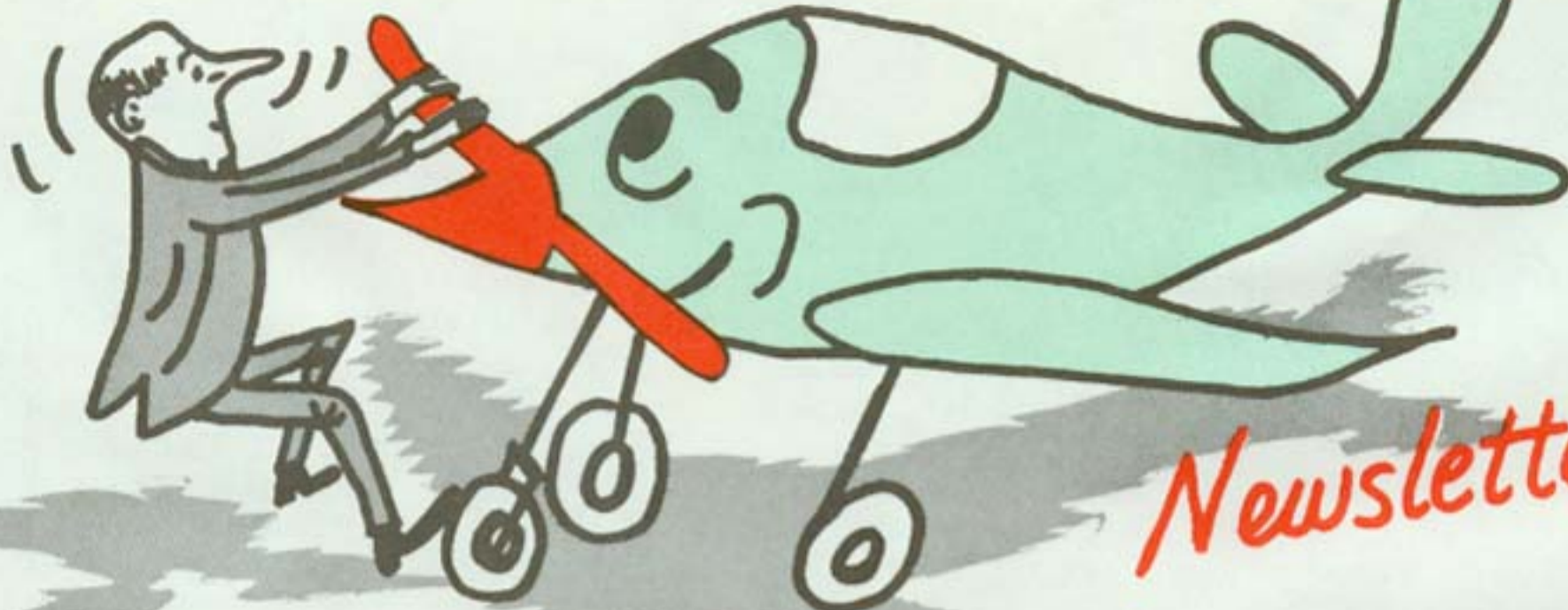


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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we approach the beginning of the Silver Jubilee of the National Association of Priest Pilots (1988), we are making detailed plans for the 24th convention. Here are some of the people you will meet in July. All are parishioners and employees of USAir or married to employees of the company.

Pat Trihey is a dispatcher for the airlines. He will show us how they keep track of their airplanes at all times.

Jim Kontra is an instructor in the 727 simulator. He is in his early thirties and one of the youngest captains on the airline.

Joe Harenski is an instructor on the 737 simulator. Joe is also a Special Minister of the Eucharist.

Marge Joy is the schedule maker for the simulators.

Patricia Tassick is a flight attendant and also a Special Minister of the Eucharist.

Linda Fischer and Mickey Stone are flight attendants.

Linda Francis - A former flight attendant for USAir, Linda is married to a USAir Captain. Their two sons are also pilots. A very talented



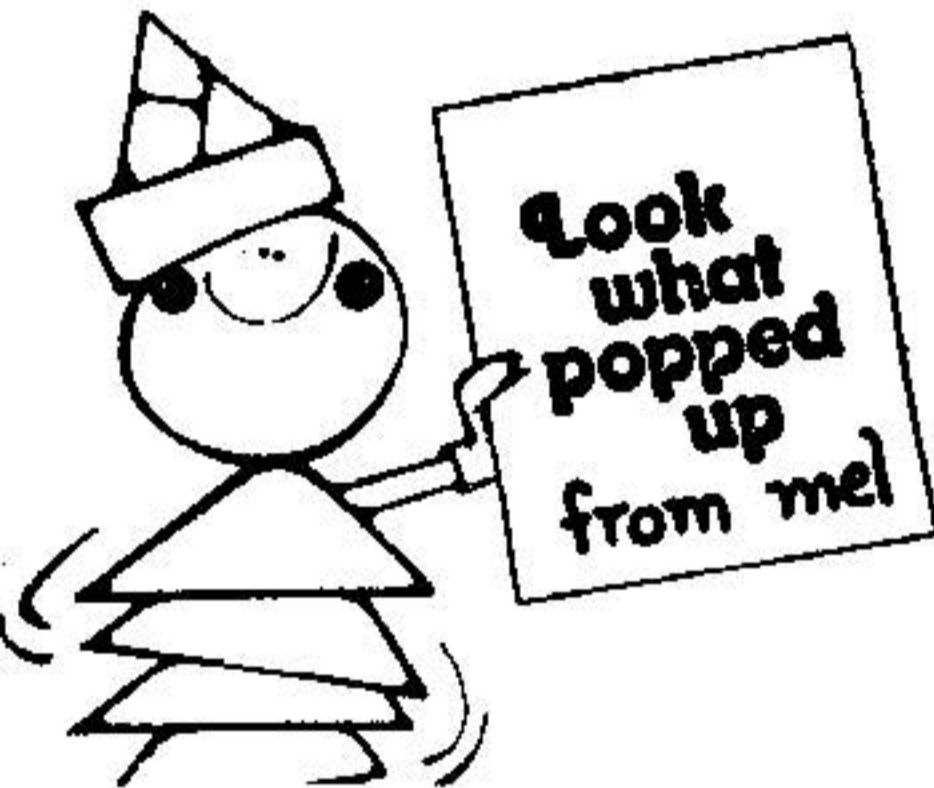
person, Linda teaches tennis at nearby Robert Morris College, instructs in aerobics on a local TV station, sings in our choir, and makes our vestments.

Remember, our headquarters will be at the La Quinta Motel located about one mile from the terminal building at Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Single rooms are \$37 and double occupancy is \$42.

We have made arrangements for the annual banquet at the LeMont Restaurant on Wednesday, July 8. The restaurant provides a beautiful view of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers coming together to form the Ohio River. Centuries ago, the first Mass in this area was offered in what is now known as the Golden Triangle. It is now a public park. When Fort Duquesne was erected by the French they built a chapel and called it...Well, why not look it up in the Catholic Directory. One of the churches not too far from the Ohio River bears the original name. Look for "BELLEVUE." You will be pleasantly surprised.

We hope you are planning to attend.

John Dompka



1. In sending in his annual dues one of the members wrote that he hadn't received a new membership card since 1981. Somehow that got away for us. ERGO, this letter contains - for those who have paid their 1987 dues - a new membership card. Thanks for the reminder!

For those of you who haven't as yet sent in your dues, YOU will find another reminder in the form of the dues envelope. Please return that as soon as possible because the April issue will contain the annual directory, without pictures (we do that every other year). Only those who have paid will have their name included in that.

2. The December issue and this one are being sent to former members who have not been active for a number of years. We decided two years ago at our

annual meeting to do this and invite you to be an active supporter of NAPP. A few have responded. We hope that more of you will do likewise. After this issue your names will once again be removed from the list if you choose not to send in your dues. Remember, we have always had the policy of including any one who cannot afford the annual dues of \$10.00.

3. We have had a number of address changes again but I am not including as they will be in the new April directory.

4. There has been another big change on this end of the production line. It perhaps will not be too apparent, but after 17 years of co-editing this newsletter, Nancy Brown and I will not be putting it together every time.

I first met Nancy when she was a co-ed at Iowa State University and I was a Campus Chaplain there. I called upon her artistic abilities when I took over this task in August of 1969. During all those years we have only missed our bi-monthly goal twice. However the goal has become increasingly difficult to reach because of the increased work loads upon both of us. She now is the mother of 3 and is involved in all the things that mothers get involved in with pre-school and grade school children. Her husband, Barry, is a pilot for Collins and his schedule is something else.

I got into the computer field a year ago and finally decided that it would be much easier for both of us if I transferred all the membership files to mine. That is now completed and it will enable me to up-date and save Nancy a lot of grief. I still hope in the future

to have her help out with the layout. So her printing and other gifts will be appearing periodically I am sure. However, the files are now on my computer.

5. At the suggestion of President Jack Dompka I am including a brochure on the NEET Experience weekend. As this brochure explains, it is a weekend I and a widowed friend have developed for singles - divorced/separated/widowed/other singles. We've been at it now for about two years and it has been very well received in areas we have presented it.

What we have been doing so far is presenting a weekend in an area. Usually there have been people on that weekend who were interested in working on a Team. We have a Team manual available now and with the use of the manual they are able to go ahead and be Team presenters on a weekend. To date we have Teams functioning in New Jersey, Davenport, IA and the Archdiocese of Miami.

We would be happy to come to an area that invites us. If possible we would like to have our expenses covered. We ask nothing more. If you know of anyone or any areas that might be interested, have them get in touch with me.

This might be a great thing for the Archdiocese of Anchorage or the Archdiocese of Madang, Papua, New Guinea. Are you listening Frank and Leo?????

6. And finally, don't forget the dates of the National Convention in Pittsburg. July 7 & 8. There is additional information found on the May Midwest Regional meeting in Wichita. That should be an interesting get-together.

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briefs from here and there...

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Archbishop Leo Arkfeld, SVD, of Madang sent a beautiful 1987 calendar along with the following message: "I am still with you all in the air. My flying hours are now 8500. A Blessed Christmas."

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From seminarian Michael J. Klohn, Christ the King Seminary, E. Aurora, NY:  
"I have heard of your organization, the National Association of Priest Pilots, many times and often wanted to write. Although not yet ordained - with the help of God that will take place on September 5, 1987 - I am very interested in your organization. I have been a flying buff all my life. Of course, haven't we all, and finally took the time to finish my license work last year.

I would greatly appreciate your sending me some information about the NAPP as I would like to become a member.

Thank you for your help, and be assured of my prayers."

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A.J. Engelhardt writes from North Dakota:

"Enclosed is my dues for the coming year.

Since I have Missions there has been much travel over Christmas. However the weather is mild and the roads are dry.

I hope to see you all in Wichita. Happy New Year!

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Minneapolis, MN is the temporary home of Stever Ebel:

"Since I am currently on a sabbatical, I am not receiving my regular salary. Therefore, I am not able to afford flying. Please excuse me from payment of dues this time around, but I'd still like to stay a member of NAPP."

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Joe Nettekoven writes from Cypress, CA:

"Enclosed please find dues. And thanks for the info on the lapel pin. No, I never received one. I would be happy to wear it. Thanks.

Will be writing to you soon when things calm down a bit."



**ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

REV. MEL HEMANN  
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, BOX 309  
PRESTON, IOWA 52069





This one is from John F. Costello, S.J.:

"Thank you for the recent and interesting newsletter; I avidly ate up every word of Pat Patten's experience with the now dismantled N60243. Makes us stop and think, doesn't it?"

Over the holidays I visited Cincinnati, Ohio, where I had been assigned a few years ago. While

there I took advantage of time and opportunity to put another hour in the logbook by brushing up on T & G's at "sunken Lunken." On the final lap around the pattern, I asked Mark Bishop, the quietly professional C.F.I., if he were at all behind schedule, to which he replied, "Well, I've got Father Fischer about to make his second solo flight in about ten minutes."

After a really good afternoon of retraining my eye for the 70Kt bar of the airspeed indicator, I shut the Sundowner down and went into the A-Frame where I met the new N.A.A.P., Father John Fischer. A great guy, he spoke about his actively getting into aviation after a recent stint in Alaska.

It's been my experience that priests who are pilots cause somewhat of a curious response among fellow aviators, so I was really delighted to find a kindred soul there in the A-Frame. Good luck to the new pilot and a hearty welcome to a fellow Napper.

Have a wonderful 1987, Mel, and a good year of flying as well.

P.S. Enclosed: Check #1613 for annual dues. Photo taken at Lunken in the Sundowner; early Fall.

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From the American Embassy in Bonn, Germany, Bill Travers sends the following:  
"Greetings from Bonn - where I am sure it is almost as cold as it is in Kansas! Greetings on the Feast of Die Drei Konigen - whose relics we allegedly have in the Cathedral in Cologne just 40 Ks north of us.

Here is the check for the 1987 dues - I doubled it to cover the cost of one of the gents who may not be able to hack the program - or to use as the NAPP needs it.

By the way, the Newsletter speaks of the lapel pin - and says you are the distributor thereof - and I never got one - so how about one? and I cannot remember getting a Directory of the members, either. Any chance of a spare one?

All goes well in Bonn - even the terrorists are doing ok. This is an interesting parish with 27 nations represented in it from the Diplomatic Corps here in Bonn.

Have a happy New Year = alles gute !!"

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Barry Desmond from Quesnel, B.C., included the following note with his annual dues:  
"Enclosed my dues for 1987. I enjoy the contact even though I don't get to the meetings. Winter holidays do have compensations. (I'm leaving for the Philippines January 1987). Especially here where we get real winter.

I flew a Mooney MK20 last year. Courtesy of a local chiropractor. I'm looking forward to my Zenith CH300 taking to the air come Spring. It's being built as a High School project in Kelowna, B.C.

Smooth Flying,  
Barry Desmond

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I almost forgot this one - attached to Archbishop Leo Arkfeld's calendar. Written to Co-Missionaries in February of 1986.

"Who are Co-Missionaries? They are relatives and friends who are interested in our Mission work out here at the ends of the earth. Many thanks to all of you.

There are 2 general classes of people over here - namely, the native people and outsiders. Outsiders are people from other countries who work here for the government or are in some business. Now what about foreign missionaries like myself? We have been given the classification of local people or natives. So, in many ways, I and our other foreign missionaries share in privileges of our local people.

Here is an example of this. I went to the dentist recently. She was a native woman, working with others in a government hospital. She checked my teeth, ground down a broken filling, and charged me 50 cents. In another country I suppose that might have cost 25 dollars. Here a non native would have paid about 10 dollars. I was charged 50 cents because I have the rank of native. Any native who would have received the dental care I did, would also have been charged 50 cents.



Now a few words about Confirmations. That is usually a serious, devotional service. Sometimes, however, there are a few interesting human elements. When I arrived in the diocese of Wewak in 1949 as the new bishop, one of our priests asked me to come for Confirmations. Very innocently, I went there for the normal Sunday Mass at which the sacrament would be given. It was very hot. We started off as usual, fully attired with cope, miter and all the things the bishops wore in those days. After about 150 received the sacrament, the miter had to be taken off. Gradually, whatever vestments were not really required were laid aside. There were over 500 Confirmations, and that was at the very start of work as a bishop. After that I always made sure the priests would limit the classes to about 175 or less. The next largest class that I ever allowed was 300. That was in a place where no bishop had ever been before. I had to go in by helicopter, because I could not manage the hard walking to get there. All went alright, because that place is about 4700 ft. above sea level and rather cold.

Here is an incident that perhaps no bishop has ever experienced. A woman of about 30 years of age came up for Confirmation with 2 black eyes and bleeding lips. She was beaten up by her husband, but that did not stop her from coming up for Confirmation.

I will probably get a Co-Adjutor bishop during 1986. Sometimes there is more work than I can handle.

Thanks again and may the Lord be always with you!

+ Leo Ashfield

# Barrett — spreading ministry to handicapped

The Messenger/Fort Dodge, Iowa

Saturday, Dec. 6, 1986



As Isaac the Clown, the Rev. Miles Barrett, associate pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, Algona, spreads his ministry to the handicapped with carefully developed programs using mime, music and choreography.

As Isaac the Clown paraded through the room waving a rod with a long, colorful streamer, Adam, an autistic fourth grader, got locked onto the motion.

He caught the mood of the music and joined the others in coming forward when the clown swept his outstretched arms inward and upward, miming, "Let us come together and give thanks" at the Exceptional Opportunities commencement in Burt.

Those with handicaps have the same feelings of wanting to celebrate and be involved as those with out handicaps, said the Rev. Miles Barrett, associate pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, Algona.

The 36-year-old Catholic priest, with a master's degree in music and six years of jazz and classic dance experience with the Siouxland Civic Dance group, bridges the gap between the deaf and hearing impaired, autistic, mentally retarded and those without disabilities by using timed and choreographed programs involving mime and music.

Barrett, who started his clown ministry when he was in seminary eight years ago, "brings the Word to life, and life to the Word, without a word."

Without speaking, Isaac the Clown bridges all denominations, Barrett said.

In "STINKIN' THINKIN", Isaac the Clown pulls out a garbage bag that's heavy and smelling with sin. He gets rid of the planks of greed, hate, jealousy, sexism and racism and replaces them with sweet-smelling faith, hope and charity.

The clown holds the bag full of balloons loosely as he lets it pull him off his knees to his feet. As the bag rises over his head, he lets go and the balloons scatter into the congregation, and everyone takes part in the celebration of "letting go and letting God."

A child's attention span is limited to seven minutes, but that act, with large, exaggerated movements, and no vocabulary to not understand, lasts only three minutes. Then Isaac the Clown is off to another part of the 20-minute service.

He tells stories using smoke bombs and a Christmas gift and uncovers swaddling cloths to reveal refreshments of grape juice and bread for all.

But Isaac isn't an entertainer. Barrett, the man behind the white paint, doesn't have the time.

Along with his other responsibilities at St. Cecelia's, Barrett is president of Algona Clergy, unit chairman for the



South Kossuth County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, is helping to organize an Algona-area hospice, and more. He is an instrument-rated pilot and a member of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS.

He was recently commissioned into the U.S. Navy and now serves two days a month with the Naval Reserve in Sioux City. He said he will serve two weeks a year probably at Balboa Hospital, San Diego, CA, and attend officers training this spring or summer.

But Barrett takes time to "celebrate the gift of playfully proclaiming the majesty of the one Lord by reducing all presumptuous claims that any human rank or order can ever be absolute," according to the bulletin for Isaac's "Heart of a Clown" prayer service.

That 20-minute presentation, which took 100 hours to choreograph, takes four hours to arrange with the help of a couple adults each time it's presented.

Barrett has seen clowns with scratched and smeared paint looking more like "a Halloween horror show." He takes care in putting on his paint and preparing the show. Each "act" is carefully taped, timed and choreographed with music ranging from a full orchestra to classical guitar, distant church bells to strings. Sometimes the music is accompanied by gentle singing.

The result isn't a substitute for mass, Barrett said, but a supplement to other models of prayer for children. However, Isaac's prayer service can help them get more out of the regular mass, by heightening their awareness as to what's going on, Barrett said.

Among his responsibilities as an Iowa Pilot Parents board member is to be available to work with ordained or lay ministers of all denominations who want to reach out to the handicapped in this way.

He has put on workshops, instructing how to apply the makeup, become a character and tell a story with mime.

Barrett has appeared at the Kossuth County Hospital, Kossuth County Care Facility, a diocese Renew program event, among others, but gives no surprise presentations. His clown ministry works best with advance notice and preparation.

Before Barrett petitioned to become a priest in the Sioux City diocese, he gave a couple presentations to see if the diocese was open to his clown ministry.

"I wouldn't be happy if I wasn't me," he said.

This one comes from Lincoln, NE:

"I guess it's about time I let you fellows know that I have changed assignments. Six months ago I was transferred to the Cathedral as Rector. The new title is confusing -- all the work and responsibility of a pastor remain.

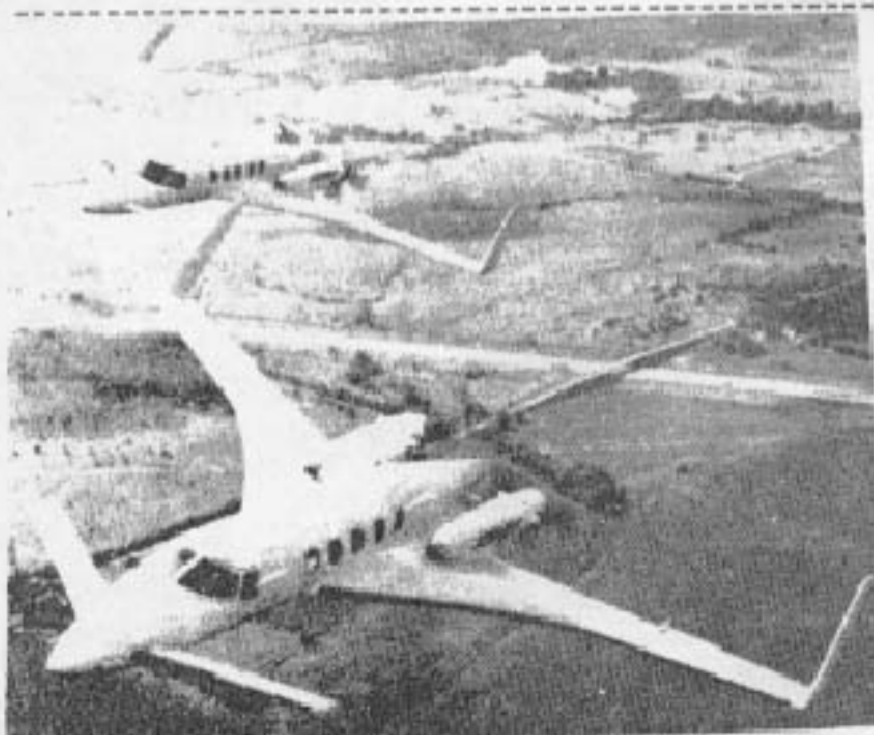
My only regret is that I now have to travel 100 miles to the West (Hastings, NE) to work on my *Moni* motor-glider. By the way, do you know how many NAPP'ers are EAA MEMBERS?

So, please change my address to "Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., P.O. Box 6877, Lincoln, NE 68506. My newsletter is being forwarded, I won't miss out on my dues envelope.

Am planning on the May meeting in Wichita -- but I've made similar plans in the past to no avail. I'll just hope.

Sincerely in Christ,

Ivan F. Vap



## Two Starships flying near Wichita

SEE IT - MONDAY, MAY 4 - 2:00 PM

The Rev. Miles Barrett not only works with the handicapped as Isaac the Clown but also as a board member of Iowa Pilot Parents. Here, he and Blane Lawson, 21-year-old son of Rich and Carla Lawson, discuss the open house to be held today



### MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING-

DATE: Monday, May 4

WHERE: Wichita, Kansas

HEADQUARTERS: Tudor Inn - Best Western

(ATTENTION: 9100 E. Kellogg  
 Sonnie: Wichita, KS 67206  
 priest pilots) 1-800 835-0240

CONTACT PERSON: Rev. William M. Carr  
 Box 214  
 Pittsburg, KS 66762

SPECIAL NOTES: There is a special complication with this meeting as Bill is being transferred in a couple of weeks to the Pittsburg address. Thus the reason for the motel accommodations, etc.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS FOR YOUR SCHEDULE.

DINNER & MEETING: Monday evening at the Tudor Inn

AIRPORT: JABRA - it's the closest to Beech & Inn

(John Wolesky at Clay Center has offered lodging. Contact him if you're interested in his offer)

SEE YOU IN  
 WICHITA

**UPCOMING**  
**NEET EXPERIENCE WEEKENDS**

At some locations there are only a few overnight accommodations. However, housing will be provided in nearby homes for those who wish.

To help us in our planning please check one of the following:

- I live geographically close and will commute
- I live close and can also provide housing for \_\_\_ other(s)
- I will need overnight housing
- I will make my own arrangements for housing

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Mail APPLICATION FORM WITH \$10.00

to:

The NEET EXPERIENCE weekend came about as a response to needs expressed by many singles throughout the United States.

Rev. Mel Hemann and LC Vail, along with her husband Ron, have been involved for many years in a variety of family life ministries. After Ron's death the need for an experience that would enrich the spiritual life of singles became more apparent.

Drawing on their varied experiences they developed the NEET EXPERIENCE weekend.

The first weekend was held in Florida in 1984 and has since spread to other areas of the United States.

**For information:**

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5320 Adams Road  
DeLray Beach, FL 33445  
305-496-1610

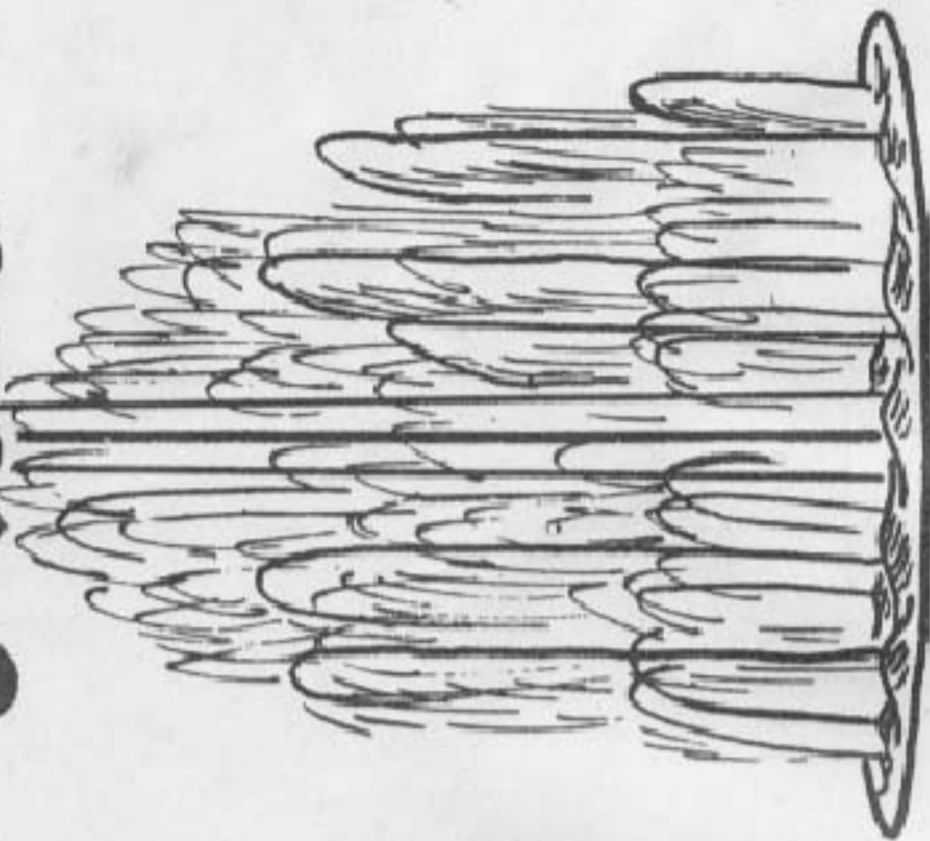
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**"WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER  
AT THE FOUNTAIN OF SALVATION."**

Isaiah 12:3

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THE NEET EXPERIENCE

The NEET EXPERIENCE is a weekend designed for singles - widowed, separated, divorced, or single.

The overall purpose of the weekend is to offer the individual an opportunity to examine one's attitude toward oneself and then how best to relate the person "I AM" to other significant persons in my life.

The purposes and goals of the weekend are achieved through a series of exercises under the guidance and direction of the Team conducting the weekend.

PHASE I: THE INNER SEARCH FOR PEACE

A time to become acquainted with the other participants in the group.

This is followed by a time to be alone and reflect upon the significant persons who have helped to shape and form my life.

Additional time is then provided for each individual to look more deeply within himself or herself.

The phase concludes with an opportunity to be reconciled with God and fellow human beings. For those who desire it, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated.

PHASE II: THE SURPRISE OF SURPRISES

The Team introduces the participating individuals to the love and beauty of God as found in the Scriptures.

Time is spent reflecting on each person of the Trinity - Father/Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

Each segment of this phase ends by sharing with others in a small, intimate group what has happened in my reflection and prayer period.

The entire group re-assembles and an opportunity is offered to share insights with other members.

PHASE III: THE OUTREACH

Intimacy is a need shared by all.

The Team guides the participants into a deeper awareness of each person's relationship with and within the Trinity and how this relationship, which of its very nature is founded in love, must reach out to others.

Opportunities are then offered to experience this love in God with those in the group.

PHASE IV: THE RESOLVE: A JOYFUL UNION

The concluding portion of the weekend provides an opportunity to make definite and concrete plans as to how the insights and experiences of the first three phases may be carried out in the future.

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COST OF THE WEEKEND

\$30.00 plus a food item to share.

No one is refused because of inability to pay the entire amount.

You will receive a letter of confirmation with details about 10 days before the weekend begins.

NEET EXPERIENCE APPLICATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Widowed

\_\_\_\_\_ Separated

\_\_\_\_\_ Divorced

\_\_\_\_\_ Single

Date of weekend you wish to attend: \_\_\_\_\_



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

F L A S H

Archbishop Frank Hurley just called from Anchorage, Alaska a few minutes ago - Monday, February 23 - to inform us that Richard K. (Preacher) Smith was killed in a plane crash Friday night, February 20, in North Bend, Oregon. He and a passenger hit the side of a mountain in bad weather. There was a fire and both were killed.

Preacher had been working as a "supply priest" in Medford, Oregon for about the past year.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE