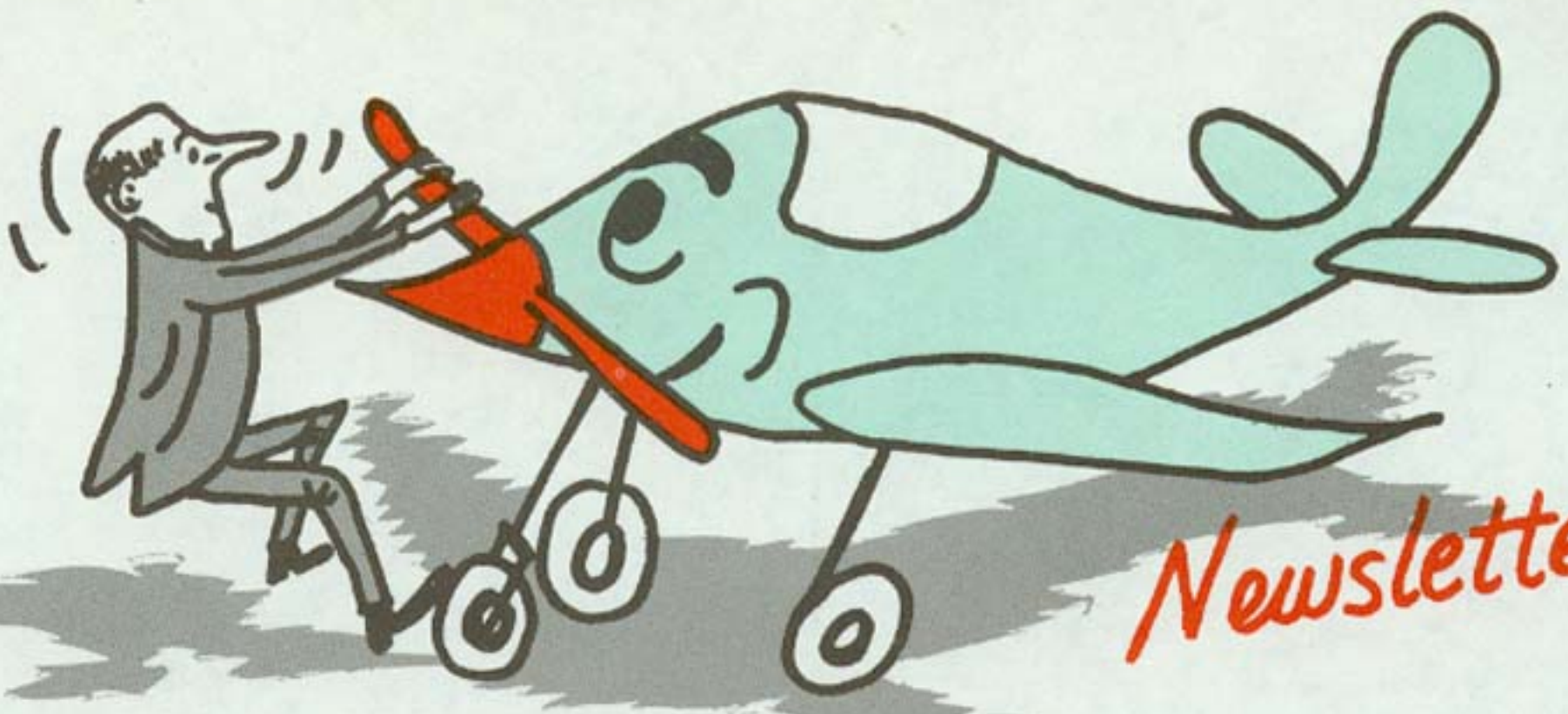


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

You may have read in your local Catholic paper that one of our members died in January. He was Bishop Joseph H. Hodges of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese. Charlie Teufel said the Bishop worked almost to the very end. May he rest in peace.



At a recent meeting of priests stationed near large airports we learned that the beautiful chapels at Kennedy International will be razed in order to provide better transportation facilities for the airport. This includes Our Lady of the Skies. Monsignor Tom Flanagan, Chaplain at the airport, supports the decision of the Port Authority. An inside chapel would be more accessible for the public. Bishop Rene Gracida, another of our members, was in charge of the meeting held in Chicago.

And how about this? Recently Bishop Anthony Bevilacqua of Pittsburgh made plans to merge six parishes into one in the town of Braddock. The population has dwindled in recent years as the people have moved elsewhere in search of employment. On April 28 the new parish will be established and will be called the Parish of the Good Shepherd. The four priests stationed there will be reassigned and two new priests will move in.

Monsignor Al Sigur has informed me that the April issue of our newsletter will contain all the information concerning our annual meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana on July 9 and 10. This will include the activities planned as well as the name of the motel, etc.

Now that the postal rates have gone up we have decided to remove from our bi-monthly mailing list all those who no longer wish to belong to the National Association of Priest Pilots as well as those who do not pay their annual dues of ten dollars. We have made it a policy never to remove those who cannot afford this nominal fee but this does not include those priests and brothers who year after year neglect to send in their small contribution.



1. Included in this mailing is another dues envelope. If you plan to stay with NAPP PLEASE send your dues to Charlie immediately.

We're all busy people and a couple of moments on your part now to send in the \$10.00 will certainly make it a lot easier for those of us who serve on this end.

As our President, John Dompka, mentions in his message we are going to get serious about culling the non-paying members we have accumulated over the years.

Please get your envelope in immediately if you haven't already done so.

2. The Midwest Region of NAPP will hold its Spring meeting on Monday, May 6, at the Don-Q-Inn near Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

Details and particulars will be included in the next newsletter which will be coming your way in April.

For reservations and more details contact John Hemann, 510 1st Ave. NW., Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. Phone number is: 319-366-5369.

3. It has been our custom to put out a pictorial directory in April with names, addresses and phone numbers (if we have them) of the NAPP members. This year we will not put out a pictorial directory as the pictures have sort of had it. Many of them have been used since we first started this about ten years ago and the printer tells me we'll have to go with new ones next time around. S-o-o-o next year we'll be asking for new mug shots!

4. Those of you who were in attendance at the 1984 NAPP convention in Stacyville will find included in this envelope your convention souvenir. It is an EFIS Pin. EFIS stands for Electronic Flight Instrument Systems, the latest in the state of the art. The new Boeings - 767 and 757 - come equipped with EFIS as will the new Beech Starship.

These pins come to us from Collins radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Barry Brown is one of their pilots and it is through him and his wife Nancy, (my faithful co-editor of this newsletter) that we have these.

The Collins Radio engineers in Cedar Rapids were the pioneers in developing the EFIS system and we are grateful to them, and Barry and Nancy, for this memento.

5. The last bit of news regarding one of our members.

Tony Attea of St. James parish, Jamestown, NY, was named a Monsignor on October 18, 1984. The blurb from the diocesan paper says: "Father Attea has served as an assistant at St. John the Evangelist, Buffalo, and Immaculate Conception, Buffalo. The Williamsville native was also with the Missionary Apostolate at St. Frances Cabrini, Collins Center. He was named pastor at St. James in 1978."

Congratulations Tony!

BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

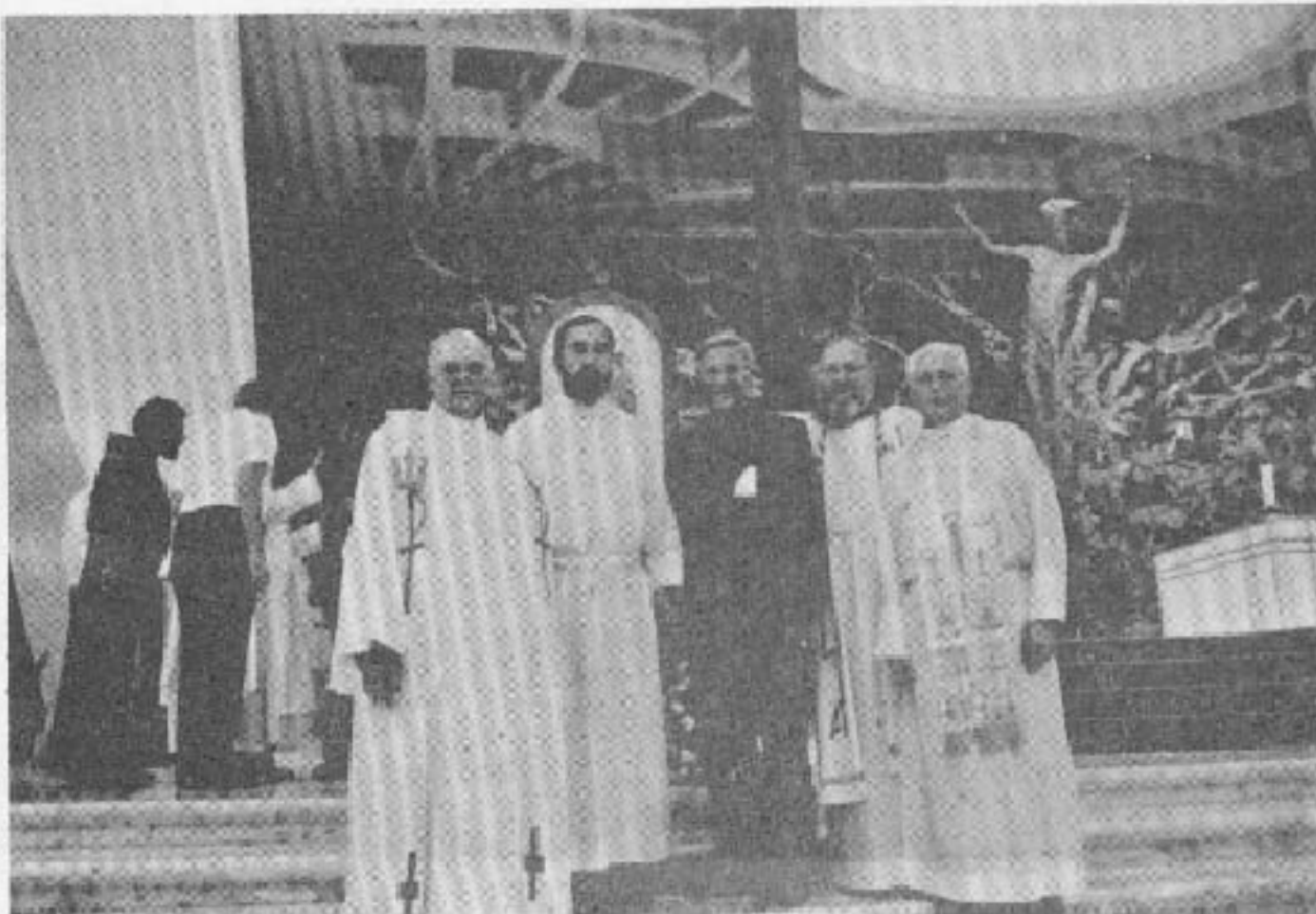
This letter comes from Joseph M. Nettekoven, dated 6 - 16 - 84:

Please excuse the fact that I will not be there for the Hemann's celebration. But I will remember you all in my tour through Europe, which spans June 18-July 4. You have my prayerful congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years!

Some day I may even meet you guys, but for now it will have to remain "solely on a spiritual plane." God bless!

P.S. I got my instrument ticket in April - WOW!

Bert Pepowski of Pulaski, Wisconsin sent the following on February 12. It has reference to the picture that was taken in Paul VI audience hall at the conclusion of the World Wide Retreat for Priests at the Vatican last October.



The good news is that I finally got the slide that was taken by the Franciscan brother of mine while in Rome. It took a while for us to get together on this.

It was good seeing you in Rome. Looks like your trip after ward was great. Ours was too - we went to the Holy Land for 5 days.

God Bless you!

(Pictured left to right are: Ben Bauer, John Wolesky, Mel Hemann, Bert Pepowski, and George Schneider).

This one from George Remm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kewanee, Illinois:

Please enroll me as a member of this Association. My check is enclosed. I came across the reference to this Association in the February 1985 edition of Private Pilot. I have a Private Pilot Certificate #337266192 for Airplane Single Engine Land. I was issued the certificate on December 13, 1982, and had my biennial flight review in December 1984. I have a total of 178.8 hours so far, all in Piper aircraft: Tomahawk, Warrior, Archer and Cherokee. I am a diocesan priest with the Diocese of Peoria, ordained May 29, 1960.

Bill Edwards from Wings of Hope had the following in his Christmas letter. It sort of ties in with our East Africa story in the last issue.

We are sad to report that our good friend and pioneer member, D. Robert Werner, died unexpectedly on November 23rd. Back in 1964, the Remmert-Werner Organization generously installed all of the avionics and other equipment which

we put into our first Cessna 206 which Max Conrad delivered to East Africa early in 1965. Bob had been very busy during 1984 functioning as Chairman of the Hangar Committee. Bob Werner served on our Board of Directors and was Chairman of our Aviation Committee. George Haddaway said it best: "Bob Werner is irreplaceable..."

The following letter is from Emil Sasges:



Just a note to let you know my parish has been extended to Clearwater where I now reside for four days a week. My address should be changed to St. James Parish, Clearwater B.C., Canada VOE INO (Ph: 604-674-2691). My last membership renewal apparently arrived to you without cheque, so please apply the enclosed \$10.00 for same.

I've had my homebuilt Jodel D-11 for 20 years now. I now have a hangar for it again after 10 years of being exposed to the elements.

Sorry I'm so far away. Seems no way of keeping in touch except your newsletter.

This letter from "Preacher" R. K. Smith, O.S.A. - July 2, 1984

Congratulations on your and the family's Silver Jubilees. I regret I won't be with you for the NAPP Convention and the Hemann Blow-out.

My career has become more complex since I last saw you in Dillingham. Enclosed find an October 1983 copy of the Ojai Valley News with some detail of my Peruvian connection.

Following that article, we bought a 1976 206, equipped it with the Robertson wing, Flint conversion, Continental's "overseas" engine, ambulance and air drop kits, and \$2500 worth of spares and tools. I took it to Peru in January together with a volunteer pilot.

Currently I am in Los Angeles fundraising for the mission in Peru. My home base, though, will be my address in Ojai: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 185 St. Thomas Drive, Ojai, CA 93023 (805-646-4338). Also enclosed is a November 1983 Augustinian Newsletter and a check for NAPP dues.

Regards to the gang.



The Cessna 206 purchased in October for the Missions.



R.K. SMITH
AND
PERUVIAN FRIENDS

Sisoguichi, Chih.
Christmas 1984

Christmas is near again and I want to write to you all once again to thank you for your interest and your prayer for our efforts; to wish you all God's blessings; to share with you some of our life at Tarahumara and to meditate in the mystery of God that becomes man, our brother and is born so poor at Bethlehem.

All this because Christmas is God INCARNATED; God that wants to be more present in our history; God that becomes man like us; that shares everything in our lives; our joys, our problems; God that shows us a way and invites us -with his life- to follow Him.

Here at Tarahumara we are trying to follow Jesus; we are looking for possible ways to incarnate ourselves in the life of our people by sharing with them their life, their work, their problems, their struggles and their hopes.

Like Jesus we want to live a preference for the poor; we want to be closer to them to share their life just like Jesus did when He was born at Bethlehem.

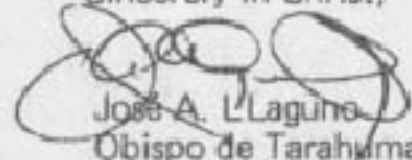
Some concrete facts that are real blessings from God and signs of this desire of our Church: everyday we have more apostolic teams that work full time among the tarahumara and tepehuan indians; our school teams are looking for ways to live in their institutions a preference for the very poor; our hospitals and clinics -as they have always done- continue to serve the most needy with great love. A priest is going to live on a permanent basis -for the first time in this century- in the most far away region of the diocese among the varojio indians.

I thank our Father for all these blessings that He has bestowed upon this small church of Tarahumara through out this year. Many of them came to happen thanks to your support and prayers.

I do ask our Lord Jesus Christ, our brother, that on this Christmas He may fill you and your families with his blessings and happiness.

I want to finish this letter by asking you for a very special prayer on Christmas night for the Tarahumara. And please do not forget also so many of our brothers and sisters in all of Latin America and in a very special way in Central America that are being persecuted for justice and are struggling to construct the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely in Christ,


José A. L'Aguna
Obispo de Tarahumara