



The GRASS STRIP!

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Meet Krys Gordon

Twelve years ago Krys and Gary Gordon flew into Seattle on a business trip. They rented a car and decided to visit a friend in Port Angeles. On the way they drove through Sequim and Krys fell in love with the area. During their stay they arranged to look at property with a realtor who showed them a lot in Blue Ribbon Farms on the bluff. It overlooked the water and had a view to the mountains. It was perfect, "heaven on earth," Krys recalls.

They purchased the property before heading back to New York where Gary was a practicing physician and Krys worked as an oncology nurse at Westchester County Medical Center. In January of 1994 they both retired and moved to Sequim. Construction started shortly thereafter on their beautiful home at 15 Tyler View Place. There were very few other homes on the bluff at that time.

Krys and Gary have been married for 44 years and have three sons and six grandchildren. Their oldest son and his family live in Port Angeles while their youngest son lives with his family here in Sequim. Their middle son and family still reside in New York.

Besides enjoying her family, Krys is very active in a local Bridge club and has, on occasion, won a few tournaments. She also finds pleasure in gardening which has proven to be quite a challenge living

Deb Everts, Margie Crofoot, Patti Minor, Ken Young and Mickey Sexton produced this issue of **The Grass Strip!**

in the windy, coastal climate here on the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Krys has served on the Blue Ribbon Farms Owners Association board of directors for six years as our treasurer. She also served one year as secretary when the men voted her into that position while she was out of town. Since she was the only female on the board that year they wanted her to tackle both jobs! She has enjoyed her tenure as treasurer. Her responsibilities include collecting annual dues, tracking the budget, managing the finances, and paying the bills. She relates, "It was fun. The people are so nice. After so many years I feel like a historian." Krys will complete her term in February of 2002 when she will turn the treasurer responsibilities over to John McFaull.

A big THANK YOU to Krys Gordon for her years of service to our association. Her ready smile, friendly spirit, and warm personality have added much to our community.

ANNUAL MEETING ALERT!

It's almost time for the Annual Membership meeting. Watch for a letter from the Board of Directors early in January telling the date, time and place.

Three Directors will retire and three will be elected. The Board is accepting nominations, so if you are willing to run or if you know someone who is, submit the names to Ken Young (kmyoung85@aol.com) or mail to P.O. Box 3141, Sequim 98382.

There are important issues to bring to your attention so plan to attend if at all possible.

WELCOME NEW OWNERS

Frank and Sharon Balestrery purchased their lot on Lands End Road from David and Penny Miller.

Colin and Patti Francis purchased their lot on the east end of Buckhorn Road from Andy Nisbet.

Richard and Nancy Winters purchased their lot on Greywolf Road from Hugh Hafer.

You've Got Mail

Ever wished you knew a neighbor's email address? Send email to patti@science-works.com and participate in an email address exchange.

Contact The GRASS STRIP!

You can contact The Grass Strip by mail at P.O. Box 3141, Sequim, WA 98382 or e-mail to patti@science-works.com.

PICNIC VOLUNTEER

This is your chance to plan ahead! At the annual property owner’s meeting in February, we will be soliciting for volunteers to host the September 2002 picnic. Do you have a new hangar you’d like to show off? This is a great opportunity! If you’re unable to attend the meeting, but would like to host the picnic, please contact Deb Everts via phone 681-6331, or email everts@tenforward.com

Mow, Mow, Mow Your Lot

Thanks to all Blue Ribbon property owners who had their undeveloped lots mowed this year! Mowing lots accomplishes more than you think – fire control, weed control and allergy control! There will be further discussion at the February property owner’s meeting regarding future mowing and a scheduled time frame for accomplishing this!
Thanks again!

****Winter House Sitters****

Are you going to be gone this winter and would like to have someone house sit for you? Pat Schoen and Connie Engvall are building a home at the end of Greywolf Road. They are currently living in their motor home on the property, but would be more than glad to house sit for you! And as an added bonus, they’ll pet sit also! You can reach them by phone at the Everts 681-6331, or stop by and meet them at 466 Greywolf.



SUN, FOOD & FRIENDS

What more could you ask for? The September picnic was once again held at the Everts’ on Greywolf Road, and it was a beautiful day with great food and great neighbors! There was the usual grill-your-own-meat, chitchat with friends, and even some lawn bowling!
A special **Thank You** to Terry and Deb, for the fantastic job of hosting!

NEW CONSTRUCTION



Bob and Dawn Rowe are building this lovely home on Lotzegesell Road.



Pat Schoen and Connie Engvall are building their home at the west end of Greywolf Road.

BLUE RIBBON PILOTS AND THEIR FLYING MACHINES

The Grass Strip proudly presents its flying members and their aircraft. This is an impressive collective of experience, expertise, and talent. The aircraft ranges from vintage to sleek and hi-tech. Our thanks to the many pilots who chose to share their aviation background and aircraft descriptions. Wishing you all CAVU conditions. If you are a pilot and would like to be included in the next issue please contact The Grass Strip.

Davis Clapp has been flying for 4 years, most recently in his white, with yellow and blue trim, Cirrus SR20. The Cirrus SR20 is a single engine light aircraft with the added safety feature of a parachute recovery system.

Jim Cone is retired from TWA, and the Air Force as Lt. Colonel. Jim has built three airplanes including his white and red, with blue strips, Van's Aircraft RV-6A. The RV-6A is an aerobatic aircraft of metal construction.

Bill Cotton is retired from United Airlines. Bill flies a blue Air Cam. The distinctive looking twin engine Air Cam was originally developed as a photography platform to be used in Africa.

John Cuny is a pilot for American Airlines. Next summer we will see John flying a 1946 orange and white Luscombe Model 8A Silvaire that he has owned since he was 17 years old.

James Duff took his flight training as a general aviation pilot in Sequim. James flies a white, with blue, silver, and red trim, Piper PA-28 Turbo Arrow.

Terry Everts is a First Officer for Horizon Air flying the DeHavilland Dash 8. Terry attended Spartan School of Aeronautics and earned commercial, multiengine, CFI and CFII ratings. Terry chairs the Blue Ribbon Farms Airport Committee.

Don Gillette is retired from Reeve Aleutian Airways in Alaska. Don recently completed his home built metal and bright yellow fabric Challenger Ultralight.

Lee Oman is a general aviation pilot and A&P with 20 years of experience. Lee flies "anything with wings" including Waco, Stearman, Travel Air, Starduster, and Yak, to name a few.

Jay Sakas is a pilot for Northwest Airlines and a flight instructor with Rite Bros. Aviation in Port Angeles. Jay is restoring a 1929 Bellanca Pacemaker with plans to complete the original 1933 flight of the Lithuanica, a sister ship flown 36 hours non-stop from New York before crashing 450 miles short of its destination in Lithuania. Jay flies a blue and white Citabria.

Ralph Trefney is a general aviation pilot and will soon complete basic flight instructor training with the United States Ultralight Association (USUA). In 1998 Ralph completed his home built Team MiniMax, a wood and fabric legal ultralight, painted metallic green. Ralph also owns a 1953 blue and white Piper Tri-Pacer.

Jack and Liz Waud are both general aviation pilots with the love of flying and enjoying the beauty that surrounds us. Jack flies a 1946 white, with red and blue trim, J3 Piper Cub. Liz flies a white and red Cessna 172 Skyhawk.

John Wilson is a retired FBO, a flight instructor, and mechanic with authorized inspector license. John is restoring a 1947 Piper PA11 Cub Special, and will paint it with the original colors of blue and yellow.

Ken Young is a commercial pilot with single and multi engine instrument endorsements and is licensed as a basic and instrument ground instructor. Ken flies several airplanes including Cessna models 152, 172 Skyhawk, 172 Cutlass RG, and Beechcraft Duchess 76.

The Grass Strip Editor Retires

The staff of The Grass Strip would like to shout a great big *THANK YOU* to Mickey Sexton for his years of expertise and leadership as our editor-in-chief, and to Freda Codd for her support and assistance.

Mickey is stepping down from his position as our fearless leader, although he will still be involved as a contributor from time to time.

We have valued his insight, industrious record keeping, and background history of Blue Ribbon Farms. He has been responsible for organizing our staff meetings, submitting many of the articles, as well as publishing, printing, and preparing the mailing for each edition of The Grass Strip! His leadership has been much appreciated. We'll miss you, Mickey!

CORRECTIONS FOR VOLUME 4 ISSUE 1

The correct phone number to reach the Dungeness County Park ranger is (360) **683-5847**.

Mrs. Cuny's name is spelled **Sherl**, not Cheryl. Sorry about that!