



The GRASS STRIP!

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MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Board of Directors for the year 2000 is:
Chairman, John Stazel; Vice Chairman, Gene Schroeder;
Secretary, Terry Everts; Treasurer, Kryns Gordon; At Large,
Dennis Collins, Glenn Garner, John McFaul.



Standing: Gene Schroeder, Terry Everts, Glenn Garner;
Sitting: John Stazel, Kryns Gordon, John McFaul;
Not Shown: Dennis Collins

SAVE LIVES ** DON'T SPEED

Those of us who live in Blue Ribbon are aware of the 20- to 25-mph speed limits on our roads.

Unfortunately visitors, construction workers and others may be less aware of the speed limits. With one beloved pet fatality this year due to a speeding truck, we urge everyone to remember the speed limit of 20-25 and to please slow down.

This is especially important as we have more children moving into the area. Be on the lookout for children, walkers, bicyclists and pets as you drive the roads of Blue Ribbon!

Thanks everyone!

ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS

The governing documents of Blue Ribbon Farms Property Owners Association are:

- (1) Restated Articles of Incorporation of Blue Ribbon Farms Property Owners Association, Inc.;
- (2) Amended Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Record of Blue Ribbon Farms Subdivision, Divisions 1 & 2;
- (3) Blue Ribbon Farms Property Owners Association, Incorporated Amended By-Laws dated May 18, 1999.

Owners may request copies of these documents by writing the Secretary, Blue Ribbon Farms, P.O. Box 3141, Sequim, WA 98382.

Deb Everts, Margie Crofoot, Freda Codd, Ken Young and Mickey Sexton produced this issue of **The Grass Strip!** using Microsoft Publisher on a home made Pentium II PC.

ANNUAL PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 9, 2000

We're back on track with the annual picnic set for Saturday, September 9, 2000, at 1 p.m. This year's picnic is at Terry & Deb Everts, 160 Greywolf.

What you bring:

- Meat of your choice to grill
- One side dish to share
- Plates and utensils
- Your choice of beverage (other than soft drink)... and yes, alcohol is allowed!
- Lawn chairs or folding chairs

What the association provides:

- BBQ's for grilling
- Soft drinks
- Ice
- Tables
- Lawn games and fun!

What the pilots provide:

AIRPLANE RIDES!

Questions?

Call Deb Everts 681-6331 or Liz Payne 681-4010.

DO YOU HAVE E-MAIL?

In the last issue of **The GRASS STRIP!** we asked for your e-mail addresses. The response was somewhat luke-warm. Now it's pretty certain that more of you have e-mail than the response indicated so how about sharing yours?

We promise not to spam, slam or scam you. The benefits are faster communication and no postage stamp. We'll even publish e-mail addresses of Board members — only with their permission, of course!



You saw it last issue in the construction stage, now here's the finished product.

It's Deb and Terry Everts' **Hangar & House for Two!**

Contact The GRASS STRIP!

You can contact The Grass Strip by mail at P.O. Box 3141, Sequim, WA 98382 or e-mail msexton@olypen.com. Inquiries and letters from Blue Ribbon Farms members are welcome. Make that encouraged!

MEET THE STAZELS

On any given morning you can find the chairman of our association, John Stazel, walking the paths of Blue Ribbon Farms and the Dungeness Recreation Area with his dog, Max. John and his wife, Yvonne, moved to Sequim the summer of 1995 staying in an apartment on her brother's place. John, working in federal service as a U.S. customs officer, finished a temporary term in Port Angeles that summer before returning to his regular assignment in Tacoma while Yvonne stayed on to oversee the building of their new home on Greywolf. The house was completed in January of 1996 and they moved in. It would be another year of working in the Puget Sound area for John before he retired in January of 1997 and was able to enjoy Sequim full-time.

John is a lifetime northwesterner born in Montana. Early in his working career John spent nine years teaching school. In Spokane he taught high school chemistry, biology, and industrial arts. A move to Whidbey Island meant a change in teaching assignments. While teaching sixth grade there an opportunity presented itself to take temporary summer work with the U.S. customs department in the Puget Sound area. That opportunity blossomed into full-time employment.



Except for two short stints on the Mexican border, John worked the remainder of his career out of the Seattle and Tacoma ports.

Besides walking with Max John enjoys woodworking and gardening. He and Yvonne have done some beautiful landscaping around their home, including a secluded patio area complete with koi pond, waterfall, and oriental garden. They have six children and twelve grandchildren spread out between Washington, California, and Louisiana. Yvonne enjoys spending lots of time with her grandchildren especially helping with the care and nurturing of one who is autistic. They are looking forward to a visit from ten-year old grandson, Tyler, who usually comes up from California to spend the summer with them. This summer he will be traveling to New York first to compete in the 400 meter event of the Junior Olympics!

We appreciate the Stazels' willingness to be active participants in the smooth operation of our association and the maintenance of the airstrip. With so many new members to the Blue Ribbons Farms Association you may not have had the opportunity to meet them yet but when you do you're in for a warm welcome with a big smile, a hearty laugh and maybe even a wet kiss on the hand from Max.

WELCOME NEW OWNERS

Ralph Trefney and Patti Minor purchased the Wester home on Greywolf Road.

Bill and Mary Cotton have bought a lot adjoining the airstrip in the Wester Short Plat from Cora Cockerill. Bill and Mary are temporarily living in the Trefney-Minor home.

J.A. Fillaponne and M.A. Bloodgood sold one of their lots on Kitchen-Dick Road to **Bob and Anne McGonigel**.

Rita K Wise of Bloomington, Indiana has purchased the Christopher lot at the west end of Greywolf Road.

David Miller and Anita Ward-Miller are living in their Lotzgesell Road home which they recently purchased from John and Jane Ormsby.

(We try to recognize all new owners. If we've missed someone please let us know and we'll catch them next issue.)

GRASS AND WEED CONTROL

Ken Billings began cutting grass and weeds on Blue Ribbon Farms July 15 and will continue until about September 1st. Weather permitting!

SPOKE FOLK

Our corner of the world is fast becoming a hot spot for bicyclists! The month of March brought the Tour de Dungeness to the area of Lotzgesell and Kitchen-Dick, and the 1st weekend in July brought the Sequim John L Scott Washington State Stage Race Championships.

Hundreds of cyclists converge in the Blue Ribbon area for these events, and besides a little traffic congestion at times, no particular problems seem to arise. Actually, Freda Codd has permitted the bicyclists to use her property on Lotzgesell Road as an assembly point and she reports a very friendly and environmentally-conscious group of cyclists!

If you missed catching a glimpse of these fast-pedaling folks - rumor is they'll be back again in 2001!



(Photo—Women's race July 2, 2000)

ARE THOSE LLAMAS?

The humming coming from Gene and Miriam Schroeder's place on Lotzgesell Rd. is the contented sound of 20 llamas peacefully grazing away on their six acres of pasture. Most of the herd of llamas was brought north from California when the Schroeders moved to Sequim in September of 1998. Four cria (newborns are called *cria*) were born last spring and brought a lot of laughter from the many observers who stopped periodically to watch their youthful antics and admire their soft, sweet faces.



People are always asking, "What do you DO with the llamas?" Besides being family pets, Gene and Miriam have trained and outfitted seven of their male llamas for packing and have taken several backpacking treks with friends into the Sierra Nevada mountains. The animals can carry between 50-80 pounds of supplies each. This along with the facts that their hooves leave very little trail impact and they can graze for much of their food makes them ideal as backpacking companions. Miriam, also, shears the animals and uses the soft, warm fiber to spin into yarn for knitting projects or felt into garments like vests, hats, and slippers or soft pillows and cuddly stuffed toys. She has shared her knowledge of the animals, their care, and the use of the fiber with numerous school and community groups. The children really enjoy petting and feeding the females and babies. Last, but not least, is the use of the rich llama manure for garden fertilizer. It has no odor, grinds up to a powdery consistency for spreading, and will not burn the plants like other animal manures.

We live in a very beautiful area with the scenic countryside and acres of open fields. Looking out over the pasture toward the mountains, seeing the llamas grazing there, leaves one with that rural feeling that Sequim is noted for.

BLUE RIBBON HITS AN ALL-TIME "LOW"!!

Have you noticed anything about some of the new folks moving into Blue Ribbon? Let me offer a few hints:

- * Under 5-feet tall
- * Laugh, play and shout
- * Run fast
- * Ride a bike even faster...

We see them bicycling, flying kites and getting on and off the school bus. Yes!! They're children! The Association extends a special welcome to young families moving into the area. It's great to have you and we look forward to meeting many of you at the annual picnic.

For those of you with young children - please remind them about airplane safety and being cautious near the airstrip. Many times aircraft are silent on approach to the strip and we want all children to stay safe! If you or your child would like to become more familiar with airplane and airstrip safety, please contact Terry Everts (Airstrip Committee) and he'll be happy to share some tips and show you up close the workings of a plane.

One of these days we may even see a junior pilot taking off from our very own grass strip
(Terry's home number is 681-6331)

**REMEMBER THE ANNUAL PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 9TH!!**

MORE NEW CONSTRUCTION

The home of **Jim and Bev Cone** is under construction at 165 Tyler View Road. Jim wrote us last September with this information. "The lower level will have a hangar, a couple of storage rooms, and a bath room. The upper main level will be 2800 square feet of very informal open living space."



Meanwhile, the home of **Roger and Jane Walker** on the bluff at the end of Tyler View is nearing completion....



...as is **Ken and Mary Young's** home at 91 Greywolf Road.



NEW CONSTRUCTION



John and Karen Dinius and sons **Sean and Shane** are living in their new home at 464 Greywolf Road.