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Dear Fellow Navioneers, Navion Owners & Navion Enthusiasts:

Having recently been elected the new president of the Golden Gate Navioneers I wish to thank Bill Putney for his leadership and dedication to our organization these past three years. I feel that this organization has a lot to offer you in the way of enjoyment and fellowship and extend an invitation to each of you to participate. Included in this invitation is my understanding that everything we all do is voluntary, meaning that no one will be expected to participate more than they are willing to voluntarily do so. So, if you only participate in only one event during the year, we still very much welcome you. We will do our best to keep you informed about what is happening and accommodate as many of you as we can. We also are receptive to your comments and suggestions. Our dues are only \$20 per year, but my attitude is that we will welcome any of you who wish to join us at our fly-ins and other activities to do so. You are also invited to communicate with me or any other of our members. If I can't help you, I will try to put you in contact with someone who might be able to.

I would like to try a few things different this year in the hope that it will make our activities both more enjoyable and easier for the most participants. It is difficult to coordinate with all our members who are scattered all over Northern California and sometimes beyond. In the past we have tried to set a schedule of fly-ins for the full year in advance. Unfortunately, the weather and other obstacles seem to not cooperate. Because of adverse conditions, there are always a few gatherings and fly-ins that are poorly attended because of weather and other conflicts, so I want to try something new this year.

- **Monthly Fly-ins** – On the months that there is not some other special gathering, all monthly fly-ins will be on the second Saturday of each month (starting on February 10th). We will try to get letters sent out periodically, but if you do not get one, the location will be announced on the Golden Gate Navioneer website: <http://www.navioneer.org>. Also, if the weather looks bad, we will cancel the fly-in or possibly reschedule it and post the notice on the website one or two days before the event. I also will send email notices to all members and interested persons **if I** have your email address **and** your permission to do so. My current email addresses are listed below. When you send me an email, please include some word such as “Navion” or “fly-in” in the Subject space so that, if I do not know who you are, I will not delete your email by mistaking it for unwanted spam email.
- **Weekend Getaways** – At least twice a year we will have a weekend getaway to some resort area where those of us who can attend can spend a weekend together enjoying a short mini-vacation and enjoy a two or three day period of fun and camaraderie. I do not have any information to give you at this time, but I understand that there is being one planned up north in conjunction with the Northwest Navioneers. If this is correct, we can start planning on another one to the south that will also invite Navion owners in Southern California, Arizona, and Nevada. These getaways will be open to all Navion owners and anyone else who may wish to join us, be they members or not. Also, there is the possibility that one of our members is willing set up a gathering in Reno during the Reno Air Races, but I do not have any information yet. If we can get this event firmed up, we will notify you as soon as possible.
- **Maintenance Seminar** – For the last three years Bill Putney has put on a maintenance seminar. This is not a Golden Gate Navioneer sponsored event, but it is put on by one of our members and we wish to support this as much as possible. No date or other details have been set yet, but as soon as we have any information it will be put on the website. Again, this will be open to all Navion owners and anyone else who may wish to join us, be they members or not.
- **Our Annual Christmas Party** – No date has been set yet for our Christmas party. First we need to find a place to have the Christmas gathering that is convenient for the largest number of potential attendees. It will be a paid affair with the Golden Gate Navioneers club paying for a portion of it (to be decided later). Non-members will be welcomed, but they will have to pay the full cost for their dinners (reservations will be required). At this point I am open to suggestions.

This is a pretty ambitious goal for our association, and I hope that you will be interested in joining us for some of these activities. All will be welcome. Again, we would like to communicate with you by email, by the website and by an occasional letter. If you wish to receive emails on the destinations and possible cancellations for our activities, I will need your email address and your permission to send you our periodic emails.

Our contact information:

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Wishing you fair skies and safe flying,

Dennis Dooley
President, Golden Gate Navioneers

P.S. I would like to be able to contact each of you by email for fly-in and other announcements if you are willing to give me your email address. If you are willing, please contact me at the above email address.

P.P.S. I would like to set up our February 10th fly-in to tentatively be at Pine Mountain Lake Airport café. Plan on being there by 1130 hours. Then on March 10th, I would like to tentatively set our fly-in to be at Castle airport (formerly Castle Air Force Base) for lunch and to walk through the Air Museum. If you haven't been through this museum before, it will be a delightful treat. Send me your email addresses and/or set the webpage up on your computer as "favorites" link so that you can go to it quickly to check for updates.

P.P.S. An additional sad piece of news to give all of you is that one of your members, Art Laguna of Sacramento, was killed in Iraq recently. Please join me in praying for his family during this time of grief.

P.P.S. Another piece of sad news is that longtime GoldenGate Navioneer member, Howard Curry, has passed away. You may receive this too late, but his service will be at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at Quimet Brothers located at 4125 Clayton Road, Concord, California. Again, please join me in praying for his wife, Clay, and his family during their time of grief.