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

Monthly Luncheon – October 27, 1 pm Golf Course.

Board Mtg – November 7, 5:15, FHR Unicom Building.

Pot Luck – November 15, 5:30. Fire Station on Mullis.

Christmas Party – December 8, 5:30. Peppermill.

Annual Meeting – Feb 8, 2007

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Jim Custis – A new San Juan Pilots member, with plenty of airplanes. Here's his story about one of them.



On September 15, 2006 at 1930PDT N97626 was airborne again after 15 years. I bought the Stinson 108 from The Museum of Flight in Seattle where it had been since 1991. The wings had been removed for storage and we trucked it to Spanaway Airport for assembly and repair. We have been working to get it back together for the last year. I live in Denver, so it has not been a quick process. I forgot how nice these airplane fly (I sold my 108-2 43 years ago!). Serial # 108-626 has 1075 TT, 75 SMOH on F-150, Oil Filter, Oil Cooler & Vac Pump.

Pilots



It has the original paint design in Stinson Maroon & Polar Gray. The interior is mostly original mohair, except modern panel, shoulder harnesses and baggage compartment.

Jerry Simon was project manager. His uncle bought the airplane new. Then in the early 60's sold it to a fellow who ground looped it on one of his first flights. Jerry then bought the airplane and completely rebuilt it over maybe 15 years. Before he got it in the air he sold it to the fellow who would eventually donate it to the museum. I think it was a labor of love for Jerry.



It helped me that Jerry is an AI, has 3 or 4 Stinson hulks in his hangar, and has a spare bedroom.

Spanaway Airport has been sold to a developer so some time in October I will fly the airplane to its new home in Friday Harbor.



Thanks, and welcome to Jim.

Here are a couple more pictures from his stable. We'll look forward to seeing him and his airplane(s) at Friday Harbor.



Port of Friday Harbor Master Plan Meeting

SJPA member **Roz Morrison** is a member of the study advisory committee for the Port of Friday Harbor Airport and Seaplane Base master plan. On October 24 there will be two meetings at Ernie's Café. At 4:00 it's a Public Information Meeting, followed by a 5:00 Public Hearing. Roz says, "They will have the (final?) draft of the plan, including all comments to date of publication."

For questions, call Steve Simpson at the Port, 378-2688.

San Juan Pilots Events

October Pot Luck - Thanks to **Suzanne Franklin** for bringing the program, *Terminal Velocity*. This beautiful National Geographic program filmed here, features her husband Ken, and their falcon, Frightful. If you were unable to attend, maybe we can get a rerun next summer.

Free seminar by the Aopa Air Safety Foundation - Wednesday, October 25, 7-9 pm. Museum of Flight Main Auditorium, Boeing Field. Anybody that wants to ride share to the event call John Volk 360-378-5403



Pot Luck - November 15. 5:30, Fire Station

Tom Schramm will be there to talk about his experiences flying a DeHavilland Twin Otter for Scenic Airlines, based out of Las Vegas, flying to the Grand Canyon and other parks in the Southwest.





Christmas Party – December 8, Peppermill Restaurant. Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30. Your choice of Prime Rib or Grilled Salmon. The coupon is at the bottom of the last page. Just cut it out, fill it out, and send it, with your check.



Golf Anyone? **Art Miller** wonders how many of our members would be interested in a golf outing at the course we fly over while doing our 8-mile final to runway 34 at FHR. For those without a GPS, that's San Juan Golf and Country Club, Friday Harbor. He suggests either (A) lunch, followed by golf, or (B) golf, followed by lunch.

“At this point it would be good to know how many members would be interested in the idea and would play. We could try to get such an event set up in the near future while we still have a chance with the weather. If done in **October**, non club members would pay \$20 for nine holes.... a big break from the "regular" fee of \$22... If done in **November** the fee would be \$15 for nine. The course is in great shape and 9 holes is taking 2:15 to 2:30 to play. The club menu is extensive, food is good and the price is right. Handicaps are not required and hackers are welcomed...and will be in the majority!”

If you're interested, just email Art at arthurmiller@rockisland.com, or call him at 378-5604.

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Friday Harbor	3.96	Bellingham – Air BP (SS)	4.30
Orcas	4.59	Blaine	4.42
Anacortes	3.96	Paine – Fliteline (SS)	3.84
Skagit	4.67	Lynden	4.05
Oak Harbor	3.75*	Arlington – Fliteline (SS)	4.01

*Not confirmed.

For those burning Jet-A, Arlington has it for \$2.68! Also, if you're planning a trip down the California coast, I just bought gas at the self-service in San Luis Obispo (KSBP) for \$3.13.

License to Chill!



Tom Schramm spotted this license plate in the parking lot at Gness Field, Novato, CA That's a real terminal forecast!

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.



-----Clip coupon and send with your payment-----

DATE: DECEMBER 8, **TIME:** 5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner
PLACE: PEPPERMILL RESTAURANT, 680 Spring Street

APPETIZERS: Lobster Dip and Beef Kabobs.

DINNER SELECTION: 10 OZ Prime Rib or Grilled Salmon, Dinners include all costs (Appetizers, Salad, Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee/Tea, Tax & Gratuity—No-host bar)

DESERT: Fruit Pie.

COST: \$42 PER PERSON

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: November 30

REMIT TO: **SJPA P.O. Box 874 Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

Name _____ Number Attending _____

Number Prime Rib _____ Number Grilled Salmon _____