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

**Monthly Luncheon** – Friday March 27, 1:00, **The Ale House**, Upstairs.

**Board Meeting** – Tuesday, April 7, 5:15, Whidbey Island Bank Conference Room.

## Events, Events, Events ...

**June 9 – Pot Luck and Annual Meeting.** Our next evening together will be a big one. In addition to the folks bearing food, will be our annual meeting, and a program destined to send us all running for our aircraft, and taking up a northerly heading.

### Wings Over the Arctic



Bering Straits – Inuvik – Resolute – Ellesmere Island (83.14 North) – Northwest Passage – Baffin Island – Baker Lake, and points in between.

**Bill and Katia Robinson** will present a program covering five expeditions to the high Arctic, including four with their Cessna T210. Their travels included visits to dozens of Inuit settlements, hiking and climbing on Ellesmere and Baffin islands, and 11 first ascents in the British Empire Range at 82 degrees north. Join us for an evening of adventure, fun, beauty and drama in the Far North.

Events (Cont'd)

**July 11 – Two Bobs BBQ at Roche Harbor.** Bob Brunkow and Bob Miller will host the second of what we hope will become an annual SJPA event. Hopefully, they've cleared it with wives Lori Miller and Carol Marston, who did plenty of the heavy lifting, last year. Last year's early June date provided perfect weather, although just in time. This July date is guaranteed CAVU.



**August 8 – Annual Picnic at Dodie's Hangar.**

Every member's chance to hang out at Dodie's legendary hangar, get a free burger, eyeball some interesting aircraft, and judge every landing at Friday Harbor Airport.



## Events (Cont'd)

### **December 5 – Christmas Party, San Juan Island Yacht Club.**

After rave reviews from all who attended, the Yacht Club has been reserved for the 2009 Christmas Party.



### **Other Regional Events**

- April 18 – KBFI - Museum of Flight – Hops and Props
- April 25 – KBVS - Skagit Tulip Fly In and Air Show.
- May 16 – CYCW – Chilliwack Summer Thunder 2009
- May 30 – KPAE – Wings Weekend
- June 6 – S10 – Wally Peterson Memorial Fly In.
- June 20 – KBFI – American Heroes Air Show.
- June 20-21 – KOLM – Olympic Air Show
- July 4 – Tacoma Freedom Air Show
- July 8-12 - KAWO – EAA Arlington
- July 24-26 – 3W5 – North Cascades Antique Airplane Fly In
- Aug 7-8 – CYXX – Abbotsford Air Show
- Aug 14-16 – KVUO – NWAAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fly-In
- Aug 29-30 – KHIO – Hillsboro Air Show
- Sep 5 – KPWT – Bremerton Blackberry Festival
- Sep 13 – KOLM – Olympia Fly-In



July 8-12 EAA Arlington

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## Happenings at Westwind Aviation in April

### Seminars

Saturday, April 4 - Dan DeShon will be giving a 2 hour seminar on "Flying to Canada - the in's and outs". Procedures have changed. Dan will review the procedures involved in flying to our neighbor to the north.

9:30 - 11:30 am Cost is \$35..

Thursday, April 16 - "Mountain Flying" - For all those that couldn't make the first one- Allan Willis will share his extensive mountain flying experience with you. With favorable conditions and proper preparation, mountain flying will provide you with spectacular beauty and new destinations.

7:00 - 9:00 pm Cost is \$35.

### Private Pilot Ground School

Starts April 28 - If you're just starting out or maybe its been a long time and you'd like to "revisit" and bring yourself up to date - this is the place. Classes will be Tue/Thur evenings 6:00- 9:00 pm for 4 weeks. Cost = \$300 (includes materials).

To reserve a spot for any of these, call 378-6991

## Classifieds

SJPA member **David Pass** is looking for a partner to share a hangared 182 P. He's also looking for a hangar to sublet or share.



Call 378-3587 for more details.

## Mountain Flying Pioneer Goes West

You have likely heard, by now, of the untimely death of **Sparky Imeson**. In a flight from Bozeman to Helena, his 180 went down.

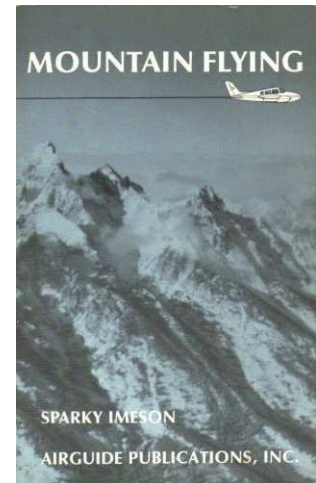
Sparky, a well-known author, lecturer and instructor, used up the last of his nine lives, after surviving an accident with a student in 2007.

His loss took me back to July of 1997, when near McCall, ID, I had mountain-flying hero, **Lyn Clark** in the right seat of our 182. Wearing her cattle-roping leather gloves, she would literally slap my throttle hand, as I added or subtracted power at the wrong moment.

Sparky came up on frequency that afternoon. Lyn and Sparky exchanged pleasantries, as he headed for Montana. Afterward, she expressed concern about his writing a how-to book on mountain flying, saying that just reading a book was bound to, "Get someone killed."

Ironically, Lyn was killed a week later, and now Sparky joins her in that great hangar party in the sky. Lyn gave me the finest compliment a pilot can get, as she declared to my wife, Riki, "He's trainable."

*As a post-script: It was determined that Lyn Clark's accident was likely caused by the pilot's seat sliding aft on climb-out. Lyn was instructing in the right seat. The pilot/student, a physically large guy probably pulled back on the yoke, instinctively, and Lyn was unable to overpower him. Since then, I have used a clamp-on seat track lock on every flight.*



## San Juan Air Maintenance moves

If you have walked into Sid Smith's old hangar recently, and found that he was the one who wasn't there, you'll be glad to know that he is a mere few hundred yards North.

The address is 728 Airport Circle, Unit 3, near West Wind Aviation. His phone is 378 – MECH (6324), and email [mechsmith@rockisland.com](mailto:mechsmith@rockisland.com). In his new location, Sid has room for two airplanes at a time, and is now booking annuals, corrosion treatments, and all other routine maintenance jobs, as well as the thing on your airplane that's just about to break.



FAA Saturday Seminar coming to Paine Field

The Seattle FAA Safety Team is presenting - Why, When and How to make a PIREP On **Saturday, March 28**, at 10:00 AM

Regal Air  
Paine Field

This two hour seminar is intended to provide training to pilots in order to increase the quantity and improve the quality of PIREPs submitted to our aviation weather network. For more info, go to [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=24008](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=24008).

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices as of March

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| Friday Harbor                             | 5.00 | Orcas                          | 5.94 |
| Anacortes                                 | 4.20 | Skagit – Viajet                | 3.77 |
| Bellingham – Texaco - SS                  | 4.21 | Port Angeles                   | 4.30 |
| Seattle – BFI Wings Aloft – Full Service! | 4.32 | Arlington – Castle & Cook (FS) | 3.48 |
| Everett – Castle & Cook (SS)              | 3.80 | Port Townsend                  | 3.99 |



**San Juan Pilots Association 2008 board :** President – Tom Schramm, Vice President –Bob Brunkow, Secretary –Tom Eades, Treasurer – Dan DeShon, Jonathan Taylor, Fred Schumacher, Bob Miller, Mike Taylor, Stuart Hansen.