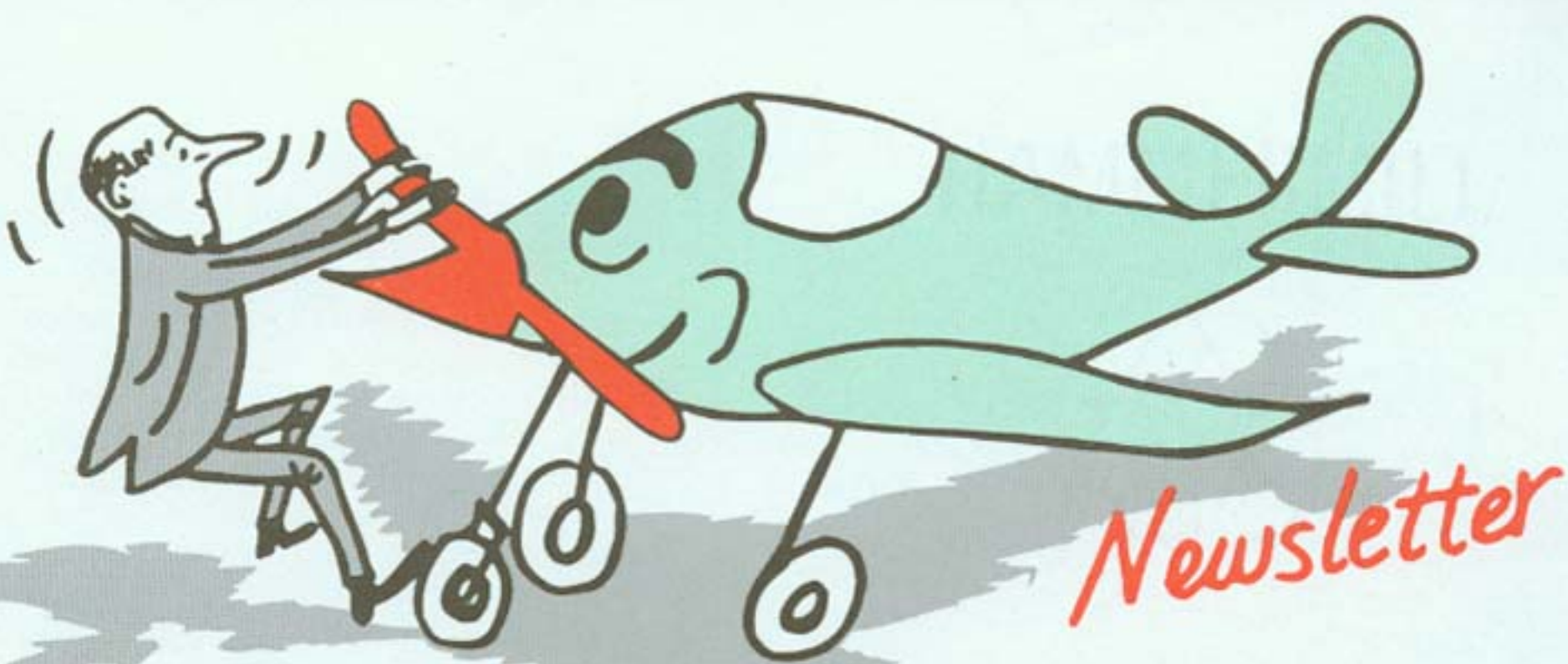


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were two brothers in business. Corrupt and evil they were. They cared about neither employees nor customers, only about making money for themselves.

They were Catholics, but in name only, rarely darkening the door of the parish Church. The older brother, Emilio died suddenly of a heart attack. Geno approached the pastor with one request.

"You and I know that Emilio was not a very faithful man - to wife, business colleagues or to God. However, if, in your homily you say my brother was a good man, I will pay off the rest of the parish debt."

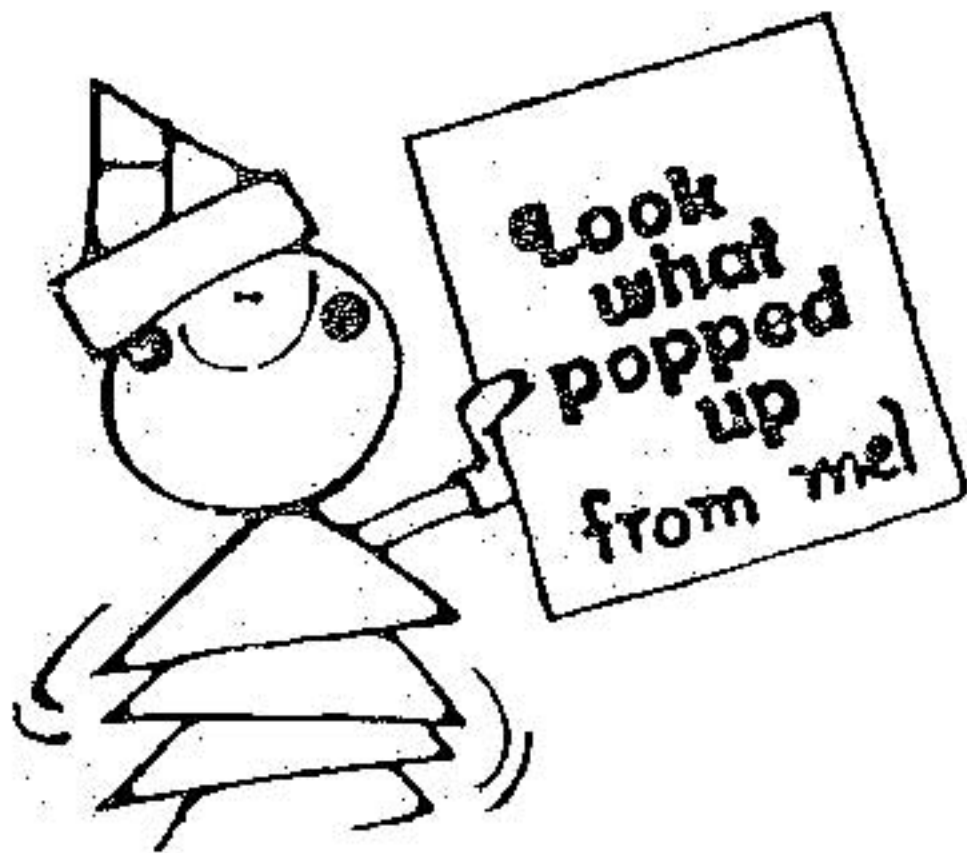
The pastor, not being foolish agreed, provided that he receive the gift in advance. Geno agreed, writing out a check for \$325,000 which the pastor immediately deposited in the parish account.

The next day, Father O'Malley said: "We all know Emilio. He was unfaithful to his wife, beat his children and cheated every customer he could. But, compared to his brother, he was a good man."

It is Lent, a time of conversion. None of us is corrupt and evil, yet each of us can use this time to examine our life and see how we need to change. Several years ago, I examined my life during Lent by "writing my own obituary". What would people say about me and my contribution to the world and church.

May these forty days be a time of spiritual growth for you.

Everett Hemann



the last newsletter. Our prayers and sympathy go to all of you.

Another page contains the info on two of our member's unfortunate incidents. Frank Nemmers and Mark McGovern both had some problems, to say the least, on recent trips. We thank them for sharing their stories with us.

There is a sign up sheet for the April NAPP midwest regional meeting in Cedar Rapids on April 29. Should be an interesting day.

Come join us!

REMINDERS

In this mailing you will find, along with the bimonthly newsletter, the annual NAPP directory. I'm sure there are a few errors in all of this. One of the definite drawbacks of retirement is the fact the wonderfully good, efficient and faithful secretaries who willingly gave of their time and talents in assisting me in keeping all of this stuff in some kind of reasonable order are not part of the retirement package. In addition I find not using a computer frequently (like every day) as I used to my skills are definitely deteriorating. A lot of the things that were easy to do when done often now are becoming more labor intensive. (I think there's a subliminal flying lesson in there somewhere). If you come across any mistakes in the enclosed please send that to me and I'll make the necessary corrections in the computer and notify everyone in subsequent newsletters.

There is a reprint of a letter from Gilman Chalout's sister informing us of his death. Also a very touching note from Gerry Gefell about his twin brother's death which we reported in

2002 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 9 - 10, 2002

Specific details will be available
in the next newsletter
Keep the dates open.

* NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Ames, Iowa

July 8 - 9, 2003

Start planning for this one.

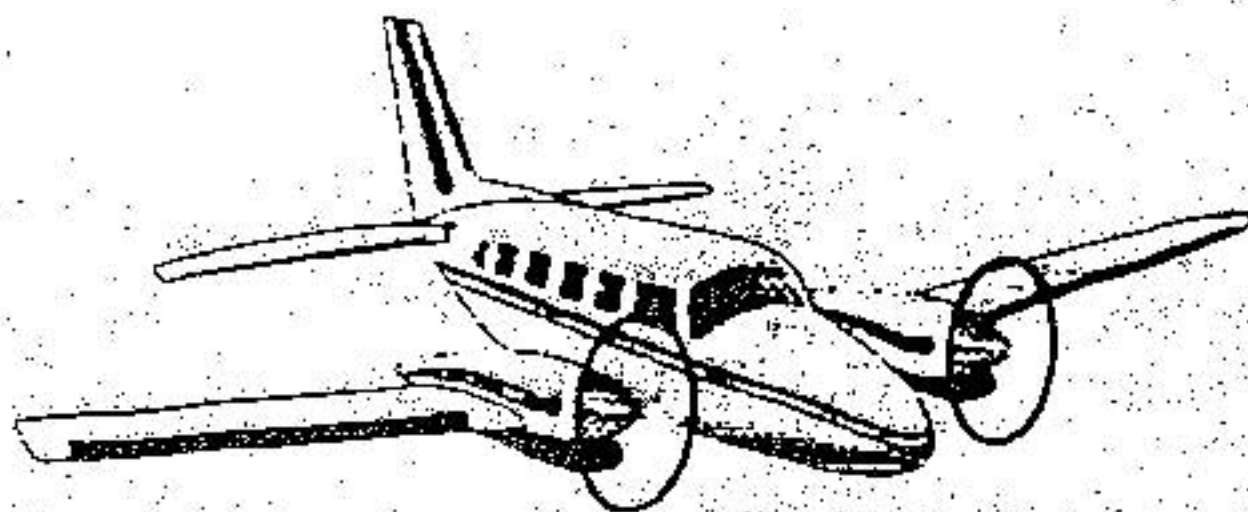
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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

*From Theresa Levesque, West Islip, NY
Nov 24, 2001*

Dear Fr. Hemann

I regret to inform you that my brother, Msgr. Gilman Chaloult, died on November 11th after a four month illness. I know that he had been a member of NAPP for many years.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Theresa C. Levesque

*From Msgr. Gerry Gefell, Rochester, NY
December 22, 2001*

Dear Mel,

The saddest thing I have ever had to do has been to notify Father Joe's countless friends of his passing to his eternal reward this past October.

No one has to "sing his praises." A truly great and humble man of God began his fabulous career of service to God and his fellow men as a Priest in June of 1941 at Rochester, NY. It wasn't long before he joined the military, and began his fabulous career serving over most of the world, ministering to all who had the good fortune to cross his path. Always a man of God, he delighted in pointing out how much his private flying and his military jumping added to his priestly work. May he rest in the peace of God.

Fr. Gerry had a newspaper obit column with his note. It mentioned Joe was a U.S. Army chaplain from 1945-1947. He was recalled in 1951 until he retired in 1973. Msgr. Gefell was an avid fisherman and an accomplished private pilot instructor in instrument flying. He was also a paratrooper, completing 96 jumps in his military career.

Fr. Ed Moran sent the following information.

Mel,

Just a quick note to say "hi" and tell you my bishop recalled me from active duty in the Air Force this year to serve as a pastor in a local Virginia parish. It has been quite a transition. He gave permission to join the Air Guard which was called out after Sept. 11. The crunch of serving unit and parish for 45 days was quite a challenge. Am still flying with the Langley Aero club and did my flight instructor refresher course this year. All the best to you.

Fr. Ed Moran

Jack Wehrten writes from Flanders, NJ

Dear Mel,

I think I'm one of the ones who didn't pay his dues. Enclosed is a check.

I mean to do more flying but each year gets busier & busier.

Peace and good health

Frank Nemmers Shares His Incident

01/29/02

Mel,

The enclosed is sad. I have no memory of it. After the concussion a CAT scan showed nothing (wrong!) in my head. Cuts and bruises on a 70 year old body seem to last a long time.

No hull insurance, so it'll be an abstemious retirement. The Mooney is totaled - except the engine. They said it wasn't turning....Had 32 left tank - 26 right tank gas. Yet they found the right tank empty. Leak? - or - Theft?

Frank

Frank

Excerpts from HIGHLANDS COUNTY NEWSPAPER, SEBRING, FL. January 18, 2002

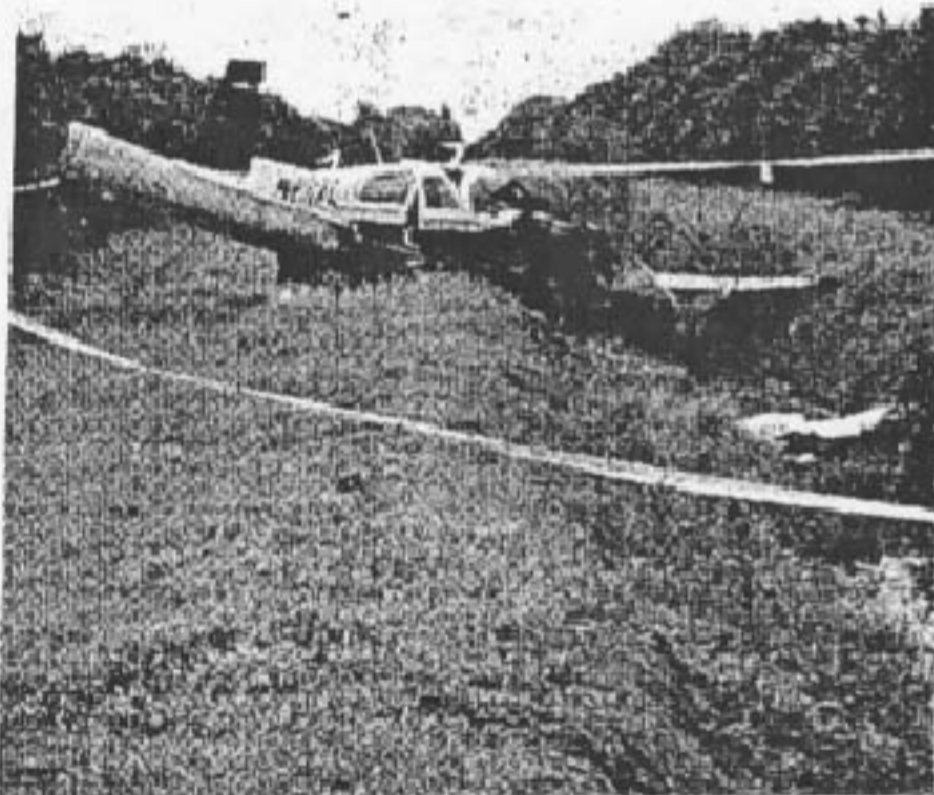
LAKE PLACID. There was a lot of bent sheet metal, but no serious injuries Thursday morning when a private plane went down near Vince's Airport in Placid Lakes.

According to sheriff's reports, the blue and white Mooney M20J, was taking off from Vince's Airport shortly after 7 a.m. when apparently the plane's engine stalled.

The single engine aircraft went down between the orange trees in a grove....The plane hit the drainage ditch, dislodging a wing and the propeller and shattering the windshield.

Placid Lakes VFD Chief Mark Fortier said there was no fire following the crash of the small private plane. The 69 year old priest was taken to the hospital and was treated for lacerations and released.... Following his release, Nemmers returned to St. James Catholic Church, where officials said he was resting comfortably.

"He's flown into this place a hundred times," said Roy Gallagher, who came to the site next to the runway at Vince's Airport to see the remains of the plane. "He was here to visit me. The plane was his baby."



Mark McGovern's Brief Account

(Late January 2002)

Last year Mark was transferred from Iowa Falls, IA to Nativity Parish in Dubuque. Some of his belongings were still in Iowa Falls. On a beautiful, but windy day, Mark flew his Tri-Pacer to Iowa Falls to gather some of his possessions.

The wind was 240 at 11+ knots. With only one runway, 31 - 13, and a 90 degree cross wind in either direction, Mark chose to land on 31. Shortly after touch down an unexpected gust resulted in loss of control on roll out and ultimately ending in the bean field next to the runway. Fortunately no injuries to the pilot but Mark is now awaiting word from the insurance company as to the future of the Tri-Pacer. Only one thing is certain. It will be several months before Mark and his bird are back in the air.



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Office of the Archbishop

December 24, 2001

Mel Hemann
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Dear Mel,

Thank you and the National Association of Priest Pilots for the wonderful gift of \$1,000.00 to continue assisting me in pursuing my pilot's license. I had hoped to solo cross country last week, unfortunately due to the weather, it was not possible. However, as soon as the weather lets up, I will be flying to Talkeetna and then back to Anchorage. I look forward to completing my license and flying to our various parishes located throughout our state.

I will pass on your greetings to Frank and Joann.

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Mary,

✠ Roger L. Schwietz, OMI
Archbishop of Anchorage

OUR MISSION QUEEN WAS BATTLING A SEVERE WEATHER FRONT. THE WINDS AT 12,000 FT. WERE IN EXCESS OF 90 MPH RIGHT ON THE NOSE! FR. BOB WAS FLYING AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST MISSION TO THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF AHOME, NORTH OF LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA. IN THE SAME SKY ANOTHER MISSION AIR-PLANE WAS ON ANOTHER MISSION OF MERCY FOR THE SICK, FOR THE NEEDY. FATHER FRANCISCO "PANCHE" CHAVEZ ACOSTA WAS FLYING OUR TARAHUMARA MISSION PIPER CHEROKEE DAKOTA XBETB OUT OF NOROGACHI, CHIHUAHUA. IT WAS PANCHE'S SECOND: FLIGHT OF THE DAY, APRIL 8, 2001, PALM SUNDAY. HE HAD ALREADY FLOWN ONE HEALTH OFFICIAL FROM CHIHUAHUA CITY AND NOW WAS ON HIS WAY TO PARRAL TO FLY YET ANOTHER HEALTH OFFICIAL BACK TO NORO TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS BELOVED TARAHUMARA PEOPLE.

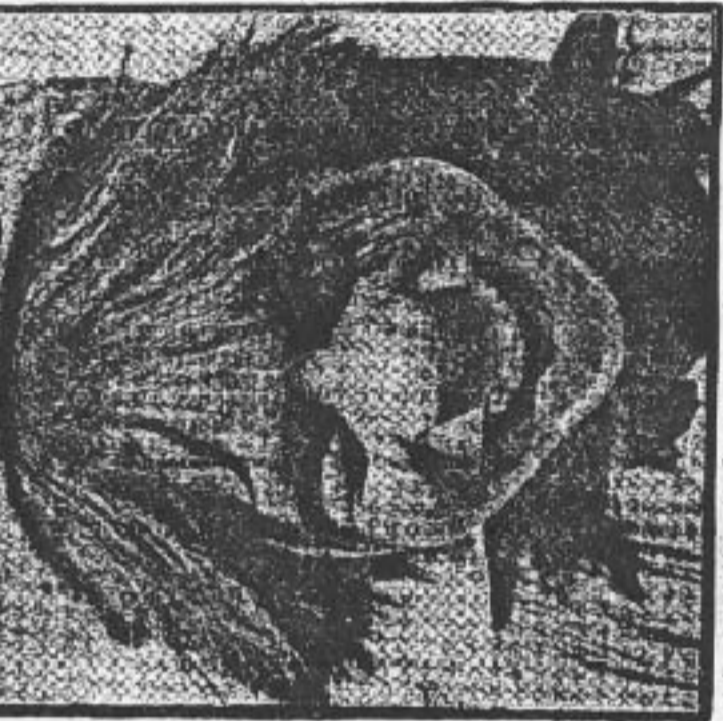
Fr. Pancho (r), Pilot, friends & the Chevrok



"There is no greater Love than to give one's life for another." John 15:13

THE WINDS AT NOROGACHI ON THE AFTERNOON WERE ALREADY IN EXCESS OF 50 MPH. FIVE MILES EAST OF THE MISSION A VICIOUS DOWNDRAFT WRENCHED THE LITTLE CHEROKEE FROM THE SKY & DASHED IT INTO THE ROCKS BELOW. FR. PANCHE'S MANGLED BODY WAS RECOVERED FROM THE SMASHED LITTLE PLANE THAT NIGHT. AND EVEN AS OUR DEAR LORD MADE HIS TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM ON PALM SUNDAY IN THE YEAR 33 A.D., SO, TOO, DID OUR BROTHER PANCHE MAKE HIS TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO GLORY ON ANOTHER PALM SUNDAY 1,968 YRS. LATER. HE IS NOW INTERCEDING ON OUR BEHALF BEFORE THE THRONE OF GRACE! ALLELUIA!

One of Fr. Pancho's Beloved Teenagers



PANCHE STROVE TIRELESSLY TO SECURE THE RIGHTS OF HIS PEOPLE, IN HEALTH CARE, IN THEIR USE OF THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS, IN THEIR POLITICAL VOICE, AND IN EVERY OTHER AREA. HE REGISTERED HUNDREDS OF THEM TO VOTE, TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD POLITICALLY. IN HIS MEMORY WE MUST CONTINUE HIS WORK! OUR INDIAN PEOPLE ARE WELL PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW. PADRE

With the Mission Queen at Pancho's Norogachi airstrip two months to the day before his Graduation.



He fought for justice for the oppressed and the destitute! Ps 82:3

1. to r: Fr. Pancho. Fr. Bob. Fr. Charlie Teufel.

We don't have funerals. We have 'Graduations'. We Graduate from the School of Life into Eternal Life. Fr. Pancho Graduated SUMMA CUM LAUDE !!!

FR. BOB'S "THANK YOU" TO NAPP FOR DONATION

A REFLECTION FROM PRESIDENT EV

The reason the Enron affair is complex and confusing, is because it IS complex and confusing. But according to one analysis, here's how to explain Enron accounting practices to the lay person

- Feudalism - You have two cows. Your lord takes some of the milk.
- Fascism - You have two cows. The government takes both, hires you to take care of them, and sells you the milk.
- Communism - You have two cows. Your neighbors help take care of them and you share the milk.
- Totalitarianism - You have two cows. The government takes them both and denies they ever existed and drafts you into the army. Milk is banned.
- Capitalism - You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.
- Enron Venture Capitalism - You have two cows. You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS
Spring Midwest Regional - April 29, 2002
Rockwell Collins -- Cedar Rapids, IA**

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Travel Information:

Whether flying or driving come to the Cedar Rapids Airport. Meet in the office at the Collins base of operations, west of the tower.

Arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 A.M. on Mon, April 29, 2002

Airport: Cedar Rapids Municipal

Identifier: CID

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Collins Discrete Freq: 123.52

Call Sign: KAW-6

Collins Work Number: 319-295-5221



If you need fuel we recommend getting it from PS Air. They will come to Collins if you notify them when you land.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Following lunch, about 1:00 P.M., we will go to the Rockwell Collins plant. A tour of the facility and the products they manufacture has been arranged for us.

Following the tour we will assemble for a short meeting, fellowship, dinner and then home.

If you want to come early or stay late please let Neil know before arrival

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