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a The Monthly Newsletter of
The San Juan Pilots Assn
n P.O. Box 874
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

SJPA Events –

Monthly Luncheon – November 25 , 1pm,
Downriggers. Turkey sandwich special? Just
a hunch.

Board Mtg – Dec 6 at 5:15pm FHR Unicom
Building.



Christmas Party – Dec 17, Golf Course.
Your reservation on the last page, due by 12/1.

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Airport of the Month – Decatur Shores (WN07)



It's a turf strip, 2,550 x 75 ft, Runways 15 and 33. Land to the North, take off to the South. Traffic pattern is to the East and at 1,000 ft. Runway lights are activated with 5 clicks of your radio tuned to 122.8.

Southeast winds can make for tricky landings.

Airport of the Month – Decatur Shores (cont'd)

Decatur shores is for the private use of Decatur Shores members only, but permission to land can be gotten by calling Don Hall, at 360 375 6044, or email hallcraft@interisland.net. Other public access is by commercial air carriers.

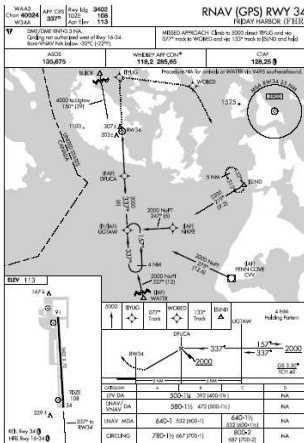


Ready for departure on 15 , at Decatur Shores.

Photos compliments of, and thanks, again, to Tom Schramm

With each issue, we'd like to feature an airport from the San Juans, with local pilot reports, for the use of our members, and their friends. If you have pictures and local information from an airport in the area, send it along for a future newsletter. My email is freds@rockisland.com

The Friday Harbor GPS Approach is Back



The NOTAM which has kept KFHR's RNAV (GPS) RWY 34 procedure at bay for a while has been lifted by the FAA. So, those IFR certified panel-mounts can resume slipping through the clag until further notice.

Meanwhile, the venerable NDB approach has been chugging away, using its steam-powered, hand-wired transmitter, lovingly maintained by our own Charlie Lindenberg.

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Back in the news is the gas pump featured in June's newsletter. According to **John Volk, Oak Harbor** is back in business, with **\$3.50 avgas**. Just be sure you have enough in your tanks to go somewhere else, in case the Oak Harbor tank is dry when you get there.

John got the fuel status from another pilot, while asking Whidbey Approach about it.

Here are some others, from Sept and Oct, some from personal experience, the rest from airnav.com.

Friday Harbor	4.40		
Bellingham – Both SS	3.99		
Orcas	4.04	Blaine	3.62
Anacortes	3.96	Paine SS	4.02
Skagit	4.64	Lynden	3.58



San Juan Pilots Association News

Getting to know us better.

If you ever suspected that, beneath that soiled baseball cap, at the monthly luncheon, sat a square-jawed, steely-eyed ex-fighter pilot, fresh from 97 night IFR carrier landings ... you're about to find out for sure. We're launching a member survey, designed to find out flying lore about ... us. Among our 80-odd (some more than others) members are stories worth telling. We'd like to exchange and circulate our stories for our mutual amusement, amazement and ridicule.

Board member **Arthur Miller** (not the playwright), has agreed to send surveys to all of us, and then compile the information. We'd like to feature member stories in future newsletters, as well.

So, when you get yours, either by email or US Postal System, fill it out and send it in. Even if you weren't the one who spotted the Bismarck, from your PBY, or flew over Toyko with Doolittle, you have a good airplane story, and an experience level worth sharing.



Basic Flying Rules: “Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.”

San Juan Pilots Association board President - John Volk , Vice President – John Geyman, Secretary -Bob Tauscher, and Treasurer Carlo Franciosi . The balance of the board is Jim Cox, Tom Eades, Fred Schumacher, Pat Mayo, and Arthur Miller.



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

DATE: DECEMBER 17, SATURDAY, 102nd Anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight!
TIME: 5PM Social Hour, 6PM Dinner
PLACE: PEPPERMILL RESTAURANT, 680 Spring Street

DOOR PRIZES GALORE. PLEASE BRING CANNED/DRY GOODS FOR THE FH FOOD BANK.

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

COST: \$36. PER PERSON SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: DEC 1, THIS IS A FIRM DATE!

REMIT TO: **SJPA** C/O Roz Morrison, P O BOX 2375, FH 98250 (new mailing addr)

*Our speaker is San Juan Island resident **Tuck Smith**, whose PBY spotted the Bismarck, in 1941.*

Name _____ Number Attending _____

Number Prime Rib _____ Number Salmon _____