



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

JUNE 2013

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The 2013 Memorial Day SNAG Fly In at Opelousas, Louisiana is now in the history books. Everyone who attended had a great time. We began arriving on Friday morning and by that evening there were 18 Navions and one Ercoupe at KOPL. We found our hosts Tracy Miller and Scott Burling, Scott's parents Janice and Jim Burling and Tracy's son Cameron well prepared for the weekend's festivities. Scott's prayers for good weather were answered as we enjoyed beautiful flying weather all weekend.

Those attending this weekend were Mitch Midyett and Loretta arriving by Ercoupe, Steven and Laure Jennings, Lee and Susan Holmes, Jeff Davis, Bill Ross, Charles Wiggins, Dick and Ann McSpadden, Tony Russell, Ellen and Wayne Whittaker, Ann Bormolini and Art Hutchinson, Dan Smith, Christine and Vernon Walls, Paul and Ginger Wright, Robert Gaines, Greg Young, Bobby Herrington, Bruce Herrington, Rusty and Wanda Herrington, JT and Ora Dell McMahon, Lloyd and our hosts.

On Friday evening we gathered in the hospitality suite and feasted on gumbo and ham along with various side dishes. The hotel accommodations were very nice and the food was even better.

Saturday morning began with Dawn Patrol over the countryside southwest of Opelousas. Eleven Navions lined up on the runway and departed together. Lloyd flew alongside the gaggle and took photos of each Navion as he passed. That afternoon we flew over to Jeff John's private airport for a crawfish boil. That evening we ate supper in the club house at the Evangeline Downs Race Track and watched the horse races. The ladies spent the day shopping or playing golf. Ann McSpadden described the days course as a "cow pasture", but I was told that the golf course in Lafayette on Sunday was much better.

On Sunday morning nine Navions flew dawn patrol northeast to Angola Prison and southward over a very large swamp. Fortunately for everyone each of the big Continentals kept on turning and we all arrived back at OPL for a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs prepared by Scott's dad. That afternoon we flew the balloon busting and spot landing contests.

The winner of the balloon busting was Rusty Herrington with 3 of 3 balloons popped. There was a three way tie for second place between Lee Holmes, Greg Young, and Dick McSpadden.

Lee Holmes won the Spot Landing contest at 5 yards. Scott Burling was second at 13 yards and Robert Gains was third at 15 yards. Our very own Dick McSpadden landed in the spud locker and his protégé Jeff Davis landed "way down yonder". Many thanks go to Dan Smith our spot landing judge.

Sunday evening we enjoyed another great meal at a wonderful cajin restaurant and helped Scott Burling celebrate his birthday. Happy Birthday Scott! After dinner we gathered at the hotel for our awards ceremony.

The weather was great again on Monday morning as we departed for home

-- Rusty Herrington

NAVION FOR SALE

Vivian Shea is putting Joe's plane up for sale. His plane is a 1948 Navion. The tail number is N4583K. The serial # is NAV-4-1583 and has a Continental engine E-225-4. She wasn't sure what instruments have been updated in the panel. If someone you know is in the market for a fantastic NAVION, call or email Vivian. Her contact information is vigimama39@gmail.com and her phone number is (573) 547-8178.

MASTER PACKER

Wayne Whittaker was recently impressed...Blake Fleming's brother Heath, arrived at the Dog Island air strip with the contents shown in the truck as well as four people in his F model Navion. I gotta say, I'm pretty darn impressed too!



HAMMOND LUNCH BUNCH

Mitch had a few friends drop in for lunch on the way to Opelousas! Looks like they had a good time.



**ANS CONVENTION
PASO ROBLES, CA
JUNE 23-28, 2013**

EVENT INFORMATION:

Sunday - Keeping with ANS convention tradition, we will have our welcoming pizza party on Sunday evening at the Barney Schwartz Park.

Monday - After our welcoming breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn. Following breakfast the day will be open for a variety of tours and activities. A brochure explaining what is available and how to partake will be given out at registration.

Tuesday - The morning will feature a speed contest. We have access to several venues at the airport for our pilot briefing. Roger Oxboro, airport manager, is eager to extend his hospitality. That afternoon there will be a voting members' meeting and luncheon followed by the board meeting. The board meeting is open to all members.

Wednesday - We will go on an all-day tour of the area. Starting at 8:15 a.m., we'll travel from Paso Robles to visit Piedras Blancas elephant seals followed by a trip to Hearst Castle. There we will view the national geographic film, "Hearst building the dream," and then take the Hearst Castle tour. Next we'll spend about an hour and a half for lunch and site seeing or shopping at Cambria. From there it's on the Eberle Winery for a tour and wine tasting. We're scheduled to arrive back as Paso about 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - The morning will be the efficiency contest. The afternoon we are hoping to have a nose-art presentation by our own Terri Polley and her twin sister, Jeri. That evening, we have planned and inter-active murder-mystery dinner theater. Unfortunately, due to limited space, we have to limit the number of participants to 70. If you're late in registering, you may not get to attend.

Friday - The proficiency contest will be in the morning with a tech/safety session in the afternoon and our awards dinner will close out the week that evening.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

We have reserved 50 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. These rooms will be held until May 23. This is the tourist season for Paso so they will quickly fill any rooms we don't have reserved by May 23. Get your reservations in soon.



LABOR DAY FLY-IN
AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2, 2013
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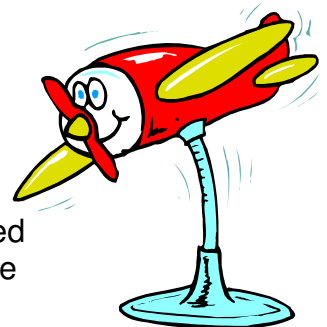
The McMahon's and the Holmes' are hard at work on the Fredericksburg Fly-In. The last time we had a fly-in there we had a fantastic time. Fredericksburg is a small German town founded in 1846. In addition to flying, there is fabulous food, fantastic fun and splendid shopping. There are two fantastic golf courses for those that are inclined to hit tiny balls and multiple wineries to visit. **Mark your calendars now to attend and look for hotel reservation information and a full itinerary in the July newsletter.**

FINAL 2013 FLY-IN:

Bud Brown and Robert Dixon have agreed to host the fall fly in Georgetown, SC. The airport identifier is KGGE. The date is Oct 10-20, 2013. Stay tuned for more information.

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 latest member roster is enclosed
AND on our Facebook page. Please review it and let me know if there
are any corrections.



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