



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2012

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Everyone had a good time at the fly in Labor Day weekend. Despite Hurricane Isaac we had 15 Navions at Statesboro during the weekend. Those SNAG members who could not get here were missed.

Arrivals began on Friday morning with good weather. On Friday evening we enjoyed Barbeque including Ribs, Brisket, Boston Butt, and Chicken along with the vegetables and assorted goodies. Jeff Herrington the Statesboro Airport Manager was very accommodating and allowed all of our Navion games to proceed with enthusiasm. Saturday morning began with a Dawn Patrol of 9 Navions flying over Statesboro and the local area. Dawn Patrol was followed by Bean Bag Bombing and a short takeoff contest. Tony Russell's takeoff distance is amazing!

On Sunday we awoke to perfect weather. Instead of Dawn Patrol we proceeded with our practice session of balloon bursting. The practice was fun but did not seem to improve our performance in the contest. Nick Kanakis returned on Sunday morning from a training mission in Texas and participated in the day's events.

Flying event winners are

Short Takeoff:

First: Tony Russell at 282 feet

Second: Rusty Herrington 339 feet

Spot Landing:

First: Dick McSpadden 4 feet

Second: James Herrington 47 feet

Bean Bag bombing

First: James Herrington

Second: Rusty Herrington

Balloon Bursting:

Everyone had trouble popping balloons in the afternoon after a promising practice period in the morning. First place was won with 2 balloons, and there was a 4 way tie for second with 1 balloon. We decided to have a tiebreaker to determine second place.

First: James Herrington 2 Balloons

Second: Rusty Herrington 1 Balloon with 3 balloons in the tiebreaker.

Those attending included two new members - Jim Arnott who flew down solo from New York and Ronnie Bufkin who flew in from Mississippi with Josh Heath. Other attendees were: Josh Heath, James, Melissa & Abby Herrington, Rusty Herrington Jr. and family - Kelli, Kaitlin, Regan, Hayden, Avery, Rusty & Wanda Herrington, Dick & Ann McSpadden, Art Hutchinson & Ann Bormolini, Wayne & Ellen Whitaker, Robert Gaines Nick Kanakis, Bobby Herrington, Larry Woodfin & Jean Norton, Dan Smith, Tony & Janice Russell and Jeff Davis

-- Rusty Herrington

FACEBOOK UPDATE

We now have 65 members on our Facebook group. You can join at any time to get up to the minute news from fellow Navioneers including pictures, videos and a current member roster. The group's name is: ***Southern Navion Air Group (SNAG)***. When you find us, you will need to request membership. Once approved (by me) you have complete access to news like... Jamie & Josh Heath are expecting! We have a new member from France. The Reno Air Races plumb wore out JT McMahon and more!

-- Susan Holmes

FINAL FALL FLY-IN

NOV 9-11, 2012

EUFAULA, AL

The final fly-in of the year is being hosted by Art Hutchinson & Ann Bromolini and Dick & Ann McSpadden.

The hotel is the Lake Point Resort, phone # 800-544-5253. Please use reservation code #1858 when making reservation. The rate 2 queens \$65.04 plus tax, king \$79.05 plus tax, if more than two in room it's an additional \$10.00 a night per person. We have 25 rooms blocked until October 9th. They have 24 hour cancellation policy.

Hotel has a restaurant and bar. Hotel is less than 3 miles from airport and we will have vans for transportation.

Friday is the arrival party with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Beer soda, water, wine, set up, will be provided. As always bring whatever else you want to drink.

On Saturday, Nick has set up for anyone interested to tour the museum @ Ft Rucker, which has a Navion on display, and helicopters. We will have flying games on return. For those not wishing to attend the museum tour & flying games, the ladies have set up tour of antebellum homes, with lunch in one of homes. Shopping after lunch, and @ 4pm a private a private showing of Christmas gifts and antiques with wine, cheese and crackers. Saturday night, we have a private dining room set for banquet. You will order off menu.

"Eufaula is a lovely little southern town that we think was a wonderful surprise. Hope to see you there!" - Art, Ann B, Dick & Ann M.

NEXT SNAG FLY-IN:

March 2013 at Shade Tree, hosted by Mitch Midyett

KEEP THOSE NAVIONS FLYING!

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