

San Juan

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The Monthly Newsletter of
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Mark Your Calendar

Monthly Luncheon – Friday, October 26, 1:00, Golf Course.

Board Mtg – Tuesday, November 6, 5:15, FHR Unicom Building.

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Fuel = \$130

Hamburger = \$6

Courtesy Car = Priceless

Pilots



So, there we were, sitting at Herb's, planning our trip to Electric City. Dam! We'll need wheels. Well, it just so happens that there's a Ford Granada Station Wagon there, with the keys in an envelope at the information board. It's yours for that dam (Grand Coulee) tour. Just return it full of gas. So, now you are *current* on Electric City.

But, how about the other Washington airports? **Bob Brunkow** found a neat web site called www.pacificnorthwestflying.com, which has started making lists of airports with courtesy cars.

We borrowed their list, visited Airnav.com and made a few phone calls, to come up with this short list of Washington airports with cars. As you know, many FBO's have the Enterprise connection, but there are those that have free cars, as available, so it's good to ask the question. Otherwise you might end up renting a car, that's parked next to a free car.

Where FBO's exist, we have their web sites and phone numbers. Otherwise, it's the airport manager's phone. It's best to call ahead for availability. Both Bellingham operators suggest calling ahead.

Washington Airports with Courtesy Cars (that we know of)

- **Bellingham** (KBLI) B'ham Aviation (Air BP) www.bli-jet.com 360- 676-7624
B'ham Fuel (Texaco) www.bellinghamaero.com 877-671-2376
- **Brewster** (S97) Anderson Field 509-689-3464
- **Cashmere** (8S2) 509-782-4440
- **Deer Park** (KDEW) 509-276-3379
- **Electric City** (3W7) Grand Coulee Dam 509-633-1319
- **Ephrata** (KEPH) 509-754-3461
- **Everett - Paine Field (KPAE)** Jet Ctr 425-355-6600 (car and van)
- **Kennewick – Vista** (S98) 509-586-1188
- **Okanogan - Legion** (S35) 509-422-6382
- **Olympia** (KOLM) Pearson Air 800-562-6374 (Diesel Suburban)
- **Omak** (KOMK) 509-826-6270
- **Pasco** (KPSC)Tri-Cities Airport www.bergstromaircraft.com 800-746-6271 (shuttle)
- **Port Angeles** (KCLM) www.ritebros.com 360-452-6226
- **Pullman** (KPUW) www.inter-stateaviation.com 800-653-8420
- **Richland** (KRLD) [Pacific Aviation Services LLC](http://PacificAviationServicesLLC.com) 509-366-0307
- **Seattle** (KBFI) www.galvinflying.com 800-341-4102
- **Skagit** (KBVS) www.corporateaircenter.com Corporate Air 360-757-7757
- **Spokane Int'l** (KGEG) www.xnair.com 866-755-5204
- **Tonasket** (WO1) 509-486-2617
- **Twisp** (2SO) www.catlinflying.com 866-445-2359
- **Wenatchee** (KEAT) Wings of Wenatchee 509-886-0233
- **Yakima** (KYKM) www.mccormickaircenter.com 509-248-1680

There are, doubtless, other fine airport cars not mentioned above. If you know of any, let us know, and we'll keep the membership updated.



VFR??

“...Uh, Lopez Traffic we’re right base landing one-six, Lopez.”



*It's just another day at the office for SJPA Pres. **Tom Schramm**, and the rest of the pilots who fly for food, in the San Juans. Tom snapped this photo on a recent trip, which probably included a 6-year-old, in the back seat, pressing an ice cream cone into the new leather interior.*



New Members

This month, we welcome back two familiar faces –

Richard Lawson – Known to everyone as the San Juans’ premier road builder, and supplier of rock, Richard flies both a Cherokee and a Robinson helicopter.

Bob Miller – If you haven’t met Bob, you’ve seen his boat, Humpback Hauling, and may have ridden aboard. You can see their Cessna 172 XP flying in and out of Roche Harbor.

Welcome back to both of you and thanks for your donations to this summer’s John Volk Memorial Fund auction.

ISLAND AIR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS FOURTH SAFETY AWARD

Island Air has gotten its fourth *Aviation Safety Excellence Award* from Phoenix Aviation Managers. This award recognizes Island Air for its flawless safety record and continuing commitment to aviation safety throughout the company's operations.



Jackie Hamilton with Tom Harris

"While we do numerous aviation safety audits, only a select few are recognized for their excellence. Island Air is the first and only flight operation in the United States to receive this award four times," said Tom Harris, Vice President of Inspection Services for Phoenix who presented the award. The safety audit and subsequent award presentation occurred in Friday Harbor on October 9. This is the fourth time that Island Air has received this award since 2002.

"We salute Island Air for their safety program and on the receipt of this significant award. We are pleased to be joined with Island Air in providing safety conscious, fixed wing air ambulance services for our community," said **Jim Cole**, Chief of San Juan Island EMS.

"On behalf of all the people associated with Island Air, and now Island Air Ambulance, I am honored to accept this award," said **Jackie Hamilton**, President of Island Air. "Aviation safety is something that we think about every waking moment."

Island Air, founded in 1992, provides flight services throughout the San Juan Islands, the Pacific Northwest, and British Columbia. Through its health care partnership with San Juan Island Emergency Medical Services, it also provides fixed wing air ambulance services for residents and visitors to San Juan County.

Send us your Picture



We are in need of good photos of all our members, for use in the newsletter, web site, post office wall, etc. How about digging through the old shots and email one, or more, to us? It's even better, if you're standing beside your airplane, or involved in activities, flying or not. We'd like to have any photos we can use for the newsletter or web site. Just email them to freds@rockisland.com and we'll make sure they get into the SJPAA album.

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices as of October

Friday Harbor	4.99	Orcas	4.99
Anacortes	4.45	Skagit – Viajet	4.28
Bellingham - Texaco	4.55	Blaine	4.92
Boeing-Wings Aloft	5.07	Arlington - Fliteline	4.55
Everett – Fliteline	4.59	Port Townsend	4.70



Dave Ross at Aeronautical adds that private card holders save an additional 8 cents at KFHR and KORS.

If you're at Bellingham and want truck service, BAS offers an 11-cent discount between the hours of 10am and 1pm. Currently, that reduces the price from \$4.77 to \$4.66

Roy Franklin Museum

Now known officially as the San Juan Air Museum in the Roy Franklin Terminal, the project, spearheaded by **John Geyman** is on the verge of being installed.

Signs of Seattle is producing the poster panels, designed by Albert Shepard. Port Commissioner Barbara Merritt will have a look at the final product, and clear the way for the installation.

The San Juan Eagles have contributed \$500 to the project. John Geyman requested that the SJPA match their contribution. The proposal was approved by the group. Since most of the SJPA treasury is currently in long-term accounts, Bob Brunkow requested we appeal to members to pay 2008 dues now, to build the treasury to the extent that money not be drawn from those long term accounts.

For future funding, the guideline is, the Port Pays for the Environment, and the Museum pays for the content. The museum's target is to change the display twice per year, if money allows.

San Juan Eagles marks six years of service

By Vicky Thalacker



The Cancer Relief Transportation Program is now celebrating the end of the 6TH year of service to the community of Friday Harbor.

In November of 2001, a number of pilots met at my house to discuss the possibility of creating a group of volunteer pilots who would be willing to fly cancer patients to the mainland for treatment at no cost. We saw the need and we met it. The San Juan Eagles were born.

So far this year, the Eagles have flown 101 missions for 5 patients. Last year, in 2006, we flew 121 missions for 7 patients to Bellingham and Sedro-Woolley with 17 pilots participating. In 2005, we flew 139 missions for 6 patients with 28 pilots.

Our patients have a brand new car to drive when arriving at Skagit. This vehicle was generously donated by Foothills Pontiac Buick Toyota in Burlington and underwritten by Corporate Air. While in Bellingham, our patients are loaned a car/jeep by Bellingham Air Taxi Co and owner Linda. When visiting either of these FBO's, please say thanks.

Did you know that if you use Google to search for "Pilots who fly cancer patients," the first thing that comes up is us? I have received E-mails from across the nation asking for information on our program. Also, we were acknowledged in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum magazine in 2005.

We are looking forward to including more pilots from the San Juan Pilots Association in this tremendously important project. Many of our patients ask for our help because they need to be home to heal or transportation costs are too high. We make their lives easier because we care. If you have the resources, time, can donate your costs, and want to help cancer patients, please contact me at sis@rockisland.com with your E-mail address and I will be happy to include you in this elite group.

If you would like to know more about this program, please go to the Soroptimist website at www.sifri.org/eagles.

*SJPA Board Member and KFHR Airport Manager, **Pat Mayo**, passes on this article from the state.*

WSDOT Releases New Resource for Pilots

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is pleased to announce the release of its "Washington State Airport Reference Guide." The publication is an update to the "Pilot's Guide to Washington Airports," a popular reference guide that is produced every five years and funded through state aircraft registration fees.

WSDOT developed the new guide using feedback from the state's aviation community. The guide is updated with new aerial color photos – taken from a pilot's perspective - of Washington's 139 public use airports. Pilots using the guide will also find user-friendly, quick reference maps, weather reporting data and airport information.

WSDOT Aviation offers the guide at no cost from its Web site at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/PilotsGuide/default.htm .

Hard copies are also available at no cost at the WSDOT Aviation office in Arlington:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Directions.htm .

You may also pick up the guides at one of the following airports:

- Bellingham International (Airport Office)
- Boeing Field (Galvin Aviation)
- Paine Field (Airport Office)
- Olympia (Glacier Jet)

SJPA Phone Tree – As you like it.

In the beginning, the San Juan Pilots Assn could meet in the back seat of a 206, and there was no email, so everyone got a phone call reminder for every SJPA event. Since all the above has changed, you'll have your option of how to receive those annoying reminders. Just tell the next board member who calls you, your preference of telephone or email.

San Juan Pilots Association 2007 board : President – Tom Schramm, Vice President -John Geyman, Secretary –Tom Eades, Treasurer – Bob Brunkow, Richard Babbit, Fred Schumacher, Pat Mayo, Mike Taylor, Art Miller and Dan DeShon.