



MIDWEST Navioneers Chapter

(April 2004)

OUR FIRST 2004 FLY-IN is to be held at **Casey, Illinois** and will be hosted by **Cleone and Eleanor Markwell** (217-932-2252) on the Friday through Sunday dates of **May 21st - 23rd**. This young couple are old hands at sponsoring and participating in Navioneer events. So, we can anticipate that they will show us an enjoyable time at our season opener! Here are the details:

Airport: Casey Municipal Airport (1H8) 217-932-2078

Note: Bring tie-down ropes. Rwy 22 and grass Rwy 18 use RH pattern. 122.8 used.

Lodging: **Comfort Inn** (1 mile from 1H8, hurry to reserve) 217-932-2212

Budget Host (10 minutes west at Greenup) 217-923-3176

Five Star Motel (In Greenup...an older motel) 217-923-5512

Group name: Midwest Navioneers

Transportation: Provided by Chapter (Let us know if you're running late)

Note: Cleone's cell phone 217-232-5864 or Caldwell's 937-417-7035

Activities: The center of activities will be the "Sky's the Limit" FBO and the on-field pilot's lounge and lobby as well as the Comfort Inn's Hospitality Room. On **Saturday May 22nd** we will be at the airport for efficiency and proficiency flying activities in the morning. At the time of this writing we are planning a possible afternoon fly-away and/or drive to **Don Busshart's private air museum** and grass strip about 25 miles northeast. Imagine having such a colorful aviation career that you are able to create your own museum of fascinating flying memories. Don's exploits start with his flying as a volunteer fighter pilot with the Chinese pre-WWII and takes us up through his Orient "soldier of fortune" flying career ending in rescue evacuation from Korea. Don's aircraft collection features a 1926 Waco and a 1930's Howard DGA-15 as well as several other vintage craft. After hearing and viewing Don's amazing story we will return to the highly regarded **Richard's Farm Restaurant in Casey** for our Saturday evening meal and usual jovial Chapter meeting.

OUR SECOND 2004 FLY-IN will be a little further to the southwest in Rush Limbaugh's hometown at **Cape Girardeau, Missouri** (If you don't like Rush don't worry about it. He

doesn't plan to attend). Our hosts, **Don and Trish Pauley** (573-243-6467) are not Navioneer old-timers but they stepped to the plate quickly and have offered to be our hosts. With a little coaching from veterans Steve and Leanne Lyle, they have planned a fun time for us in late June. The dates are **June 25th - 27th**. Everyone enjoys a barbeque, and that's just the beginning! It is not often that you can go out for dinner and expect to get smacked in the side of the head with a "thrown roll". Come find out what we're talking about. (My spell checker said that there is no such word as "thrown"unless you are from Missouri). Details follow:

Airport: Cape Girardeau Regional (CGI)

Lodging: **Drury Lodge** 1-800-325-0720 \$76.99 per room/per night, sgl or dbl
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Included: Quickstart breakfast with scrambled eggs, waffles, cereals, etc.

Transportation: Provided by Chapter. If you're interested, **Hertz** at 1-800-654-3131

Activities: **The Pilot's Club at CGI** will be home base for our activities. There....

Friday evening June 25th we will be treated to a Barbeque and plenty of time to make new friends and visit with each other. The Club is located on the Cape Girardeau Airport. On **Saturday June 26th morning** activities will include races and proficiency flying. **Saturday at noon** we will be off to find out about the "thrown rolls" at nearby Sikeston, MO and for a very special meal in the unique surroundings of Lambert's Restaurant. **Saturday evening** we will return to the Pilot's Club for a light snack and desserts. Also, our Chapter meeting with fun and awards.

Did you submit a suggested "quick trip" for publication in our newsletter? Remember, in our February newsletter we asked you to come up with a quick and easy day trip suggestion and submit it for publication in this newsletter. This invitation is still open....and, remember, if we use your submission you will get a one year extension to your membership in the Midwest Chapter. Well, **Stanley Purtee of Lancaster, Ohio** gets a one year extension of his membership for his suggestion that we.....

Visit the **Vinton County Airport (22I)** which is near McArthur, Ohio and is about 45 nm southeast of Columbus and 15 nm west of Athens. Here's what the Vinton County web site says about the area... "Vinton County's wooded hills and natural scenery render it among the most attractive areas in the state. The rugged scenery, beautiful lakes, streams, and creeks, hills, and wildlife--especially deer and wild turkeys--have played important roles in attracting tourists, sportsmen, and visitors to Vinton County, home of one of Ohio's first state parks, Lake Hope." Stanley tells us that you can enjoy this naturally beautiful area by using the airport as your base of operations as you camp right under your wing if you like. The airport is sustained by a very loyal group known as the Vinton County Pilots and Boosters Association with all proceeds from their many summer activities plowed right back into operation of the airport. Call 740-596-2588 or 357-0268 for more details especially if you would like to make arrangements for a visit of more than the day. Or you can call Stan directly at 740-654-7338. Events this summer at the airport include:

May 16th Bean Dinner and Airplane rides; June 19th Fish Fry-Old Cars-Dance; August 8th

Ridgetop Music Festival; *September 19th* Air Show (one of Ohio's finest in a relaxed setting); and in the fall the *October 17th* Leaf Peep which you can imagine is beautiful on a crisp cool fall day in rural Ohio.

Thank you Stanley Purtee for this submission. Your dues are now marked "paid" through 2005. Now, for the rest of you Midwest Navioneers, if Stan can do it so can you. **Please submit your quick trip suggestion so that we can publish a nice feature from your area.** By the way, Stan is rebuilding his Navion to include a IO-520-D with a Bill Nichols tube mount and McCauley 3-blade. So maybe you can stop by and enjoy Vinton County and offer your two-bits worth of advice to Stan regarding his Navion project.

Dues due??? C'mon now! It only costs a lousy ten bucks a year to belong to this fine organization...the Midwest Navioneer Chapter of the American Navion Society, if you want to be formal. Or just the plain old Midwest Navioneers if you want to keep it short and at the \$10.00 level. Look at the upper right of your mailing address and you will see a number. If it is 03 or less you're NOT paid up! If it is 04 or higher you ARE paid up! If you are not paid up then please become so. Groucho Marx once declined an invitation to join an exclusive club by responding that he didn't want to have a membership in any organization that would have him as a member. Even if you feel that way about yourself, we don't. Please join us by renewing your membership. Send the entire coversheet with the roster update completed to the address indicated on the coversheet along with your \$10.00 annual dues payment so as to bring your membership dues up through 2004. Note: There are about 125 active (paid) members in our Chapter. We anticipate that about 10 to 15 delinquencies will pay up. So, we can be described as having about a 140 name paid roster. That's pretty good! Good reason to expect good fly-ins. Join us!

Distinctive Jackets, Shirts, and other things are available for purchase through past-president Myra Dunn. Did you know that we have jackets and shirts in Chapter colors and with embroidered logos and identifiers? And did you know that several of us nearly got the "heave ho" at a bar/grille in Christchurch, New Zealand because our windbreakers in Chapter colors looked like the team jackets of the rival Wellington Dreadnaughts (or whatever their name was) rugby team? "Oh sorry, but what's a Navioneer, mate?" True story! Anyway, call Myra Dunn at 765-866-1212 or mdunn@wico.net for details.