



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

MARCH 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great way to start the year! The weather cooperated to the Nth degree and we had 19 Navions on the line at Shade Tree and Danny did his usual outstanding work with us. Saturday night dinner was at the Oyster Reef Club and was enjoyed by 34 SNAG members and friends. The old nemesis "scheduled work" prevented some very familiar members from attending, among them were Rusty and Wanda Herrington, Bobby Herrington, Al and Barbara Butler, and Robert Gaines to name a few. ANS Vice President Jim Waldron and Diane enjoyed the festivities and I hope to see them at more of our events. The Dawn Patrol flight was actually closer to breakfast than lunch, helped I'm sure by the very good assistance of two gentlemen, Tim and Josh, both very enthusiastic aviation focused – Tim did ATC work at Sun and Fun and Josh does a management function at Keesler. They made all the calls and the flight was very nice. The SNAG games continue to be safely done and I can see fly-offs with Carl Jenkins, Bert Zeller and Greg Young in the future.

Coming up is the Canon Creek prep for Sun n Fun on 1 April. If you can't make Sun-N-Fun, the Canon Creek event is a great opportunity to enjoy the SNAG events. See the write up on goflyournavion.com. After that we were scheduled for Rome, GA, but we have had to move it to LaGrange, GA. See you there May 13-15.

Please fly safely.

- Wayne, N4339K

SHADETREE 2016

What fun we had! The weather was gorgeous, the field was green and the hosts out did themselves. Lots of great folks joined the party. Flying in, we had Tracy & Scott Burling, our hosts, Paul & Ginger Wright (they had both cars & the plane!), Steve & Laura Jennings, Greg Young, Burt Zeller, Charles Wiggins, Bill Ross, Jeff Davis, Blake Fleming & son, Evan, Steve & Lita Ware, Art & Anne (Bromolini) Hutchinson, Dave & Brynn Morgan, Dick & Anne McSpadden, Ellen & Wayne Whittaker, Bruce Herrington, Jim & Diane Waldron, Boyd Williams & his lovely girl, Bobbie, Susan & Lee Holmes accompanied by friends Monica & Dave Knesek, and Carl Jenkins (who flew in to play on Saturday). Our drivers included Vernon & Christine Walls and Mr. Mitch Midyett who is still working on his RV. We also had some friends of the Jennings attend, Melinda & Alan Hovas who later bought a Navion!

CONTEST WINNERS

Bomb Drop: 1: Burt Zeller at 3 feet
2: Bruce Herrington

Spot Landing: 1. Burt Zeller
2. Wayne Whittaker

Balloon Bust: 1. Carl Jenkins w/ 5 balloons
2. Boyd Williams w/ 4 balloons
HM: Burt Zeller w/ 3 balloons

I gotta tell you the details and dirt on the flying were pretty slim! I hear there was some pretty low flying on the bomb drop and that we still keep losing the majority of the planes

to the spud locker on the spot landing. Everyone has come to rely on Rusty to keep up with the details. Thank goodness for Dick McSpadden who stepped up to keep the guys from telling major lies about who did what!

LADIES FUN

Shopping was the main event for the ladies on Friday and Saturday. Anne Bromilini, Anne McSpadden, Lita Ware, Ellen Whittaker, Christine Walls, Melinda Hovas, Monika Knesek, Susan Holmes, Diane Waldron and Laura Jennings cruised the Outlet Mall and other shopping centers for good deals, great conversation, lots of laughter and a nice meal on Saturday.



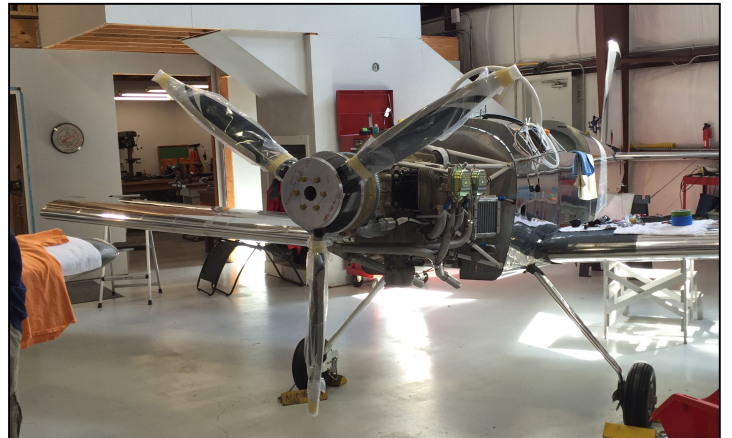
Beautiful 3 ship departing to Meridian on Sunday morning.

Nice flying Bert, Charles and Bill!



PROJECT PLANE

We had the opportunity to stop in Hammond, LA for lunch Sunday afternoon with Mitch and check out his project plane. It's a pretty RV-8 and since our guests for the weekend are building an RV-4, it was the perfect opportunity to see and talk to a couple of guys who are farther along than they are. (Mitch has a buddy who is putting together an RV-14 in his hanger.) Greg Young happened to be there checking things out himself, so it was a lively bunch for burgers and such at lunch. Apparently, Greg is building an RV also so they have taken to calling them "Navionettes"



CANNON CREEK/PRE SUN-N-FUN

APRIL 1-3 2016

Cannon Creek Airpark

Lake City, Florida

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO THE NAVION!

2016 is a year-long celebration of the first production of the Navion in 1946! Join us at Cannon Creek to keep the birthday party going! The SNAG and Midwest Navioneer Pre-Sun n'Fun Fly-in is scheduled for April 1, 2, and 3 at Cannon Creek in Lake City, Florida. The weekend will be hosted by Art Hutchison and Ann Bormolini, Jack and Judie Wells, Jack and Shirley Gordon and Woody Woodfin and Jean Norton.

Registration will be on Friday the 1st on the Hutchison's front porch followed by the 8th annual "Jack Gordon Surprise Cocktail Party" that night at Hutch and Ann's home.

Participants whose last name begins with A-H are asked to bring fruit or nuts, I-P brings appetizers, and P-Z should bring desserts (or you just bring something filling and delicious!). Usually we have enough to make a meal out of this party!

If you want to fly in early, the golfers will probably hit the links on Friday so let Ann know if this is an interest of yours and she will make tee times.

On Saturday, registration will continue on the porch. There will be coffee and donuts at the Wells hangar (a must see motorcycle collection there if you have never seen it!) and then a fly-around in the area before heading on to a brunch/lunch destination—leaving at 10:30 am. This is the Cannon Creek version of a laid back and late "dawn patrol"! Upon the return there will be a tech session at 2:00 followed by a casual dinner at 6:00 for the Navion family that night in Woody and Jean's hangar.

Also on Saturday, spouses, or anyone else who wishes, will be taken to lunch and then on to afternoon activities, which are now being planned.

Sunday morning after more coffee and donuts on the Hutchison front porch this time, we will have a civilized departure time at 10:00 for Sun N' Fun.

Recommended hotel rooms are at the Holiday Inn (with a Ruby Tuesdays) and the Quality Inn. They are recommended because they are right next to one another and across the street from the Cracker Barrel. This makes transportation coordination and any additional meals you might want easily accessible. The contact info is as follows:

- Quality Inn 386-758-8440
- Holiday Inn 386-754-1411

We will not leave anyone stranded but if you wish to rent a car for convenience, they are available from Hertz, 386-754-3774 or Enterprise 386-755-4005.

Registration costs will be \$10.00 per person, which will cover the water, soft drinks, snacks and the cocktail party. The party Saturday night will be charged separately. RSVP's would be greatly appreciated so we have some indication of those intending to come—we understand the uncertainty of flying!

You do not have to go on to Sun 'n Fun to come to the fly-in! Just join us for the weekend and the Navion birthday celebration! If you are planning on Lakeland, this is a great way to beat the crowds. We hope to welcome you to Lake City!

For information, contact:

Art and Ann Hutchison, 386-755-1096

Jack and Judie Wells, 386-719-2411

Jack and Shirley Gordon, 386-758-1745

Woody Woodfin and Jean Norton 678-447-9144



MAY FLY-IN CHANGES

Due to difficulties with hotel accommodations for the Rome, GA fly-in, we have moved the location to LaGrange, GA. This is only about 2 hours south of Rome by car so there are no excuses for not attending because of the location change! Thanks to Bruce Herrington and Carl Jenkins who stepped up to host!

**MAY SNAG FLY IN
LAGRANGE GEORGIA
KLGK
MAY 13-15, 2016**

Make your reservations now!

Hotel: LaQuinta Inn and Suites 706-812-8000

Rooms are \$84.00 a night for a double or king. Tell them you are with the SNAG Air Group to get the group rates. Your stay comes with their free "bright side" breakfast – usual breakfast fare.

More details in the next newsletter.

FROM THE WEBMASTER

Photos from our 2016 Shadetree fly in have been added to our web site. If you have photos you would like to see added to the slide show, please forward them to me at rusty.herrington@gmail.com.

Check out our website for lots of great pictures and important information at www.goflyyournavion.com.

- Rusty

**ANS CONVENTION 2016
RUIDOSO, NM
June 19-25**

Sierra Blanca Airport and the Ruidoso Mountain Inn will be our base for the week. Both facilities are eagerly waiting for our arrival. The welcome mat is also waiting in Roswell for us to check for UFO sightings and K-Bob's is offering a nice choice for our welcoming breakfast and awards dinner.

SNAG has won the participation trophy for many years and we look forward to doing it once again! So get registered now. It's a great way to meet new folks, visit with longtime friends, see cool planes, participate in some interesting races and as always – have fun in new & totally cool places!

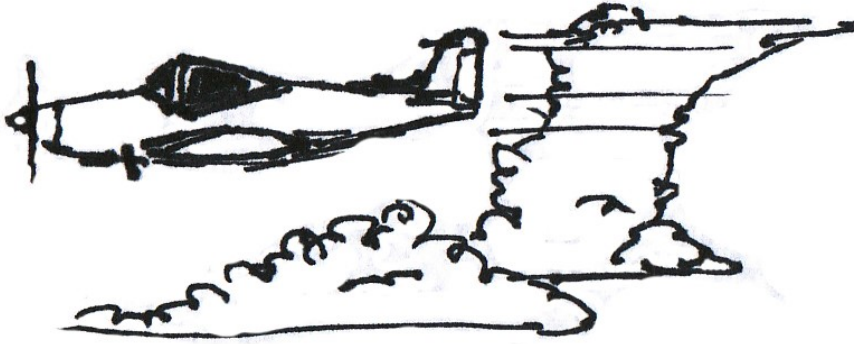
You can register with the form in your Navioneer. Not an ANS member, join today! <http://www.navionsociety.org>.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

We now have 100+ members on our Facebook group. You can join at any time to get up to the minute news from fellow Navioneers including pictures, videos and a current member roster. The group's name is: ***Southern Navion Air Group (SNAG)***. When you find us, you will need to request membership. Once approved (by me) you have complete access to current events, great pictures and other cool information.

Just a reminder: At our membership's request, this is a "closed" group and only current SNAG members can be approved.





Drawing by Grant Gerondale, 2016. He always sends a Navion drawing to me on his envelopes.

2016 FLY-IN DATES

- February 26-28th: Shadetree, MS *[in the books ☺]*
- April 1-3rd: Pre Sun-n-Fun: Cannon Creek
- May 13-15th: LaGrange, GA
- June 19-25th: ANS Convention in Ruidoso, NM
- Sept 2-5th: Marshall, Texas
- October 28-30th: Apalachicola, FL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

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