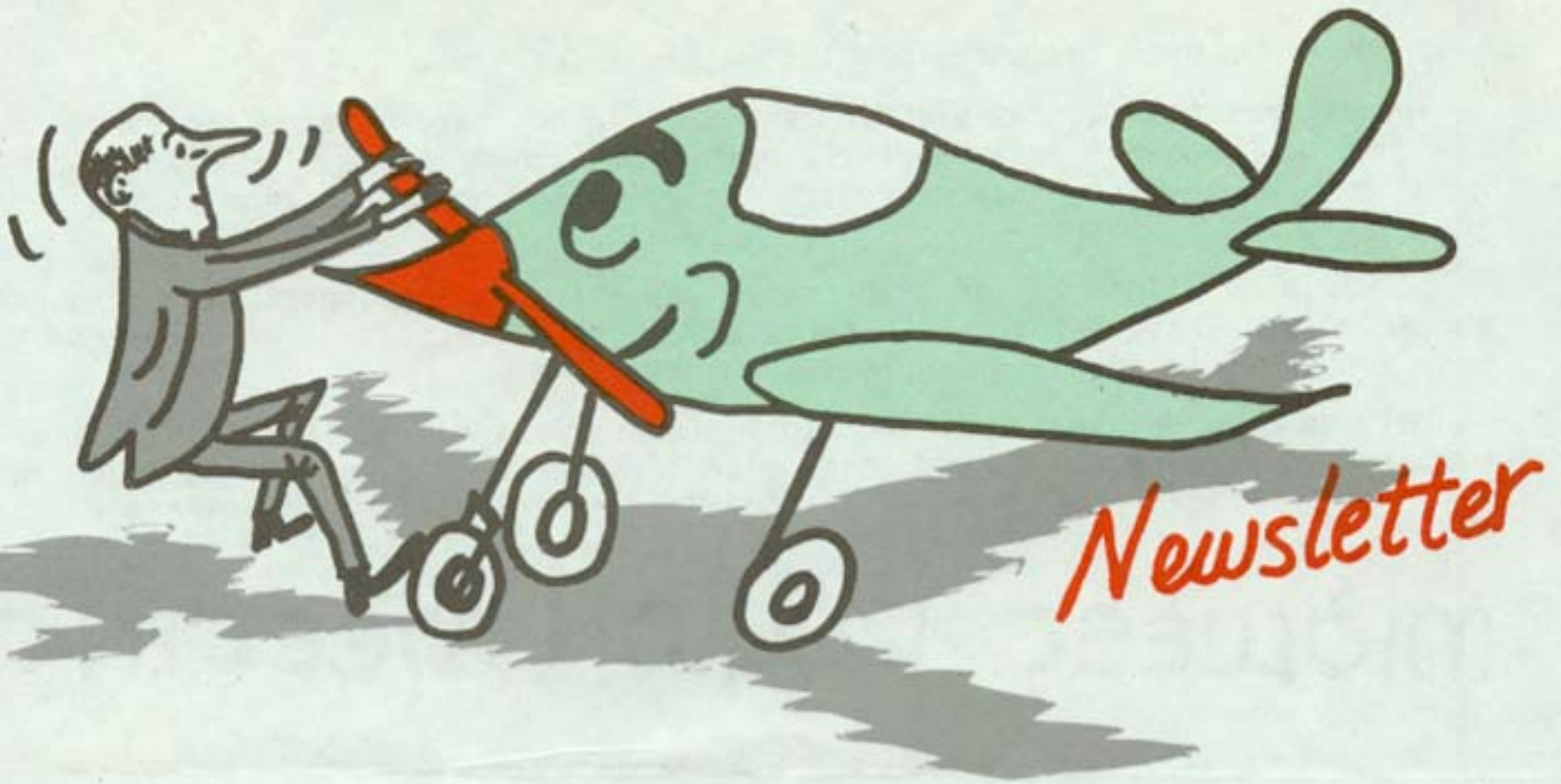


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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Over a year ago I had the privilege of joining approximately 40 civic leaders from the Pittsburgh and Columbus, Ohio area on a trip to the Whiteman AFB in Missouri and then on to the Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. Bad weather delayed the trip a few hours. As a result, we missed the opportunity of seeing a B 52 being refueled in the air.

On the way to Columbus something unexpected happened. A small plane became lost in bad weather. One of the air force crew picked up the mayday signal. From our altitude the small plane looked like a little fly. The pilot would dip into the clouds and then reappear above them. The pilot of our KC-135 stratotanker managed to reassure the lost pilot and had him remain above the clouds. Meanwhile, the big tanker radioed the exact position of the small plane. Soon a good shepherd twin made his appearance, caught sight of the lost sheep and led him to safety in a nearby field.

Because of our delay in reaching Columbus, we had to make hurried departure to Whiteman. When we arrived, the tables were set for lunch. While we were eating we saw slides of the work of the missile men and women and then had a quick tour of the facility.

Then on to Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. We were met by Lt. General Robert Herres and his officers and placed aboard an air force bus to the motel. The cost of the motel was our only expense. An hour or so later we were taken to the Officers' Club for a delicious meal and entertainment that included the Air Force Orchestra.

The next day we had breakfast with the B 52 crews. They explained their work and then took us out to see the B 52's and the new KC-10 advanced cargo/tanker. The General mentioned that he was more afraid of a small country getting the atomic bomb than he was of Russia. He said that we know pretty well what Russia has and they know what we



have but we do not know what some little maniac will do.

Then it was back to the plane. Since we did not have a refueling exercise on the way down, the General arranged for a number of fighter planes to be sent up and be refueled. We saw the whole procedure including the boom operation at the rear of the plane.

It was a very interesting trip and if you ever get the opportunity to go on such an excursion, I suggest you make every effort to do so. It is good to know that so many young people are watching over us night and day.

Mel and John Hemann are making final preparations for their Triple Jubilee in July. But, they must know how many priests plan to attend. Please get your reservations in.

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# MIDWEST REGION MEETING

The Midwest Region had their Spring meeting on April 29 and May 1. Ray McKee, C.S.S.R. was a most gracious host.

The flyers met at Bi-State Parks airport in East St. Louis, IL. Ray had every one meet at his hangar. After lunch at the airport restaurant we were given a tour of Parks Air College, part of the St. Louis University complex. Included with this was a lecture by our tour guide, Jim Bryer. Among those we met was the campus chaplain who had some time in and hopefully by this time a new NAPP member.

After our session at the College which graciously offered us rooms for the night at a very nominal fee, Ray took us back to his hangar for a very scrumptious dinner. A friend, Paul Whelan, was on hand to man the grill and filled the bellies of all to more than capacity. If it would have been necessary to fly at that point I'm sure all planes would have been well over gross.

Members present were NAPP President John Dompka, Pennsylvania, Treasurer Charile Teufel and Ray Radzieta from West Virginia, Henry Haacke from Kentucky, Irv Weber from Nebraska, John Wolesky and Al Werth from Kansas, Mel and John Hemann, Phil Schmitt and Art Kleve from Iowa.

Joining us in the late afternoon and for dinner was William D. Edwards, Executive Director of WINGS OF HOPE. He extended his personal thanks to all NAPP members for the support we have given them. He also shared with us a lengthy letter and pictures from NAPP member Pat Patten in Tanzania on the status of the 206 which we have a small share in. It was delightful to meet Bill and learn first hand of the work he and his band of volunteers are doing in helping to spread the Good News.

One of the other delightful events of this particular gathering was to meet Fr. John Walsh. John has been a NAPP member from the beginning but to my knowledge this is the first meeting he has been able to attend. John is getting up into the late 70's and flies his Cessan 175 off a private very short grass strip. He's probably one of the better short-field pilots in the St. Louis area.

We thank Ray for a very delightful and profitable meeting. Details for the Fall meeting have not been finalized so watch this newsletter for particulars.

I made the ultimate boo-boo in that I forgot to take the NAPP official camera with me. Hence, no photos to commemorate the event.

Oh, almost forgot one other thing. Ray took us on a beautiful night guided tour of St. Louis, the famous arch and the beautiful Mississippi.

It was a grand event!

# CONVENTION AGENDA

SUNDAY - July 8 ----- Arrivals

(If anyone is interested I am having a parish 25th celebration at St. Joseph's, Preston, at 2:00 PM.

We have an E-W strip a short distance west of the Church).

MONDAY - July 9 ----- Arrivals

6:00 PM ----- Bratwurst cook out on the farm

TUESDAY - July 10

9:00 AM ----- Concelebrated Liturgy in Visitation Church

10:00 AM ----- Brunch served by ladies of the Parish

11:00 AM ----- FSS seminar in Church Hall

12:30 PM ----- Pilot briefing for flight to Don Q Inn

1:00 to 2:30 PM ----- Free Time

2:30 PM ----- Departure for Don Q Inn

5:00 PM ----- Dinner - Don Q Inn -- one of midwest's finest fly-in spots

7:30 PM ----- Departure for Hemann farm

WEDNESDAY - July 11

9:00 AM ----- Breakfast served by ladies of the Parish

9:45 AM ----- NAPP annual meeting in Church Hall

1:30 PM ----- Vesting for liturgy in school

2:00 PM ----- Mass of Thanksgiving

4:00 PM ----- Air Show on the farm

6:00 PM ----- Pork and Beef cookout

THURSDAY - July 12

Breakfast and departure on your own.

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*The way it looks now we have enough RV's and campers lined up to offer everyone the ultimate in sleeping quarters and transportation.*

As mentioned in the note you got from President John Dompka be sure to bring with you sheets, towels, pillow or sleeping bag. Most of the machines we are getting do not come equipped with these fineries.

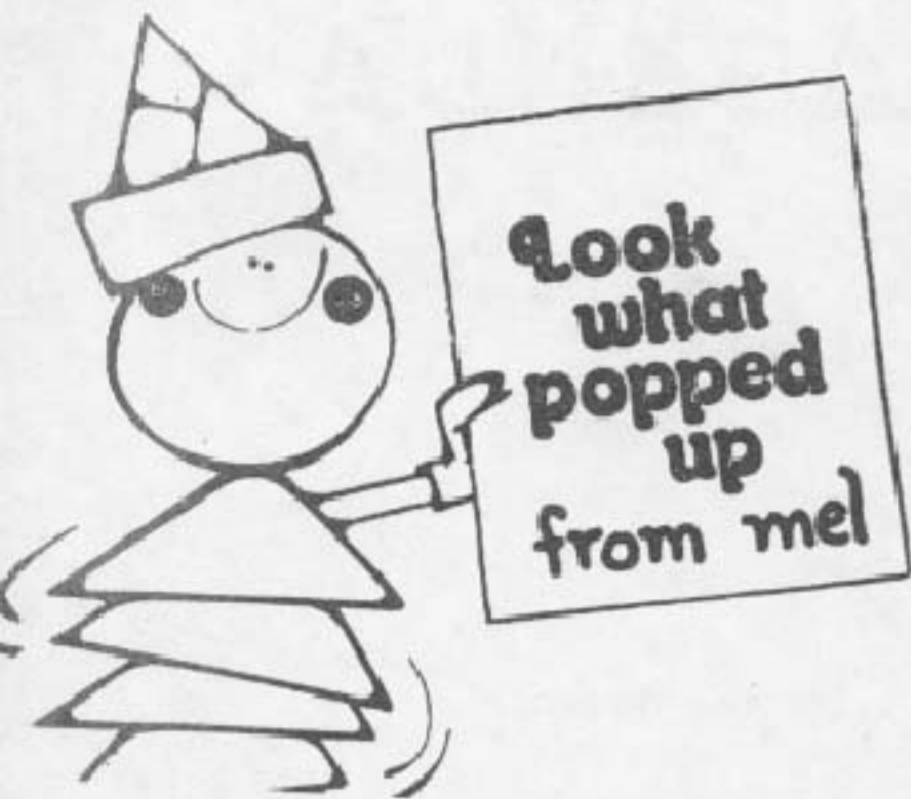
*I will be sending to every pilot maps of the area and other pertinent info.*

Every convention we have had has had its own unique flavor about it. We assure you we will keep up that fine tradition and offer you a piece of rural America at its finest.

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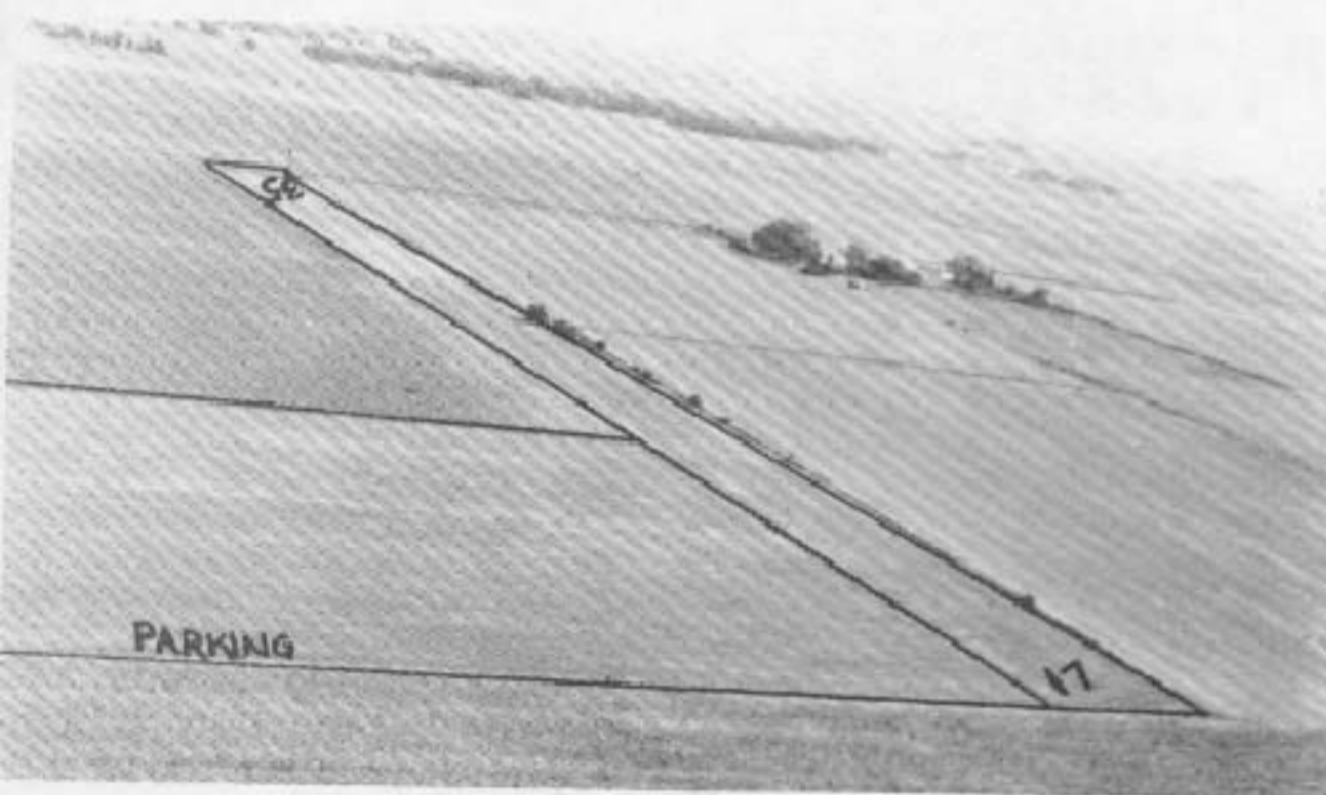


My remarks in this issue will be on the up-coming Convention.

Last Sunday and Monday, June 17 & 18, co-hosts Mel, Matt & John Hemann met on the Hemann farm to finalize convention plans. (See picture at right).

All is ready - All we need is YOUR reservation.

Please get that to me as soon as possible.



The 2600' N-S grass strip should be in good shape by convention time. If you have been watching the news of late you will note that the mid-west has had more than it's share of rain this year. However, by Convention time all should be in marvelous condition.

The landing strip is pictured at left. Elevation is 1200 MSL and there is a high line at the south end.

Once you find the town of Stacyville, the Hemann strip is easy to find .. one mile straight north of the church steeple shown at left below.

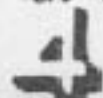


We recommend working with Mason City FSS on 123.6. In filing your flight plans - VFR or IFR - simply put in the REMARKS that you will close with Mason City. (MCW).

I will forward to MCW the N numbers of the registrants I have. The personnel are great people and have assured me they will do anything to be of assistance.

When you approach the Hemann air strip we recommend you call in on 122.9 MHz. We will have radio available to reply and give you airport advisories. If everyone does this it should make for a much safer operation.

If you are too low to close with MCW in the air we can do it by phone.





One last item on the convention. At left is a picture of the home place. The road in front of the farm buildings is roughly N-S, with N to the right. Parking will be to the south of the buildings marked P on the picture.

From this viewpoint the landing strip is to the west off the top left corner of the picture.

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We just received word a couple of days ago that Santa Fe Communications out of California will be at the convention on July 11 with a film crew. They prepare religious programs for satellite distribution and want to do a story on NAPP with emphasis on planes in the missions. They also hope to tie in something on religious vocations in the story.

Matt says, "Things are sure looking good and will look at lot better once we get a few planes out there."



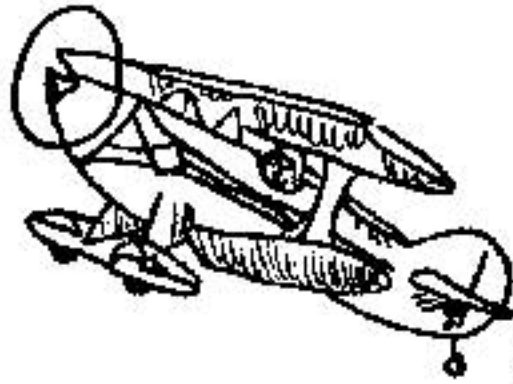
Three of the astronauts have their roots within 20 miles of my place. Pictured at left is "yours truly" & Pinky Nelson who did the space walk in attempting to retrieve the solar-max on the last shuttle flight. Very interesting presentation at a local school.

Last Saturday night I had dinner & heard a presentation by Bill Gardner, the father of Dale Gardner, who flew last Fall & is scheduled again for a mission later this year.

If all the legalities can be worked out he will be part of the team that will try to retrieve the 2 satellites that didn't go into proper orbit a couple of missions ago.







Come join the fun at the  
**NAPP CONVENTION** and  
**HEMANN SILVER JUBILEES.**

July 10-11, 1984

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