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The Monthly Newsletter of

The San Juan Pilots Assn

P.O. Box 874

Friday Harbor, WA 98250

SJPA Events –

Monthly Luncheon – December 30,
Downriggers, 1 pm.

Board Mtg – Jan 3 at 5:15pm FHR Unicom
Building.



Christmas Party – Dec 17, Golf Course.
*Still room for a few more. The deadline will be
Dec 14, Contact Roz at 378-2171 or e-mail
RosalindC@co.san-juan.wa*

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Airport of the Month - Westwind's new flight simulator.

Actually, many airports, and it's perfectly fine to land gear-up. Below is a description from Loren DeShon. PS – Try not to get spit on the screen when you make airplane sounds.

It is a Basic A.T.D. (Basic Aviation Training Device). The Basic ATD allows time to be logged and is a good tool for learning and maintaining instrument flying techniques. Time can be logged for 2.5 Hours towards the Private License, 10 Hours towards the Instrument License and can be used to meet the requirements for Instrument Currency.



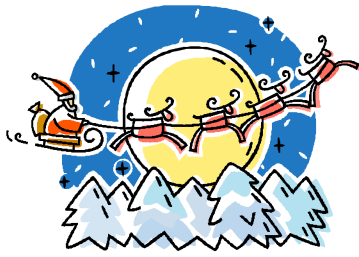
The visuals in it are very good. As a former airline pilot (NWA), I have spent my share of time in full motion simulators costing millions of dollars. I can tell you that the visual presentation in this simulator is as good for "what you see" at minimums on a low visibility approach as the big ones.

Westwind has aircraft modules for the Cessna 172S, 182 and 182RG. Piper Arrow, Warrior, Seminole and Seneca. Beech Bonanza, Travelair and Baron. Also Mooney MarK 20J. Both normal instruments and advanced instrument panels can be displayed for any of the

aircraft. If there is interest in other aircraft, let us know and we will check on availability.

The simulator has full lower panel with key for mags, master and avionics switches, flap switches, boost pump switches (if applicable), etc. Also, King radio stack with dual 155s, adf, dme, transponder, A/P and flight director. Coupled approaches can be made.

Westwind is offering a special "RVR Club" membership rate for the first 10 pilots who sign up. It will offer reduced rates for the simulator and instructor. They are having demo days, this Friday and Sat (12/9 & 10) from Noon to 2.



*'Twas the night before Christmas, when here and afar,
Not a creature was stirring ... IFR.*

*All planes in their hangars, neatly in a row,
Not even Santa could see Friday Harbor below.*

*Meanwhile at Roche Harbor, we were hanging up stockings,
With little of hope ... even Reindeer were walking.*

*A hundred-foot ceiling, the skies are a mess,
If only Saint Nick had a GPS.*

*When what to the rotating beacon should appear?
A sleigh on final, with extended landing gear.*

*On Dasher, on Dancer, that North Pole Air Force,
Heading and altitude, both right on course.*

*Breaking out at the rooftops, before he could see,
Santa laughed to himself ... "Not bad for NDB".*

*So Christmas was saved, all the pilots new toys,
Leather jackets and big watches, for these old girls and boys.*

*Then back to the sleigh that jolly old elf,
Laughing at us all, even himself.*

*The things we invent, just to get up in the sky,
Non-pilots don't get it, just wonder why.*

*We invent such missions, just any old reason,
Even flying around toys at the holiday season.*

*But I heard him exclaim, ere he flew out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a safe flight."*

The Questionnaire is in your email box

Art Miller's member questionnaire went out by email yesterday. We look forward to getting back lots of information, and pictures. This will be a great program, as it rolls out next year.

Clean out the Hangar – It's the SJPA Classifieds!

Here's our chance to keep in circulation, a bunch of parts and dollars. Dodie, I noticed at the summer bbq, you don't have a large and ancient compressor. Who has one for her? By the way, if it's just San Juan Island, nobody's hangar will get cleaned out. We'll all just end up with the same amount of different stuff. So, you members with hangars off-island, need to buy more than you sell.

And yes, these ads are free ... and worth it. Anything you want to buy, sell or trade, just send the info (with pictures) via email freds@rockisland.com, or send a note to Box 874. We'll see that it gets in the very next newsletter.

A good buy on the Personal Flotation Devices

Carlo Franciosi reports a deal on inflatable jackets, at Lummi Fisheries Supplies, 851 Coho Way, in Bellingham (360-734-3336). He bought two mesh vests for \$109 each. If you'd like him to model his, or just for more info, he's at 378-5272.

Fuel Update – The latest local pump prices

Paul and Cheryl Herdon remind us that \$1.00 discount weekend prices are in effect at Galvin Flying at Boeing Field. On Nov 6, they bought 100LL for \$3.69.

Friday Harbor	4.05	Bellingham – Both SS	3.99
Orcas	4.04	Blaine	3.62
Anacortes	3.96	Paine SS	3.77
Skagit	4.64	Lynden	3.58

Washington Seaplane Pilots Association Johnathon Taylor sends along information about the above group. They have a good web site, with good links, and archived newsletters.

You can find them at - <http://seaplanes.home.att.net/>

Basic Flying Rules - It only takes two things to fly -- airspeed and money.



Time for the 2006 Dues - As we close out 2005, we are 82 paid members. Your 2006 dues are still just 20 bucks and due in January. If you'd like a SJPA embroidered patch, add an additional \$5. You can send your check to the address listed at the top of the first page.

San Juan Pilots (2005) 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

Coming next month – Your ballot for the 2006 Board.