



# LVAA News

**Due to my Mothers health issues  
I need to spend much of my time in Phoenix AZ.  
I need to resign as your President.**

Marilyn Bedford, President

On June 21st, we received an eMail from Marilyn stating that her mother who lives in Arizona was requiring more assistance and that she needed to resign as President. Having gone through this sort of situation with my parents who lived locally in the Bay Area, I could easily understand. At the June 28th Board Meeting, it was determined that Vice President Steve Radcliffe would finish up the year.



Our best wishes go out to [Marilyn](#) and her family.

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## Letter From The Prez

Steve Radcliffe

Hi everyone. Donna and I just got back from vacation. We had a very nice trip to Eagle Lake up near Susanville. If you are looking for a fishing trip or just a plane trip you can land at [Spaulding](#), which is on the Northwest end of the lake. Great fishing, hiking or just relaxing! As I have become president (recycled) I would like to thank JoAnn, Pam and Bruce for a terrific May 8<sup>th</sup> Fiesta. I sure had fun and I believe that everyone else did too.

I am still hoping to have a fly-out to [Harris Ranch](#) as a Lunch and spend the night. The resort is very nice when the wind is not blowing real hard. We'll have a date for you at the upcoming event.

July 24<sup>th</sup> at my hanger (#49 on the north side near Aharts office) we'll be having a Bar-B-Que!!! Starting at 5:30 PM. I hope to see Ya'll there.

[Steve "Keep-em flying dirty side down" Radcliffe](#)





### LVA A Patriotic Bash & BBQ!

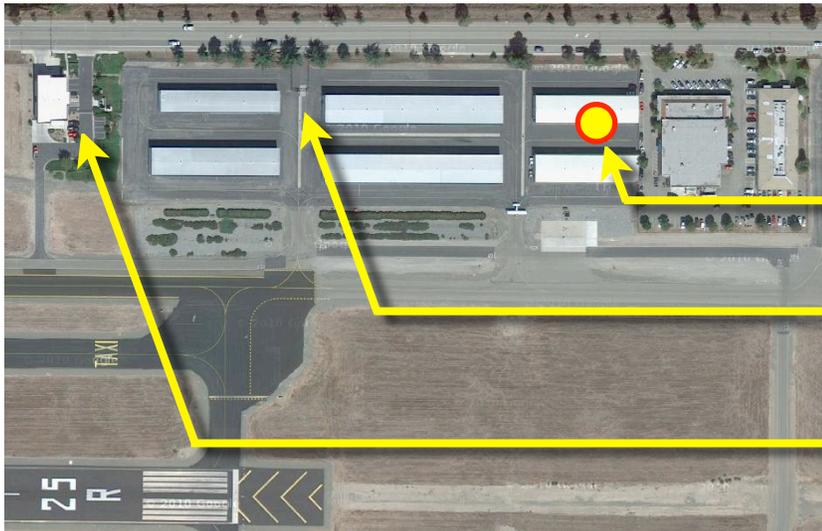
- When: Saturday, July 24th
- Time: 5:30pm social, dinner at 6pm
- Cost: Bring something to BBQ, something to share, & B. Y.O.B.
- Where: Prez Steve's Hanger #49 on the North Side  
Enter through NG-2 (North Gate 2)  
Livermore Airport, Livermore, CA
  
- R.S.V.P. JoAnn Bertolucci adding what you might bring to  
(925) 373-1687 or [bertolucci@att.net](mailto:bertolucci@att.net)

#### Menu

What you bring to BBQ, what you and others bring to share, along with sodas, ice cream & toppings provided by the LVAA.

**Please bring your own preferred beverage.**

Please RSVP by July 21st to JoAnn Bertolucci (925) 373-1687 or [bertolucci@att.net](mailto:bertolucci@att.net)



Thank you,  
JoAnn Bertolucci, Hospitality

Hanger #49, Steve's Place and home of this years LVAA's Patriotic BASH!

NG-2 (a.k.a., "North Gate 2"), It will/ should/better be open. The entrance is in trees marked with orange traffic cones.

Livermore Airport Fire Station #10  
A reference point, please don't disturb them.

### Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Rob Hartley, reports we have \$1,496.80 in the checking account and \$2,847.26 in the scholarship account. Many thanks Rob!

### Calendar

**July 24th — LVAA BBQ & Pot Luck**

LVAA BBQ & Pot Luck at Steve's Hanger #49 on North Side

**Sept 17th — Guest Speaker Night**

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres at the Terminal Building

**Nov 19th — Holiday Dinner**

Holiday Dinner at the Terminal Building

**See upcoming newsletters for more information.**

**Standing Meetings — Second Saturday of the month are Fly Out Saturdays.**

Meeting times vary (9:45-ish to 10:30-ish), contact Fly Out Captain Candace Murray at (925) 443-6103 or [dc3ace@aol.com](mailto:dc3ace@aol.com)



### Monthly Fly Outs By Candace Murray

We have finally been able to enjoy some great flying weather and have taken to the skies for numerous Modesto breakfasts and lunches. It's a great little flight with good food at the destination and plenty of pilots to hangar fly with and check out the vintage aircraft display held on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Our best fly out was to [Columbia for the Annual Father's Day Fly In](#). This year celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Columbia Airport.

#### 44TH ANNUAL COLUMBIA FATHER'S DAY FLY IN

This was a fantastic event that took place over a three day period. The P-51 Mustangs were the featured airplane, and they were magnificent doing amazing aerial feats. There were biplanes giving rides and Cal Fire flight demonstrations. A C-130 flew by rocking it's wings to the crowd. There were many vintage, experimental and Warbird aircraft on display.

So who ventured out into the wild blue yonder to enjoy such an experience? Robert & Julie, with Dundee were the leaders and left days before anyone else. They know how to make the best time out of a fly out/camp out. Candace and Terry arrived on Saturday just in the nick of time before the airport closed for the airshow, but in frantically packing the airplane Terry and Candace were not communicating or doing a challenge and response checklist, consequently it became apparent on arrival at Columbia that some very pertinent items were missing. Terry said, "Where the h@#! is the tent!" We looked and looked and it was nowhere to be found. So after much exclamation and exchange of not so kind words and discussion on who was to blame we decided we needed to come up with an idea of some sort to survive our dilemma.

But wait, we all have ideas on how to survive under these circumstances and it just so happened Robert had a survival kit in his Apache. Don't ask how old that kit was. Upon inspection lo and behold, there was a tube tent in there. The tube tent having never been used and with a price tag of \$1.99 turned out be quite amazing accommodations. A bright orange see through plastic bag big enough to sleep two cozily. What a life saver Robert was. You can't even imagine all the amazing stuff Robert has in his kit, just ask Don Davis, as they both took the kit apart the next day and examined each item in minute detail. Everyone in the campground had a few laughs about that classy orange tent among all the other more modern day types. That tent kept us toasty and warm on a colder than usual night.

The next morning Don Davis arrived in his C-170 and joined us for the pancake breakfast and some air show fun. We had to leave right after breakfast so Terry could drive back to Southern California. It was another fun and fantastic Father's Day Fly In with lots of laughs. Next year, let's get a few more of you out there for a great fly out/campout.

Blue Skies, Candace

p.s., Is anyone going to [Oshkosh](#) this year? Please let me know.





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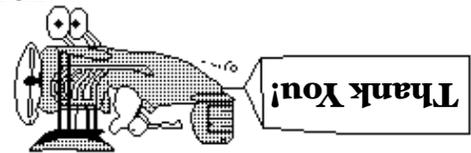
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**Safety Report by Ralph Huy**  
**Subject: Where The Rubber Meets The Runway**

When we land an aircraft the first thing we expect to touch down is the tires. In a fixed gear airplane this is nearly always the case however in a retractable this may not be the case. We have to remember to extend the landing gear at some time before landing. There are various checklists and reminders for this however sometimes just putting the gear handle down doesn't do the job. Then we need to know the emergency procedure for the aircraft we are flying. The emergency procedure for a Cherokee Arrow will not work in a Piper Comanche — I saw the results of this once. On preflight we should look at the tires wheels and brakes for inflation,damage, wear, and any other discrepancy. It is always a good idea to roll the airplane to look at the whole tire not just the top especially if it has wheel-pants. Another important thing to look at is the strut inflation. Flying a retractable aircraft with a flat strut can lead to the landing gear jamming in the wheel-well. Flat struts on fixed gear aircraft can lead to damaged firewalls and gear mounts.

Remember the superior pilot uses their superior knowledge and judgment to avoid having to demonstrate their superior skill

**Castle Air Museum Update**



The Castle Air Museum's latest acquisition is a "shape" for a Mark-17 Thermonuclear Bomb. The bomb, one of the first Teller-Ulam deliverable "Supers," comes in at just under 25 feet long, just over 5 feet in diameter, and weighing 41,000 pounds (about the same as 4-1/2 average African elephants!). The only plane capable of carrying it was the B-36 bomber which had 336 spark plugs, 4 ignitors, and a wingspan of 230 feet or three-quarters of a football field! The [Castle Air Museum](#) is located about a mile west of the [Castle Airport](#) ramp.



**Upcoming Livermore Airport  
Vintage Aircraft Display Dates**

September 25 & 26  
October 30 & 31



## LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

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### Livermore Valley Airmens Association (LVAA) Membership Form

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**Do you have an experience to share with us?**

If so, eMail Bruce Anderson at [paralleler@att.net](mailto:paralleler@att.net) or call (925) 455-6832.

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