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The Monthly  
The San Juan Pilots Assn  
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Events –

BBQ at Dodie's Hangar - June 24, 1 pm, KFHR.

Monthly Luncheon – June 30, 1 pm Golf Course.

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

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Saturday, June 24 - 1pm

*It's Dodie's Hangar BBQ!*

From the KFHR fuel island, it's a heading of 205 degrees and 63 yards. (Warning – Not to be used for navigation.)

The summer's best fly-in, drive-in.

This one is for everyone, member or not.  
**John Volk** will be making a Costco run for burgers, dogs and drinks.

Just bring a potluck item.



According to **Bob Brunkow**, this is the only SJPA event where we can stand, with a hot one hand, and a hand-held radio in the other ... and grade landings.



You may already be a wiener!

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# Volunteers Needed!

## Emergency Management

Last month, we wrote about our members' voluntary cooperation with the County's Dept of Emergency Management. Since then, **George Mulligan** has agreed to lead the program, using SJPA volunteer pilots to do aerial surveillance in the event of an emergency. If you would be interested in participating, as a pilot or observer, give us a return email and we will pass your information on to George.

## Pilots needed to fly Island Cancer Patients

**Vicky Thalacker** is looking for anyone who wishes to fly San Juan Island cancer patients to the mainland for treatment. If any of our pilots are interested in helping out please email Vicky at [sjs@rockisland.com](mailto:sjs@rockisland.com)

## Free Membership to new Aviators

Thanks to a suggestion by **Dick Babbitt**, new San Juan Island pilots will get a free introductory membership to the San Juan Pilots Assn. The membership is for the calendar year the private pilot rating is earned, and even includes a snappy SJPA membership patch. The proposal was approved by the board at the June meeting, and becomes effective immediately, so pass the word to everyone you know. Heck, it might be just the incentive they need to learn to fly.

## SJPA initiates Student Scholarship Program

In its final draft is the proposal to provide an annual scholarship to a San Juan Island student, enrolled in an aviation-related course of study. This program will formalize the original intent of the SJPA to use a portion of the membership dues to support Island students in aviation education. The student applications will be due August 1, and the award will be made this autumn.

## Work Starts on the Museum.

In case you haven't been in the Roy Franklin Terminal at Friday Harbor Airport – The Smithsonian display up. Pictured to the right is one of four pieces from the Air and Space Magazine article.

**John Geyman** reports that planning continues and that material will be added, as soon as the carpet and furniture renovations are completed.



## Tuck Smith Goes West

### Island resident and speaker at the SJPA Christmas Party

Famous for finding the German Battle Ship in WWII, Tuck is remembered in the following text.



*The search was on...a lone RAF Catalina took off to search the vast lonely North Atlantic for an elusive and dangerous foe. On board was copilot, **Ensign "Tuck" Smith**, United States Navy--one of 17 Americans sent to help the British fly American Lend-Lease Catalinas. Breaking out of the clouds directly over the Bismarck, the aircraft came under intense antiaircraft fire. Shrapnel hit the plane's hull as it began jinking to escape into cloud cover, but the crew flew back for a second look and radioed the battleship's position to the British fleet. The next day, the Bismarck was sunk!*

They don't make 'em like Tuck anymore. He will be missed.

### The Last Check

Who would buy you a drink, if your thirst should be bad, and relate to others, "He was quite a good lad".

And then through the mist, you'd spot an old guy, you had not seen in years, though he taught you to fly.

He'd nod his old head, and grin ear to ear, And say, "Welcome, my son, I'm pleased that you're here."

For this is the place where the true flyers come, when their journey is over, and their war has been won.

They've come here at last to be safe and alone, from the government clerk, and the management clone, Politicians and lawyers, the Feds and the noise, where all hours are happy, and they're all good ole' boys.

You can relax with a cold one, maybe deal from a deck, this is heaven my son.....

You've passed your last check!

*Author Unknown, and submitted with Thanks to **Ken Kristenson***

I hope there's a place way up in the sky,  
where old flyers can go on the day they die.

A place where a guy can buy a cold beer, for a friend and a comrade,  
whose memory is dear.

A place where no doctor or lawyer can tread,  
nor an FAA type would 'ere be caught dead.

Just a quaint little place, kind of dark, full of smoke, where  
they like to sing loud, and love a good joke.

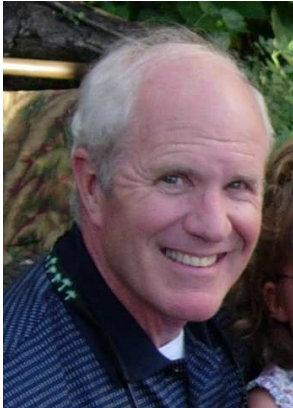
The kind of a place where a lady could go,  
and feel safe and protected by the men she would know.

There must be a place where old flyers go,  
when their flying is finished, and their airspeed gets low.

Where the whiskey is old, and the women are young, and  
songs about flying and dying are sung.

Where you'd see all the fellows who'd flown west before, and  
they'd call out your name, as you came through the door.

## New Member



**David Cable** – If you have ever seen the “WiFi Hotspot” sign in Starbucks, you can thank David. He has been working with wireless technologies for many years, and currently does so with T-Mobile. Always interested in what’s new, Dave opted for the A-6 Intruder, right after his flight school in Pensacola. The Navy, eager to show him what the Intruder could do, let him fly 100 missions with it in Vietnam. Returning to the states, he served two years as a Pilot Instructor at Whidbey. As many do, once in this area, he stayed. He married Jane King, and they have just finished building a house on Golf Course Road, on property homesteaded by the King family in 1874. With his retirement coming soon, Dave and Jane have joined San Juan Golf Club, look forward to spending time on their boat, and getting reacquainting with flying. Dave, you’re going to need the pleasure of flying to offset the pain of golf.

## Cypress Island International

Here’s an airport that would look pretty good, if you are over Cypress Island, and needed a flat-spot. **Bob Tauscher** snapped this photo on this way to work. Any of you ever landed there?



## Events

**June 17 - Desert Aire** (M94), Annual Fly-in Breakfast , 7am -11am.

**June 17,18 – Olympia**, Olympic Air Show featuring the Gathering of Warbirds.  
[www.olympicflightmuseum.com](http://www.olympicflightmuseum.com).

**June 23-25 - Richland**, Richland Airport Open House/Fly-in.

**June 24 – Everett "How to Prepare for your FAA Medical Exam."**  
An Open Discussion on How to Prepare for an FAA Medical Exam  
10:00 AM, Regal Air, 10217 31st Ave. West Hangar C-51, Payne Field

Dr. Franke will provide insight on how to prepare for your FAA medical examination and review the standards under FAR Part 67 for FAA medical certification.

For further details and to register for this event, [www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=10999](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=10999)

**June 24 – Dodie's Hangar Party & BBQ.** 1pm Friday Harbor Airport (See front page for details).

**June 26-28 Skagit Regional Airport (KBVS)** Wings of Freedom Tour, featuring the Collings Foundation's B-17 and B-24. In case you miss it, the tour is also at Payne Field, Everett June 23-26, Tacoma Narrows June 28-30 and the Boeing Field Museum of Flight June 30-July 7. [http://collingsfoundation.org/cf\\_schedule\\_wof.htm](http://collingsfoundation.org/cf_schedule_wof.htm)

**July 1,2 - Twisp Airport**, Methow Valley Fly-In Weekend, Barbeque, Fun, Camping & Breakfast.

**July 5-9 - Arlington**, 37th Annual Northwest EAA Fly-In at (AWO) [www.nweaa.org/](http://www.nweaa.org/)

**July 21-23 - Concrete** Old Fashioned Fly-In.

**July 22,23 - Camas**, Camas Day's Steak Dinner and Pancake Breakfast.

**July 28,29 – Baker, OR**, Wings Over Baker Air Show [www.wingsoverbaker.com](http://www.wingsoverbaker.com)

**July 29 - Forks**, 16th Annual Fly-In, salmon bake, car show.



**Aug 27 – Snohomish**, Harvey Field Cornroast. [www.harveyfield.com/cornroast/cornroast.htm](http://www.harveyfield.com/cornroast/cornroast.htm)

**Sept 2 - Prosser**, EAA Chapter 391 23d Annual Prosser Labor Day Fly-In.

**Undated** – Potential future fly-outs:

Flying Heritage Collection in Arlington. [www.flyingheritage.com/](http://www.flyingheritage.com/)

Future Of Flight, Aviation Center and Boeing Tour at Paine Field. [www.futureofflight.org/](http://www.futureofflight.org/)

Port Townsend Aero Museum. [www.ptaeromuseum.com/](http://www.ptaeromuseum.com/)

Boeing Field Museum of Flight. [www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org)

Parking adjacent to Museum, \$14 per person

Boeing Plant and Museum Paine Field

Parking at Fliteline, Transportation available 425-464-1476

\$15 per person, Reservations needed, Snack bar

One hour guided tour of the plant to see the 777 construction.

One hour self guided tour display of the future 787.

Legal-ease

**John Geyman** passes on this third of four PROPOSED FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS, with tongue in cheek. Look for another each month until we've exhausted our supply, or more are written:

1000.C – Upon receipt of the above mentioned notice of impending comprehension, the Administrator will immediately rewrite the Federal Aviation Regulations in such a manner as to eliminate and obfuscate any further comprehension hazards.

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Friday Harbor	4.33	Bellingham – Air BP (SS)	3.99
Orcas	4.32	<b>Blaine</b>	<b>3.96</b>
<b>Anacortes</b>	<b>3.96</b>	Paine – Fliteline (SS)	4.22
Skagit	4.58	Lynden	4.05
Oak Harbor	3.50	Arlington – Fliteline (SS)	4.15



Here's a ground-view of Lynden Airport, thanks to **Tom Eades**. A pleasant town, great golf nearby and fuel prices generally on the lower end, it's a good stop. The new row of houses along the runway are actually set back far enough, although you might think your wing passes over the patios.



**Roz Review.** Recently we watched the movie "Island in the Sky" a dvd from the SJ Library starring John Wayne. Among the other GREAT features on this dvd, and aside from the movie which is of course FANTASTIC, is a wonderful biography of the author and our fellow islander, Ernie Gann, including a few words from Dodie and locals Laszlo Pal, Rick Drury and Andrew McLaglan. A lot of good WWII footage on another feature, same dvd! A MUST VIEW DVD for sure !

### Pretty as a Picture



Many of us have flown past Mt. Shasta, and shot a picture. I shot this one last month, and just kind of liked it. The light cooperated and the wing & strut in the picture suggest a very pleasant experience, which it was.

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