



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

April 2017

FROM THE PREZ

The first fly-in of the year, held at Shade Tree, was a great success! Weather cooperative, Danny Miller was and continues to be a great host and the Saturday lunch as provided by him for all at the airport was great. But what was even better was the level of help and assistance by our group regarding the balloon launch, bean bag drop and landing stripe measurements. Thanks go out to Blake and Evan Fleming, Mitch Midyett, Vern Walls and of course, Rusty Herrington and Paul Wright to keep me straight. It was nice to see Josh and Jamie Heath at a fly-in again and I expect to see them at other events. All in all we had 14 aircraft and about 38 folks there.

The balloon bust was a hot contest for second place with Rusty H, Bill Ross and Kevin Dominique all coming in at 2 each. The problem was resolved by having a "pick a card" selection and Rusty won it with a Queen. Paul Wright won the event outright with three out of three hits. The bean bag was won by Josh Heath at 11 feet with Rusty at 15 feet. We have asked Danny to keep the two bags dropped by Lee Holmes and Greg Young for next year if they are ever found. The landing stripe (somewhat wider than usual) contest was close, with 3 feet difference between first and second, won by Kevin Dominique at 57 feet and Sir Pim at 60 feet – not bad for the first of the year, but I expect the numbers will get better with more practice.

The Friday night meal plan of using cold cuts and other food items available locally seems to be well accepted. Having to haul fancy (but very good food) to a distant airport is hard on the supplier and the effort required to prepare and cook is really quite a lot of work. So, unless there is revolution in the ranks, we will continue – but be advised, if you complain, you will get the opportunity to do it the way you want it.

Looking ahead, Bruce Herrington is hosting a fly-in at Adel, Ga, 19-21 May. He has placed the information in the goflyournavion.com site and Facebook. Keep in mind the ANS National in North Carolina – see the Navioneer for all the scoop. And finally, for the weekend after Labor Day, Jon Byrd has arranged for a fly-in at Rome Ga, followed by one hosted by Kevin Domingue at a site near Galveston, TX. Details coming. I realize most of the events are more to the central and eastern part of the area and we try to spread the events around to include as many as possible without long travel distances.

You may notice there are no 3 day events in the tentative schedule above. This is because the timings and availability of the support services, like hotels and restaurants with reservations made years in advanced are booked in locations we have used before. SNAG members do like to go to different places around the area and look forward to going somewhere new.

Please consider hosting an event at your field or close by. If you would like to help hosting an event closer to you, please contact me.

Go fly your Navion - SAFELY.

Wayne Whitaker, N4339K

CANNON CREEK NEWS

Great weather helped make the annual Cannon Creek pre Sun 'n Fun Fly-in a success. Hosted by Ann and Art Hutchison, Shirley Gordon, Jack Wells and Woody and Jean Woodfin, the Navioneers and Cannon Creek folks partied! Friday night was a cocktail party at the Hutchison's with about 65 Navioneers and Creekers in attendance. The food is always good but it was extra good this time for some reason—maybe we were all hungrier! The dessert buffet was over the top!

On Saturday, after coffee and donuts at the Hutchison's hosted by Shirley Gordon and Jack Wells, the men all flew out to Douglas, GA for lunch and a tour of the restoration of a North American F-82 Twin Mustang. Then they returned to Woody's hangar to tell tall tales!

The ladies drove to the Stephen Foster State Park, which was hosting an agricultural exhibit. The kids had a ball riding a little train, going on a hay ride, hunting for a needle in a haystack and watching the antique tractor parade. Everyone drove back to Lake City for lunch at a local eatery, Phish Heads, and then divided up for shopping, depending on their interests.

Dinner for the Navioneers on Saturday night was hosted by the Woodfin's and was, as always, excellent! His signature coleslaw was served along with a ham dinner.

Coffee and pastries from Panera's was provided by Shirley, Woody and Jean on the Hutchison pool deck on Sunday morning prior to flying out to Lakeland at a leisurely pace at 11 am.

A special thanks to Ann McSpadden and Wanda Herrington for all their help organizing and cleaning at the Hutchison's. It couldn't be pulled off without them! The same goes to Bonnie Ruder and Myra Abbott who handled registration and the money as well as helping with the coffee and clean up! The Ruder's also hosted a "walking taco" party on Thursday night before the fly-in for the organizing committee. It was great fun!

A super special thanks to the families who brought their children—that important next group of Navioneers. Josh and Jamie Heath flew in with JD and Melissa Herrington drove in with Abby, Charlie and Murphy. The kids were great and it was fun to have some little ones around.

Those who fly in were the Heaths, John Yohey, Dick and Richard McSpadden, Rusty and Wanda Herrington, Bruce Herrington, Bobbie Herrington, Dan Smith and Jeff Davis. Those who drove included Melissa and gang, Ann McSpadden, , Bonnie and Gene Ruder, Myra and Paul Abbott and Gary Rankin.

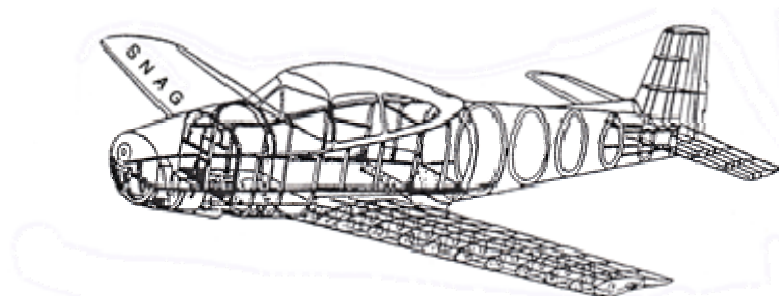
Keep those Navions flying and come see us next year!

- Art Hutchinson

NAVION PROJECT

Navion Project: N4859K Serial #NAV4-1859 TT5412 TSMOH 271. IO470H millennium cyl. 260 HP. Garmin 430-w, Michel mx12 nav com, intercom, ifr cert. new panel, new glass, new interior, retract step, strobe, aux tank, jpi eng. analyzer. Nose gear collapse and prop strike. Minor damage to cowl. No damage to firewall. Have parts to repair cowl. For Sale as is, where is. located Pine Bluff, AR Make Offer. Clarence 870 543 0008 rittecmr@msn.com

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ADEL, GA FLY-IN

**Cook County Airport (15J)
May 19-21, 2017**

Arrive at Adel on May 19th. Once there snacks, lying & drinks to be had at the hotel (in no particular order). Dawn Patrol is scheduled for Saturday morning about 9:00 AM (or whenever we all get assembled). Flying events and lunch for the guys at the airport is schedule for the guys. Lunch will be provided by a friend of mine who is an excellent cook. The ladies have a shopping day and lunch scheduled in the downtown district of Tifton, GA. They will be guided by a personal friend of mine who is familiar with the area.

Saturday night we will be entertained by Qay & Jimmy Allen's reception hall, referred to as "The Barn". Jimmy owns Pike's Creek Turf and supplies the green grass for most of the professional golf courses that many of us are familiar with. Dinner will be prepared locally.

I have assured everyone that I am trying to host the cheapest fly-in of the year. Qay & Jimmy have offered us the use of a suburban & with my fleet of autos, we will not be lacking for transportation. Balloons will be big and rise quickly for better pilot sightings as I have an industrial sized cylinder or helium.

Depart Sunday May 21st.

Accommodations are very close to the airport!

Hampton Inn	229-896-3099
King \$98	Double Queen \$117

Contact Bruce Herrington for questions: 229-412-8314

Airport Location & Communications

FAA Identifier: 15J
Elevation: 236 ft. / 72 m (estimated)
Variation: 04W (2000)
From city: 1 mile W of ADEL, GA
CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8

Airport Operations

Airport use: Open to the public
Activation date: 01/1943
Control tower: no
ARTCC: JACKSONVILLE CENTER
FSS: MACON FLIGHT SERVICE STATION
NOTAMs facility: MCN (NOTAM-D service available)
Attendance: MON - SAT 0800-1700
Wind indicator: lighted
Segmented circle: yes
Lights: ACTVT MIRL, PAPI'S, RY 05/23 - CTAF.
Beacon: white-green (lighted land airport)
Operates sunset to sunrise.

Get your reservations now!

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The ANS Nationals are right in our back yard this year. We had a pretty amazing turnout in Ruidoso last summer and that was a hike for some folks! No excuses this year! Check out your latest Navioneer to register.



The ANS sponsors several competition events with the intent of providing members with events whereby they may become more familiar with the operation of their aircraft. It is incumbent on each pilot in command to assure that all applicable FARs are followed. Higher horsepower aircraft will be started first. Event committee rulings are final.

SPEED CONTEST: Various engine classes allow competition within those individual classes to determine the fastest entry. The winners of each class will compete, with appropriate handicaps, for the all-out speed fly-off.

EFFICIENCY CONTEST: Promotes an understanding of how one can operate the aircraft in the most efficient way possible, greatest speed with the least amount of fuel used.

PROFICIENCY CONTEST: Plan a flight estimating the time enroute and the total amount of fuel consumed.

CHAPTER POINTS

To encourage competition, a trophy will be awarded to the Chapter accumulating the greatest number of points. Points are awarded on the following basis:

- Chapters will be awarded one point for each member who enters and competes in an event.
 - First place will earn 10 point for their Chapter.
 - Second place will earn 5 points for their Chapter.
 - Third place will earn 2 points for their Chapter.

The all-out speed fly-off will not be awarded any chapter points.

PERFORMANCE (SPEED) CONTEST

The event will be run in two phases. The first will include all entrants, and will be started beginning with the higher horsepower participants leaving first to minimize passing. The second will include only the winners of their horsepower class. These participants will be handicapped at the conclusion of the event.

1. Any class with less than 2 entrants may run for record only, but will be eligible for the handicap event.
2. The 2% rule will be in effect. That is the average of all speeds in the first event will be compared with the average of all speeds in the fly-off. Any entrant exceeding that average difference by more than 2% will be disqualified.
3. Horsepower classes follow for normally aspirated engines. Turbo or supercharged engines will compete in the unlimited class.

- a. 205 C
- b. 225C
- c. 260C
- d. 260L
- e. 285C

- f. 295L
- g. 300C
- h. 300TIM
- i. Unlimited

4. Diving at or passing over or under another aircraft at the finish line WILL BE CAUSE OF DISQUALIFICATION.

EFFICIENCY CONTEST

The efficiency event will be broken down into two classes, fuel injected and non-fuel injected. All entrants will fly the event as if it were one event. The event is to be flown on main tanks only. Participants will line up after landing to be re-fueled by an event committee member. Points are calculated with the following formula:

1000 divided by the time in decimal hours; times the fuel in gallons.

All aircraft must pass outside the turn points. If an airport, turn around at the end of the runway farthest along the course line. Highest point score wins.

PROFICIENCY CONTEST

The event is a measure of the overall pilot skill, knowledge of aircraft performance ability to accurately plan a cross-country flight and execute it as planned. Adequate time will be provided to plan the flight, provided the entrant brings all appropriate planning tools. If an established time and/or fuel usage is not provided, the entrant will not be eligible to place in the event.

Any delaying tactics, flaps, gear, s-turns, and circling will be cause for disqualification. Participants will line up after landing to be re-fueled by an event committee member. Points are calculated with the following formula:

25 points for each tenth of a gallon off from the estimate; plus
5 points for each second off of the estimated time. Lowest score wins.

PLACINGS**PERFORMANCE CONTEST**

2-3 contestants	1st
4-5 contestants	1st and 2nd
6 or more contestants	1st, 2nd and 3rd
Handicap	1st

PROFICIENCY and EFFICIENCY CONTEST

1st, 2nd and 3rd

PROCEDURES

Details of event starting procedure, route, and finish will be provided on the day for each event. A current weather forecast with upper level winds will be provided for the day of the event. Each entrant must fill out an Event Entry Form. AN OBSERVER MUST ACCOMPANY EACH PILOT OR PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Proper communication is imperative if you expect to be credited with your actual performance. The only communications expected are near and at the finish line, unless a flying start is conducted. The required terminology is "Last Name", 2 miles out, "Last Name"; and "Last Name", finish, "Last Name".

Example: Herrington, 2 miles out, Herrington; Herrington, finish, Herrington.

**Come enjoy the camaraderie of friends.
Learn more about Navions from the experts.
Visit the local area & savor the sights.**

Help SNAG bring home the trophy!



FLY-IN CALENDAR 2017

- May 19-21: Adel, GA. Hosted by Bruce Herrington
- June 18-23: ANS National Convention, NC
- July 24-30: Oshkosh, WI
- September 8-10: Rome, GA. Hosted by Jon Byrd
- October/November: Galveston, TX. Hosted by Kevin Domingue



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