



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

July 2019

ADEL: THE SHADE TREE WASHOUT REPLACEMENT

Following the rain-out cancellation of our usual March Shade Tree fly-in, the Herringtons put together a quick replacement fly-in in Adel, GA. on March 29-31st. Considering the last minute nature of the event, it came together great and was well-attended. Present for duty were fourteen Navions plus one experimental. Possibly due to the shift in dates and venues, we were light on "better halves" and in attendance were: Mitch Midyett (in his RV-8), KC Shokoui, Alan & Melinda Hovas, Bruce, Rusty & Wanda and Bobby Herrington, Carl "CJ" Jenkins, Ron (Rat) Hanselman, Wayne & Ellen Whitiker, Lee Holmes, Art Hutchison & Ann Bormolini, Paul & Ginger Wright, Nick Kanakis, Dan Smith and Robert Gaines. Dropping in for an afternoon touch & go were Woody Woodfin and James Herrington. We enjoyed a strong 12 aircraft dawn patrol touring scenic southcentral Georgia. Returning to 15J we pushed fairly quickly through the competitions in a very efficient afternoon. Taking home "hardware" were: Spot landing: 1st Lee Holmes 2nd Nick Kanakis; Balloon Bust saw a three way tie after round one, so a pop-off was forced with winners 1st Nick Kanakis and 2nd Lee Holmes; then in the bomb-comp we had winners Alan Hovis in 1st and Rusty Herrington in 2nd. Thanks to the Herringtons for hosting, Bruce for the ever-spectacular prime rib on Friday evening and arranging for the custom Yeti mugs for our competition winners. As usual, we had a little side-line entertainment in the form of a Saturday alternator replacement party for Bruce Herrington, but all went well and he was up and running with a new alternator by the end of the day. We all enjoyed a great dinner at the Southern Catfish House and called it a day pretty early without some of the usual late evening antics (since Josh Health and Steven Jennings were absent). With weather building, everyone pulled chocks early on Sunday as half the group was heading down to Sun & Fun!

SNAG also held a spring fly-in at Georgetown, South Carolina (KGGE) the weekend of May 17-19th along with the Swift Association. Word was that it was a great time, but no additional details are available at the time of publication, so we'll just have to be satisfied with those vague rumors.

American Navion Society Annual Convention Report- Copied from the SNAG web site as published by Rusty Herrington

SNAG was well represented again this year at the ANS annual convention held at St. Ignace, Michigan. Those of you who could not get there were sorely missed. Everyone enjoyed a great time again this year. The flying contests were dominated by SNAG again this year. The weather was cool and messy at times, but we worked our flying events around the weather. The Speed contest was held Tuesday morning. The Efficiency was flown Tuesday afternoon to take advantage of the nice weather. We flew the Proficiency event spread over two days. Some of us were able to get it completed on Wednesday morning in MVFR weather and the rest flew on Friday morning.

This year's convention began on Sunday but some of us arrived on Saturday to relax and look around. A few of us flew up to Lake Superior Sunday morning to look around and fly over the Shipwreck Memorial and Whitefish Bay. We also landed on Macinac Island.

Sunday evening we had our traditional welcoming pizza party. During the week our members toured the area including trips to Mackinac Island, Whitefish Bay, the Icebreaker Museum, and the Shipwreck Memorial.

Congratulations to SNAG members participating in the flying competition events at the 2019 ANS Annual Convention. Our combined efforts resulted in SNAG winning the ANS Challenge Cup for our 15th consecutive year! Former SNAG President Mitch Midyet should be very proud.

Winners in the flying events are:

ALL OUT SPEED EVENT start to flying finish)	Chapter	Speed (from standing
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310 HP Rusty Herrington 300 HP	SNAG	198.68 MPH
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1st Greg Young	SNAG	190.22 MPH
2nd John Damaged		186.11 MPH
Bruce Herrington	SNAG	182.73 MPH

285 HP		
1st Rick Mills	SNAG	188.29 MPH
2nd Bobby Herrington	SNAG	185.97 MPH
John Yohey	SNAG	183.42 MPH
David Bejvan	Midwest	177.61 MPH

260 HP		
1st Robert Gaines	SNAG	173.68 MPH
Marty Eveland	Midwest	168.20 MPH

225 HP		
Dwight Myers	Midwest	157.96 MPH

205 HP		
Joshua Raymond	Midwest	150.56 MPH

HANDICAP WINNER: Robert Gaines SNAG

EFFICIENCY CONTEST	Score (High wins)
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1st Rusty Herrington	SNAG	54.04
2nd Jeff Davis	SNAG	51.98
3rd Bobby Herrington	SNAG	50.30
Greg Young	SNAG	50.00
Joe Humble	Midwest	49.98
John Yohey	SNAG	48.55
Bruce Herrington	SNAG	47.54
Rick Mills	SNAG	47.03
Joshua Raymond	Midwest	40.83
David Bejvan	Midwest	38.46

PROFICIENCY CONTEST	Score (Low wins)
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1st Rick Mills	SNAG	199
2nd Greg Young	SNAG	206
3rd John Yohey	SNAG	213
Dick Bhiler	Midwest	512
David Bejvan	Midwest	600
Bruce Herrington	SNAG	706
Paul Thomas	Midwest	752
Rusty Herrington	SNAG	957
Jeff Davis	SNAG	1117

It has also been announced that the ANS Fly-in for next year will be in Spearfish, SD June 21-27, 2020

Labor Day SNAG Fly- In

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Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2, 2019

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We hope you can join us for a fun fly-in weekend at Sand Springs' William R. Pogue Airport (KOWP) during this Labor Day Weekend! SNAG last visited here during Memorial Day weekend in 2008 and we had a great time with 17 Navions on the field. We have reserved a block of rooms and a meeting room at the (Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tulsa West - Sand Springs, 101 West Morrow Road, Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063) rate will be \$94/ night for king or 2 queen beds/ room plus tax. It's only about 5-6 years old, includes a hot/continental breakfast and is 5 minutes from the airport.

This year's event will also include a (City of Sand Springs sponsored) general aviation fly-in event on the Saturday portion (August 31st) of our weekend. While we can't guarantee the weather, we also can't guarantee other unique activities we've got planned to attend, but at this writing we are tentatively set to enjoy local P-51; skydiving with American Flag drop in; brief aerobatic display and more from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with other general aviation type aircraft on the field. Lunch will be provided to pilots, free of charge (details coming later).

We plan to have 3 courtesy minivans for SNAG use only, to help shuttle folks around and to help make side trips into Tulsa (15 minutes away) easy! *(** If you would like to volunteer as an official "DRIVER" please email me! I will need a photo of your driver's license to assign each van to a driver. We need to identify three (3) drivers please, most likely not a pilot so you can roam Tulsa while we fly?.)* Also, the airport will be authorized to sell discounted fuel during our weekend- not bad!

For those wanting to see some sights in the Tulsa area, there are many great destinations within 20 minute drive from Sand Springs- like the world-renowned Gilcrease Art Museum (<https://gilcrease.org/>), home of the world's largest collection of art and artifacts of the American West. The *Philbrook Museum* of Art- set in the historic home of Waite and Genevieve Phillips with expansive formal gardens located in mid-Tulsa. Want to try your luck? The Hard Rock Casino and other gaming destinations await...and for park lovers, check out the incredible "Gathering Place" park (<https://www.gatheringplace.org/>), built a year ago at almost ½ Billion dollars!

The Tulsa Air and Space Museum might be worth a look (<https://www.tulsamuseum.org/>) and is located by Tulsa International Airport. Like the ocean? Check out the popular Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks, Oklahoma.. (<https://www.okaquarium.org/>), about 25 minute drive from the airport. Want to dive into downtown Tulsa? It's very safe, easy to get around and has some great food and local scene.

As for the Navion fun and games, we can do the flying games on Sunday afternoon and enjoy the KOWP airport lounge for pilot's usage during the weekend event. I hope to make some updates on the SNAG Facebook page, so please watch that for some added details as we get closer.

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!

The James Ray Foundation's challenge will match all donations to the AOPA Foundation through August 31, 2019. <https://foundation.aopa.org/challenge>

NEW SEC-TREAS MAILING ADDRESS

The Holmes' have finally moved from their temp rental house into a purchased home, so hopefully our address won't change again for a long time. Please update the address for correspondence to our Secretary-Treasurer, Susan Holmes to:

4109 Lucas Ln., Lake Charles, LA. 70605

FUTURE FLY-INS

We are looking for a host to coordinate events on the ground so if you are willing, give Bruce a call or shoot him an email: brucemd@surfsouth.com or 229-412-0564.

FLY-IN CALENDAR 2019

- Midwest Navioners Prairie Du Chien, WI Sep. 26-29 Contact Erich Rempert at: N70ER@yahoo.com
- Oct/Nov 2019 – 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 was to show off your local airport and part of the US. If you are willing to possibly host a fly-in for the 2019 season, please contact Bruce Herrington!

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