



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm sure most of you have seen the write up in the Navioneer by Gary Rankin. Suffice to say two of the planes he mentioned were SNAG, and no one was hurt. The SNAG contingent at the Nationals again was prominent in all of the contests and the Chapter Award for placing and participation went to us for the 16th time. It seemed like the hospitality room was just like a SNAG fly-in with a few guests and like the SNAG fly-ins, all were welcome and there were no strangers. I haven't heard where the next convention will be but I am fairly sure it will be well attended by SNAG.

Our next get together will be at Marshall, TX, KASL, hosted by Steve and Lita Ware, Sept 2 -5. Call the LaQuinta, 903 934 3080. When I called a few days ago, there were not too many reservations made as yet. Let's go with the bring what you like for the Friday night kick off rather than a full blown dinner – that comes later.

For those of you that like to have information a bit earlier, the last SNAG fly- in will be at Apalachicola, KAAF, on Oct 28. Best Western, phone 850 653 9131. I am toying with another auction similar to what we did a few years ago at Carrabelle. Let me know if this is of interest.

All proceeds will go to SNAG. Start thinking about things in your hanger, basement, kitchen, or wherever you store airplane parts and make room for different stuff. For example, I will bring a radio controlled hanger door opener (you will need a hydraulic door to make this work).

I have just been informed that Judie Wells was placed in hospice at home in late July (Ed. Note...see "Flying West below). Judie has done yeoman's work at different Cannon Creek fly-ins and is known and liked by everyone she met. SNAG thoughts are with her.

Fly safe and enjoy your Navion - Wayne

ANS CONVENTION 2016 REPORT

We had so much fun! There were about 65 folks that made it to Ruidoso. Of course, wherever we have SNAG folks, we are sure to have a great time! The Welcoming Pizza Party was well attended with lots of folks taking opportunities to snap pictures of family at the creek. The welcoming breakfast was very entertaining as always. Thanks to Jim Waldron as MC and Woody Woodfin who was once again abused by his "good friend" Jim. The Flying J Chuck Wagon dinner and show were delightful. It was a treat to hear a world class yodeler.

Wednesday's custom tour was educational as well as fun. We toured Fort Stanton and saw how the civil war troops lived. Then we visited Lincoln, NM (the home of Billy the Kid and the Lincoln War) which looked much the same as it did back then. Lastly, we headed to The Iris Farm in Hondo, NM which is a spectacular oasis in the middle of the hills and got to meet the artist and her husband that started it. We finished off the day with an evening at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino where we saw & and some participated in a hypnotist comedy show. Suffice to say that the ANS ladies who participated were totally hilarious! They swear it was all real too.

Thursday was designated to visit the Hubbard Museum of the American West and the Spencer Theater. The Hubbard housed an amazing collection of wagons and carriages from the westward migration, an interesting rifle collection and a spectacular local show of themed fiber art – I've never seen that amount of detail in quilting! The Spencer Theater is a full-fledged theater in the middle of absolutely nowhere. The Chihuey glass work was gorgeous and the tour of the theater was entertaining.

Other activities included shopping (big surprise!) in downtown Ruidoso where there were plenty of Indian art stores – jewelry, pottery, crafts, paintings - as well as neat restaurants to have lunch. A contingent of ladies also had a great time horseback riding one afternoon.

On the flying side, the pilot types spent their days admiring their various planes and competing against each other for all out speed, proficiency and efficiency. For those who have never attended an annual convention – each club earns a point per pilot participation so the SNAG crowd enters all contests, including poor old Lee with the slowest plane in just about all engine classes, (even though he had a 285). You can see how SNAG dominated the races by checking out the SNAG website at www.goflyyournavion.com.

FLYING WEST

From Jack Wells - My Judie passed away on Sunday morning July 31st. We were able to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on the 25th of June just after her 73rd birthday on June 22nd. We also saw our first grandchild, Kylie, graduate from high school on June 24th, and start off for college.

It is with a heavy heart that I send this bad news off to you and my fellow Navioneers, but we can take solace in knowing that Judie is no longer suffering from the ovarian cancer that she fought for ten years. She passed peacefully, with no pain or fear, into the arms of our Lord and will await us all to join her up in Heaven when we are also called.

There will be a memorial service and a celebration of her life on August 13th here in Lake City at the Gateway Forrest Lawn Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with a repass to follow at the Country Club of Lake City. More information may be found at the funeral home website. Please pass this information on to our SNAG and ANS members for me.

N91137 SAYS GOODBYE

Many have heard, but the Holmes's are without a Navion as of Ruidoso. We haven't published anything on the web as we know there are those out there who will make a bigger deal out of it than is necessary. On Friday, Lee & observer, Dwight Myers (Rochester, NY) were participating in the efficiency/proficiency contest. About 50 miles SW of Ruidoso, near Alamogordo, NM, Lee & Dwight smelled burning metal and shortly afterwards lost oil pressure. They immediately turned south to get off the mountains and looked for safe landing places in the desert. Unfortunately, they ran out of gliding altitude 6 miles south of the airport. After touching-down, two of the three landing gear sheared off when they encountered a small gully. They skidded another 75 feet across the rocky desert coming to rest on the edge of a gravel road near a few remote ranch homes.

Lee and Dwight each sustained 1 bruise only and were able to call 911. The emergency responders had all headed to the Alamogordo Airport where they were aiming to land. 91137 gave her life so that Lee and Dwight might walk away from her.

A huge thanks to NW Navioneer Dave Desmond who broke off from the contest to find and support them with a CAP over-watch. Thanks also to the local first responders who stayed with Lee & the plane from about 10:00 AM until the FAA/NTSB released the plane at about 5:30 PM. A huge thanks to the ABQ FAA who allowed Dwight to leave the scene early since it was approaching 100 degrees in the desert that afternoon.

Once the cowling was opened on the passenger side, the cause of the engine failure became immediately apparent. The exhaust valve/rocker arm blew clean through the #5 cylinder cover leaving two holes at least a nickel in size. The FAA sent the engine to be autopsied to attempt to determine what caused the problem. Now we just have to find a new canopy style Navion! Riding home with Greg Young the next day, I already picked out the instruments for the new baby!!! ☺ (Note: Lee will publish a detailed account of the event and "lessons learned" for a future edition of the newsletter).

- Susan Holmes

CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved? Changed email addresses?

Gotten a new cell number or home phone number? New

tail number? **Call or email me to update your information on the**

SNAG Member Roster. Susan @ 254-780-9338 or

susaneholmes@sbcglobal.net. The current member roster is on the Facebook page (under documents). Make sure your friends can stay in touch!

If you are sending dues, please make sure you are using my new mailing address. It is 6918 Van Etten Street, Houston, TX 77021.

LABOR DAY FLY IN KASL: Marshall, TX. Sept 2 - Sept 5, 2016

Friday: aircraft arrival and shuttle to hotel, La Quinta Inns & Suites, 6015 East End Blvd South, (903) 934-3080.

Welcome potluck, sandwiches and vegetable tray, at the Hospitality Room, La Quinta Inn, Marshall, TX 75672.

A-H; bring cookies, dessert

I-P; bring Chips, nuts, snack food

Q-Z; bring cookies, dessert

Saturday: Non-flying guests depart the hotel after breakfast for a shopping trip & tour of Marshall, TX, and lunch.

Flying participants depart the hotel after breakfast, 0800 for the airport; "Dawn patrol" take off around 9:00 AM till 10:00.

Flying participants eat lunch in town then fly in a Bean bag "Bomb" drop competition and "spot landing" contest.

Saturday evening dinner (1800) at a restaurant (Cajun Tex Restaurant).

Sunday: Non-flying guests depart the hotel after breakfast for a road trip to Jefferson (haunted) Hotel, Jefferson, TX, 15 miles North, and Lamache's Italian Restaurant in the hotel for lunch.

Flying participants depart the hotel after breakfast for the airport; "Poker Run" and "Balloon Bust" takeoff 0900 in 3-ship trail. Initial departure pattern delay for the three helium balloons busting competition, then Poker Run route 95NM. Returning for lunch in town (Bodacious BBQ).

Sunday night dinner 1800 and SNAG flying awards is at Café Italia Restaurant.

Monday: Everyone departs the hotel after breakfast for the airport to fly out, returning home.

Prepare for the November fly-in in Florida!

(KASL) Marshall Harrison County

Rwy 15/33 Elev 357', 5000'

Rwy 02/20 3200'

CTAF: 122.8

AWOS: 118.675

Shreveport App: 119.9

Sunday Poker Run: KASL - 24F - 3F4 - 4F2 - KASL (95 NM total)

24F Cypress River (13NM) 3F4 Vivian Airport (16NM) 4F2 Panola County (44NM)

KASL Marshall (21NM)

24F Rwy 5/23 3200'

3F4 Rwy 9/27 3000'

4F2 Rwy 17/35 4000'

KASL Rwy 15/33 5000'

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2016 FLY-IN DATES

- Sept 2-5th: Marshall, Texas
- October 28-30th: Apalachicola, FL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

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