



# **Southern Navion Air Group**

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2018

## PRESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Just a reminder that we did not vote for a new President at the October fly-in. Per Wayne, "The final event every second year is the election of the new SNAG officers, but given the limited number of members, it was decided not to appoint or elect a new president until more members could have an opportunity to nominate or volunteer as president. Therefore, the office of president of SNAG for the next two year cycle will be decided at Shade Tree in March."

## HOW TO HOST A FLY-IN

Several years ago, Ann McSpadden shared this handy dandy checklist on the details for hosting a fly-in. Seeing as how we have tons of newbies, I thought I would throw this checklist out to share again. We always love to go to new places that we haven't had the chance to visit. If anyone wants to share their hometown or a neighboring town and host a fly-in, give Wayne Whittaker a call. His number is 850 248-0336.

*The average SNAG fly-in has about 15-20 planes and 30-35 people. Without a catered dinner on Saturday night, we try to keep fly-in costs to \$30.00 per person. Please use those numbers to help guide your planning.*

- Choose a location & airport
  - Confirm arrangements with the airport manager
  - Assure tie-down ability
  - Negotiate a fuel discount
- Choose a hotel (Room block in SNAG name)
  - Discount for rooms (with manager)
  - Room block (aim for 20) & set a cancelation date
  - Secure Hospitality Room (usually "comped")
  - Check for breakfast availability
- Dinner Arrangements
  - Friday night - can be sandwiches & such in the hospitality room (see hospitality section) or grilled burgers, etc
  - Saturday lunch for airport guys
  - Saturday dinner/banquet
    - o Best if there's a party room
    - o Need a reservation to seat about 30 folks.
    - o Can be order off the menu or a set menu of your choosing
- Communication to president & newsletter editor
  - Location & date
    - o Airport information
    - o Identifier

- Runway info
  - Radio freq
- Hotel information
  - Name & city
  - Local telephone #
  - Block information & cancellation date
- Hospitality
  - Ice down beverages (sodas, beer & water)
  - Paper products for hospitality room
  - Sandwich makings (meat, cheese, condiments, veggies) for Friday night (*or whatever items needed for dinner*)
- Transportation
  - Rent at least 1 large van (15 passenger)
  - Check with SNAG members who live nearby (Some folks near you may choose to have one spouse drive in so we have more cars)
  - Ensure adequate transportation for men & women (Some airports have a courtesy car. If not enough, we may need to rent an additional vehicle.)
- Flying Events
  - Dawn Patrol - arrange a nice morning flight
  - Set up for contests (arrange with someone to judge events)
    - Spot Landing - no materials needed on asphalt strip
    - Flour bombing - Check with president about who is bringing the bean bags
    - Balloon bust - helium quality balloons (red please), 1 or 2 small helium tanks from party store (or Wal-Mart)
  - Trophies
    - Host can choose - trophy or plaque
    - Top two for each contest
- Non-Flying Events
  - Shopping, local sites to visit
  - Lunch
- Reimbursement
  - Hang on to all receipts & put your name on them
  - Turn in to the Treasurer or President

For three day events:

- Sunday should include some sort of group trip to a local attraction
- Sunday Dawn patrol can be somewhere nearby for breakfast (must be within walking distance)
- Banquet is on Sunday, so an extra night of dinner plans should be made

## ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION

Dues are due...After the October fly-in, all members who show "current" for dues will be changed to "owe dues. For those of you who get your newsletter via snail mail/paper, you can always check your address label to see if you owe dues or have paid for several years out. If you are an electronic newsletter subscriber, I will try to include a who owes list with this newsletter, but you can always email me @ [susaneholmes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susaneholmes@sbcglobal.net) before sending a check.

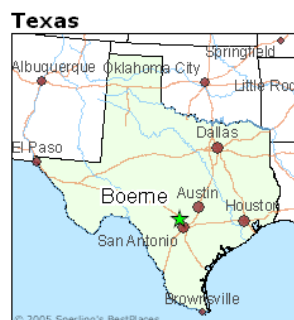
Many have asked if they can pay multiple years. Of course you can!!! That will be reflected on the membership roster and on snail mail mailing labels.

If you are sending dues, please make sure you are using my correct mailing address. It is 6918 Van Etten Street, Houston, TX 77021. As always, make your check payable to SNAG. All checks made out to me go to the Susan shoe fund. 😊

- Susan Holmes

## ANS ANNUAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCED – CORRECTED DATES

This year's Annual convention is going to be right in our SNAG backyard! **We will be in Boerne, Texas from June 17 - 22.** Check out the latest Navioneer for details and the registration form. If you are not an ANS member, join today and come play with neat folks from all over the USA and Canada. The website is [www.navionsociety.org](http://www.navionsociety.org) or email at [weflynavion@gmail.com](mailto:weflynavion@gmail.com).



## GETTING TO SHADETREE FOR THE DIRECTIONALLY CHALLENGED & NEW FOLKS

Freq: 122.9

PHONE 228-867-9937

FAA Identifier: MS82

WX AWOS-3 at HSA (18 nm SW):  
375 (228-466-9320)

Lat/Long:  
30-30-37.7000N / 089-08-50.1510W  
30-30.628333N / 089-08.835850W  
30.5104722 / -89.1472642  
(estimated)

Runway 17/35-2800 x 100 ft. / 853 x 30 m  
Left Traffic  
Surface: Turf  
Runway edge lights: low intensity

Elevation: 113 ft. / 34 m (estimated)

DANNY MILLER  
PO BOX 2026  
GULFPORT, MS 39505  
Phone 228-832-5600

Sectional chart: NEW ORLEANS

Lights:  
RDO-CTL  
ACTVT LIRL RY 17/35 - 122.9. Three S-L-O-W clicks.

<https://www.shadetreeairport.com/faa-info/>

WX ASOS at GPT (7 nm SE):



## FIRST 2018 FLY-IN SCHEDULED

### SHADETREE March 9-11, 2018

The phone number for the Hampton Inn Gulfport is 228-539-0601. – **correct phone #**

Friday night is potluck dinner. Bring something to share. Traditionally, we break it down by alpha, but if you have something special to bring (Wanda!)

The club will provide sandwich makings and members are asked to bring the following:

- Last name beginning with A-H bring CHIPS AND DIP
- Last name beginning with I-P bring NUTS, FRUIT, VEGGIES
- Last name beginning with Q-Z bring SWEETS

Ladies shopping in Ocean Springs, MS on Saturday.  
Boys to play their airport games and discuss technical stuff.

Saturday night dinner will be catered at Shadetree. Lee has contracted with a local caterer recommended by the Millers and dinner promises to be yummy! Be prepared for some good southern treats.

Hosted by Wayne & Ellen Whitaker and Lee & Susan Holmes

**Mark your calendars now!**

**FLY-IN CALENDAR 2018**

- Shade Tree: March 9-11, 2018 co-hosted by Whitakers & Holmes'
- Pre Sun-N-Fun: Cannon Creek
- May 2018 – *open*
- June 17-22, 2018: ANS Convention, Boerne, Texas
- Aug/Sept 2018 – *open*
- October 2018: North Little Rock, AK hosted by Steve Ware

If you are willing to possibly host a fly-in for the 2018 year, please contact Wayne Whitaker @ 850 248-0336

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