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The Monthly Newsletter of
The San Juan Pilots Assn
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Events –

Monthly Luncheon – March 31, 1 pm Golf Course.

Board Mtg – Apr 4 at 5:15pm FHR Unicom Building.

Next Potluck – May 23, at St. David's.
Program: Runway Incursion.

Juan

Our Newest IFR Pilot

Tom Eades adjusts his attitude (indicator) ...

Pilots



With just 230 hours in the log book, **Tom Eades** is an instrument-rated pilot. On the island since 1988, Tom is the Assistant Fire Chief for Friday Harbor, an EMT for San Juan EMS, Senior Dispatcher at the San Juan County Sheriff's office, and a board member of the San Juan Pilots Association.

In his spare time, Tom managed to get his instrument rating in about a year and a half. His March 7th check-ride made Tom the 5th

instrument pilot out of Westwind Aviation. Flying Dan DeShon's simulator 3-4 times monthly, the last few weeks have seen Tom on the machine almost daily.

He came by his flying interest early. As the son of a Navy pilot, he was born at the hospital at the Whidbey Island Seaplane Base.

His equation for learning to fly? Money, time and interest. You need all three.

Instrument flying is when your mind gets a grip on the fact that there is vision beyond sight. –

U.S. Navy 'Approach' magazine circa W.W.II.

Brame back in the game



After 16 days in the hospital in Anacortes, **Frank Brame** is back home on the Island. An operation was followed by treatment for a blood clot in a lung, resulting in Frank's logging some ICU time. He is shown here, at the SJPA annual meeting, supervising the pouring of a fermented grape beverage. Welcome back, Frank.

The Survey of Us - Update

Thanks to all who have sent the info forms to **Art Miller**. As noted in last month's newsletter, much of our members' experience reads like a good book. We want to write profiles of our members and publish one each month in the newsletter, as well as archive them on the web site. So, our request is to get the remaining info sheets in to Art, arthurmiller@rockisland.com, 4214 Pear Pt. Rd., FH 98250, and start digging out old and new photos of you, your family, airplanes you fly or have flown, as well as good flying stories.

Future Events

Here are some events to put on your calendar. More info to come. If you're viewing in Word, just click on the blue text to visit the event's web site.

June 3 - Anacortes Airport Fly-in and Fun Day 1000 to 1500.



June 24 – Dodie's Hangar Party. The summer's best fly-in, drive-in. I just hope we've asked Dodie by the time you see this.

August 27 – [Harvey Field Corn Roast Fly-In.](#)

Undated – Potential future fly-outs: [Flying Heritage Collection](#) in Arlington, [Future Of Flight](#) Aviation Center and Boeing Tour at Paine Field, Seatac Tower Tour.

Just Another Commute

With Skagit Airport at 12 o'clock and about 5 miles, **Bob Tauscher** nears the warm part of the day, after jump-starting the old bug-smasher, and enjoying the ride to work that is the stuff of dreams, for those on the ferry.

Shake out the digital camera and send some good aerials to freds@rockisland.com. We'll make sure to share them in the newsletter and the web site.



San Juan Aviation Museum

John Geyman reports another meeting held March 8th. Two glass display cases have been donated to the museum, thanks to King's Market. The museum displays will be located in the passenger terminal area, where the Port is planning to redecorate with new carpet, paint and upholstery. John says the hope is that the display will be up by June. The initial backdrop will be art and photos from the [Smithsonian Air & Space Magazine](#) article on Friday Harbor (April/May, 2004), featuring a few of our favorite aviators. The display will feature two or three different local pilots each year.

Friday Harbor Airport Master Plan

According to Airport manager **Pat Mayo**, Phase One is on track for new hangars, tie downs, and an improved emergency gate, across from the fire station. Roy Franklin Terminal is scheduled for a facelift, with new paint, carpet and couch upholstery, as well as the displays listed above.

New Members this Month

Ken and Ellen Kristenson – Currently between airplanes, they have owned a Piper L-4, a Stinson 108-2, a Cessna182A and a Cherokee Six 300. Formerly, “snow birds”, Ken and Ellen wintered on San Juan Island, and summered in Nome. Recently, they have given up on those sweltering Nome summers. Their home is just off the East end of the Roche Harbor Airport, at the corner of Rouleau and Tarte Rds (next door to Charlie and Nancy Lindenberg). Ken has pitched in this winter, keeping the [Roche Harbor Weather Station](#) alive and well.



Ken says, “We have flown most of our time in Alaska but have covered a fair amount of the lower 48. Flying temperatures have ranged from about 30 below to 108 above in New Mexico. Places to land have ranged from real runways to gravel bars in rivers to lake beaches to roads to frozen lakes to snow to a smooth mountain top.

Yes, I have come home with willows and alders caught in the gear!”

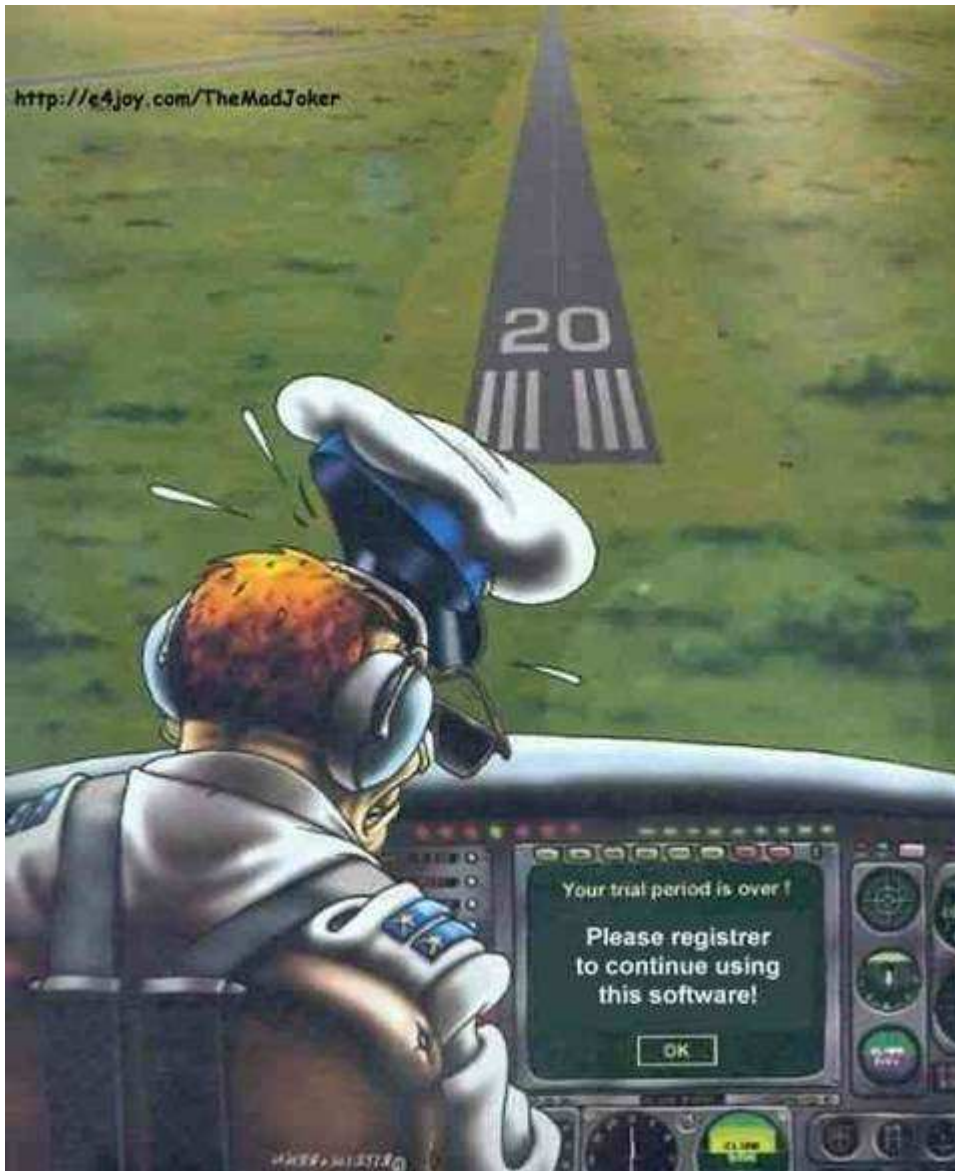
Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Friday Harbor	4.05	Bellingham – Air BP (SS)	3.57
Orcas	3.98	Blaine	3.62
Anacortes	3.96	Paine – Fliteline (SS)	3.59
Skagit	3.89	Lynden	3.51
Oak Harbor	3.50	Arlington – Fliteline (SS)	3.55

Basic Flying Rules .

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries

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.



A DC-9 captain trainee attempting to check out on the "glass cockpit" of an A-320. "Now I know what a dog feels like watching TV."

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