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

Monthly Luncheon – Friday Sep 25, 1:00, The Golf Course.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 6, 5:15, Whidbey Island Bank Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to the board meeting. It starts promptly at 5:15 and is over in an hour or less. Bring ideas and suggestions.

September Pot Luck – Astronaut John Creighton



“Care to see a few slides from my trip?”

Usually prompting a glance at the wrist watch and a step closer to the door, it’s a phrase more feared than, “No-host cocktails”.

This time was different. If you’ve previously had a chance to see personal photos from outer space,



Pot Luck (cont'd)

you're travelling in a little faster crowd than the rest of us.

John Creighton's resume reads like someone invented by George Lucas. Ballard High School, US Naval Academy, Master of Science, fighter pilot, test pilot, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross (among a paragraph of others), three Space Shuttle Missions, Chief Test Pilot at Boeing.

But, if you met John on the dock at Roche Harbor, where his boat is moored, you might assume he was one of the down closer-to-earth types, like us. That's where SJPA Board Member **Bob Miller** met him. And, after nearly a year of calendar comparisons John spent an hour with us this month discussing everything from an astronaut's life to earth's eco-systems observed from orbit.

It was a memorable evening for the membership, glad to have the opportunity to meet him.

Upcoming SJPA Events

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



Mike Lavelle will be back as guest speaker. In case you missed him last year, Mike is an aviation historian and Director of Development for the Museum of Flight.

SJPA Has It's Own BBQ Grille!

In some sort of weird rite of passage, the pilots of San Juan have graduated to full grille ownership. A lasting monument to the power of a large number of \$20 checks, this 220 pound testament to the cooking prowess of a few stalwart individuals, will fulfill the pleasures of the many, with 65 burgers cooking simultaneously, albeit incorrectly.

This is welcome news for our intrepid organization, but even greater news for Dick Babbitt, Wil Hamilton, Tom Schramm and others, who have loaned us their grilles. This means that the next one we drop from the back of a pickup will belong to us.



Commercial LP Gas Big Event Grill by GrandHall Living Style

**** BRAND New - 116,000 Total BTUs/1,001 sq. in. Cooking Area - Fast, Safe and FREE Shipping ****

This commercial grade portable Liquid Propane gas grill is perfect for large, high traffic events - either for commercial interests, small business, catering, or larger home gatherings. Cook up to 65 hamburgers or 126 hot dogs at once. The foldable cart provides easy portability for off-site events, packing big power with 116,000 total BTU output.

A heavy duty, yet portable unit featuring: 1,001 sq in of cooking surface with porcelain coated cooking grids, push button ignition, 8 Stainless Steel burners each with 14,500 BTU, an integrated foldable windshield, heavy-duty foldable cart for easy transportation, 2 dual stage regulators, and uses standard LP tanks which are not included. Ideal portability - cart collapses with grilling unit locking in it while you put the fitted PVC cover over unit with slots for carrying handles on each side to stick out. Set up dimensions are 73" L x 24.5" W x 35.5 T

UFO's Land In Friday Harbor



In case you missed it, the United Flying Octogenarians met in Friday Harbor, last month. A great number of these 80-somethings are SJPA members (names highlighted).

Back Row: Bob Eskridge WA, Al Ryan Idaho, **Bob Schotz** , **Frank Brame** , Ken Keuhn, WA, **Don Craddock** , Jack Herrick , WA, **Dodie Gann**, Allen Whalley, BC.

Front Row: Jim and Billie Green, CA, **Peg Schotz**, **Sandra Brame**, Bill Webber, WA., and Chuck Chehock, Idaho

**San Juan Air Maintenance
announces a 10% Labor Discount
for SJPA Members!**

Sid Smith is providing members a limited time discount to membership. To book your spot on his calendar, call Sid at 378-6324.



Welcome New Members

Erik Nelson

Long-time part-time residents of the Island, Erik and Tamara Nelson have a house on the North end of San San Island, and one in Lynnwood, where the Nelson family has owned Lynnwood Honda from its inception. Erik flies a 2008 Cessna 206, as well as a Glasair Sportsman he built in 2005. Both are based at Paine Field.

John Niendorf

"I'm currently flying for American Eagle in Dallas, I'm a captain on the EMB-145, and have worked there for 14 years. I started flying in 1987 while attending college at Oregon State University.

My wife and I moved to Friday Harbor from Tacoma 3 1/2 years ago, and managed the construction of our house. My wife, Tess, owns Zen Skin Spa in downtown Friday Harbor.

We purchased a 1969 Piper Cherokee 140 last year, and have been using it for my commute to work, and for making Costco runs to Arlington.

Tess and I enjoy almost all outdoor activities- hiking, camping, kayaking, geocaching, and skiing.

We are both very excited about getting to know more of the local pilots in the San Juans, and hope to attend as many of the events our schedules permit."



New Members (cont'd)

Steve Carstensen

“Barb and I are recently making plans to move back to Friday Harbor. We have rejoined the San Juan Pilots Assoc. We are still living aboard our cherished Hans Christian cutter and we still own our Cessna Cardinal.

We are hoping to be up there this fall, fates permitting.”

Classified

For Sale Gill G242 volt Battery.

Dry Charged, new in box with activation acid.

Cost: \$ 298.95 plus shipping + Hazmat charge \$ 32.50

Best offer.

Al Commins 378-6677

Hangar Wanted We are seeking a hanger, open or closed, sublet or whatever arrangement can be made. The plane is a Cessna Cardinal, no larger than a C172 in tail height and wingspan.

Steve Carstensen
Barb Martin
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Classified (cont'd)

**1983 C-182R
N83JV**



TTAF: 9350, 350 SMOH by Eagle Engines. Excellent overall condition.

S-TEC System 55X Autopilot with trim servo
KMA 24 Audio Panel
GNS480 (CNX80) GPS/Nav/Com/FMS
MX20 MFD
SL30 Nav/Com
KR 87ADF
GTX 330 Mode S Transponder
JPI EDM-700 Engine Monitor
PS Engineering CD Entertainment system
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Exterior in Excellent condition
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Annual due March 2010
A clean, beautifully equipped C-182.

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Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices as of September

Friday Harbor	5.27	Orcas	5.25
Anacortes	4.75	Skagit – Viajet	4.51
Bellingham – Texaco - SS	4.61	Oak Harbor	4.35
Seattle – BFI Aeroflight – Full Service!	5.22	Arlington – Castle & Cook (SS)	4.80
Everett – Castle & Cook (SS)	4.80	Port Townsend	4.49

Dave Ross reminds that private cards for FHR and ORS get 10-cents off.



San Juan Pilots Association 2009 board : President – Bob Brunkow, Vice President – Mike Taylor, Treasurer – Cynthia Hubbard (summer), Bob Miller (winter), Membership – Tom Schramm, Dan DeShon, Frank Brame, Fred Schumacher, Stuart Hansen.