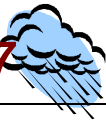


San Juan Pilots

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The Monthly Newsletter of
The San Juan Pilots Assn
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Mark Your Calendar

Monthly Luncheon – Jan 26, 1:00, Jimmy's Paradise Café.

Annual Meeting and Pot Luck – Feb 8, 5:30, Fire station. Clip and mail your ballot for the 2007 Board. It's at the bottom of the last page.

Board Mtg – Feb 15, 5:15, FHR Unicom Building.



WINTER COMES TO THE OLD AIR STRIP



OK. It's been really wet. It's been really cold. It's already snowed more times than most complete winters. But, right when you think it can't get any worse, here's a little trip down memory lane. Most of us remember the end of 1996 (pictured above). But, who remembers these?

January/February 1916 - Seattle's Greatest Snowstorm

Seattle recorded its maximum snowfall ever in a 24 hour period, 21.5" on Feb 1st. Other parts of western Washington received between 2 to 4 feet of snow, and winds created snow drifts as high as 5 feet. Seattle January snowfall was 23", February snowfall 35", total 58 ".

January 13, 1950 - The January 1950 Blizzard

21.4" of snow fell in Seattle on the 13th together with winds of 25-40 MPH, the 2nd greatest 24 hour snowfall recorded. It claimed 13 Puget Sound lives. During Jan, 18 days with high temps 32 degrees or lower.

October 12, 1962 - The Columbus Day Wind Storm

The strongest widespread non-hurricane wind storm to strike the continental U.S. this century, it claimed 46 lives, blew down 15 billion, yes, 15 billion board feet of timber. Recorded wind speeds (before power went out) Bellingham and Vancouver - Gust 92 MPH, Renton - Gust 100 MPH, Tacoma - Gust 88 MPH

SJPA January Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 2

Those Present:

Board members present: Bob Tauscher, John Geyman, Pat Mayo, Fred Schumacher (linked by phone), Arthur Miller, Dick Babbitt, Tom Schramm, Tom Eades

Observers/guests: Frank Penwell, Frank Brame, Lainey Volk

Membership Report

We have 100 members. Welcome new member Rick Millson.

Old Business

December 29th Friday luncheon was at Jimmie's. Everyone was in agreement that it worked well for the group and we should continue this venue until the golf course opens.

Pat Mayo reports that the Roy Franklin Terminal/Museum is progressing. Phil and Stewart can be caught painting the walls there (see photos on Page 4).

New Business

- A **John Volk memorial** was discussed and mostly the ideas centered on methods of setting up scholarship with John's name on it. The nature of the scholarship would be to assist future pilots or students wanting to serve their communities. A lot of ideas put out there. Frank Penwell from the local Lions had some interesting ideas centered on some existing foundations that were not only tax deductible but would also put in matching funds. John Geyman proposed a committee to study the issue further. This committee consists of John Geyman, Tom Schramm, Bob Brunkow, Tom Eades, Frank Brame with additional input from Lainey Volk, Al Davis and Tom Hartman.
 - Additional ideas to memorialize John Volk include a park and bench up by the college overlooking the airport.
 - Chris Chouinard suggested that we rename one of our waypoints in his name by petitioning the FAA.
 - Port is going to put in a park for transient parking area and can be named in honor of John Volk.
 - Lainey Volk brought an antique book that could be auctioned off for funding the memorial in some way.
- Nominating Committee report from Frank Brame and Tom Hartman shows that they have 12 candidates for the 9 person board, all of whom have agreed to serve if elected.
- Lainey Volk was voted in unanimously as honorary member of the San Juan Pilots Association in perpetuity.

Board Meeting (Contd)

- Feb 8th 5:30 PM Pot Luck General Meeting at the Mullis Fire House. Pat Mayo will get the FAA to discuss the ASOS and it is our annual meeting and vote for board members.
- Feb 15th Thursday is the next board meeting at the airport tower.

John Volk Memorial Proposed

An enduring memorial to John was the top priority of the January San Juan Pilots Board Meeting. A committee of **Tom Eades, Tom Schramm, Bob Brunkow, John Geyman** and **Frank Brame**, met the following week and came up with several paths to explore.

1. Foundation/Scholarship:

Establish a John Volk Foundation that would acquire funds for disbursal annually in the form of a scholarship.

2. Bench/Park:

Expand upon the concept that was started with the bench honoring Bill Sargeson atop the hill east of the Community College, overlooking the Friday Harbor airport.

3. Waypoint:

Work with the FAA to re-name a waypoint on the FHR RNAV/GPS approach in honor of John.

4. Museum:

Put together a set of pictures and anecdotes that could be used to build a display about John in the Roy Franklin Terminal.

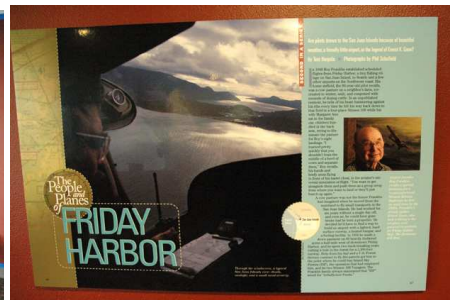
Bob Brunkow has made contacts on the scholarship and waypoint change, and reports both look very doable. **Frank Brame** has been in contact with Skagit Valley College about the bench/park and has gotten a positive response, as well.

Work continues on The Museum at Roy Franklin Terminal

Bob Tauscher snapped these photos of the progress. **Phil White (L)** and **Stuart Hansen (R)** taping and painting. And, not a drop of paint on either man.



In case you haven't seen it, the Southwest corner of the terminal lobby displays enlarged copies of the Smithsonian Magazine article about aviation in the San Juans. This is the site of the future Roy Franklin Museum, which will include displays featuring pilots who have made special contributions to the aviation community. These will include **Roy Franklin, Marty Stewart** and **John Volk**.



San Juan Pilots Events



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Our Newest Member

By Pat Mayo

Rick Millson is the 100th member to sign up for the SJPA. Rick is a test pilot for a number of companies, including the testing of military aircraft for the USA and foreign military aircraft. He tests stall characteristics in B737, CL-600, LR-jet, IA-Jet, CE 500, HS 125, T-33, A-4, L-29, L-39, Alpha jet, CA-HA 200's. Rick owns a Grumman AA-1 to fly back and forth to Paine Field.

Rick has over 15,000 hrs, 2 combat tours in Viet Nam amounting to 250 combat missions, and by the way, he used to be a member of the Blue Angels.

Rick is living on his boat at the Warbass marina, and doesn't know anyone in town yet, but that will change soon.

The San Juan Eagles need you!

By Vicky Thalacker

It's time to give the San Juan Pilots Association an update on the activities of the San Juan Eagles and the Cancer Relief Project. Please refer to the Website www.sifri.org/eagles/ for information on this project.

The San Juan Eagles are now searching for a few good men/women to step up to be on our Board. We meet once or twice a year. Also, we would like to have more pilots sign up to be available for flights. If you are interested in participating, please call **Vicky Thalacker at 378-4578** evenings or E-mail at ajs@rockisland.com.

Classifieds –

Lainey Volk has an aircraft engine heater and two airport cars. [Aero Therm Recirculating Engine Heater System](#). It's new in the bag and is offered for \$360. The cover is sold separately from Kennon.

The AeroTherm heater supplies 5,000 BTU's of heat at 190 degrees Fahrenheit to the engine compartment.

It then draws the same heat out of the compartment back through the heater, constantly increasing the heating temperature.



The AeroTherm heater has been tested on the cold- soaked engine of a Cirrus at 0 degree hangar temperature. The compartment immediately reached 100 degrees and in three hours the engine cylinders were 75 degrees. After 3 hours the entering air temperature was above 200 degrees with the inlet temperature reaching 100 degrees.

The objective is to achieve a uniform preheat all the way to the engine core. To achieve this end, an insulating engine cover (sold separately) is strongly recommended.

[Airport Cars](#) – Lainey would like to find a new home for ones at Skagit and Boeing. The Skagit car is a **1978 Cadillac** (leather interior). The Boeing car is a **1983 Oldsmobile**. They are both 4-doors, have heat and air conditioning, radios that work, and perhaps most importantly, solar battery chargers. You can email Lainey at laineyv@rockisland.com.

Westwind has a Pinch Hitter Course next Saturday.

Westwind Aviation will be conducting a Pinch Hitter course January 20, 2007 at Friday Harbor Airport. This course is designed to assist flying companions in understanding and participating in flying an airplane. Pinch-Hitters are pilot companions who want to know more about flying and learn how to control and land an airplane. After you complete our Pinch Hitter course, you will be able to function effectively as a cockpit crew member.

This course will help you:

- Develop basic navigation skills
- Learn how operate the aircraft radios
- Be familiar with the instruments in the cockpit
- Learn to safely land the airplane

The course consists of 3 hours classroom instruction and 4 hours flight instruction in the aircraft. Flight instruction may be in our airplane or yours.

Price:

Classroom and Flight Instruction in our Cessna 172 \$575

Classroom and Flight Instruction in our Cessna 150 \$490

Classroom and Flight Instruction in your airplane \$210

Classroom only \$30

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Friday Harbor	3.99	Bellingham – Air BP (SS)	3.99
Arlington – Fliteline (SS)	3.59	Blaine	4.42
Anacortes	3.96	Paine – Fliteline (SS)	3.67
Skagit	4.37	Lynden	3.69
Orcas	3.99		

Time for the 2007 Dues - As we close out 2006, we are 99 paid members. Your 2007 dues are still just 20 bucks and due in January. If you'd like a SJPA embroidered patch, add and additional \$5. You can send your check to San San Pilots Assn, P.O. Box 874, Friday Harbor 98250. Art Miller would like to ask everyone who has already paid for 2007 to let him know. He's at arthurmiller@rockisland.com.

Identify the Airport ...



Bob Tauscher sends along a good photo of one of our favorite strips on the way from FHR to BVS.

Just in case you're wondering, his photo is the one on the left. The other is compliments of Google Earth.

Chris Chouinard, our resident dirt-strip expert, due to his regular flying for Aeronautical Services, reports that the Cypress airport is inactive and is fairly rocky. It would, however, be a good emergency field. On the other hand, says Chris, the strip is about 500 ft msl, and if you have enough altitude to use it, you might also be able to make Anacortes or another of the private strips on nearby islands.

Meanwhile, Chris reports that Decatur is suffering from a fair amount of water on the runway, and the North end is soft mud.



Anyone have a caption for this one?

San Juan Pilots Association 2006 board : President - John Volk, Vice President -John Geyman, Secretary - Bob Tauscher. Tom Schramm, Richard Babbit, Tom Eades, Fred Schumacher, Pat Mayo, and Arthur Miller.



-----Clip and send or bring to the meeting with your choices-----



Vote for the 2007 Board!

This is your official ballot. 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. And, remember, all you upstanding aviation citizens, only one ballot per member. 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.**

Tom Schramm

Tom Eades

Arthur Miller

John Geyman

Fred Schumacher

Dick Babbit

Bob Tauscher

Pat Mayo

Bob Brunkow

Dan DeShon

Mike Taylor

George Mulligan

Write-in _____