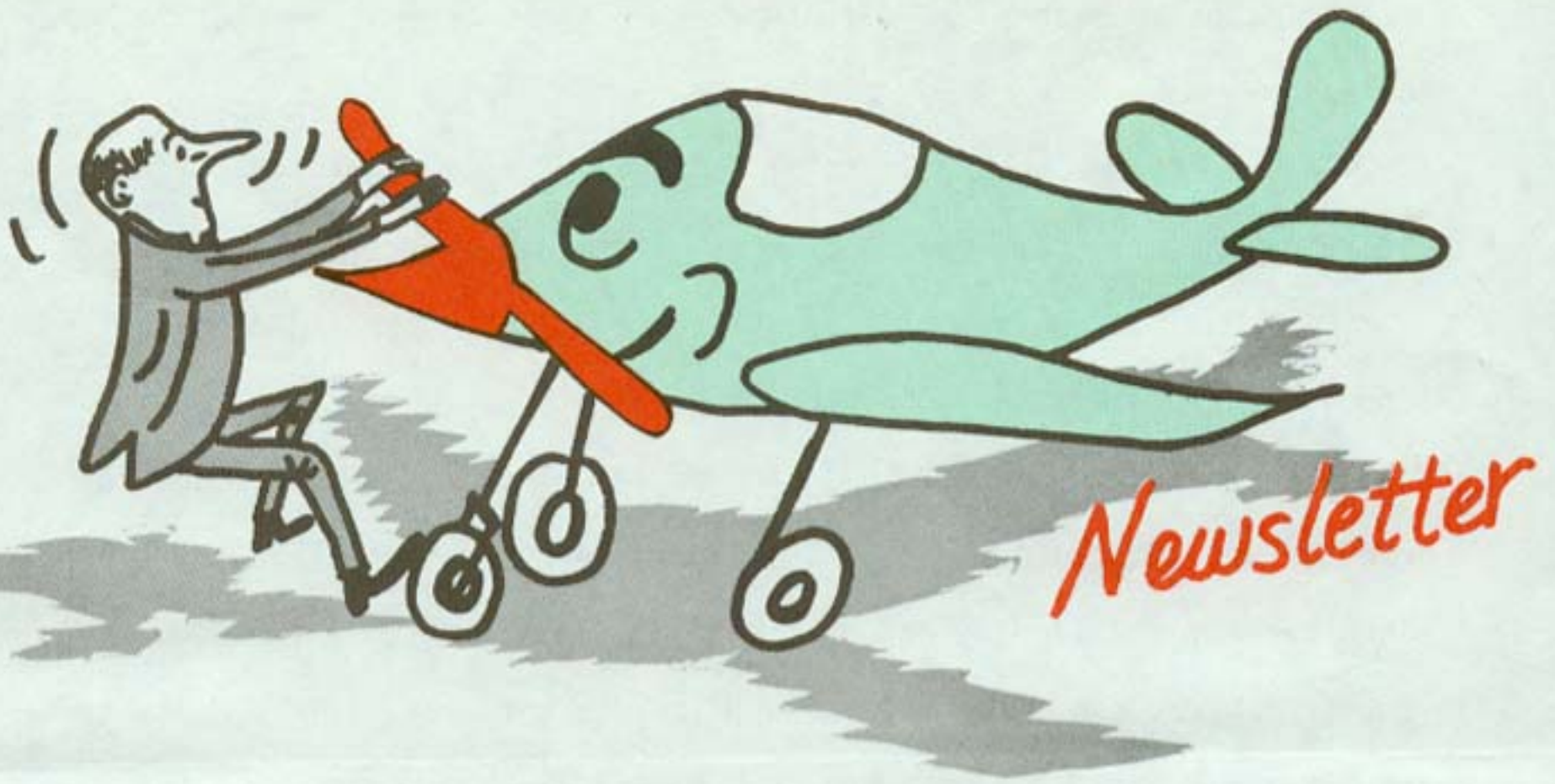


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## Saint Margaret Mary Church

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### NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Saturday Evening Mass at 6:30  
to accommodate Earthlings.  
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30

Dear Members and Friends of the N A P P,

First of all, I would like to inform you that I recently received a letter from Harriet Moore of 150 East Avenue, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891. Harriet informed me that her husband Cyril died two years ago. A while back Cyril and Harriet donated their plane to our organization. Eventually it made its way to Archbishop Frank Hurley in Alaska. I have written her a note of gratitude and sympathy.

This will be the final newsletter before our 1987 convention. Towards the end of June, I hope to drop a line to all those planning to be with us in July.

The official days of the convention will be Tuesday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 8. Some members plan to arrive on Sunday. Most will be



here on Monday. Bishop James Timlin has informed me that he will be here on Tuesday.

Our phone number is (412) 264-2573. We will keep this line open for incoming calls. If you receive a busy signal, it will be brief.

Our headquarters will be at the La Quinta Motor Inn on Beers School Road - (412) 269-0400. I have made reservations for all those who returned their cards - \$37/single and \$42/double. You will tie down at Aero Service at Greater Pittsburgh Airport near the control tower. We have taken care of the landing and parking fees. All we ask is that you buy your fuel here. For those of you who love to eat, you will be happy to know that you are 1/2 minute from Bob Evans, 1 minute from Pizza Hut, 1-1/2 minutes from Denny's (open 24 hours), and 2 minutes from Wendy's. You are a 10-minute walk from Greater Pitt and less than 10 minutes from the parish house.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS: Controllers Bob Nestler and Jack Boyle will be looking for you. I will give them your plane type and number. The controllers prefer you to state that you are strangers. This is safer for all concerned. Encoded altimeters are not needed until December.

The daily schedule will be ready when you arrive.

Sunday - Early Bird Special. We will be able to use one of the simulators on Sunday evening. The more pilots we have on Sunday, the more time we will have for the simulator on Tuesday.

Monday - Tours of Pittsburgh, some of the USAir facilities, and the Weather Station. In the evening, we will have a smorgashord at the parish house. My sister Betty and a few women of the parish will prepare the food. A number of the USAir flight attendants promise to help.

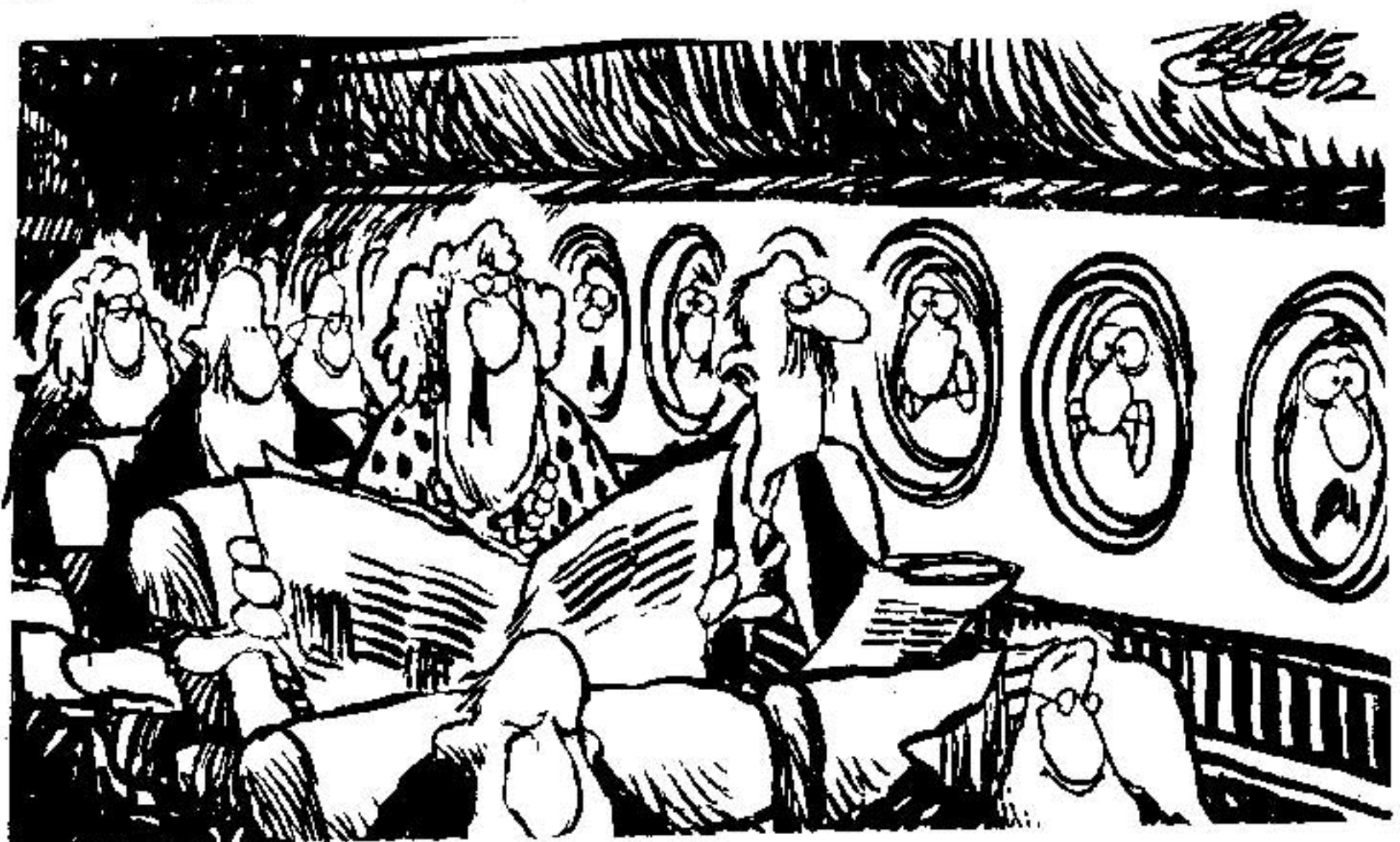
Tuesday - Tour of more facilities of USAir plus other options. On Tuesday evening we have reserved the 727 from 7:30 to ??. The simulators run seven days a week. There are 63 USAir instructors. All are pilots. Some instruct the engineers. The others are all Captains. Our instructor will most likely be Jim Kontra. Jim is one of the youngest captains in the

system. He flew the big tankers in the Air Force. He has flown all three positions in the 727 and is well qualified.

Wednesday - Annual meeting and election of officers in the morning followed by more activities. Concelebrated Mass with Bishop John McDowell and Bishop James Timlin at 4:30. Please bring alb and stole. If you forget, we will have extras. Following Mass, we will travel to Pittsburgh for dinner at the LeMont Restaurant overlooking Pittsburgh. Clericals are not needed at any time, but we must look presentable in the restaurant. See you in July.

IF NOBODY IS THERE TO MEET YOU AT AERO SERVICE OR GREATER PITT, JUST CALL.  
WE WILL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES.

John Dompka



DID YOU READ THIS, RALPH?... ANOTHER NEAR-MISS  
OVER WASHINGTON NATIONAL...



# briefs from here and there

From new member, Tom O'Neill, in British Columbia:

Dear Brother Priests,

As you can see from the stats on my membership application I am a new pilot. I have about 180 hours. In September of this year I hope to fly from British Columbia, Canada to California. I would be happy to meet any of the members that reside on the west coast.

Fraternally in Christ,

Tom O'Neill



From another Canadian, Tom Brady, at the other end of the Country, Montreal:

Dear Mel,

I am just getting ready to start a 30 day Retreat here in Spokane with Fr. Armand Nigro. I had a little excitement in my life last February - a cerebral haemorrhage. It came on while downhill skiing on Trembling Mountain - what a glorious way to go. I was very lucky - it was very small and no after effects. I don't know yet how it will affect my license. It scared a lot of people, including yours truly. I figured I better hurry up and get that once in a lifetime 30 day Retreat done. I hop to see you all in Pittsburg in July.

Cheers.



Tom Brady

(encl. parish bulletin letter with more details).

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks ever so much for all your prayers, get well cards and wishes and concern that you had for my return to health. I really felt the benefit of all your support.

I have had good news from my doctors. My eyesight has returned to normal and after a couple of months of convalescence I should be as strong and as well as ever. The vision difficulty was the effect of a small but dangerous cerebral haemorrhage that I had on Tuesday, February 3, while spending the day skiing on Mount Tremblant. The loss of right peripheral vision came on slowly during the course of the day so that I was more puzzled than frightened. It was only later in the hospital when the doctors determined that it was the result of a cerebral haemorrhage that I realized how serious it was and how fortunate I was that I was not more adversely affected. The injury to the head area is what takes time to recover from, but the return of my sight shows that it is coming along well. Each day I find myself able to do more things without being overly fatigued. The haemorrhage was probably caused by the breaking of a weak blood vessel which has healed itself and one of my doctors assured me that there is very little chance of it happening again.

I will be finishing off my convalescence with a 30 day retreat with the Jesuit Fathers in Spokane, Washington starting on May 5 and I look forward to being back in the parish in the second week of June.

Be sure that I am remembering you all in my prayers and particularly Father Pereira who has had a serious operation this week. I am also very proud of how well you are doing as a parish in my absence and how you are showing everyone that you can stand on your own feet. Do keep up this very good work.

Fr. Tom

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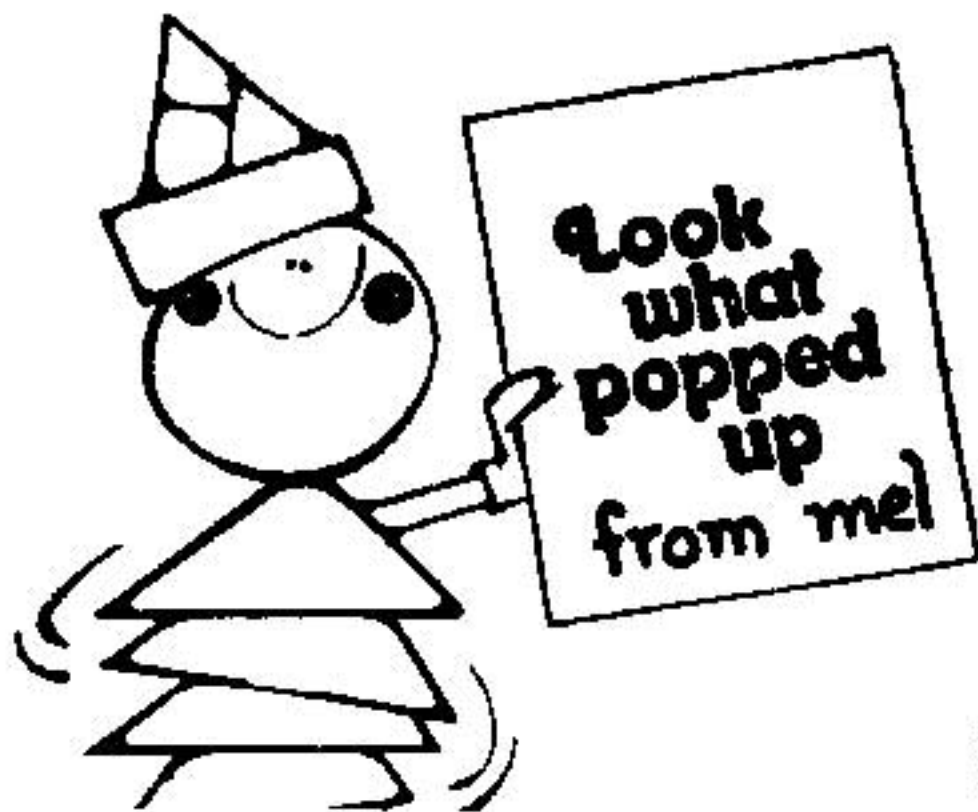
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1. A few days before we went to press, our president, John Dompka, called to inform me he'd just gotten a call from Ray Radzieta to tell him that NAPP member and long friend Sebastian Pajdzik had been found dead as a result of a heart attack.

Although Sebastian had never been a pilot himself he enjoyed the companionship and fellowship he found at the NAPP conventions he has attended.

If my memory serves me correctly, Sebastian is from the same diocese as the Pope and as a result knew him well. REQUIESCAT IN PACE!

2. John Dompka has outlined the up-coming gathering very well in his article so there is little to add except to say, "I hope many of you will be there."

3. At this year's convention the following offices will be open: President; 2nd Vice-president and Secretary. Lame duck president Dompka will not be eligible for re-election...so start thinking and/or campaigning.

4. In the ADDRESS CORRECTIONS column, correct Kuhns' zip code and add phone number. Brian Simpson is a new member soon moving to Okinawa as a Navy Chaplain.

5. The latest membership total as of this date - June 12, 1987 - is 128 paid. I think that is the highest number we have ever had. In addition to that we have around 8 or 10 complimentary members. In all we normally mail out about 150 letters each issue.

6. The Spring get together in Wichita was an interesting one. Due to IFR weather some were not able to make it. However, by the time we were ready to depart we did manage to round up 13 members. The nice part of the day was the fact that three members joined us who had never been to one of our meetings before.

The Fall meeting will be in the Lake of the Ozarks. Exact times and date will be given at the National Convention and in subsequent newsletters.

## SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

### WICHITA,

### BEECH

### and

### THE STARSHIP







*You've got a friend  
in Pennsylvania*

*Welcome to Pittsburgh*



# Pittsburgh.

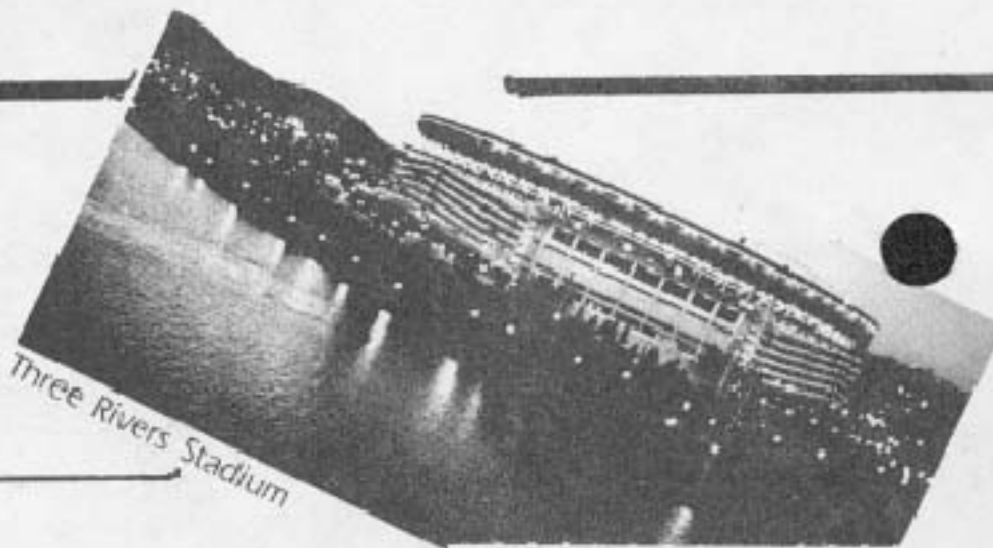
## The city with a smile.

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