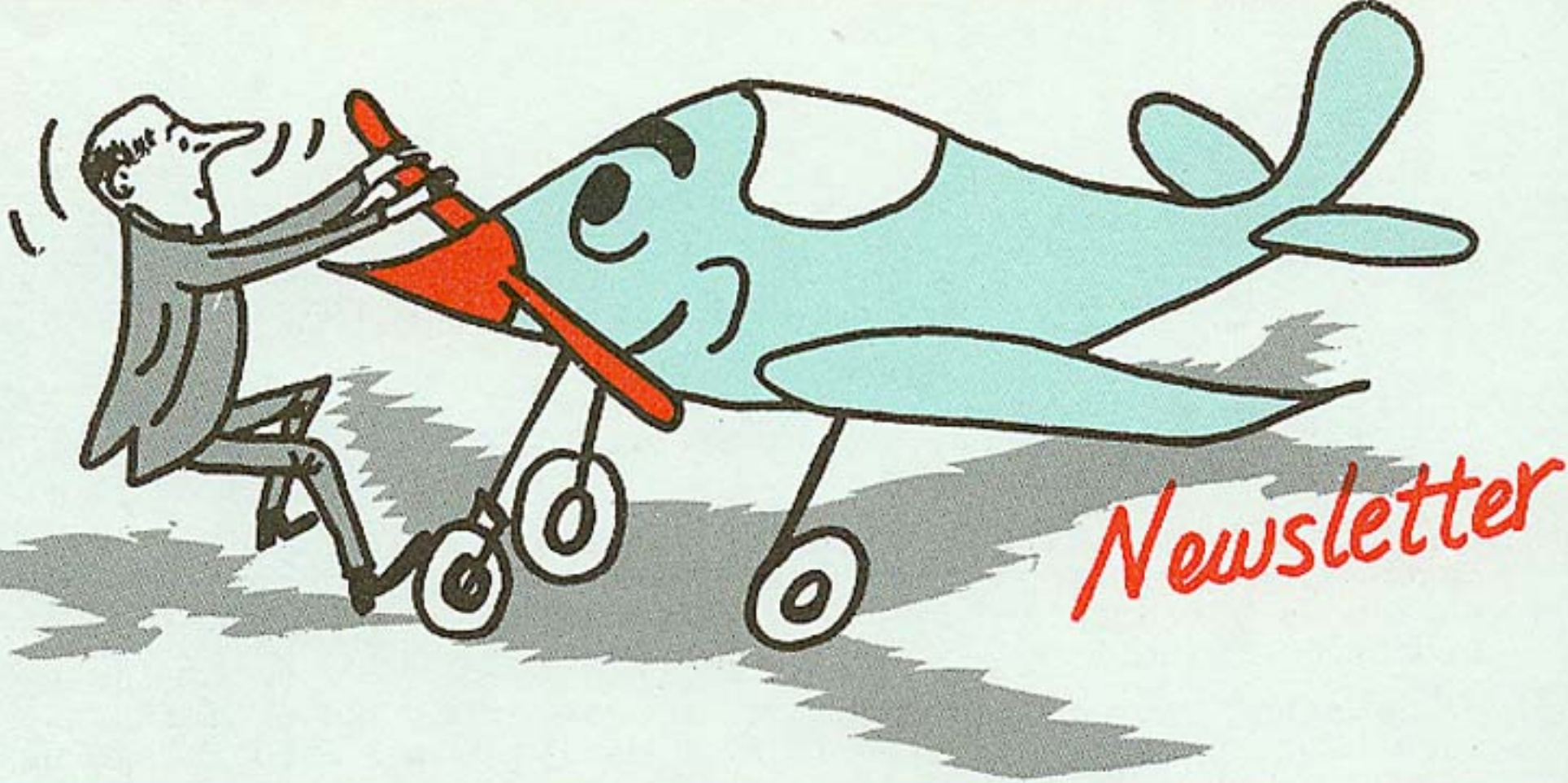


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Your President Says:

----- ABOUT THE YEAR FOR THE FIFTEENTH

When you read this, Pope Paul VI, will be celebrating his 15th anniversary and we'll be packing our flight bags for the trip to Santa Fe to celebrate our 15th birthday. At least 40 reservations are in, is yours, and Bob still has room for more. Use the attached registration form for your reservations. Next week our host, Bob Kirsch, will be mailing packets containing information for those coming to the convention.

Immaculate Conception Seminary in Santa Fe will be the "convention headquarters" so leave that info with someone at home in case of emergency. Archbishop Bob Sanchez will be with us. Abbot Charles Corrison, our first president, told me he will try to make it. We will have many "charter" members with us and we will have some new members attending their first convention with us. My guess is that the IOWA delegation will be trying for the 15th year to have the most members from one state.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY -- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS

----- ABOUT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

It's planned for Tuesday evening, July 11. Agenda is not finalized and we welcome your input. Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are offices to be filled at our election so think of someone to nominate for these positions.

What ideas do you have to improve our organization or what things would you like to see change; what do you think about married deacons becoming full members, and not just associate members; what charity should benefit from us this anniversary year and how much; who will host the convention in 1979 and where (its the East coast region); what else?????????????

----- ABOUT A NEW POSITION FOR YOUR PRESIDENT

On June 3, your president John W. Hemann, was installed as the State Chaplain for the Iowa Army and Air National Guard. John has been in the National Guard for 12 years and has the rank of a Major. Congratulations!!!!

Briefs from here & there

Bob Hogan of Mason City, Iowa recently returned from Rome and passes on this information.

The Institute for Continuing Education meets twice a year. It takes 35 priests from North America and starting next year, since there are so many requests to enter, they will allow only one from each Diocese per institute and maybe per year.

We had 150 hours of lecture from 14 different professors. Classes were 9:00 to 11:00 and 4:00 to 6:00 daily. Many good things were discussed in evening gatherings. The Profs were Jesuits, Dominicans, Redemptorists and even Fr. Quinn from St. Paul Seminary. We had one woman, Mother Sullivan, who has her Ph.D. in Sacred Scripture.

The Casa where we lived is very centrally located so a walk to the Colliseum, Trevi Fountain, St. Peter's, etc. was common. Living there in the midst of 500 churches and a pile of history was great. The cultural impact was also noteworthy.

Side trips to the Holy Land, Subiaco (where St. Benedict lived and started his Order), Assisi (home and tomb of St. Francis) were included. A bus trip and guide to Ostia and a guided tour through the ruins of the Roman Forum and the Quirinal Palace (Government headquarters) was also included. With weekends free, most of the guys took trips to Naples, Capri, Sorrento and Sicily to the south. The northern route involved Florence, Milan and Bologna. A few went to Dubrovnik in Yugoslavia.

I purchased a Eurailpass for \$380.00 which gave me the right to travel first class anytime and as often as I wanted on any train in 13 countries. It even included a free trip over the water in Greece. I took advantage of it and hit Germany, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, France, Belgium and the Netherlands and Luxemborg. After covering all of Italy from Venice to Sicily and even the island of Sardinia, I have had it. Having been through all of Spain and Portugal some years ago, I now have Europe out of the way.

I recommend the Institute highly. It certainly gave me a new perspective and facilitated understanding of all in the Church since Vatican II. The rationale given was enlightening.

This word a couple months ago from Mike Nagle In Provincetown, Mass.

I have, unfortunately, been unable to attend any of the NAPP conventions since New Orleans, but things are looking brighter. I have recently purchased a 1947 Navion - N8656H - and I hope to be able to do some more flying - and hopefully get to Albuquerque in July.

The Navion is a really nice plane to fly - it handles very easily even in a very good cross wind which we have most of the time here in Ptown. When I purchased the plane it only had 170 hours on a fully majored C-185 engine - which is good. It is fully instrumented, with a KX 160 with GS and a KX 150, 3 lmb, Bendix ADF and King Xpdr. So as

you can see it is ready to go anytime.

I'll give you a bit of my flying background. I received my private in June of 1970, my instrument on Dec. 8, 1973, and my commercial and multi in March of 1976. Right after I received the multi I walked into a great opportunity to fly a twin beech on freight runs from New Bedford to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Doing this on days off I was able to pick up about 80 hours of twin beech time - it is a really great plane to fly - very easy after you get the hang of it - especially in a good cross wind - the first time I attempted to take off, the pilot I was with did not tell me to tap the brakes to keep the plane straight - so I tried to do it with rudder only and being very inexperienced - I came as close to ground looping anything as I ever want to - it was close - but he told me on the 2nd try to tap the brakes very easily and it worked. It is much fun to fly one.

I now have 525 hours and hope to build up more now that I have the Navion to play with. Hope to see you in Albuquerque.

From James A. Kemper in Albuquerque

After many years of 'being absent' from NAPP I would like to re-join. I believe it was the second year of the organization when I first was a member, when I was in Tennessee. I sustained a heart attack and was out of flying for a while and when I got back to it just neglected to maintain contact.

So -- sign me up again! I guess Bob Kirsch is responsible. He's been keeping me abreast with 'goings on', but kept making excuses that I didn't have time to be active. Since we are having the convention here in the "Land of Enchantment" this year, I would be greatly amiss if I weren't officially a part. You'll enjoy it...

From John G. Birk in Spokane

I have been moved to a big parish of over 1,000 families along with two other priests so I can be freer to go out and give Marriage Encounter weekends and thanks to commercial aviation I have been around the country giving weekends in California, Montana and British Columbia as well as the good old state of Washington. In British Columbia we are in some hard to get places commercially so we fly private aircraft to get to places like Kamloops and Penticton. I encourage all priests to make a weekend. While couples dialogue with their spouses the priest dialogues with another priest about his spouse, the people of God (Church). Sisters also dialogue with another Sister about their spouse, God, and the people they serve. It is a communication technique and faith experience combined that really helps marriages come alive and priests find along with the Sisters a tremendous support of couples in their parish as they see each other's sacrament supports the other in a special way.

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Central Region Meeting

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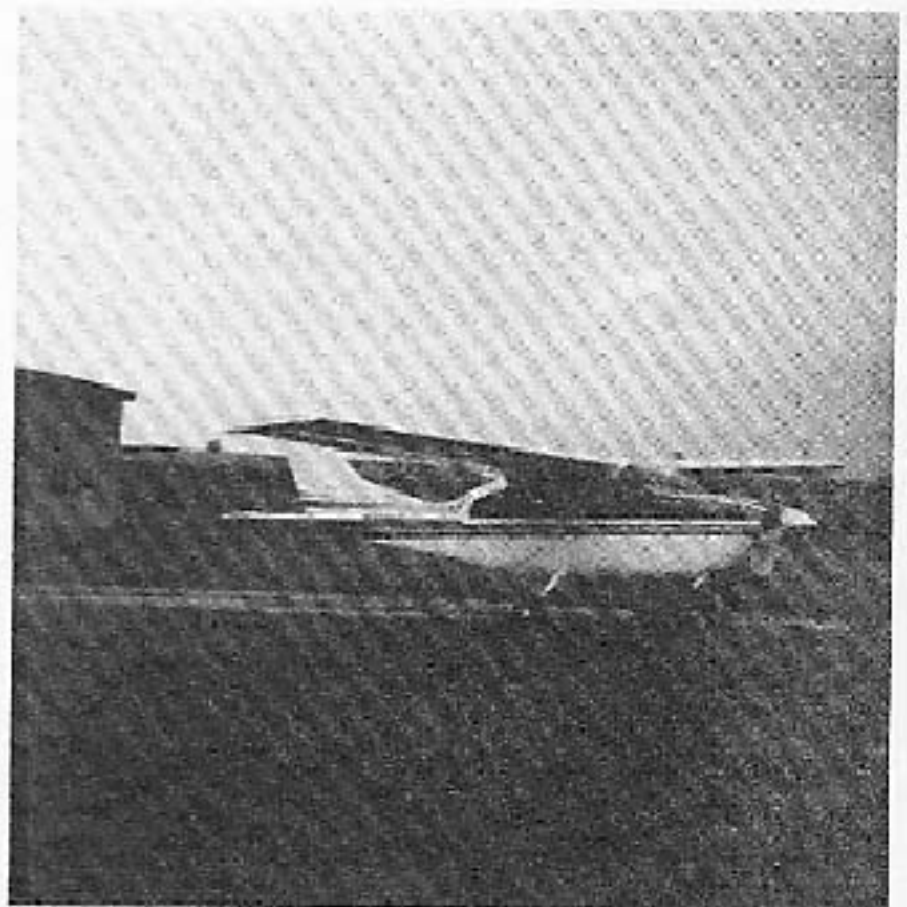
Pictured at left are a couple of planes that flew into the Belle Plaine, Iowa airstrip for the May 1 NAPP meeting in Chelsea. All together, 8 members were present. The program consisted of a tour of the Sheda Fur Co., dinner together and a lot of B.S.'ing in the Rectory before and after. Needless to say, a lot of the world's problems were solved.

A decision on the site for the Fall meeting was deferred until Santa Fe so that more Central Region members might be polled as to when and where.

We are open for invitations!

Two wheel, four wheel, or
three wheel — regardless how
you come, don't forget

SANTA FE!



By land or by air —
don't forget



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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 Feralta (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.

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world"*

CONVENTION 1978
JULY 11-12



Santa Fe ...

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Arrival by:

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