



Southern Navion Air Group

Newsletter

January 2015

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The 2015 flying season is upon us. I haven't had as much time as I would have liked to fly my Navion in 2014 and now it's 2015. It seems that I have just been too busy to fly. TO BUSY TO FLY!!!, unacceptable. Ginger and I have been busy with our respective businesses as well as adding on to our house. You see, 18 years ago I promised the cupcake a big garage and, well, the time finally came for me to make good on it. But even with everything that is going on I managed to fly at least six trips already in 2015 and I have another trip scheduled for this Thursday. So this year I intend to Go Fly my Navion.

Danny and Janet have been gracious enough to ask us back to Shade Tree again this year. Shade Tree is the best place ever to have a fly in, so we will have our March fly in there on the 6th, 7th and 8th. By now everyone should know the drill, but for those few that have not been there I'll lay it out for you. See below for details.

Airport Ownership and Management from official FAA records

Ownership: Privately-owned
Owner: DANNY MILLER
PO BOX 2026
GULFPORT, MS 39505
Phone 228-832-5600

Festivities will be as usual, brisket, beans and jambalaya in the hospitality room on Friday night. Drinking and lying are encouraged. Saturday morning dawn (brunch) patrol, lunch at the airport and then games. For those that prefer ribs and pulled pork, "The Shed" bar-b-que place is right down the road from the airport.

Saturday evening we will be dining at the lookout restaurant, (same place as last year). The food and service is great, then back to the hospitality room for business, cocktails etc. Sunday fly away home.

Information on the following page should be enough information for even the "navigationally challenged". For those of you that have never been there, sometimes it can be a little difficult to find.

Well, I should probably close for now so, fly carefully and fly often, and if you fly through my neighborhood stop in and visit.

See ya at Shade Tree – Paul



FLY-IN SEASON IS UPON US!

SHADE TREE

March 6 (Friday) arrive
March 7 (Saturday)
March 8 (Sunday) depart

<http://www.shadetreeairport.com/index.htm>

SHADETREE HOTEL INFORMATION

Hampton Inn & Suites
Sales: Sherry Queen

228-539-0601

15580 Daniel Blvd.
Gulfport, MS 39503

When you call and make your reservation, tell them you are with SNAG.
King Standard \$109.00 per night plus tax or Queen Standard \$119.00 per night plus tax.
Complimentary breakfast is available in the hotel dining area.

10 kings and 10 queens will be held until 2/16/15 at these rates so call early to make your reservations.

SHADETREE AIRPORT DETAILS

Freq: 122.9

Location

FAA Identifier: MS82
Lat/Long: 30-30-37.7000N / 089-08-50.1510W
30-30.628333N / 089-08.835850W
Elevation: 113 ft. / 34 m (estimated)
Variation: 02E (1985)
From city: 2 miles W of LYMAN, MS
Time zone: UTC -6 (UTC -5 during Daylight Savings Time)
Zip code: 39503

Airport Operations

Airport use: Private use. Permission required prior to landing
Lights: RDO-CTL
ACTVT LIRL RY 17/35 - 122.9. Three S-L-O-W clicks.

Airport Communications

WX ASOS at GPT (7 nm SE): PHONE 228-867-9937
WX AWOS-3 at HSA (18 nm SW): 118.375 (228-466-9320)

Nearby radio navigation aids

VOR radial/distance	VOR name	Freq	Var
GPT328/7.2	GULFPORT VORTAC	109.00	02E
PCUr091/30.3	PICAYUNE VOR/DME	112.20	05E

Runway Information

Runway 17/35

Dimensions: 2800 x 100 ft. / 853 x 30 m
Surface: Turf
Runway edge lights: low intensity
RUNWAY 17 RUNWAY 35
Traffic pattern: Left left
Obstructions: None 15 ft. line, marked

If you can't find it with all this information, we might need to have some navigation training. ☺

WHY NO NEWS SINCE JULY

...cause Lee hasn't done anything airplane related that I can report on (tell war stories) and no one else has sent me news. I need y'all to help your pitiful secretary out by sending me stuff to include. If you have some cool news or have a topic you would like me to research and publish, I would have lots more to report. Just shoot me an email or write me a note and I'll take it from there. Our newsletter is only as informative, friendly & entertaining as the members help make it.



NAVIONEER FLYS WEST

Chris Putsche passed away on December 12th. Chris was raised by his Aunt Maud and Uncle Gustave Putsche of Wagoner, OK after he lost both of his parents. He graduated Wagoner, OK high school in May 1943 and joined the U.S. Navy the same month during WWII. His music background made him a candidate for sonar school in Annapolis, MD, and he shipped out on board the USS Robert Brazier from New York Harbor as a "Sonar Man 2nd class". The "Rusty" Robert was involved in many operations including sub hunting, convoy duty (ocean escort), and protecting the landing forces on the seaward side in Macajalar Bay. After the war in 1946, he hired out in Wagoner, OK as a station helper with the MKT Railroad and retired in 1989 as a General Supt following the merger with Union Pacific Railroad. After retirement, Chris flew his Ryan Navion in the Southwest Navion Group (SNAG). While living in St. Louis he played Dixieland Jazz (trombone) for many years, recording two CDs with his "Paddle Wheel Jazz" group who has been featured at the St. Louis Jazz Club. When he felt his Jazz days were over, he moved to Grove, OK, a quiet setting on Grand Lake of the Cherokees where he enjoyed the fishing and beautiful scenery.

As a father, he taught his sons how to hunt, fish, enjoy the sea, aviation and music, and to work hard and not shy away from difficult tasks. He gave them the opportunity to grow and become independent thinkers, even while keeping a strict hand on how they learned their tasks. As a railroad man, he worked hard to make the business profitable even when popular opinion said it wasn't possible. He was demanding as a boss, but willing to help out those who gave their best efforts. He gained a strong reputation among his peers for knowing how to make a railroad run in spite of any circumstances that hindered the progress. Even his competitors knew he was the one to go to for advice or information to get the job done. To this day, he has had many wonderful friends made during the 40+ years he worked for the MKT Railroad, the time he flew with the SNAG Group, and the time he spent with other fine musicians he performed with across the country.

RECENT MEMBER NEWS

Many of you remember JT & OraDell's granddaughter who used to travel with them to SNAG & other airplane events, Rachel. Well, she is growing up!! This past summer she spent time in the Arctic Circle doing research. She was funded through grants from Exxon Mobil and the US government. Whoo-hoo!

Andrew Holmes graduated from college and has a job!!! He graduated in December and be moving to Dallas to begin his new life as a working member of society on February 9th.

WELCOME TO THE SNAG FAMILY:

Ron and Denise Hanselman
Home Airport is Bourland Field, 50F
171 Constellation Dr
Cresson, TX 76035
1951 Navion B
N5289K



2015 DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues are \$20.00 per family. Please send your check to: SNAG c/o Susan Holmes, 151 Autumn Circle, Belton, TX 76513. Please, please, please make the check out to **SNAG**.

And please, please, please complete the roster update information below to include with your check.

Last time I sent this out only about 25% of members responded with updated information. I would like to have an updated roster on the website & Facebook page by mid-March.

SNAG Membership Roster Update

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone (if applicable): _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Cell phone: _____

Spouse Email address: _____

Children living at home (w/current age): _____

Aircraft Information

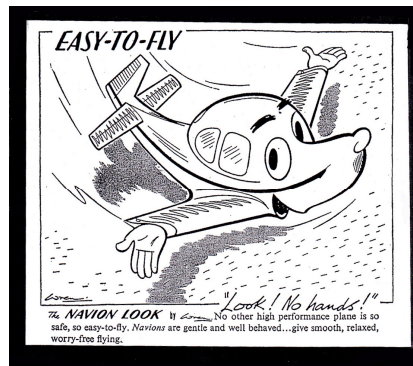
N#: _____ Model: _____ Engine: _____ Year: _____

Aircraft Type (if not a Navion): _____

Home Airport Identifier: _____ City/State: _____

How would you prefer to receive your newsletter? ___ email ___ postal mail

Please return this page to: Susan Holmes
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Belton, TX 76513



55th Annual Navion Society Convention Fredericksburg, VA

JUNE 24 - JUNE 29

Why do we have a convention? For fun, camaraderie and to share the joy our navions bring us. For those of you who could not join us, we've included a few pictures from the week and hope you will be in the pictures from next year's convention to be held in Fredericksburg, VA, June 24-June 29, 2015.

This year the convention will run from Wednesday through Tuesday instead of the customary Sunday through Friday. This is in response to requests that convention not involve 2 weekends. The board is giving it a try. If more can attend with this new format, it will be used again.



KEEP THOSE NAVIONS FLYING!

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