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Dear Golden Gate Navioneers:

I am late in getting out this newsletter and won't make any excuse. There is a lot to cover, so I'll just jump in with both feet.

Last month's fly-in was to Calaveras Airport near Angels Camp where my family lives. I had arranged for those flying in to be picked up, and we had a picnic in the city park here in Angels Camp. For those of you who did not come, we had a great turnout and the food and visiting was very good. I especially want to thank my wife, daughter and son-in-law for all their help in setting things up and for shuttling everyone from and to the airport. I could not have pulled this gathering off without their help. Although the weather was pretty warm, it is always pleasant down in the city park. I want to also thank all of you who came to make this the biggest and one of the most enjoyable gatherings in some time.

The next Golden Gate Navioneer fly-in will be on Saturday, November 8, 2003 at the Watsonville Municipal Airport (WVI). Try to arrive by 1130 hours so that we can enter the restaurant around noon. This will be a gathering to visit and enjoy each others' company, but there are some issues that I would like you to think about and offer you thoughts on, like:

- Who would you like for President next year?
- Are there any places that you think would be a good fly-in location for next year?
- Are there any activities that you would like to see this organization do beyond just gathering for lunch or a picnic?
- In the last couple of years we have been on overnights to Laughlin, NV, and Grants Pass, OR. Are there any other places you would like to suggest we consider for overnights?
- Any other suggestions for the good of the organization?

I encourage all of you to try to have some input.

Looking ahead, our annual Christmas party will be on Friday, December 12, 2003 at the Alamo Women's Club where we have had it for the last several years. Next month I will send you all the particulars concerning the party. One thing that I would like to address now, however, is where I am going to stay the night of the party. In the past few years, as soon as the party breaks up, everyone scatters to their separate directions. Last year I stayed at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek

**which is about 5 miles away (more particulars next month). It's not too expensive for the area (\$89 - \$99) and it has some good facilities in the hotel. It would be nice if those of us who will spend the night in the area stay in the same motel so that we can continue to socialize after the party and again for breakfast the next morning before leaving the area. Also, next month I will include information on other overnight accommodations in the area (my thanks to the work by Marcelle Roise in gathering this information).**

**I look forward to seeing all of you who plan on attending the Watsonville fly-in. Until I see you again, whether at Watsonville or anywhere else, I wish you all good health and clear skies for flying.**

**Sincerely,**

**Dennis Dooley, President**