

# San Juan

February 2006

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

## Events –

Monthly Luncheon – Feb 24, 1 pm  
Downriggers.

Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show – Feb 25-26, Western WA Fairgrounds  
Exhibition & Conference Center, Blue Gate.

Board Mtg – Mar 7 at 5:15pm FHR Unicom  
Building. Election of 2006 officers.

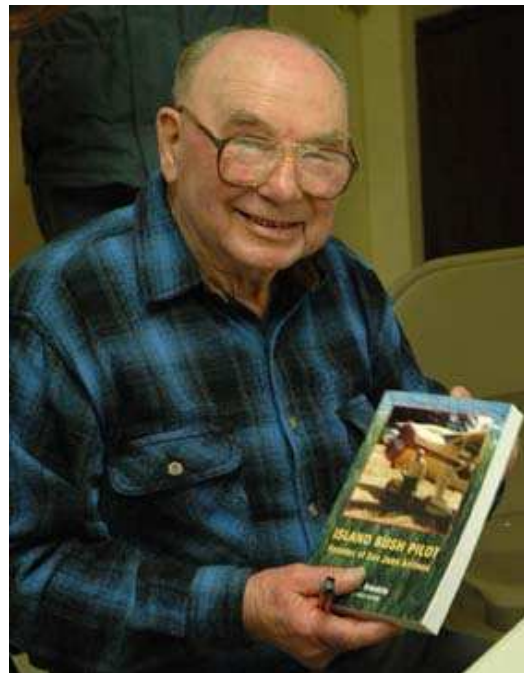
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## February Pot Luck and Annual Meeting



John Volk presents Roy Franklin with a lifetime membership award, the first given since SJPA's first president, Carla Higginson. June Stewart received a lifetime honorary membership

Roy talked about the early days of air transportation in the Islands, much of which is included in his new book, "Island Bush Pilot – Founder of San Juan Airlines."



February Pot Luck – More photos

*The 2006 board was elected, and there was plenty of “table flying”, as can be seen in the following snapshots, thanks to Bob Tauscher.*



## The Survey of Us – Early Results

Art Miller has compiled information from the first 26 info forms returned, and reports a total of more than 87,000 hours flown by those members. Nearly half earned their wings in the 1970's with dates ranging from the 1940's through the 2000's. More than half have instrument ratings and about 1/3 commercial.

Aircraft currently flown range from 150's to Citations. Aircraft which have been flown by these 26 read like a Jane's book. Stearman, Vultee Vibrator, 707, 727, 757, 767, L-1011, Lear, PBX, T-6, T-28, T-33, T-37, T-38, T-41, AT-10, AT-11, Wing Derringer, B-17, B-25, C-119, KC-135, DC-9, DC-10, L-188, Metroliner, Bucher Jungmann, and Aercoupe...to literally, mention an interesting few.

These members have flown in at least 41 countries. If you add to it, those countries involved in Dodie Gann's trip around Cape Horn, you'd have a few dozen more

## San Juan Aviation Museum

The San Juan aviation Museum Board is making good progress toward the exhibit at Friday Harbor Airport.

SJPA members **John Geyman**, **Ray Bigler**, and **Pat Mayo** met with members of the Port of Friday Harbor, San Juan Historical Museum and others to lay out a plan for designing, building and maintaining the exhibit. The Port has arranged with the Museum to manage the collection, with a changing display of all the islands' early aviators along with Roy Franklin. Complete minutes of the meeting are on our web site, [www.sanjuanpilots.com](http://www.sanjuanpilots.com), on the "**Links**" page.

## Friday Harbor Airport Master Plan

Pat Mayo reports there is a meeting this Thursday (Feb 16) of the Airport Master Plan committee regarding long-term planning for the airport. After the committee's meeting, we are all invited to Ernie's Café at 5:30 to see and hear about it. And, any aircraft owner who still has 2-cents can throw that in.

## Friday Harbor Airport Improvements

You will be pleased to know, especially if you arrive at FHR at night, that the airport has just replaced its windsock with a new internally-lighted model. The rotating beacon is new, as well. In all, about \$9,000 was invested.

## New Member this Month

**Chris Chouinard** – Known to many as the pilot with the most landings per hour flown, Chris flies UPS freight to Center, Shaw, Decatur, Stuart, Blakely, Orcas, Lopez and San Juan. During busy times, he'll log up to 200 landings per month. That's about 7 landings per tach hour. Other times, he flies charters for Island Air. His father was a Lockheed test pilot in Palmdale, CA. As a young teen, he helped out in exchange for flying, and soloed as a glider pilot on his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chris will be at events with his Valentine, Veronica Metcalfe, a surgical nurse at the hospital in Anacortes. She is currently on a surgical mission to Columbia, as part of her work with 3d world countries.

**Gary Franklin** – As a young Air Force "brat", Gary gained his first appreciation of aviation while lying on the end of the runway, watching the planes land. Last summer, he finished his private license, and is now working on his instrument rating, and looking for a partnership in an aircraft. Gary and wife Toni live on Griffin Bay in a house they built a few years ago. When you see him at the next event, ask him about his time spent as an underwater archaeologist for the state of Texas, or searching for a Spanish Galleon off California's Marin County coast.

## Westwind Aviation School Starts next month

Westwind Aviation will conduct a Private Pilot Ground School starting March 7 - Tue/Thur evenings for 4 weeks. Call 360-378-6991 for more info and to sign up

## Basic Flying Rules .

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Friday Harbor	4.05	Bellingham – Air BP (SS)	3.49
Orcas	3.98	Blaine	3.62
Anacortes	3.96	Paine – Fliteline (SS)	3.59
Skagit	4.64	Lynden	3.51
Oak Harbor	3.50		

**Don't forget your 2006 Dues -** Our 2006 dues are still just 20 bucks and due now. If you'd like a SJPA embroidered patch, add an additional \$5. You can send your check to P.O. Box 874, Friday Harbor 98250.

Flying Joke of the Month – Compliments of Ken Kristenson

**MAINLAND MOOSE HUNTERS**

Two hunters got a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot said the plane could take only four moose. The two lads objected strongly. "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board; he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. However, even with full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few moments after take-off.

Climbing out of the wreck one hunter asked the other, "Any idea where we are?"

"Yeah, I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."

**San Juan Pilots (2006) Association board** John Volk, John Geyman, Bob Tauscher, Johnathan Taylor, Richard Babbit, Tom Eades, Fred Schumacher, Pat Mayo, and Arthur Miller.

