



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

APRIL 2016

CANNON CREEK PRE-SUN 'n FUN FLY IN

What a great weekend at Cannon Creek on April 1-2. Fly-in arrivals were all the Herringtons (Rusty and Wanda, Bruce and Bobby), Robert Gaines (in his great new plane) and Jim Waldron. John Yohey joined the group flying in with his "brand X" plane. The weather was very "iffy" that weekend so others driving in were Gene and Bonnie Ruder, David Morgan, SNAG President Wayne Whitaker, ANS President Gary Rankin, Ron and Sherry Judy, Dick and Ann McSpadden, Dan Smith and Phil Dawes. Local Creekers hosting and in attendance were Art Hutchison and Ann Bormolini, Woody Woodfin and Jean Norton, Jack and Shirley Gordon and Jack and Judie Wells. It was a fabulous group!

Registration was on the Hutchison front porch followed at 5:30 with the annual "Jack Gordon" cocktail party at Ann and Hutch's. The Navioneers were joined by about 50 friends from Cannon Creek who all contributed to the goodies for the evening. The food was incredible and the bar more than ample! The large group partied on—the neighbors at Cannon Creek always enjoy the Navioneers and the Navioneers always seem to appreciate seeing the locals every year.

Saturday morning the planes were socked in. Everyone enjoyed coffee and donuts provided by the Well's and partaken poolside at the Hutchison's. After breakfast, the guys toured Jack Well's hangar and motorcycle collection, had lunch at Beef O'Bradys and had a tech session. The ladies headed over to Live Oak to tour the home and gardens at Heritage Park. The tour guide was terrific and we spent over an hour learning about the family who owned the home and donated the house and gardens to the city. After the tour and lunch at a local café, a few dollars were parted with at some local boutique and antique shops. Upon returning to Lake City, some of the more hardy shoppers continued on to the mall and TJ Maxx.

That evening found all the Navion folks at a special event at Woody and Jean's hangar celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Navion. They had poolside adult beverages, a wonderful BBQ (with Woody's special coleslaw!) and a beautiful Navion birthday cake with the picture of Woody's plane. Woody also provided the group a booklet he has put together about the Navion, which everyone said is excellent.

Sunday morning found everyone back at the Hutchison's for coffee from the Gordon's and pastries from the Woodfin/Norton's.

Rick Mills, with his guest, and Carl Jenkins flew in Sunday am. With Rusty leading, they all flew off in trail to Sun 'n Fun! It was another great SNAG/ Midwest fly-in safely in the books!!

In addition to the host committee, special thanks go out to Bonnie, Ann Mc and Wanda for all their help with registration, set-up and clean-up. We couldn't do without you!!

- Art Hutchinson

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

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.

Plan on arrival on Friday sometime. The usual **Pot Luck rules** apply for Friday Night with main course being taken care of by the hosts. If your last name begins with:

- A-F bring fruit or nuts
- G-L bring appetizers
- M-R bring chips & dips
- S-Z bring desserts
- or you just bring something filling and delicious!

The Hotel does not have a Hospitality room but we can plan on eating and having an initial drinking and lying session at the airport Friday afternoon to be continued at the Hotel in the Breakfast area if possible. (They didn't object last year for us using this space.)

SAT:

Dawn Patrol or 10 o'clock patrol as usual with lunch at the airport and flying events immediately following lunch. Probably Hamburgers and Hotdogs maybe even freshly grilled. *Editor note:* Ladies, I am sure we can find some trouble to get into. There seem to be lots of historic homes and museums that we can tour.

Sat Night is to be catered at the Airport in the Conference Room for our Awards Supper. I have arranged for a raffle prize at the dinner (1) plus gifts for the attendees.

**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>.

Sunday: Arrivals & Welcome party

Monday: Ruidoso Downs or the casino & the Board of Director's meeting

Tuesday: Speed Contest & dinner at the Flying J "chuck wagon" style

Wednesday: Touring Day

Thursday: Efficiency Contest, lunch at Spencer Theater, then the Hubbard Museum of the American West

Friday: Proficiency Contest, tech session and the annual awards dinner.



WHY SHOULD SNAG MEMBERS GO TO THE ANS CONVENTION?

- Think about the serious amount of knowledge that will be attending the convention! What an amazing opportunity to ask questions of our most knowledgeable members.
- In addition, imagine the fun! We have loads of fun at our SNAG fly-ins. Imagine an entire hotel filled with Navion people.
- New Mexico isn't too far from us. The convention rotates areas of the United States, so we should go while we don't need to travel as far.
- Did you know that we get points for SNAG when we attend? There is an ANS Participation Trophy and we at SNAG like to win it! The club gets points for members who attend, members who participate in the contests & those who place in the contests. We won last year and want to bring home the trophy again this year.

So if you haven't made reservations to attend the convention in June, check your calendar and make a reservation now! Registration forms are in the Navioneer or on the ANS website.

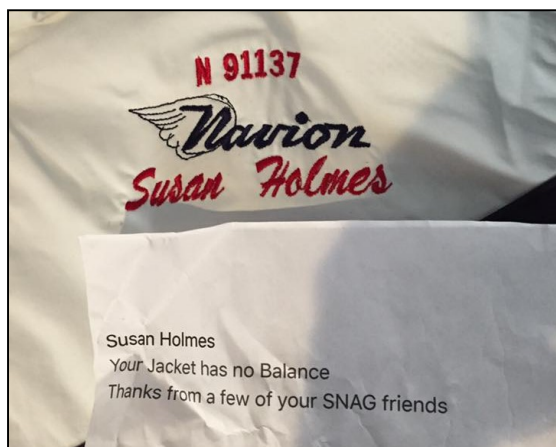
WHAT ARE THE FLY-IN COSTS FOR

Fly-In costs are calculated based on the host's expenses – rental vehicles including fuel, sodas, water, beer, ice, snack items, paper products and airplane game supplies. This amount is then divided by all the adults in attendance, even if that individual comes and goes since everyone eats and drinks. Typically, this runs about \$20-\$30 so we round the amount to the nearest 5 or 10. Over a three day event, costs rise due to the extra day. The most expensive part of this is the rental of vehicles.

Overages in fly-in payments may then used to cover out of pocket costs to hosts when a fly in has poor attendance due to weather. We don't want anyone to get stuck! We also support several ANS Convention activities – some hospitality & the People's Choice Award.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved? Changed email addresses? Gotten a new cell number or home phone number? New tail number? **Call or email me to update your information on the SNAG Member Roster. Susan @ 254-780-9338 or susaneholmes@sbcglobal.net.** The current member roster is on the Facebook page (under documents). Make sure your friends can stay in touch!



I "work for" the best group in the world!!!
Thank you to my secret Santas!
Can't wait to wear it.

2016 FLY-IN DATES

- February 26-28th: Shadetree, MS *[in the books ☺]*
- April 1-3rd: Pre Sun-n-Fun: Cannon Creek *[in the books ☺]*
- 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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