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Dear Navioneer,

This past year has been a difficult one for me. Full of ups and downs, gains and losses. We lost some good friends this last year but we made some new ones too. I'd like to welcome our new friends to the Golden Gate Navioneers.

For those who were unable to make it to the Holiday party, you missed a great time. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and after a great deal holiday cheer was dispensed it was decided that I would be re-elected for another year.



For once it didn't rain for the Holiday party and it was nice to see so many friends together.

The New Calendar is in this issue!

Wow! Who ordered up this weather? I had 4 weeks off and only got to fly a couple of days in that whole time. Maybe the weatherman will get it all out of his system and we'll have a great flying season this year.

I've been working with Ken Whittall-Scherfee, our volunteer activities chairman, on this year's Events Calendar. We've got some great events in the works. I'm publishing as much as I can in this newsletter and more details and dates will follow as we get them worked out.

The first flyin is to Auburn (KAUN) on Saturday January 29th. We'll meet at the Wings Grill on the field at 11 AM. Check the hotline for late changes. I hope the late part of January isn't like the early part or we'll be up to our tailskids in snow.

We've been kicking around the idea of hosting the 2006 Nationals. Ken and I have been talking lately about Auburn as a possible location. Time is short to make a presentation to the ANS board in February. Anyone with local experience is urged to step up and help if possible. We need to put together hotels, fly away trips, dinner spots, hangar space for Ron's clinic, race courses and all the other logistical issues in a solid form if we're going to have a chance against the other locations in contention.

For those who are wondering, the Imperial Valley President's Day Flyin is still on. There's no replacing Bob but Ryan has committed to continue the event into the near future at least. This is always an enjoyable event for everyone. Lots of people from all over the west seem to make the extra effort to be there and if you're not racing, it's great to be watching at the finish line. Navions come screaming across the finish line at Douthitt airport at treetop level at top speed. It's really a sight to see.

For those who don't know, I'm a Safety Councilor with the Oakland FSDO. For the last couple of weeks I've been helping to organize this year's Northern California Aviation Maintenance and Safety Symposium March 11th and 12th. This event was designed for IA renewal but everyone is welcome to attend. I've been going for the last few years and there are always some great maintenance talks and vendors to talk to. On top of that it's free to attend and there are door prizes and a raffle of some cool stuff.

I'm also working on the 2nd Annual West Coast Navion Maintenance Seminar for the end of May. This year we're going to focus on upgrades and alterations. I'm working on getting Navion parts and equipment suppliers on board for product booths, talks and demonstrations. I've got a commitment from Bill O'Brien to come out and be a speaker. Bill is the FAA's national resource specialist for general and sport aviation. He authors and contributes much of the regulation that effects how we maintain and operate our

Navions. He has recently been pulled into the Sierra-Hotel / ANS struggle. Bill can address any questions attendees might have about current and proposed rule making, FAA practices and procedures. He's a straight shooter and says what he thinks and backs it up with action when it's called for.

I'm taking nominations for an overnight trip this summer. Sedona was great fun last year. If you have a favorite place and would like to help out give Ken or I a call and step up to the plate!

Any budding authors out there?

I'd love to have some Navion or flying oriented articles to publish with the newsletter. Address some topic you want to sound off on, tell a story or teach a lesson. Share your love of flying and our great airplanes with our Navioneer community. Who knows? Maybe you'll get to decide who plays you in the movie version.

Dues are Due!

Dues run December to December and at \$25 it's still the best bargain in town. Make payments to "The Golden Gate Navioneers". Bring your check to the Auburn flyin or mail to;

Golden Gate Navioneers
c/o Johannes Verhoek
1326 New Hampshire Dr.
Concord, CA 94521

That's it for this month. Give me a call if you have thoughts or suggestions you'd like to share.

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2005 Calendar of Events

- ♠ Golden Gate Navioneers Sponsored Event.
- Events sponsored by other groups.
- ◆ Display shows for a property tax exemption (Ask your taxman).

- ◆ First Sunday Classic Aircraft Fly in Hollister (307) Dates [2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4] Contact Robin White 831-375-4943.
- ♠ January 29th, 2005 Auburn (KAUN)
- February 25th, 26th, 27th Imperial Valley Navion Club Presidents Day Flyin and Race (KIPL)
- March 11th, 12th Northern California Aviation Maintenance and Safety Symposium – FAA <http://faa-oak.x-connect.net>
- ♠ March 19th Half Moon Bay/Princeton (KHAF)
- ♠ April 16th Truckee (KTRK)
- ♠ May 14th Vacaville -North American Aviation Day (KVCV)
- ♠ May 20th, 21st, 22nd – The 2nd Annual West Coast Navion Maintenance Seminar
- ♠ June 18th Sonoma Schellville (0Q3)
- ♠ July 16th Watsonville (KWVI)
- ♠ August 13th Livermore (KLVK)
- ♠ September TBD
- ♠ October 8th Carson City, Nevada (KCXP)
- ♠ November 5th Visalia (KVIS)
- ♠ December Holiday Party TBD

Remember the fly in hotline is 510-834-NAVI (510-834-6284) for all the late breaking Golden Gate Navioneer fly in updates.

Classified Ads

1962 Navion G Rangemaster

\$72,500

Contact: Richard Scholl: 650-854-4182 or email rlscholl@pacbell.net

- ◆ Airframe 3800 TT
- ◆ 870 SMOH on 260 HP IO-470-H (1 new Continental cylinder in 2002)
- ◆ 500 SPOH (McCauley 2-blade).
- ◆ Gross weight increase kit
- ◆ Extended windshield
- ◆ PS Engineering - PMA 7000-MS audio panel
- ◆ Garmin - GNS-430 GPS
 - Enroute/Approach Certified
 - Nav-Com w/ GS
- ◆ Garmin-AT - SL 30 Nav-Com w/ GS
- ◆ Garmin - GTX-327 transponder
- ◆ Cleveland brakes & wheels
- ◆ Alternator
- ◆ Modern panel
- ◆ IFR certified.
- ◆ Logs from 1962
- ◆ EI - UBG-16 engine monitor
- ◆ JPI - FS-450 fuel flow indicator
- ◆ Davtron - D655-2 five function indicator (OAT, pres. & dens. alt.)
- ◆ Sennheizer - ANR a/c powered headset
- ◆ New Annual Nov. 2004 at Naviation



Join us at Auburn (KAUN) on January 29th at 11:00 a.m.! This is our first event of the year and should be a pleasant trip for everyone.

Let's kick the New Year off with a great turn out.



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