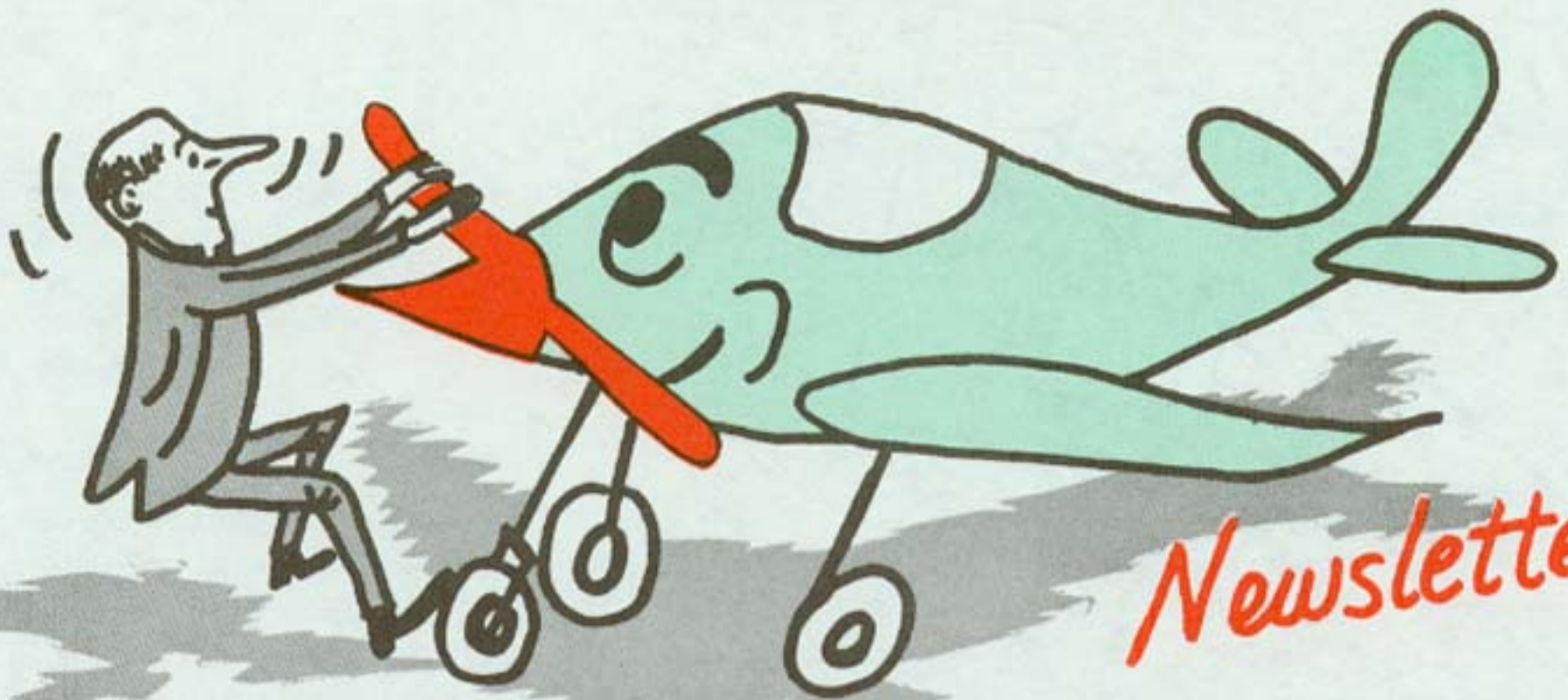


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FROM THE PRESIDENT



N.A.A.P. Convention '93 is now safely tucked away in the archives of John Bellon's photo books (I hope). San Antonio gave us plenty to remember, besides THE ALAMO: a dose of aerospace medicine at Brooks AFB, strong winds out of 180 degrees, FIESTA TEXAS, Dance of the Old Men (!!) in "Festival Folklorico", great conversations, comfortable headquarters, etc. Also, an historical note: there were more MURRAYS than HEMANNS there! John Hemann did an extraordinary job of managing the convention (from afar)

Thanks, John!

In case you are wondering, I was (to my total surprise) elected to have the privilege of serving as president for the next term. Our thanks to "Fearless" Frank Nemmers for his great leadership the past few years. (Mooney pilots do seem to be able to lead the squadron very well!)

Unless you have been completely out of touch, those of us in the midwest have been very much occupied with unbelievable FLOODING. About 4 hours after Dave Hogan, Phil Schmitt and I set down in Boone, Iowa, we had a cloudburst that dumped about 7" of rain. Des Moines (about 40 miles south), as you know, got most of it. Pray for the many victims of the floods, many are really hurting.

The Lord has blessed us with the special calling of priesthood and we give thanks for that each day. But, as is evident at each convention, we have some wonderful people who support our priestly work and share in the pleasure of flying with us. Thanks Lord!

Peace to all.

*Tom Guelon*





Following the Wednesday night dinner, just before the NAPP annual meeting, Frank Nemmers rose and said there was a matter of business to attend to before the meeting. He called me forward and presented a plaque with the following inscription:

**FATHER MEL HEMANN**

FOR OUTSTANDING AND

GENEROUS SERVICE TO THE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS

1964 - 1993

*father edited and published our bi-monthly newsletter all these years.*

PRESENTED AT SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION

JULY 7, 1993

There are few occasions in life when I am left speechless. July 7 was one. I am appreciative of this gesture but feel compelled to clarify a point for the record. Co-founder Bob Wendeln published a newsletter on occasion the first couple of years. Ben Bauer, now retired in Merville, Iowa, assumed the responsibility until the 1969 San Diego

convention when I took over. A special thank you to Nick Rossello whom I am told was the prime mover on this project. On behalf of Bob and Ben and their work before me, I graciously accept this token of appreciation.

*The 1994 NAPP Convention will be hosted by Bill Roche in California. Bill has reserved the VALLOMBROSA CENTER in Menlo Park for the days of July 11, 12 and 13. The convention dates, as usual, are Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12 and 13.*

Please note John Bellon's letter elsewhere in the newsletter. To experience a malfunction once in 29 years is not too bad a record. I'm sure there are others who will help fill the '93 album.

*Jack Paisley will host the Fall midwest regional meeting on Monday, October 4, in Belle Plaine, Iowa. Belle Plaine, about 30 miles west of Cedar Rapids, has a new airport. Let Jack know your intentions. His address and phone number are in the new directory.*

*Come early and stay late.*

Treasurer Ev Hemann includes in this newsletter a financial report for the past year. Please note it shows NAPP financial status as of June 30, 1993.

Secretary Bob Kirsch includes a copy of the minutes from the annual meeting for your perusal.

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Dear N.A.P.P. 1993 Conventioneers:

The 30th Annual Convention is now history. What a wonderful turn out of priests and friends in San Antonio. The weather presented a slight problem, but then that is nothing new, for those of us who fly any distance. One can never have the very best each flight. One thing we did enjoy, at least most of us, the "tail wind" on the way home.

There were a number of priests, and I will not name them, who were very generous with their time and provided the use of their rental or personal car. This did in fact save us over \$200.00. Furthermore, when it came time to paying for the rental cars and van it actually cost us approximately only 62% of what the original price that was quoted. A financial savings again.

Then, because Fiesta Texas provided 26 passes, at a cost of \$23.00 per ticket, I discovered another savings of almost \$600.00. It was originally planned to purchase group tickets from the convention fee. Thanks to Fr. Bill Bevington and friends.

I addressed letters of "thanks" and "appreciation" to the rental services, Fiesta Texas and Brooks Air Force Base.

I also addressed a letter of "thanks" to the FBO at Stinson. I don't know how many of you realized it, but, he took 5¢ off on each gallon of gas for the Priest Pilots. He pumped 360 gallons (total gift of \$18.00 to N.A.P.P. members) and he also did not charge the usual "tie down" of \$3.00 per night.

San Antonio was very kind and hospitable to us. We did get a few breaks and I know that I for one did appreciate that very much.

Now MORE GOOD NEWS. Because of a few breaks, and cost changes after I worked out the original convention fee, the 1993 Convention MADE MONEY. You will be happy to find a deposit into the treasury report next year from the 1993 Convention. It all comes about because of a number of people, and agencies, who were CHARITABLE.

For 30 years we have been "giving" money away each year to assist others. It is true, "give and it shall be given back to you". Let us keep up the spirit of "gift giving".

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*John W. Hemann*

Rev. John W. Hemann  
1993 Convention Coordinator





NAPF NATIONAL CONVENTION - SAN ANTONIO

JULY 6 - 7, 1993

Here are the pictures. I do not know what happened, but I think that the flash did not synchronize with the shutter every time. I took all the inside pictures with flash.

This is very embarrassing for me, because I take pride in my pictures. There are about 30 that did not turn out, so I am asking the men who took pictures to send in a few that cover the inside of the Pillar, like the fellows eating, at the meeting, and other gatherings around house.

I did not go to the Fiesta, so a few of that would be appreciated too. I took some at the River Walk, but they did not come out either. One or two of that would be fine, especially of the boats. The picture of the Mass did not come out right.

The albums are getting heavy and they weigh too much to carry around in a little plane and even to haul to the jets. Some suggested that I pack them up and ship them out, so that all could take a look at them all instead of bringing just one with me. So you may see them all in California.

It seems that the end of the meeting comes too fast and all are gone back home. All of us have wonderful memories of the meetings we have attended.

By the way, I will take some time out one of these days to look up minutes where we discussed the guest payments, etc.

Was happy to be with all the gang and am looking forward to California.

As always,

John E. Bellon, C.S.S.R.





# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS

## MINUTES FOR THE 1993 ANNUAL MEETING

Our venerable 'lame-duck' brother President, FR. FRANK NEMMERS, opened our 30th meeting at 7:05 PM, July 7th, at Our Lady of the Pillar Retreat House in San Antonio, Texas. Our Convention host was FR. JOHN HEMANN who, with FR. MEL HEMANN and FATHER EV HEMANN assisting, did a yeoman's job (there was no NAPP member in the San Antonio area to help). Appreciation was also expressed to FR. DICK SKRIBA, to FR. ED HIGGINS and to MR. BILL BROWNE who shared their cars for our ground transportation, and to YOLANDA. 32 members were present with 4 Associate members and 1 guest. FR. JACK PAISLEY had asked to be excused but did volunteer himself for reelection as 2nd Vice President. The absence of all other missing members was appropriately mourned!

1. Copies of the MINUTES of our 1992 meeting were distributed and perused. MOTION: FR. BEN BAUER/FR. BILL ROCHE: THAT THE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED: vote was unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: FR. EV HEMANN reported a Balance of \$6,776.64. In addition there was a \$680.00 refundable deposit forthcoming. MOTION: FR. CHARLIE TEUFEL/FR. AL RUSCHMAN: THAT THE REPORT BE ACCEPTED: unanimous vote. FR. PETER SWEENEY suggested that a gift be made to FR. JIM KELLEY now working in the Anchorage Archdiocese with our member ARCHBISHOP FRANK HURLEY. Discussion ensued during which it was recalled that last year, 1992, we had wanted to give a gift to FR. PAT PATTEN in Africa, but that our funds were too limited. MOTION: FR. AL RUSCHMAN/FR. EV HEMANN: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDE UPON A GIFT, WHATEVER WE CAN AFFORD, TO FR. PAT PATTEN FOR THIS YEAR. 31 in favor; 1 opposed.

3. 1994 CONVENTION: FR. BILL ROCHE, San Francisco area, volunteered to host for 1994; he was duly applauded; airport of rendezvous, possibly San Carlos or Palo Alto; FR. MIKE NASH (from Juneau) might be able to help from Bay Area. Dates will be July 12 and 13, 1994, the good Lord willing and no more high water! FR. JIM KELLEY conveyed regards from ARCHBISHOP FRANK HURLEY who again offered Anchorage for our convention. For 1995 OSHKOSH was mentioned by FR. JOHN HEMANN. Would be previous to EAA Fly-In, on our regular dates, i.e., Tuesday and Wednesday of the first full week following July 4. Perhaps BISHOP SKLBA would be our host, perhaps at the Retreat House.

4. GUEST SURCHARGE: Discussion was had about a \$10.00 surcharge for guests which had been in place at some time in the past. MOTION: FR. JACK LAWLER/FR. CHARLIE TEUFEL: THAT ANY SURCHARGE BE RESCINDED: Vote was unanimous.

5. MEXICO REPORT: by FR. BOB KIRSCH: The aircraft, a Cherokee Dakota 260; XB-ETB, of our departed member BISHOP JOSE ALBERTO LLAGUNO FARIAS, S.J. is still in the hangar at the central Mission of Sisoguichi, Chihuahua. BOB makes sure that maintenance is kept up to date. However, since there still has not been appointed a new Bishop for the Tarahumara Indian Vicariate, ARCHBISHOP JOSE FERNANDEZ of Chihuahua City, Administrator pro-tem of the Vicariate, has directed that the plane not be used until we see what the new Bishop will decide. Some members who had been supporting the Mexican plane are now assisting BOB with the SAN MARTIN FLYING MISSION'S C-210 which serves the Tarahumara People of Mexico on a regular basis. FR. BOB is very grateful for this support.

6. A SPECIAL PLAQUE was presented to FR. MEL HEMANN through the thoughtfulness of FR. NICK ROSSELLO to appropriately honor MEL for his 30 years of service to NAPP, especially as Editor of our fantabulous Newsletter. Congratulations, MEL!

7. HONORABLE MENTION TO MEMBERS: 1). FR. JOHN HERZOG for his 'hole in one' on his trip to Israel; 2). FR. JOHN BELLON and FR. BOB KIRSCH for having made every one of our 30 meetings; 3). FR. PETE SWEENEY for not only having paid his dues on time (really supererogation for PETE) but also for paying dues for our new member, FR. JIM TRANSUE; 4). FR. BILL BEVINGTON (assisted by Public Relations Directress, MS. COOKIE CALLAGHAN) for securing for us free passes for our wonderful day at FIESTA TEXAS, thereby saving us hundreds of dollars! 5) FR. RAY RADZIETA (attended his last convention in 1992) who is still playing Bridge with FR. CHARLIE TEUFEL.

8. NAPP, INC.: FR. AL RUSCHMAN has sent in, on his own nickel, the required fee to keep us INCORPORATED under the laws of the State of Kentucky. Thanks much Al! (mention of Kentucky always brings back fond memories of our Founding Fathers, +FR. HENRY HAACKE and +FR. BOB WENDELN. May they both rest in Peace



and Joy}.

9. ELECTIONS: For President: FR. BOB KIRSCH nominated FR. TOM GEELAN. MOTION: FR. EV HEMANN/FR. JACK LAWLER: THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED; Unanimous. Congratulations, FR. TOM is the former administrator of Kuemper High School in Carroll, IA and now pastor in Boone, IA). And heartfelt appreciation to FR. FRANK NEMMERS, our out-going President, for a very fine job! For Second Vice-President: FR. BOB KIRSCH nominated FR. JACK PAISLEY (in absentia..not KIRSCH, but PAISLEY) for re-election. MOTION: FR. ED MURRAY/FR. JOHN WOLESKY: THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED; Unanimous. Congratulations and thanks again to you, JACK! For Secretary: FR. JOHN WOLESKY nominated FR. BOB KIRSCH for re-election; FR. BOB KIRSCH nominated FR. JACK LAWLER who declined. MOTION: FR. BILL ROCHE/FR. CHARLIE TEUFEL: THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED; Unanimous. BOB expressed his appreciation for the confidence of the members.

10. FR. DAVE HOGAN provided a tape on THE GREAT ART OF FLIGHT; really hilarious! Thanks, DAVE! FR. JACK LAWLER commented on CHARLIE SWEENEY, pilot for the Nagasaki bombing. For the Hiroshima mission there were three planes in the group; the first plane, a B-29, the Enola Gay, commanded by Pilot Tibbits, was armed enroute. For Charlie's bomb run the A-Bomb was armed prior to take off.

11. President, FR. FRANK NEMMERS, invited FR. BOB KIRSCH to comment on the Mike Wallace 60 MINUTES segment. BOB gave a report on

"the Rest of the Story" and on what actually happened as Mike Wallace accosted the Religious Procession (Mr. Wallace had actually been looking for Archbishop Sanchez who was not present). BOB did file criminal charges of Assault and Battery on Mike Wallace for accosting the Pilgrimage and for shoving people around. The civil suit against the ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE and BOB has been thrown out of court. It appears that the latest 'name of the game' for greedy lawyers is 'Sue the Catholic Church'. We are assured by our ecumenical brethren that there are even more suits against the Protestant Churches, but that they hardly ever make the media. It would appear that the motivation in our cases is a combination of hatred of the Church, and of vengeance, jealousy and greed on the part of many of the 'victims'.

12. ADJOURNMENT: at 8:00 P.M. MOTION: FR. EV HEMANN/FR. ED HIGGINS: THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED; Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted with reasonable alacrity'

*Bob*

Fr. Bob J. Kirsch, Secretary.

07-01-92 to 06-30-93  
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Budget Code	Expense Amount	Income Amount
CONVENTION	680.00	
MAILING	73.80	
MISC. CHK	32.00	
PRINTING	704.09	
SERVICE	2.00	
TAX	28.40	
DUES		1900.00
INTEREST		189.28
MISC DER		125.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1520.29</b>	<b>2214.28</b>

Income Amount: 2214.28  
Expense Amount: 1520.29  
693.99

Savings Account #134295

Beginning balance 8/20/92: 6082.65  
Ending balance 6/30/93: 6776.64  
693.99

*Evans Hemann, Treasurer*