



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

January 2021

FLY-IN UPDATES:

Shade Tree: will be held March 5, 6 and 7th, 2021. Hosts Danny and Janet Miller again welcome us to their awesome aerodrome, Identifier MS82, roughly 10 miles NW of Gulfport, MS. New attendees: This narrow grass field can be very hard to spot. Look for the small triangular lake (pond) immediately south of the strip. Recommend looking at Google Map's satellite view ahead of time. The hotel remains the Hampton Inn & Suites (228) 537-0601 and ask for the SNAG room block (Q=25) being held through 2/19/2021. Complimentary breakfast is available in the hotel dining area and we'll have the meeting room as usual.

Friday evening dinner will be catered on the field. Saturday morning dawn patrol, lunch at the airport or restaurant of your choice and then games. Saturday evening we will be dining together at the same restaurant as two years ago, Steve's Marina, then back to the hotel for business, cocktails etc. Regular Sunday departure.

"not" Memorial Day: Oxford, MS Home of Ole Miss University. May 14-16, 2021 Flying events will be fairly standard, Hotel is the Hampton Inn Oxford-West (662) 232-2442 with a room block under SNAG. Jamie Health is working up a list of things for our non-fliers to do, stating the area is full of cool things to do and see. For those who may be interested, Memphis and Graceland are only an hour north.

Sept/Labor Day: Florida Panhandle area (anywhere from Destin or Pensacola to Panama City or Tallahassee. We are looking for a host to help coordinate events on the ground so if you are willing, we'll teach you everything you need to know. We'll spoon feed you with velvet gloves. Give Ron Hanselman a call or shoot him an email: ratf16@gmail.com.

Late OCT/Early NOV: Still open. Thinking Abita Springs/Mandeville area, TBD. Give us your ideas!

DICK MCSPADDEN NEEDS YOUR STORIES

Dick is planning to write a book about SNAG and is requesting you send him your funny, interesting or scary stories about your plane or trips or airport cars- anything that might be of interest to our past, current or future members. Email your stories directly to Dick at: rgmcspadden@bellsouth.net

SURVEY: ADS-B OUT COMPLIANCE + FLY-INS

I mentioned in November that we've put together a survey regarding ADS-B out compliance. The goal is to figure out "what percent of SNAG is ADS-B out compliant" so we know if it's "safe" to plan future fly-ins at airports within class C airspace or under a mode-C veil, which you all hopefully know now require ADS-B out. If too many of us are still ADS-B out non-compliant, it will hinder where we can go. While creating the survey, it occurred to us that this survey would be a good way to get your input on fly-in locations and activities, so we expanded it to a four-question survey that shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete. Please watch your in-box for a Survey Monkey request from SNAG. If you're in a hurry, you can type this URL into your browser window: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6PV7BBN> We'll share the results in our next newsletter.

TREASURER'S CORNER – (Susan Holmes)

2021 is here – Thank Goodness!!!

It has been a long-standing practice in SNAG that dues roll from CURRENT to OWE DUES on January 1st. If you have paid for several years out, your label will say PD thru XX. Please check your Newsletter Label for dues status! Dues are still \$20. There is an article just below this section in the newsletter about using Zelle or PayPal to submit your dues online. PayPal does add a \$1 transaction fee which you'll need to add on top of the \$20 dues for a total of \$21. If you still want to write a check, the mailing address is SNAG c/o Susan Holmes, 4109 Lucas Ln, Lake Charles, LA 70605-7750.

(Mail is still very hinky here after the two major hurricanes- 2 of 3 USPS buildings were totally destroyed. Some mail takes extra time to arrive or has been returned. This is the correct address – you may just have to resend it if returned.)

SNAG Joins the 21st Century: Communication and Payments now accepted electronically!

Communication: To improve the reliability of “official SNAG business” communication (e.g. not get them lost in our personal stuff), we have a new email for all current and would-be members: snag.member@gmail.com. Please use this email for anything SNAG related, not just membership questions. Emails sent to this address will be retained in that inbox for archive and retrieval as required and simultaneously auto-forwarded to our current officers' personal emails for action.

Payments: Many of us now pay all our bills electronically with (relatively) safe, encrypted online processes and the writing of a “hard-copy check” can seem like a pain. For the ease and convenience of those wanting to pay electronically, we've set up a couple of popular electronic payment options: Zelle is a service already in use by hundreds of banks across the country. Your bank may already be using Zelle for online banking without branding it as such. Note: We are not a legally registered 501c3 non-profit, which is what these companies require to avoid fees, so there may be a small transaction fee that could be added. Neither of these is mandatory- we will continue to accept your checks as always if you prefer that method.

How to Pay with Zelle:

- Download the Zelle App directly to your smart phone.
- Set up Zelle on your smart phone will guide you through that process. (You must use the App through your smartphone, not a PC or laptop.) If your bank is using Zelle, the App set-up will have you ID it and tie to your account during set-up.
- Set up SNAG as a payee in your Zelle App after you download it. You'll need the following information to “manually add a payee”: Our routing number is 064000017, account number is: 0050976702 and the bank's recognized mailing address is the same as you use to mail dues: 4109 Lucas Ln., Lake Charles, LA. 70605-7750.
- Once you're set up, just make your payment of \$20.00 to the SNAG account

How to Pay with PayPal:

- Either download the PayPal App to your smart device or register on their web site at www.paypal.com from any smart device, laptop or PC browser
- If you don't already have a PayPal account, register and create your account following their relatively easy identified steps
- Select the “send money” icon
 - Type in our new group email address: snag.member@gmail.com or you can try our user name: [paypal.me/flyNavions](https://www.paypal.me/flyNavions)
 - Type in the amount you are paying (\$21 for dues to cover the \$1 PayPal fee) or other amount if reimbursing us for gas at Shade Tree or other suchreimbursement. Please use “Add a note” to identify the purpose of your payment (dues or “other”) as appropriate.
- Note that once you're up with us on PayPal, we can also send you money via PayPal for such things as fly-in expense reimbursement etc., if you desire.

2021 SNAG Membership Roster Update

We need to update our membership roster and publish the updated list to members.

Pretty please take 5 minutes of your time to complete the membership roster update form and mail or email the information to me. We continue to have MANY requests from members to

- Know where folks are based- in the event a member is traveling nearby & have a good contact number for them
- Know specifics on member airplanes so folks can glean knowledge from those with similar engines, model types...

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone (if applicable): _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Cell phone: _____

Spouse Email address: _____

Children living at home (w/current age): _____

Aircraft Information

N#: _____ Model: _____ Engine: _____ Year: _____

Aircraft Type (if not a Navion): _____

Home Airport Identifier: _____ City/State: _____

How would you prefer to receive your newsletter? ___ email ___ postal mail

Please return this page to: Susan or Lee Holmes

SNAG

4109 Lucas Lane

Lake Charles, TX 70605

Or email information to: susaneholmes@sbcglobal.net (picture or .pdf scanner is fine)

We hope to publish the roster to current members in the next newsletter.

FLY-IN CALENDAR 2021

- March 5, 6 & 7th, 2021: Shade Tree Field, MS82, Lyman/Gulfport, MS
 - April 13-18 Sun 'n Fun Expo, Lakeland, FL. -currently still "on"
 - May 14, 15 & 16th, 2021: Oxford, MS
 - Hotel: Hampton Inn Oxford-West, (662) 232-2442; SNAG fly-in room block, group reservation cut-off date 4/30/2021,
 - June 20-25, 2021 ANS Annual Convention, Spearfish, SD. See ANS Newsletter
 - Sept/Labor Day 2021: Florida Panhandle region (Panama City or Pensacola areas), looking for a host/sponsor willing to handle logistics, please contact Ron Oct/Nov 2021 – open
- THINKING OF HOSTING A FLY-IN...
- On the Facebook page under "files" is a neat checklist from Ann McSpadden with all the instructions anyone needs to host a fly in! What a great way to show off your local airport and part of the US. If you are willing to possibly host a fly-in for the 2021 or 2022 season, please contact Ron Hanselman at raff16@gmail.com or 702-308-0475.

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