

San Juan

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

Potluck – Tuesday, May 13, 6:00, Fire Station

Monthly Luncheon – Friday, May 30, 1:00, Jimmies Paradise (Bowling Alley).

Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 3, 5:15, Whidbey Island Bank Conference Room.

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Summer's Here (almost)

Mark Your Calendar

Sell your lawn mower. Starting next week, you can book most weekends through August with a good excuse to go flying.

Pilots

Tuesday, May 13 – **Potluck**, Fire Station, 6pm, featuring well-known Bonanza Proficiency Instructor, **George Luck**. He'll tell and show us his Flight Test Work for the Air Force, including an incredible no-flap landing in a heavily loaded B-52, featuring a 15,000 foot roll-out. Not to be missed.

Saturday, May 24 – Sekiu Memorial Day Fly-In Brunch, 10a-12n. For more info, here's a link http://www.clallambay.com/calendar/calendar_detail.asp?ID=7980

Friday, May 30 - **SJPA Monthly Luncheon**. This will be at Jimmy's at the Bowling Alley, rather than the Golf Course, since the date conflicts with the Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament.

Saturday, May 31 - Operating in or near Whidbey Island Class 'Charlie' Airspace. 10am, Everett, Regal Air, 10217 31st Ave West, Hangar C-51. At last report there are no seats left, but for more info, you can call 425 353-9123.

Saturday, June 7 – **SJPA Hangar Party**, 6:30p. Come see the Roche Harbor fireworks, courtesy of the Bayliner Rendezvous, at the big green hangar on Cessna Ave. Hangar partners **Bob Brunkow** and **Bob Miller** host. Watch your email for more details.

June 14-15 - Gathering of Warbirds, Olympia, Fathers Day



Saturday, June 28 – Anacortes Fly-In

July 4/5 - Methow Valley fly-in at Twisp

July 9 – 13 - Arlington EAA



July 25-27 – Concrete Old Fashioned Fly-In

Saturday, July 26 – **SJPA Annual BBQ** at Dodie Gann's Hangar.

Tuesday, Aug 12 - **SJPA Potluck**, Fire Station, 6pm, Program TBA.

Saturday, Aug 23 – Lynden Airport Fly-In

Saturday, Aug 30 - Blackberry Festival Fly-In at Bremerton

John Volk Memorial Scholarship to be Awarded

With the fund established, thanks to the generosity of the San Juan Pilots and others, the annual scholarships can now begin. This year a \$600 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior, or recent graduate from San Juan Island schools.

Applications have been delivered to both Spring Street and Friday Harbor High Schools. They are due back to us by the end of May. Selection will be made the first week of June, by a board made up of members of the San Juan Community Foundation and the San Juan Pilots Assn.

In the spirit of John Volk, the award will be made annually to a student who exhibits a good spirit of community service and a desire to pursue a career in aviation.

New members

President Tom Schramm reports that we are up to 127 active members.

David Williams – “My wife Susan and I are in the middle of an extended process of retiring to San Juan Island. I have flying in my genes. My Dad was an Army Air Corp pilot in 1929, a PAA China Clipper pilot and flew a Coronado flying boat during WWII.

I'm a private pilot with SEL & S and MEL & S and Instrument privileges. Over the years I've owned planes for all those ratings. I'm also retiring as the Seaplane Assn. Field Director for CO & NM.

I currently fly a gas guzzling C421 but I'm planning to scale down sometime soon. My various careers have included US Navy submarines, oceanography and home building and land development. We recently sold our yacht that was based at Skyline for 4 years and bought a small home on Mitchell Point.”



Michael Buckley – Michael and wife Sandy were vacationing at Whistler four years ago. Leaving early for their trip home to Maryland, they drove down I-5, noticed the ferry sign, made a right, rode to Friday Harbor, decided to buy some land as a future investment and come here sometimes, and like many of us, just decided to quit their jobs and move here.

Now, they live out on the West side. He's exchanged his top-secret defense contractor position for an all-round guy at Harrison House. Meanwhile, Michael and Harrison House owner/ SJPA member Dave Pass, have partnered in a 1976 182-P, and Michael got his private license in January, at Westwind Aviation.

Sandy, meanwhile, continues her old job, but now from home on San Juan Island.



Looking for that great “Barn-Find” Project?



Roz Casad sends along this photo, taken by her last year on Kauai, and offers a challenge to anyone who can identify the aircraft from which it became detached.

...And, what's up with helicopters?

"I never liked riding in helicopters because there's a fair probability the bottom part will get going around as fast as the top part." -- Lt. Col. John Wittenborn, USAFR

If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage/classic helicopter fly-ins? -- Anonymous

"Real planes use only a single stick to fly. This is why bulldozers and helicopters -- in that order -- need two." -- Paul Slattery

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices as of May

Friday Harbor	5.59	Orcas	5.59
Anacortes	5.30	Skagit – Viajet	4.79
Bellingham – BAS Self Serve	5.14	Blaine	4.92
Boeing- Wings Aloft	5.52	Arlington - Fliteline	5.28
Everett – Jet Center	5.33	Port Townsend	4.97



Dave Ross at Aeronautical adds that private card holders save an additional 10 cents at KFHR and KORS.



San Juan Pilots Association 2007 board : President – Tom Schramm, Vice President –Bob Brunkow, Secretary –Tom Eades, Treasurer – Dan DeShon, Jonathan Taylor, Fred Schumacher, Bob Miller, Mike Taylor, Stuart Hansen.