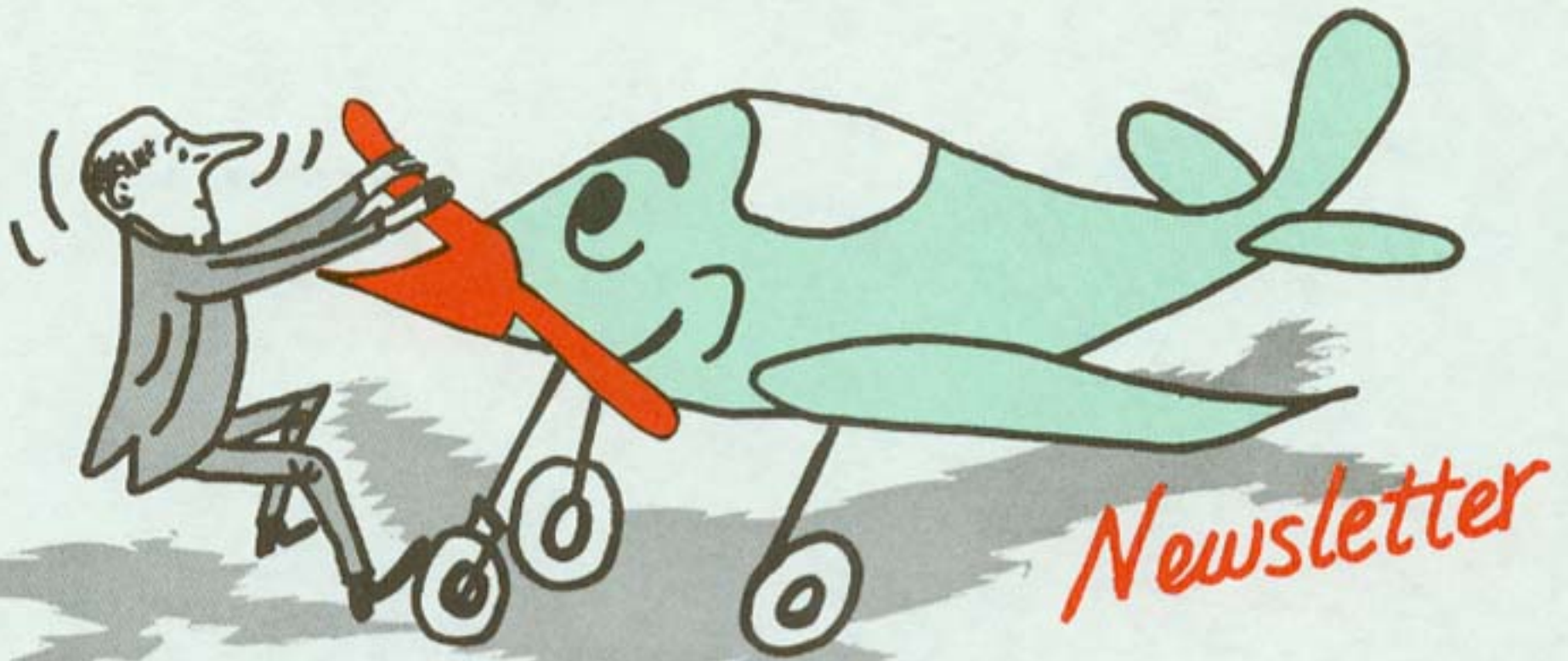


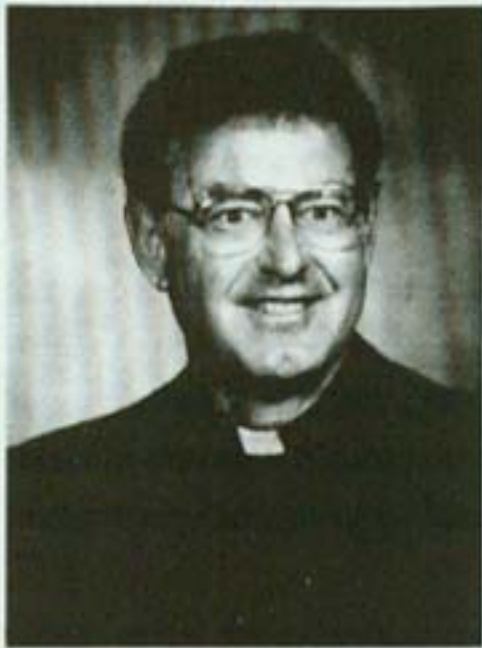
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thunder and rain greeted some of the flyers bound NW from Frederick, Maryland on July 10. The 29th Convention, however, was far from stormy. Our enduring organization (some of the loyal corps never miss) was indeed one of quality. Thank you Pete Sweeney and volunteers.

Enriched by B-29 guides and the pros at AOPA we returned home wiser and ever more appreciative of aviation heritage and privilege. And, of course, the special NAPP fraternity.

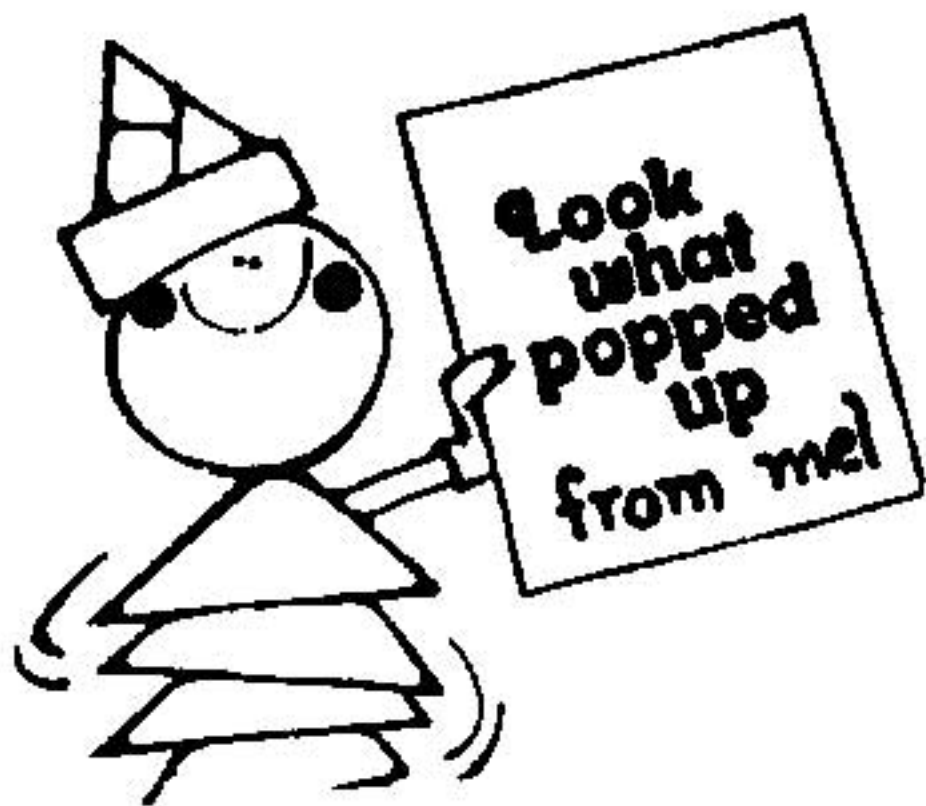
My own back yard, as the corn and beans ripen, the hogs and cattle fatten, a recent fly-in (Zanger Field, Larchwood - 1 1/4 mi. E.) hosted all sorts of planes which squeezed into the 2400' x 18' asphalt strip. The free pork chop supper and conversation were Top-Iowa. No fancy FBO needed here - or indoor plumbing either.

Experience for yourself at the Oct. 12 Regional. Will find left- over pork chops; early birds can golf 1/4 mi. from the airport. IFR to FDS, 18 NM - NW, and then scud-run around towers to Y00.

Best wishes to all,

Frank Nemmers

Frank Nemmers



A few words about the first issue of Volume XXX.

1. As I was preparing for this issue I looked back over the years and noted that I began as editor of the newsletter with VOL. VI. AUGUST 1969 NO. 1. 23 years. Those who were around back in those days remember that co-founder Bob Wendeln put out the first newsletters. He left the priesthood after a couple of years to marry. Ben Bauer of the Sioux City diocese and Dan Keeney of the Lincoln diocese co-edited the newsletter the next several years. I agreed to assume this responsibility at the 1969 convention in San Diego and I made a commitment to myself that I would put out an issue bi-monthly. There have been only two occasions when I didn't make that goal. The first was the summer of 1972 when I moved from Ames to Mason City, Iowa by way of Taize, France. That summer I took some college students to experience Taize. The second was in 1984. Following my silver jubilee celebration and co-hosting the NAPP convention on our home farm, I attended the Fall sabbatical in Rome and missed the October issue as a result.

There are times when I wonder if it's all worth it but when I hear some of you say the newsletter helps keep us together it puts things in a different perspective. I have had some wonderful help from a variety of people over the years which has made it much easier. Another benefit has been the joy of getting to know so many of you through the correspondence you send. Keep it coming as that

is what really makes the newsletter.

2. *The annual minutes are included as is the financial report sent to me by Bill Roche. There are pictures taken by our NAPP official photographer, John Bellon.*

3. John Bellon has gone back over the years and compiled some rather interesting statistics about the group. That data is included in this newsletter.

4. *I am also including an informational brochure in this envelope. They were printed a few years ago and so the annual meeting dates are not current. All else is OK. There are other priest pilots out there and all they need is an invitation to join. Pass the brochure on. If you need more, let me know.*

5. I got a new desk top publishing program for the computer so I'm not too certain about the outcome of this issue. This is my first try so there may be some rough edges. By the time I get to my 25th year of editing this I may have perfected it. Unfortunately, they'll have updated everything at least 10 times by then.

6. *Write down two dates. Midwest Regional at Frank Nemmers in Larchwood, IA on Monday, October 12. National Convention in San Antonio, Texas July 6 & 7, 1993.*

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS

Minutes of 1992 Annual Meeting

Our esteemed brother President, FR. FRANK NEMMERS, opened our 29th meeting with a prayer at 8:00 PM Wed., July 8th at the Memorial Hall of HOOD COLLEGE in FREDERICK, Maryland. Our Convention Host was FR. PETER J SWEENEY. 35 members were present along with 3 associate members and 3 guests.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT: A balance of \$6,183.33 as of 4/30/92. (Fr. Bill Roche, April 1992 newsletter report). (Further details are found on separate sheets in this newsletter). 1) Discussion followed as to our Investment Plan and the possibility of investment in a Mutual Fund. FR. PAT PATTEN also mentioned Fidelity Groups and the Magellan Fund. No action was taken.

2) After discussion it was decided that we were not able to make our customary GIFT of \$1,000.00 to one of our missionary members this year due to low earnings on our investments. 3) MOTION: by FR. JOHN Walsh, second by FR. EV HEMANN: THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DETERMINE WHAT AMOUNT WE COULD DONATE THIS YEAR. Vote: Unanimously in the Affirmative. 4) MOTION: by FR. BOB KIRSCH; seconded by FR. JOHN WOLESKY THAT WHATEVER AMOUNT WE CAN GIVE BE DONATED TO FATHER PAT PATTEN FOR HIS MEDICAL FLYING SERVICE. Vote: Unanimously in favor.

II. OLD BUSINESS: 1) FR. BOB KIRSCH gave a report on the untimely death of our member, BISHOP JOSE' A. LLAGUNO FARIAS, S.J., from cancer on February 26, 1992. BISHOP LLAGUNO had had every intention of being with us this year. Man proposes and God disposes. He had sent his blessing and kindest regards and he was surely with us in spirit. The mission airplane flown by BISHOP LLAGUNO, a Cherokee Dakota 235, XB-ETB, is parked on the ramp at Chihuahua City in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. The plane is kept in tip-top shape as a donation by the FBO of our friends, SERVICIO AEREO LOPEZ, S.A. Senor LEO LOPEZ, Jr. and his late father have been good friends of our mission aviation for some 30 years. Six of our members, along with several of our parishes, have been supporting the Bishop's plane for several years. Presently we are still awaiting the naming of the new Bishop of TARAHUMARA and TEPUAN Peoples. This man will decide as to the future use of the plane. FR. PEPE MARTIN DEL CAMPO is a mountain pilot and he may be operating the plane for the Vicariate. As of now everything is on hold. 2) FR. AL RUSCHMAN informed us that NAPP is still a Corporation in the State of Kentucky. 3) FR. MARK TILLIA (Brazil) sent his regards to all. Due to changing conditions he is not flying presently.

III. REGIONAL REPORTS: 1). EASTERN: No report except that of "NOTA BENE", i.e. FR. PETE SWEENEY is still a member in good standing having paid his dues at his customary "eleventh hour. We welcome from this region a new associate member, NANCY "RED" GUERNSEY, a Divinity Student for the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. 2) MIDWESTERN: Our brothers of this region report that their Fall Regional Meeting will be held on October 12 at LARCHWOOD, Iowa. Also, MR. JOE MURRAY (brother of FATHERS ED and GENE) is a new associate member of NAPP. A warm welcome to JOE MURRAY. 3) WESTERN: FR. RICHARD OLONA, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., soon to be a licensed private pilot, has been received as a new member of NAPP. We are most pleased to welcome FR. RICHARD OLONA!

IV. 1) FR. PETER J. SWEENEY was acclaimed with much appreciation on the

part of all present for a wonderful Convention with much attention being given to the individual needs and interests of each person. Also warmly recognized were Fr. Pete's able Assistants, HARRY DOWN, FRANK LACKNY and LUCY STOKESBURY. Bless them all !! 2) 1993 CONVENTION SITE: According to our time-honored tradition we go from east (1992) back to the mid-country area. SAN ANTONIO, Texas has been proposed for 1993. FR. TOM WEINZAPFEL, our member in Dallas, Texas, would not be able to host the Convention because of "his years". However, FR. JOHN HEMANN is in contact with his close friend, FR. PAUL C. McDONALD in San Antonio and it appears at this time that the 1993 Convention will be in SAN ANTONIO, Texas on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6th and 7th, please the Lord. (We will conscientiously mark our calendars, will we not, like now, please!) For 1993 a little hop over to the MOONEY Factory at KERRVILLE, Texas was suggested. FR. BOB KIRSCH volunteered the help of the N.M. contingent, if needed. 3) For 1994: FR. MIKE NASH and FR. GENE MURRAY suggested that we might meet under the able direction of FR. BILL ROCHE at Menlo Park Seminary in the lower San Francisco Bay area. 4) And what foresight and daring! For 1995 FR. FRANK NEMMERS mentioned that the BAHAMAS might be a possibility. Through WINGS OF HOPE, we of NAPP have been instrumental in providing BISHOP BURKE with an airplane. He would be a charming and appreciative host.

V. ELECTIONS: Open were the offices of 1st Vice President and Treasurer. 1). FR. PETE SWEENEY was nominated to a second term as 1st Vice President. MOTION: by FR. BOB KIRSCH; second by FR TONY ATTEA, THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Congratulations, FR. PETER! 2) Office of Treasurer: FR. EV HEMANN was nominated by FR. BOB KIRSCH. MOTION; THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED (FR. BILL ROCHE has indicated that he would be pleased to be succeeded) by FR. TONY ATTEA: Second by NANCY "RED" GUERNSEY. Vote: Unanimously in favor. Congratulations to FR. EV. FR. BILL ROCHE was saluted in appreciation for his conscientious efforts in minding the "money bags."

VI. ACCLAIM and APPRECIATION: 1). To HOOD COLLEGE and CATHERINE NICOLATO, Directress of the Summer Program at HOOD COLLEGE and the Young Ladies who served so effectively at the Convention Desk. 2) To Banquet Speaker MSGR. HUGH PHILLIPS for his excellent historical presentation; 3) To speaker BERNIE FUNK and to AOPA President PHIL BOYER who so generously shared their time with us. 4) to FR. MIKE MURRAY for the super efficient briefing and planning of the exciting and enjoyable mass flight of some eight planes to TANGIER ISLAND off the Maryland/Virginia coasts. 5) To all three HEMANN BROTHERS for the press releases and media exposure. 6) To FR. BOB SENNOTT and FR. JACK LAWLER who were recognized in absentia. FR. JACK unfortunately broke his leg. We hope to see them both in SAN ANTONIO, God willing!

VII. COMMENDATION: Our noble and dedicated Editor of our Newsletter, FR. MEL HEMANN, was again, and as always with much merit, loudly applauded by all the assembled brethren.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT was moved by FR. TONY ATTEA and seconded by FR. JOHN HEMANN at 8:48 PM. We need hardly comment on the vote!

Submitted with affectionate expeditiousness,

Bob

Fr. Bob J. Kirsch,

National Association of Priest Pilots

Income Statement

For the Period from October 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990

Revenues

Dues	\$607	
Total Revenue		<u>\$607</u>

Expenses

Contribution to Archbishop Hurley	\$500	
Contribution to Bishop Lobsinger	\$1,000	
Printing	\$561	
		<u>\$2,061</u>

Net Change in Fund Balance (\$1,454)

National Association of Priest Pilots

Income Statement

For the Period Ended December 31, 1991

Revenues

Dues	<u>\$1,416</u>	
Total Revenue		<u>\$1,416</u>

Expenses

Contribution to Wings of Hope	\$1,000	
Administrative Expense	\$800	
Printing	\$351	
Bank Fees	<u>\$36</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$2,687</u>

Net Change in Fund Balance (\$1,271)

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Change in Fund Balance

For the Period From October 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990

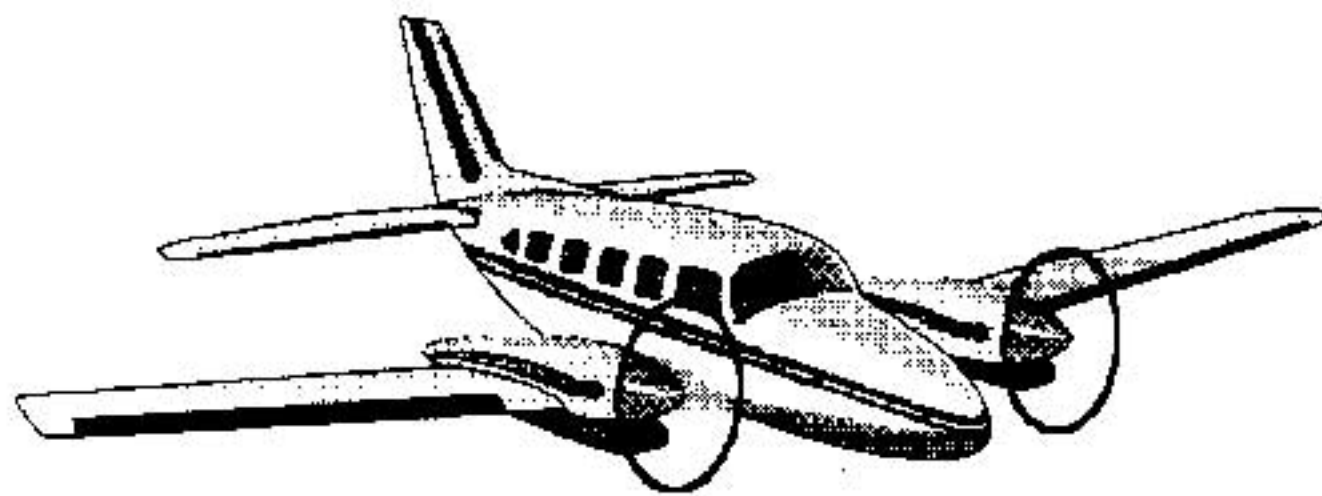
Fund Balance October 1, 1990	\$7,736
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(\$1,454)</u>
Fund Balance December 31, 1990	<u>\$6,282</u>

National Association of Priest Pilots

Change in Fund Balance

December 31, 1991

Fund Balance December 31, 1990	\$6,282
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(\$1,271)</u>
Fund Balance December 31, 1991	<u>\$5,011</u>



BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

*June 2, 1992 Mike Mikstay sent the following from
Poland, Ohio*

Dear Mel,

Here is an article about me which appeared in the
Youngstown, Ohio Vindicator some weeks back.

I was looking forward to the D.C. gathering, but
Chaplain School begins on July 8. I hope everyone
has their usual good time together.

I also have a set of Commercial/CFI tapes which
NAPP could utilize. I'll see if I can get them aboard
with someone going to the convention.

Please give my regards to the brothers at the
meeting and remember me in your prayers as I
begin this new phase of our priesthood.

Fraternally,

Mike Mikstay

Lt. Chaplain Corps USNR

[The article from the Youngstown paper]

Bishop James W. Malone has announced that the
Rev. Michael Mikstay has been commissioned as
a lieutenant in the chaplain corps of the Navy for
a three-year term. Father Mikstay is a native of
Canton and has served as associate pastor at Holy
Family Parish in Poland since 1968.

He will begin his Navy commitment with special
training in July at Newport, R.I. In September he
will start service with the Second Marine Division
at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

BACKGROUND: Before his service at Holy
Family, he was associate pastor at St. Paul Parish
in Salem and at St. Aloysius Parish in East
Liverpool.

After completing St. Paul Grade School in Canton
and St. Thomas Aquinas High School, he earned his
bachelor's from St. Gregory College and a master's
degree in biblical studies from Mount St. Mary
Seminary. He was ordained in 1981 in
Youngstown.

Father Mikstay was a member of the Diocesan
Liturgical Commission and is a member of the
Diocesan Priests Council.



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July 27, 1992

The pictures are on their way. Nick sent me some of the meeting with the AOPA and Tangier Island, so that completed the places and things done during our meeting. Skriba and I went into D.C. to see things. Friederick came with us one day and we added the National Shrine. That is why there are pictures of both.

I have been looking through our first list of 1964-65 and I come up with some statistics:

Number of names in the book:	356 members as of 1964-65
	<u>32 members as of 1992 Book</u>
	324 left NAPP or died

11% of 1964-65 membership is still in NAPP

Of the present membership:	109 according to book count
	<u>32 charter members</u>

Over the years:	77 new members since 1965
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Which comes to	31% of the originals are still in NAPP of the 109
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My heart problem that developed in June is under control and I hope it stays that way with medication and checkups. Now the foot doctor has found a spur on each heel and the eye doctor is to operate on cataracts. The right eye on the 26th of October and left one later on. Otherwise, I am OK. The Lord has been good to me for 78 years, making it possible for me to continue working.

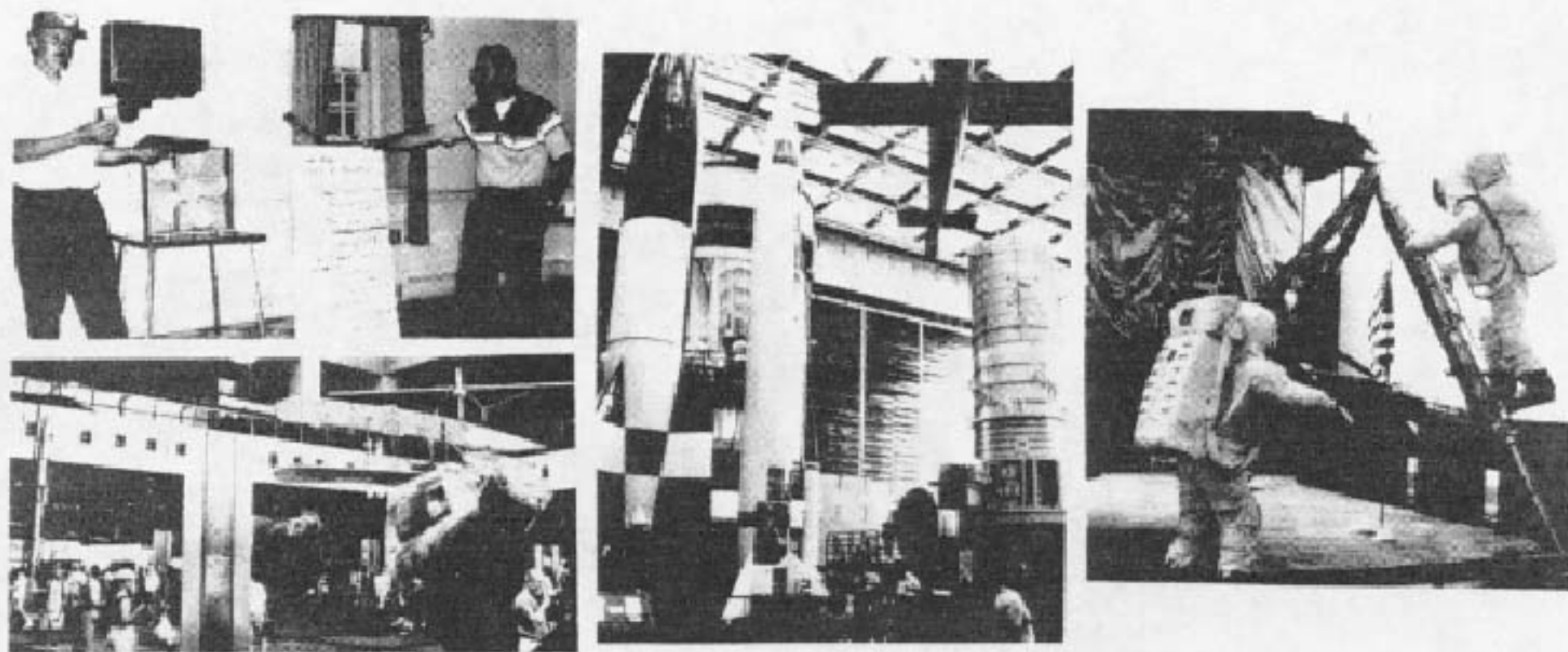
I know that we all share the good feeling that it is wonderful to be with the gang at our meetings, even for a couple of days. May we keep our spirit of friendship in our flying and in the Holy Spirit: "....for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and for the good of his church."

I wish I could make the regional meetings, but either I am working at that time or just too far away, since I am not flying any more.

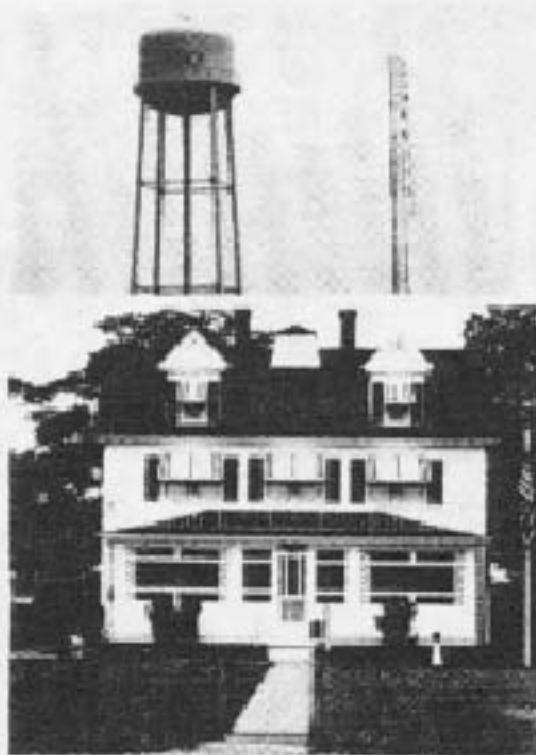
Hello to all and thank all of our members for allowing me to be a member.

As ever in Christo

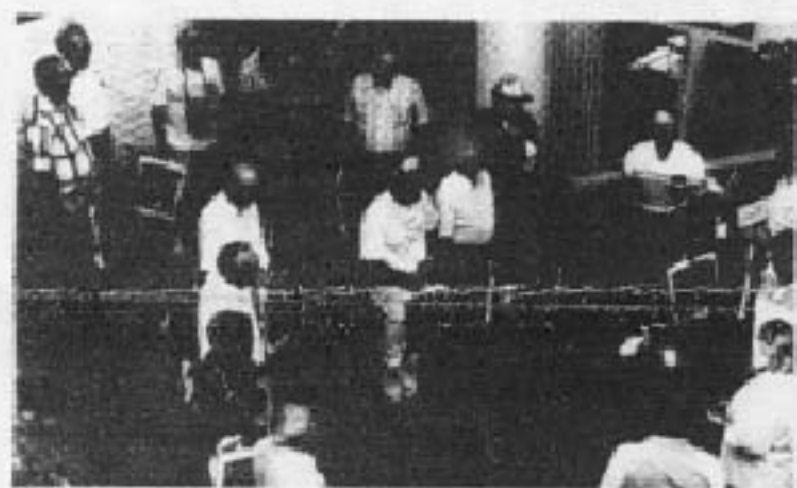
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