



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

JANUARY 2014

FROM THE SECRETARY

Yes, the SNAG newsletter does still exist. No, you haven't had a SNAG newsletter since September. I am a horrible person and have let my duties as secretary fall short. All I have are excuses..."I've been busy", "the newsletter is on my list of things to do", "I have nothing to write about", and I have to quit saying "yes" to people who ask me to do other stuff! My New Year's resolution is to have a newsletter published every month by the 15th. Please feel free to hold me to that by posting reminders on FB or via email. ☺ I would offer to give up my position, but I know you are all laughing loudly about now & saying, "Susan, you are doing a fine job. Keep it up." Just remember, I know who you are...

I do need your help though. Please send me interesting stuff to publish. Right now, all I have are my thoughts (scary), our travels and stuff I cull off the Facebook Page. If you have a funny story, technical information to share or have anything to share (No TMI though); I'd love to include it in our newsletters. I will accept stories, photos or what not via snail mail or email.

- Susan Holmes

2014 DUES ARE DUE

Our business meeting was held in October which is typically when annual dues become due. However, dues trickle in all the way to March. Thanks to those folks what actually sent dues without any reminders. You rock! To the rest of us (Lee & I included), it's time to pay up. Annual dues are \$20.00 per family. These cover the cost of the monthly newsletter (over 75% still prefer an actual paper newsletter via snail mail), access to our Facebook page and help pay for fly-ins with low attendance due to weather.

Please send your check to: SNAG c/o Susan Holmes, 151 Autumn Circle, Belton, TX 76513. Please, please, please make the check out to **SNAG**, otherwise I might spend it on shoes. ☺

THE WEBSITE IS BACK UP!

Hurrah to Rusty Herrington. He has taken on the task of webmaster and has updated the "official" SNAG website. The URL is: <http://goflyyournavion.com/>. There are lots of interesting tidbits about SNAG as well as photos and a schedule of planned SNAG activities. Please check it out and bookmark it to your favorites. Rusty worked really hard on it!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

We now have 78 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. We have the latest membership roster and all the newsletters uploaded for your convenience.

-- Susan Holmes

FINALLY, SHE PRINTS THE OCTOBER FLY-IN REPORT!

The last SNAG fly in of 2013 is now history. Some of our members arrived a day early to play golf and visit the local area. On Friday the weather remained VFR at Georgetown until early evening when the rain and low ceilings arrived. Most of our arrivals were already tied down on the ramp but a few delayed arrival until Saturday morning. We had good attendance despite the weather system. Everyone had a good time and those of you who could not make the trip were missed.

This event was a combined Southern Navion Air Group/Southern Swift Air Group fly in. Our hosts Robert and Roye Ann Dickson and Bud and Sylvia Brown own both Navions and Swifts. Friday afternoon we visited at Robert Dickson's hangar beneath his perfectly restored P-51 Mustang, "Swamp Fox". The airport at Georgetown is blessed with a very fine terminal building where we feasted on Honey Baked Ham and Roast Turkey that evening.

On Saturday morning the weather was marginal for Navion games but Carl Jenkins arrived with his daughter Candace and Paul & Ginger Wright arrived a short time later after an unplanned overnight at Columbia SC for "a wall of weather". Nick Kanakis got within 5 miles of Georgetown on Friday evening but diverted to Charleston due to low ceilings and rain. I flew over to Charleston Friday evening in my Navion and picked Nick up for a short although IFR arrival at Georgetown and we went back to Charleston Saturday to retrieve his Navion. Robert Dickson Jr. arrived on Saturday in the "Buckaroo" after overnight at Darlington SC also due to weather.

We were able to enjoy our contests on Saturday afternoon. We began with the "bean bag bombing" followed by "balloon busting" and "spot landing". Of course the Swift pilots were welcome to join the flying fun. Contest winners:

Flour bombing:

- First Dick McSpadden
- Second Rusty Herrington
- Third Cliff McSpadden

Balloon Busting:

- First Robert Dickson, Jr. 4 balloons
- Second Rusty Herrington
- Third Nick Kanakis

Spot Landing:

- First Rusty Herrington
- Second Robert Dickson, Jr.
- Third Dave Carpenter

NAVIONEERS ATTENDING: Bud & Sylvia Brown, Robert & Roye Ann Dickson, Robert Dickson, Jr., Dick & Ann McSpadden, Cliff & Tricia McSpadden, Art Hutchison & Ann Bormolini, Rusty & Wanda Herrington along with Melissa, Abby, Charlie Ava, Beth Pontiff, Jim & Diane Waldron, John Yohey, Dan Smith, Phil & Betty Ray, Ginger & Paul Wright, Carl & (daughter) Lara Jenkins, Candace & Rob Lockard, Joe Doll and Nick Kanakis.

SWIFTERS ATTENDING: Tripp Smith & Rita Clavert, Charlie Sidenstricker & Cindy Ecleberry, Steve & Lynn Dawson Roth, Bo & Gloria Mabry, David & Linda Barker, Carter Lambeth, David Carpenter, Steve Whittenberger, Bud & Sylvia Brown, Robert & Roye Ann Dickson, and Robert Dickson, Jr.

On Saturday evening we held our awards banquet at The Lands' End Restaurant. Our MC for the evening was our own Jim Waldron who received the "prestigious" Award That Nobody Wants. This award originated in the Swift community and has the posterior half of a horse mounted prominently on the plaque.

SNAG OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING

After the awards SNAG held our biannual election of officers. The results are as follows:

- President: Paul Wright
- Vice President: Rusty Herrington
- Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Holmes

We look forward to seeing everyone at SHADETREE! Watch the newsletter and your email for details.

A FEW PHOTOS FROM GEORGETOWN



Looks like a fun time was had by all. To see more photos, check out the SNAG Facebook page or the SNAG website.

SHADE-TREE - MS82

March 14-16, 2014

SNAG will make our annual trip to Lyman, MS to enjoy the hospitality of Janet and Danny Miller. Watch your newsletter and the website for details.

Shade Tree is located 2 miles west of Lyman, MS. If you have not been to a Shade Tree fly-in you are in for a treat. Danny Miller sure knows how to roll out the red carpet for our Navions! Check out Shade Tree's website, there are lots of Navion pictures and we are on their calendar of events... www.shadetreeairport.com.

Canon Creek - 15FL

March 28-30, 2014

"Pre Sun N Fun" fly in at Canon Creek

For information, contact

- Art and Ann Hutchison, 386-755-1096
- Jack and Judie Wells, 386-719-2411
- Jack and Shirley Gordon, 386-758-1745

Recommended hotel rooms are at the Holiday Inn (with a Ruby Tuesdays) and Jameson Inn. These 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 costs (based on the AARP rate) and contact info is as follows:

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

On Sunday the 30th around 10AM those continuing on to SUN N FUN will depart for Lakeland.

OTHER FLY-IN DATES:

April 1-6, 2014: Sun-N-Fun in Lakeland, FL. Come celebrate the 40th annual event!

May 23-26, 2014: Memorial Day TBD – call or email Paul Wright if interested in hosting.

June 29-July 4, 2014: 2014 Annual ANS Convention in Natchez, MS.

Aug 29-Sept 1, 2014: Labor Day TBD – call or email Paul Wright if interested in hosting.

Paul's contact information – email: blbarron@bellsouth.net, phone: 985 882-7016

KEEP THOSE NAVIONS FLYING!

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