



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

APRIL 2022

Words from the President:

Hello SNAG family, it appears I have been elected to serve as your President. It has been many years since I served a couple of terms and I am happy to again. It was a pleasure to get together at Shade Tree, MS and kick off the year with the best weather, airport, and the best time you can have in an airplane! We are looking to add one more fly-in around Labor Day and I am working with Jon Byrd to host again in Rome, GA so I will keep you posted on the progress. We have ANS in Dayton, OH coming up on June 12th-18th and Mt. Pleasant on October 14th-16th. I made an appeal to the membership during our business meeting that we need to concentrate on our membership by calling new and old members that we haven't see in in a while and get them to a fly-in. We have a lot of new Navion owners out there and we need to get them to become engaged and be a part of our wonderful family.

I want to start a new tradition of posting a story about a Navion in each newsletter. I cannot take the credit for the idea as it was originally suggested by Ron Hanselman. Here is a neat story about my airplane when N4428K was the poster boy plane for Fletcher Aviation Corporation in Pasadena, CA. notice the augmenters popping out below the Fletcher nose art. They called it "Jet cooling" during a Carrera Pan-Americana Road race in Mexico during the 1950s.



Racing Sponsors

Dr. Ferdinand Porsche may have been the most prolific designer of the 20th century. He experimented with aero engines, airships and helicopters and designed the Tiger Tank, a self-propelled gun, and the prewar 545-hp mid-engine Auto Union Grand Prix and Land Speed Record race cars. He was a pioneer in front-wheel drive, four-wheel drive, four-wheel brakes, automatic transmissions and streamlining, and he also created the Volkswagen. In the early 1950s, Porsche had been working with US company Fletcher Aviation to develop and test a jet cooling system for Porsche's new 1952 356 cabriolet. The jet cooling was an interesting scheme that saved the power required to drive a cooling fan. Porsche did a great deal of development work with the cooling system for several years, trying it out on the early 550 Spyder before concluding that the exhaust noise was excessive and abandoned the program for jet cooling. The relationship between Porsche and Fletcher Aviation, who manufactured Porsche industrial engines under license from the Stuttgart automaker, created a unique opportunity of company sponsorship in motorsport, something never considered or seen before. Mexico's Carrera Pan Americana race in

November 1954 saw the Porsche factory enter two 550s – chassis [550-03](#) and [550-04](#) emblazoned with sponsor logos across the bonnet. Additional sponsors Castrol and Telefunken Radio, whose radios were fitted in the 356, also joined the support of the team with logos on display, which helped finance the expensive journeys off shore. Fletcher would also supply a 190-mph, single-engine Navion aircraft and pilot-journalist-photographer Don Downie to fly the plane and provide support for the race team. Porsche racing director Huschke von Hanstein who was following the race from the air, called on the drivers to exercise prudence and avoid senseless duels that might send a potential one-two Porsche victory up in smoke, especially since the engines on both lead cars were ailing

SNAG Annual Business Meeting Minutes

1. The Annual business meeting was called to order on March 26, 2022.
2. President Ron Hanselman’s proposal to revise the bylaws was discussed. A motion was passed that any future changes to the bylaws will occur by amendment to the existing bylaws.
3. The Treasurer’s Financial report (included in newsletter) was presented by Susan Holmes.
4. Based on aspects discussed around the financial report, a motion was made and passed that any financial transaction online convenience fees must be paid by the member (currently applicable to PayPal and Venmo), as of now approximately \$1.50 for annual dues.
5. Dues: Motion to increase dues to \$25 was discussed and failed to pass due to the current positive financial balance of the account.
6. Election of officers: Members present voted current Vice President Kevin Domingue in as President; Paul Wright was nominated and voted in as Vice President
7. Discussion about tax filing: a motion was made and membership voted to keep the current financial reporting process internal only.
8. Discussion about newsletter: It was noted by current Secretary Lee Holmes, who publishes the newsletter, that we don’t typically have sufficient content to support a monthly publication. While the currently bylaws state the newsletter is monthly, members present agreed that a quarterly frequency, augmented as necessary during fly-in season to cover necessary fly-in details is sufficient.
9. Discussion of the upcoming Scottsboro, AL fly-in May 27-30 hosted by Andy Tolar: Saturday Beechcraft Heritage Museum, flight competitions, and BBQ/Catfish dinner; Sunday: Huntsville day trip to Space & Rocket Center; For non-flyers: a trip to the Unclaimed Baggage Center auction
10. Discussion of upcoming ANS annual convention, Dayton, OH, Moraine Airpark (see ANS or SNAG websites for additional details)
11. Motion was made and vote passed to remove members from directory who haven’t paid 2021 dues

Annual Business Meeting was Adjourned

2021 Financial Report

January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

Beginning Balance - \$4337.65	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$ 2,073.85	
AV Gas Deposits	\$ 2,911.00	
AV Gas Payment/Shadetree		\$ 2,911.00
Shade Tree Fly-in Deposits	\$ 2,217.93	
Shade Tree Fly-in Expenses		\$ 2,150.00
Oxford Fly-in Deposits	\$ 1,161.19	
Oxford Fly-in Expenses		\$ 1,187.53
ANS Convention		\$ 1,000.00
Newsletters		\$ 545.42
	\$ 8,363.97	\$ 7,793.95

Ending Balance - \$4907.67

142 Members on Roster
61 owe dues (37 didn't pay in 2021)

Following the business meeting, Kevin awarded the Shade Tree flying competition awards:

Awards:

Spot landing: Bruce Herrington 1st place and Lee Holmes 2nd

Bombing: Lee 1st Place and Andy Tolar 2nd Place

Balloon Bust: The competition was discontinued due to excessive crosswinds. Lee Holmes was awarded the 2022 tractor seat award for (allegedly) chasing a balloon into the trees.

FLY-INS:**Scottsboro, Alabama Fly-in, May 27-30, 2022**

HOST: Andy Tolar, Iconic Aviation, LLC

Tentative schedule:**FRIDAY**

Shuttle to be provided back and forth to airport, Comfort Inn and lake house

Cookout at Andy's family lake house, then retire to the hotel

SATURDAY

DAWN Patrol to Tullahoma airport

Ladies to Unclaimed Baggage (any time after 8am)

Beechcraft Museum tour begins at 9am (\$10)

Lunch (TBD)

Afternoon flying contests (a condensed version, of some sort)

Dinner (driving to Mudcreek BBQ)

Maybe afterparty at hotel or lake house since no alcohol at BBQ place?

SUNDAY

Pancake breakfast

Fly or drive-out trip to Huntsville Space and Rocket Center

Hotel:

Comfort Inn Scottsboro, \$99/night

25775 John T Reid Parkway, Scottsboro AL 35768

256.259.8700

Hotel rooms are currently being held through Monday.

Airport Info:

FAA Identifier: 4A6

Elevation: 650.3 ft. / 198.2 m (surveyed)

Variation: 03W (2010)

From city: 2 miles NE of SCOTTSBORO, AL

Time zone: UTC -5 (UTC -6 during Standard Time)

Zip code: 35768

Airport Operations

Control tower: no

ARTCC: ATLANTA CENTER

Attendance: 0800-1700

FOR SVC AFT HRS CALL 256-603-5723.

Pattern altitude: 1450.3 ft. MSL

Wind indicator: lighted

Segmented circle: no

Lights: MIRL RWY 04/22 PRESET LOW INTST; TO INCR INTST ACTVT- CTAF. TO ACTVT REIL
RWY 04 & 22 - CTAF. PAPI RWY 04 & 22 OPR CONSLY.

Beacon: white-green (lighted land airport)

Operates sunset to sunrise.

Airport Communications

CTAF/UNICOM: 123.0

WX AWOS-3PT: 120.125 (256-259-1148)

WX AWOS-3PT at 4A9 (19 nm SE): 119.025 (256-845-5397)

- APCH/DEP SVC PROVIDED BY ATLANTA ARTCC ON FREQS 124.5/270.325 (GADSDEN RCAG).

Airport Services

Fuel available: 100LL JET-A
Parking: tiedowns
Airframe and Powerplant service: MAJOR REPAIRS AVBL ON CALL 256-259-3702
Powerplant service: MAJOR

June 12-18, 2022, ANS Annual Convention, Dayton, OH (see ANS website at navionsociety.org)

Mt. Pleasant, TX. fly-in from 2021 has been re-scheduled!

The previously WX cancelled 2021 fly-in at Mt. Pleasant has been rescheduled!
Mt. Pleasant, Texas will be October 14th-16th, 2022. – Host: Kevin Domingue

I have a block of 20 rooms blocked at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton. In order to book online please go to [www.mountpleasantsuites.hamptoninn.com](<http://www.mountpleasantsuites.hamptoninn.com/>)

Once you have selected the dates of your arrival and departure you will click on Add special rate codes then enter SPG under Group Code. Once you check availability it will bring up the room types you selected plus the discounted rate for SNAG Pilots Group- \$89 for a king standard, 2 queen beds, or for a king studio suite. If calling the hotel directly at 903.572.7100 to make reservations, please mention the SNAG Pilots Group and the dates of our reservations so they can honor our discounted rate.

I have blocked off 20 rooms from October 14, 2022 to October 16, 2022. The leftover rooms that have not been reserved are set to return back to inventory on September 14, 2022. If you want to book after that date, no problem... they will continue to honor the rate, but you must call the hotel directly to receive it. I have the Texas Room booked for our hospitality area. Blue Skies & Tailwinds,

Labor Day, Sept. 2-5, 2022 Available- looking for sponsors and location**WANT TO HOST A FLY-IN?**

We have a neat checklist from Ann McSpadden with all the instructions anyone needs to host a fly in! Contact Lee or Susan Holmes for a copy. 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 ratf16@gmail.com or 702-308-0475

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