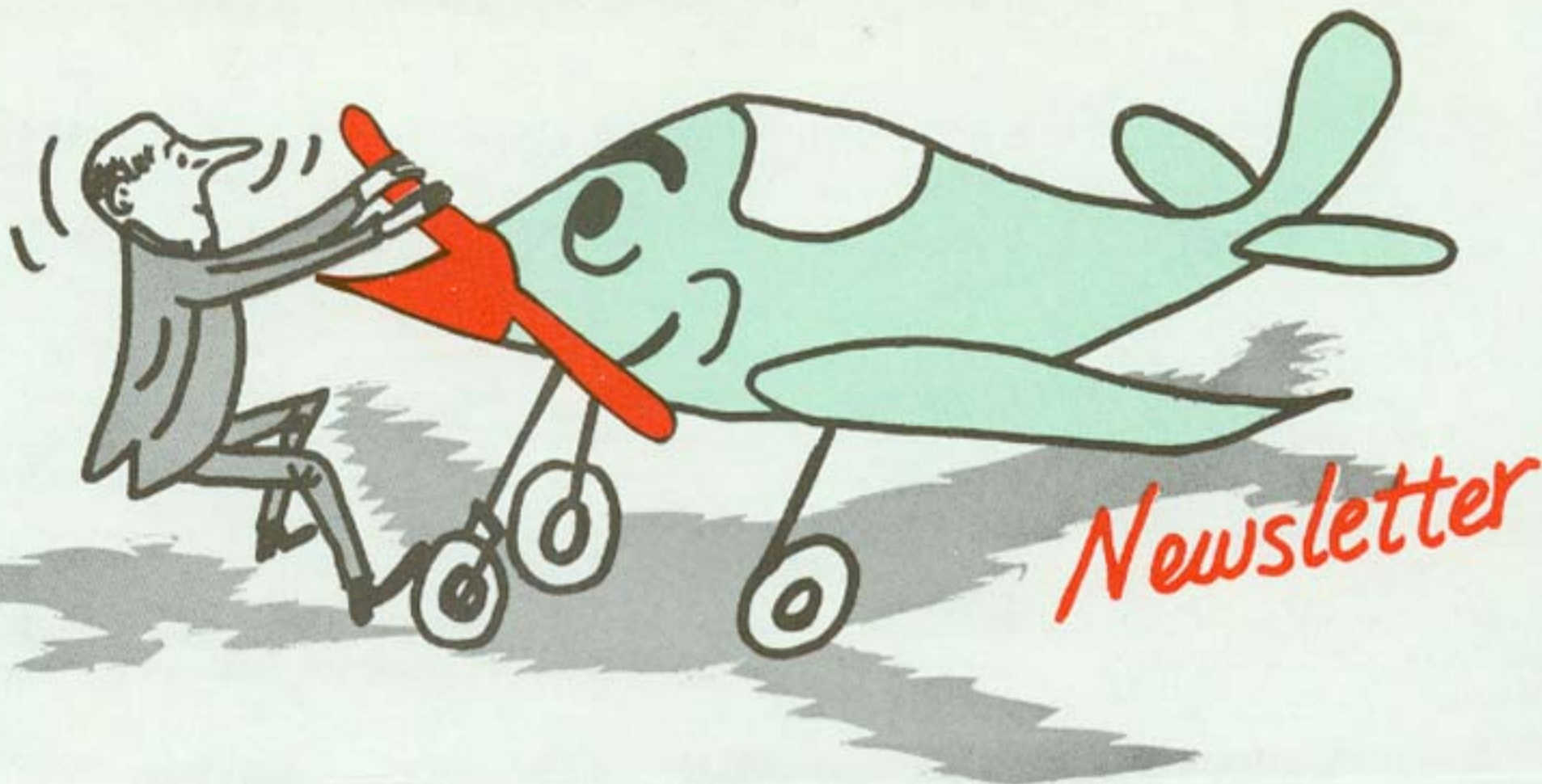


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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the next two years I will have the privilege of serving as President of the National Association of Priest Pilots. I am a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. For the past 16 years I have been pastor of a rather large suburban parish which embraces Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Guests are always welcome.

Unlike organizations such as Parish Councils we meet only once a year and all our problems are quickly solved. For the benefit of those who are relatively new to our group it all started back in the early sixties when Father Henry Haacke of the Diocese of Covington in Kentucky made a cross country air trip. Henry found a number of priest pilots in different areas. Upon his return home he placed a brief notice in a flying magazine inquiring as to the possibility of priest pilots getting together. I was among those charter members who met in Carrollton, Kentucky in 1964. For the first few years some members had grandiose ideas of converting the entire world. For the last ten or fifteen years or so we have done a lot of sightseeing and topped this off with an informal banquet and a yearly meeting. We have travelled all over the country including two trips to Alaska.

In the summer of 1984 we will be returning to Iowa to help Mel and John Hemann and their sister, Sister Camilla, celebrate their Silver Jubilees. We are looking forward to a wonderful time at "our own country fair." In a few weeks Mel and John will be getting together to make plans. We have too many members who merely send in their dues but do not attend the annual reunion. They are missing a good time. Mel and John have informed us that Iowa is a big state and they will be able to take care of everybody. The more the merrier.

As the year progresses we will keep you informed of developments. By the time you receive this newsletter our meeting will be only about ten months away. Why not plan to attend?

Sincerely in Christ,

Jack Dompka





# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS INC.

1983 ANNUAL MINUTES

The 20th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Priest Pilots was called to order on July 13, 1983 at the William Tell Restaurant, Montreal at 8:17 P.M. by President John Herzog. His opening remarks promised the end of the tradition of a long meeting. He expressed thanks to the members for their prayerful concern for his health during the last year at the House of Affirmation.

Minutes of the 1982 annual meeting were read aloud. Motion to accept the minutes by Al Werth, seconded by John Friederick. Passed.

Financial report explained by Treasurer, Charlie Teufel. The annual contribution is the amount above and beyond the \$6,000 base in reserve.

Election of officers: The officers that need election this year are President, Second Vice-President and Secretary. Bob Kirsch is not eligible for reelection because he has completed a second term as Vice-President. John Herzog commented on his health and lack of Medical Certificate to fly.

Nominations were accepted for president. John Herzog was nominated by Bob Kirsch and Emmett Johns. John Dompka was nominated by Charlie Teufel and Mel Hemann. Motion to close nominations by Bob Kirsch. John Dompka was elected with 16 votes, John Herzog 14.

Nominations for second Vice-president were accepted. John Bellon was nominated by Bob Kirsch; Irv Weber by John Wolesky; Bill Bevington by Henry Haacke. Motion to close nominations by Tony Attea and John Hemann. John Bellon was elected with 12 votes, Bill Bevington, 10.

Nominations for Secretary: Jack Paisley was nominated by Bob Kirsch. Tony Attea and Joe Brando made motion to close nomination and cast unanimous vote. Passed.

Motion by Bob Kirsch and Charlie Teufel to express appreciation of our hosts for the 1983 Convention, Emmett Johns and Tom Brady and the facilities of the Grand Seminary along with the special events for members.

Motion by Gene Murray and Bob Kirsch that NAPP caps be given to hosts for distribution to those who gave us special tours. Defeated.

Motion by Vic Schoenberger and Bob Kirsch that the Secretary send letters of thanks to persons responsible for our tours. Passed.

Convention site for 1985 discussed. Phone call to Bernie Bush uncompleted but Bob Kirsch and Charlie Teufel made a motion that Bernie be approached to host the convention in California. Passed.

(No discussion on the possibility of an invitation to Louisiana in 1986 since no members present).



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*"It is with paternal satisfaction that the Holy Father views the efforts of the members of the National Association of Priest Pilots to encourage the use of air transportation to obtain ever more abundant spiritual fruits from their sacerdotal ministry and missionary apostolate."*

Vatican, Sept. 29, 1964



Annual donation to the worthy cause discussed. Motion by Bob Kirsch and John Hemann that the funds beyond \$6,000 at the end of the year be donated to the Wings of Hope, St. Louis, Missouri. Passed.

Mel Hemann, Newsletter Editor, commented on the cost of postage for Directory; use of Private and IFR course kits; Directory pictures are overused, and need more recent "passport" size by January, 1984. Brochures distributed for recruiting new members.

The 1984 Convention will be the 20th anniversary and will be held at Stacyville, Iowa in North Central Iowa, on the Minnesota border. The small airport of Osage, Iowa is to the South and the Austin, Minnesota airport is the nearest large airport. Plans include the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Mel and John Hemann, charter members of NAPP, and their sister, Sister Camilla Hemann. Along with this other special events, including an air show, are in the planning stages. There is a possibility that Duane Cole may be available to offer aerobatic dual for members who might be interested.

Treasurer Charlie Teufel asked that dues be paid in January or February. Tom Brady paid his in advance in cash.

The Midwest Regional meeting will be hosted by Irv Weber at Minden, Nebraska on Monday, October 3rd.

Remarks by president John Dompka concluded the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Tony Artea and Emmett Johns at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*JACK*

Jack Paisley, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Augustine Abeywickrema, Antoine Artea, John Bellon, William Bevington, Thomas Brady, Joseph Brando, John Dompka, John Friederick, Thomas Geelan, Henry Haacke, John Hemann, Mel Hemann, John Herzog, David Hogan, Emmett Johns, James Kelley, Robert Kirsch, John MacGillivray, Edward Murray, Gene Murray, Jack Paisley, Sabastian Pajdzik, Ray Radzieta, Al Ruschman, Phillip Schmitt, George Schneider, Victor Schoenberger, Richard Skriba, Peter Sweeney, Charlie Teufel, Irvin Weber, Alvin Werth, John Wolesky.

GUESTS: Edwina Tobares, Pat Trujillo, Eddie Esquibel, Ed Tiedeman.

*Mark your calendar now for  
the 1984 Convention! Celebrate  
a triple Silver Jubilee, see an  
airshow and attend the Convention too!  
Stacyville, Iowa*

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# BRIEFS FROM HERE & THERE

[The following article is reprinted with permission from the Eagle Grove Eagle, Eagle Grove, IA. It was written by the editor after his interview. His column is entitled THE FULL SCOOP by John Neibergall].



Marc and VariEze



Marc and John

"If ever a fella came into town on just a 'wing and a prayer,' we surely met him Saturday!

"It's an apt description of how the Rev. Marc Tillia arrived back in Eagle Grove - a community that had been home for three of his boyhood years.

"Father Tillia was here en route to Brazil, where he has served the Catholic mission field since 1969.

"He flew into Eagle Grove's airport Saturday afternoon in a plane not much bigger than a large desk, a plane that he and a capable friend had worked spare hours for the past six and a half years to build.

"Eagle Grove was a scheduled stop on an inaugural cross-country flight in the tiny 'bird' that brought Fr. Tillia here from Arizona; he's going to fly it on to Miami, then across the ocean, over South American jungles and on to Brazil.

"His visit to our community was 'something of a rediscovery of my roots,' the Rev. Tillia said Saturday. He was referring to the years he attended third, fourth and fifth

grades in the Old Sacred Heart School in Eagle Grove 'back in the thirties,' he says.

"It was at Sacred Heart that Marc Tillia took his first communion, he remembers the names of most of his classmates, and he still remembers the Princess Theatre.

"But the most important thing was the swimming pool,' the missionary recalls. 'That's where I learned to swim,' he says. 'If we didn't go twice a day, it's because we went three times.

The Tillia family moved from Eagle Grove to Jackson, Minnesota before Marc entered the sixth grade.

"Coming to Eagle Grove had another attraction, too - it offered Father Tillia an opportunity to renew acquaintance with the Rev. John Hemann, pastor of Sacred Heart Church here. Father Tillia and Father Hemann had previously met through their mutual involvement in the National Association of Priest Pilots' Association.

"The plane that Father Tillia built and flew here is an odd looking craft, to say the least. On the ground, it rests on its nose, its nose wheel retracted into the plane's fiberglass undercarriage. The propeller's in the back, although it is a bit of a puzzle even to those familiar with conventional aircraft to immediately determine which is the front and which is the rear of the airship.

"I'm not sure I followed the plans just exactly. Maybe I got something in the wrong place,' the Rev. Tillia teases in response to the frequent bewildered gazes that greet his handiwork.

"On the nose are mounted a cluster of solar cells to energize the plane's electrical system. The cockpit is narrow, offering about as much room as a two-man kayak, and only a little more comfort

"Two can fly in the plane-the pilot and one person 'if he's not too fat!' the aircrafter acknowledges. Beyond that, says Father Tillia, the plane will accommodate 31 gallons of gas 'and a toothbrush if it's not the long, heavyweight type.'

"You might not easily detect them, but there are four cargo areas built into the plane, as well. They were filled with necessities and repair parts for Father Tillia's transcontinental hop.

"The plane's size belies its capabilities; the homemade craft, which carries only the design name "Experimental," is capable of speeds up to 240 mph (redlines there), cruises economically at 160 and squeezes 40 miles from a gallon of gas.

"Though it's tiny and agile, Father Tillia's plane needs lots of runway. It sprinted all of the 3,000 feet of Eagle Grove's runway before climbing skyward and it checked off the entire 3,000 feet on landing, too. Final approach requires a 100 mph airspeed.

"In Brazil, therefore, the plane will be useful only for quick trips to 'to town,' where a 4,000 foot hard-packed runway will give the pilot a little more room to maneuver.

"Father Tillia serves a parish of 60 towns in the semi-desert region of northeastern Brazil. He



is, in fact, the only priest to serve the 40-some churches of the parish that stretches 100 miles in one direction and 150 miles the other.

"His missionary headquarters is home for more than 30 young people from the interior of the country, who will thereby have a means to attend high school. Without the mission home, the students would have no opportunity for learning beyond a fourth grade education.

"Brazil is a country of volatile politics - politics that grow out of a disparity of educational and economic circumstances among its people, according to Father Tillia.

"There are some preaching that by hatred and revolution they can make a better world," Tillia said. "Still the best way is the way our Lord promised, by peace and brotherhood."

"It may take a longer preparation time, but our Lord's way is still the best way. Unless we get down there with the genuine Christian Gospel, Brazil is going to go up in flames and many other countries with them," Father Tillia warned.

"It is into that climate of political instability fueled by the stirrings of hatred and revolution that Tillia will fly his push-prop plane.

"It is to a country that saw the assassination of 82 priests, nuns and religious lay people in 1972 - a country where, Father Tillia reports with thanksgiving, such violence has subsided more recently - that the missionary will return.

"It is to better be able to serve his parish, to shorten his monthly trip from the out-country to town - a distance of 300 miles, or 24 hours by bus, or an hour and 45 minutes by the Experimental airship - that the missionary will pilot his home-built flying machine across miles and miles of salt water seas and dense jungle, to Brazil's northeastern drylands.

"I tell you, I met a man Saturday who did, indeed, come to town on a wing and a prayer. And it's that same equipment that's going to take him a continent away.

"And that's The Full Scoop."

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This letter came from Francis X. Kane, Baton Rouge, LA:

I'm back at work (Diocesan Office of Religious Education) after a six-month's leave. Two heart attacks, the implanting of a pacemaker and a by-pass of both femoral arteries. No FAA certification possible! Have not been up (except commercial) since December of '81. Expect to return to Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in a couple of weeks. Been here since February 19. Regaining some pounds - I lost 40 and have regained 7.

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And from Barry Desmond in Quesnel, B.C.:

Greetings from Western Canada! I feel a slight tinge of guilt that I did not pay up my 1983 dues. Since my bookkeeping is atrocious, I have no way of really checking up. So the only alternative is to get it in now.

I also underwent the trauma of moving early in the year (January 20, 1983). So the first days of the new year were taken up with goodbyes, packing and tying up loose ends. I am now somewhat established here in a one Parish town of 12-15000 (some 400 families). We have good facilities and two sisters to help with pastoral work. We also have a good airport but I am presently without wings. My Zenith CH 300 (2 seat, low wing, all metal, tail dragger) is progressing well in the High School Shop in Kelowna.

Members of the fraternity most welcome at any time. Unfortunately won't be able to make the Convention in Montreal in July. Still hoping to make Oshkosh one of these years. Any other NAPPers interested in homebuilding?

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#### A PERSONAL INTEREST STORY

Pictured at left are John Hemann, Mel Hemann, John Herzog and Phil Schmitt.

The four of us flew to Carrollton, Kentucky in a Cessna 170 in 1964 to the charter meeting of the National Association of Priest Pilots. As we flew along this year to Montreal it dawned on us that this was the first time since that charter meeting that the four of us had been in the same plane. So we took a picture to commemorate the occasion.

After Montreal we went on to Quebec for a day. From there to Nova Scotia where Fr. John MacGillivray hosted us for four days. It also provided an opportunity to renew friendships with another priest friend in the area.

Our journey home took in Jamestown, Rhode Island where a niece and her husband entertained us for a couple of days.

It was a great trip and an even greater convention





## Midwest Region will meet...



Irv Weber, St. John's Church, Box 245, Minden, Nebraska 68959 will host the Fall meeting of the Midwest Region of NAPP. Date is Monday, October 3. You are most welcome to come early and leave late ... whatever is your pleasure.

Contact Irv at the above address and give him your flight plan

The following item describes the main area activity after the business meeting is concluded. It is taken from the Minden newspaper, put out by the Minden Chamber of Commerce.

## Minden Home of Pioneer Village

The Harold Warp Pioneer Village was designed "to show man's development since 1830." Harold Warp creator of Pioneer Village, wanted it to show and also serve as a monument to the pioneer spirit of Mr. Warp's parents, who homesteaded near Minden in the 1870's. Pioneer Village does that and more.

Its 26 buildings house thousands of objects ranging from depression glass to the first jet plane, machinery displays, hundreds of antique automobiles and kitchens from every decade are all part of Pioneer Village.

Pioneer Village features a sod house, a one room school, a frontier stockade, a pioneer church, a railroad depot, and much, much more. You'll also see demonstrations of weaving, spinning, broom-making, and printing.

Pioneer Village is arranged efficiently so you waste no walking. The 30,000 historic items are displayed chronologically, dramatizing the development of our modern age.

Older visitors enjoy a memory, youngsters capture an appreciation of the craftsmanship of an earlier generation.

### 1983 Convention Highlights



GOODYEAR'S NEW CHALLENGER AT INNOTECH



A HAZY VIEW OF MONTREAL



PRESIDENT JOHN HERZOG PRESIDING  
AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION LITURGY.



MEMBERS APPROACH THE ALTAR  
FOR COMMUNION



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HARD AT WORK ... WHILE ... THE OTHERS MAKE MERRY



THE ANNUAL BANQUET IS ALWAYS A GOOD PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING