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Dear Navioneer,

Life was so much simpler when airplanes had 5 channel radios and newsletters were typed and copied on a Mimeograph machine. A busy school schedule and several computer crashes have all contributed to the lack of newsletters the last few months.

Thankfully the fun goes on thanks to some hardworking helpers. Please take a good look at the calendar included in this newsletter and make as many events as you can.



Charles "Chan" King NAVion design team member.

June 5, 1911 – April 10, 2005

During my "annual adventure" last summer in Santa Barbara I had the great pleasure to meet, have lunch and talk to Chan. Chan worked on powerplant designs for North American Aviation on aircraft including the Navion and the P-51. In last few years he has put together two books, which are compilations of a great deal of

Navion technical data. I am pleased to have copies of both books on my shelf and refer to them often.

It was with a great deal of sadness that I learned of Chan's death in April. Chan was one of six remaining members of the NAVion design team and was still sharing his knowledge and expertise with Navioneers.

Services were held for Chan at Westmont College Chapel, in Montecito, just east of Santa Barbara CA. At the family's request, members of the 805th and Golden Gate clubs (Keith Franklin, Brad Hensley, David Vanoni and Kurt Young) performed a 4 ship diamond fly by and missing man formation.

"While all of us in the NAVion community mourn the passing of Chan, I think that somehow he was watching over us all, and would have been happy to see his aircraft passing in review. I know that as members of the flight team, we sure were happy to be the ones to do it. " - Maynard Keith Franklin

The Newsletter mailing has become very large lately.

1. If you are receiving this newsletter and have no interest please let me know.
2. If you are receiving this newsletter and are not a Golden Gate Navioneer Member please consider joining.
3. Make sure and ask your Navion friends if they've received their newsletters yet. They may have gotten inadvertently dropped from the list in the recent computer crash. Let me know and I'll add them back to the list.
4. If you would prefer to get the full color newsletter by email let me know and I can send you the PDF file as soon as the new newsletter is published.
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Thanks, Bill

Flyin News

The June 18th FLYIN Will Be at Santa Rosa (KSTS) not Schellville! Please amend your calendars.

Auburn

A perfect place for an early season flyin! Weather had been a concern right up till the day of the flyin but someone was watching out for us and we had blue skies and unlimited visibility. Lunch was a little slow but it gave everyone a chance to catch up.



Truckee

Wow! What a beautiful day. The sky was clear blue and the temperatures mild when we arrived at Truckee. Just a little left over snow between the taxiway and the runway. We had a very nice lunch at the airport café and then we got to use the airport meeting room to sit a while and talk about things Navion.



2nd Annual West Coast Navion Maintenance Seminar



Our thanks go to the Oakland Business Jet Center for hosting this year's West Coast Navion Maintenance Seminar. They did a spectacular job and gave us everything we asked for and more.

Friday night's Hanger 1 reception was hosted by Ken Whittall-Scherfee, Friday's Dinner hosted in Alameda by Steve Blankenship, and Saturday Night dinner was underwritten by Chip Robinson. Steve Blankenship and Steve Holgrin provided able assistance in the setup and breakdown of the event. Keith Franklin rode herd on the registrations. And my better half and Stella Blankenship managed all the food and loose ends. Once again this event was a success because of all the dedicated Navioneers who helped keep it on track and my thanks to everyone for making it happen.

This year featured talks from the FAA, Navion International, and the Navion Pilots Association. As is the case whenever Navioneers gather the discussions were lively and informative. I think everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

I'm hoping that with everyone's help, next year's West Coast Navion Maintenance Seminar will be bigger and better.

Formation Clinic

At the Maintenance Clinic, Keith Franklin requested names of any persons interested in formation training, and eleven Navioneers signed up. At this writing, we have distributed emails with details on how to get the required books, and also the Dartong Video Tapes. We are now trying to determine a suitable location and time, (both weather-related) so as to ensure a successful clinic. We also need a JLFC safety pilot to participate. When we get all this organized, we will be setting a weekend date, (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday a.m.) to go through the drill. Vacaville has been suggested as an airport, which will hopefully be relatively fog-free.

If anyone else is interested in formal formation training, please contact Keith Franklin at 530-432-1619, or by email to N91472@aol.com.

NAviation has moved from Santa Barbara to Santa Maria.

So if you're looking for a Navion A&P-I.A., he's moved a little further up into Golden Gate territory. Brad is a new member of the Golden Gate Navioneers as of the Maintenance Seminar and you can reach him at (805) 992-3262.

We're always looking for recommendations for Navion services and if you know of some pass along your recommendations and I'll be happy post them.

2005 Calendar of Events



Golden Gate Navioneers Sponsored Event.



Events sponsored by other groups.



Display shows for a property tax exemption (Ask your taxman).

There is a Fly In Hotline for GGN events. It has last minute updates on fly in destinations. Call 510-834-NAVI (510-834-6284).

The more Navions and Navioneers that attend the more fun we have! If you need a ride to an event you'd like to attend give me a call, I'll try my best to arrange it.



First Sunday Classic Aircraft Fly in Hollister (307)
Dates [7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4]
Contact Robin White 831-375-4943.



June 18th Santa Rosa (KSTS)



July 3rd-9th - ANS National Convention (KLBF)
<http://www.navionsociety.org/convention.html>



July 35th - 31st - EAA AirVenture Oshkosh (OSH)
<http://www.airventure.org/>



July 16th Watsonville (KWVI)



August 13th Livermore (KLVK)



September TBD



October 8th Carson City, Nevada (KCXP)



November 5th Visalia (KVIS)



December Holiday Party TBD

[Golden Gate Navioneers Fly In Hotline!](#)

Ever wonder if the flyin is still on? Has the destination changed because of bad weather? Check into the GG Navioneers Hotline at [510-834-6284](tel:510-834-6284) for the latest updates.

[Online Membership Form](#)

There is a new online membership form on the web site. This form can be used for new membership or to update your membership information

That's it for now... Fly Safe!

Bill Putney - President 2005



Santa Rosa, CA (KSTS) June 18th! See you there.



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