



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

JANUARY 2024

Words from the President:

Hello SNAG family, we had the best time at our joint fly-in with the Midwest group. It was held at Fayette County, TN. Our host Rusty Bliss and his staff rolled out the red carpet for us and treated us as royalty! In attendance were Lee Holmes, Rusty & Wanda Herrington, Greg Young, Leo Langston, Dick & Ann McSpadden, Paul & Ginger Wright, Wayne & Ellen Whitaker, Mitch Midyett & Loretta, Dave Bejvan, Eric & Lorena Rice, Chris Fitchen, Marty Eveland, Carl Jenkins, Bruce Herrington, Robert Gaines, Andy Tolar, Lucas & Kate Leiberman Kevin & Phyllis Domingue with guests, Mike & Michele Alleman. We had (14) Navions come onto the field so it was a very good showing. Definitely plan to try and do this again at a future location in 2024.

We did not do a dawn patrol but we did put on the Bean Bag Drop and Spot Landing contest. The winners were as follows:

Bean Bag Drop

1st Place – Bruce Herrington – (2) Paces
2nd Place - Carl Jenkins – (18) Paces
3rd Place Andy Tolar – (22) Paces

Spot Landing

1st Place – Carl Jenkins – (6) Paces
2nd Place – Paul Wright – (6) Paces
(Paul lost the tie-breaker, he protested to the president but was denied on appeal)

The entire weekend could not have ordered any better weather. The temperatures were cool enough but not too cold and the skies were blue as far as the eye could see. We deserved a weekend like this! There was some great afternoon flying had by several planes and were able to do some formation flying as well. I want to thank everyone for coming and making this a wonderful end of the year event. Wishing you a great 2024!

Blue Skies & Tailwinds,

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ANS GOINGS-ON:

Many (most?) SNAG members are also ANS members, but for those that are not ANS members, here's a brief summary of key items of interest: At the June annual convention held in Branson, MO., Dr. Rusty Herrington was elected President and Greg Young as Vice President. The ANS parts operation is moving from Idaho to Statesboro, Georgia under the supervision of Alan Davis as the new ANS Parts Manager. The inventory is currently being moved and the new location should be open for operations in a month or two. Greg has rolled-out a fantastic new web page for ANS (using the same URL: navionsociety.org) with enhanced functionality including online payment for dues and other future transactions. The 2024 ANS Convention will be held June 9-15th at Culpeper Regional Airport, Culpeper, VA, KCJR. Expect details and registration information in the ANS Newsletter and website. If you're not a member of ANS yet, it's a fantastic value for all Navion owners and we highly recommend membership which you can handle online at the new website.

FLY-IN SCHEDULE:

Shade Tree, MS – March 22-24, 2024 Shade Tree Airfield MS82, Lyman, MS roughly 12 miles NNW of Gulfport, MS. CTAF 122.9, 119' MSL. RWY 17/35 100'x 2800' Turf, left traffic. Owners/hosts Danny and Janet Miller again welcome SNAG and all Navions to their beautiful field on the Gulf Coast. Hotel: Hampton Inn by Hilton, 228-539-0601. **NOTE:** As of 1/15/2024 the SNAG room block has **not yet been officially held**. They only have 10 rooms

available and our rate is \$189.00. Our block will expand over to the Home2 Suites next door (228) 357-9684. Also available but not in our block is the SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Gulfport I-10 location (855) 816-6193

UNCLE SNAG NEEDS YOU... TO HOST A FLY-IN!

Your SNAG leadership really needs our members to step up and host some fly-ins. The same handful of members are continually hosting the majority of our events. Our goal is to spread our events across the entire SNAG region and have someone "reasonably" close host the event. We'll teach you, help you and support you if it's your first event. We'd never hang someone out to do one by themselves and once you've done one, you'll see they're really not that difficult. We have a great checklist from the McSpaddens' with all the instructions anyone needs to host a fly in! Contact Lee Holmes for a copy (254) 780-6038. What a great way to show off a favorite airport, city or region. If you are willing to consider hosting a fly-in for the 2024 season or early 2025, please contact Kevin Domingue at Kevin.Domingue6429@gmail.com or 409.656.4444

Wanda's Recipe Corner

Several SNAG members asked Wanda Herrington to share her recipe for her "Best Blondie" bars. Please see accompanying attached .pdf

FAYETTE COUNTY PHOTOS





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