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The Monthly Newsletter of
The San Juan Pilots Assn
P.O. Box 874
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

SJPA Events –

Monthly Luncheon – Jan 27, 1 pm
Downriggers.

Board Mtg – Feb 7 at 5:15pm FHR Unicom
Building.

Pot Luck and Annual Meeting – Feb 8, St
David's, at 5:15

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Flown West – Our good friend Marty Stewart



Local pilots pay their respects to Marty Stewart

By Charlie Lindenberg

The cold, biting wind and low overcast did nothing to inhibit the graveside services for local pilot and friend to many, Marty Stewart, who was buried with full military honors. Stewart passed away Christmas morning, surrounded by his family.

The Honor Guard from McChord AFB fired a 21-gun salute, then carried the flag-covered casket to the gravesite. The flag was carefully and ceremoniously folded into the familiar triangle, then presented to June Stewart.

Local pilots John Volk (lead plane); Rick Drury; Chris Jamieson; Bob Jamieson and Chris Chouinard participated in the missing man formation, with Drury's biplane peeling off, symbolizing the pilot who had not returned from a mission.

Both Pat Mayo, playing the pipes, and a bugle playing taps echoed in the still afternoon, adding to the solemnness.

Following the local flyover a massive C-17 from McChord AFB made a slow flyby over the site, over the fields to the west, then turned and returned to its home base.

Following the ceremony pilots, friends and neighbors attended services, hospitality and memories at the Presbyterian Church.

The San Juan pilots will always remember Marty's smiling face and willingness to help on any project.



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Marty joined the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet program in 1942. He trained in B-24s, with the 8th Air Force, part of a 10-man crew as co-pilot, leaving for England in May 1944.



He flew thirty combat missions, including D-Day over Normandy. Promoted to 1st lieutenant, he received numerous citations and awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Force Air Medal — six times.

Instead of heading home after 30 missions, Marty was reassigned to fly B-24's full of cans of gas and supplies, in support of Gen. Patton's rapid advance, flying one or two missions daily across the English Channel.

In 1950, his reserve unit was called to active duty in the Korean War. In 1951, he was deployed to Korea and flew C-47s transporting injured and dead troops and keeping troops supplied, usually landing on roads, beaches or fields as there were few airfields available. Marty was promoted to captain and decided on the military as a career.

Later he returned to the States as a test pilot. In his next assignment he trained pilots in C-130's. In 1968, Marty was assigned to Military Air Transport Headquarters in Illinois and from there he departed once again to a combat tour in Vietnam.

Marty completed his military career at McClellan Air Force Base in California as a lieutenant colonel.

June and Marty moved to the islands in 1990. Marty and his 182 frequently flew those in need for medical or other emergencies to the mainland.

He also flew the pastors of Friday Harbor Presbyterian Church to mainland hospitals to visit parishioners. They liked to call his plane "POB Airlines" for Presbyterians On Board.

Marty endured two years of chemotherapy treatments, continuing to fly his 182 with his good friend Frank Brame as safety pilot, up until two months before his death.

Marty is survived by his wife, June, his high school sweetheart. They were married during his cadet days in July 1943.



The Roy Franklin book is published

ISLAND BUSH PILOT: FOUNDER OF SAN JUAN AIRLINES

by Roy Franklin

Published by Avian Ridge Books

With assistance by John Geyman, Roy's book can now be ours. There will be a supply available at the February annual meeting, or we can order in advance from Roy, at P. O. Box 494, Friday Harbor, WA 98250
\$14.95 plus \$1.15 tax, total \$16.10

And in related new news ... The Port of F.H. Port commission has finally passed the authorization to order the signs for the Roy Franklin Museum. They should be up soon. On another note they agreed to move forward with the museum display, Barbara Marrett is the representative from the Port and they are hoping that the Friday Harbor Historical Museum will participate and maintain the display. John Geyman has boxes of old photos along with a wealth of knowledge about Roy.

Still Two RVR Club positions on the Westwind Aviation Simulator



As reported in the December newsletter, Westwind Aviation at Friday Harbor airport is offering a special "RVR Club" membership rate for the first 10 pilots who sign up. It offers reduced rates for the simulator and instructor. Dan DeShon reports that eight positions are taken, with two remaining.

New Members this Month

Bob Jamieson – A "retired" 777 driver for American Airlines, Bob spends his spare time as Chief Pilot for Island Air, and is the go-to guy when someone needs a medical flight off the island at night. He's a CFII and teaches ground school at Friday Harbor High School. He has three airplanes. The 150 flies, and is the family utility vehicle. He's building a Hatz Biplane, and he and his son and daughter are building a Flybaby.

How's Your Registration?

The FAA, in concert with TSA, plans to make sure that all aircraft are correctly registered with the government or owners will face the consequences.

Each aircraft operating within the National Airspace System must meet all statutory, regulatory and certification requirements. This means if you sold (or bought) a plane or somehow transferred ownership and didn't notify the FAA, you could be in big trouble

On Feb. 1, operators of identified aircraft with questionable registrations and or no TSA required security measures/-waivers will be: (1) Notified of the deficiency, (2) a pilot deviation will be filed on the operator, (3) (and the) operator may be denied access to the NAS.

Don't panic (sure), call or write Douglas Gould, Manager, Strategic Operations Security (AJR-22) Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 267-7683.

New Members this Month (Cont'd)

Bob's son, Chris, flies for Island Air, and his youngest daughter soloed last summer at age 16. In case you are wondering, his other daughter has the extremely good judgment to avoid flying altogether.

During his two or three spare hours, you can find him in Friday Harbor on his President motoryacht.

Marty Garren – Marty, and wife Mona Meeker moved to SJ Island in 1992 after vacationing here for several years. Staying at Porto Bella while their home was designed and built, they moved in, in 1993. They came from Westchester County, just North of New York City. Marty and Mona are active in the SJI Yacht Club, SJI Historical Museum, Chamber of Commerce and the Health Club.

Marty was a 35-mission B-17 pilot. His story of his airplane, the "Spirit of Valley Forge" is posted on www.sanjuanpilots.com on the Links page. He wrote it for an exhibit at a museum being created from the control tower at his old air base in England.

Member Information Sheets

Thanks to everyone who has returned theirs. Art Miller reports that about a third have come back. If you have misplaced yours, you can get a new one from him at 378-5604. But, you might also have to buy an engine preheater (see below).

Clean out the Hangar – It's the SJPAC Classifieds!

1. Have heated hangar..... so....For Sale: One Red Dragon Engine Preheater. Propane heat, electric blower. Used a couple of times..\$ 200 or best offer. Arthur Miller arthurmiller@rockisland.com or 378 5604
2. I have a tug for sale; I used it for a 3500 lb machine on a flat ramp. OK condition \$250 George Mulligan georgemulligan@msn.com or 378 6239

These ads are free ... and worth it. Anything you want to buy, sell or trade, just send the info (with pictures) via email freds@rockisland.com, or send a note to Box 874. We'll see that it gets in the very next newsletter.

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Friday Harbor	4.05	Bellingham – BASS (SS)	4.00
Orcas	3.98	Blaine	3.62
Anacortes	3.96	Paine – Fliteline (SS)	3.59
Skagit	4.64	Lynden	3.51
Oak Harbor	3.50		

Time for the 2006 Dues - Our 2006 dues are still just 20 bucks and due this month. If you'd like a SJPA embroidered patch, add an additional \$5. You can send your check to P.O. Box 874.

Basic Flying Rules

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

San Juan Pilots (2005) Association board President - John Volk , Vice President – John Geyman, Secretary -Bob Tauscher, and Treasurer Carlo Franciosi . The balance of the board is Jim Cox, Tom Eades, Fred Schumacher, Pat Mayo, and Arthur Miller

Vote for the 2006 Board! This is your official ballot. 10 people have been convinced to toss their flying helmets into the ring, to serve a year on the board. There'll be no hanging chads, and no Supreme Court intervention. Just check your choices, and/or write in the name of another candidate. There are only 9 board positions to fill, so whether you check only existing names, or write some in, you should indicate your choice of a total of nine people.

Print it out. Fill it out, and you can bring it to the February Annual meeting, or mail to P.O. Box 874, Friday Harbor 98250.

John Volk

Tom Eades

Arthur Miller

John Geyman

Fred Schumacher

Dick Babbit

Bob Tauscher

Pat Mayo

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Vickie Thalacker

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