

# LVAA News

## Letter From The Prez

[Steve Radcliffe](#)



Well our first get together was in keeping with our Mission Statement of Having Fun. The dinner was terrific! Thanks to all the Board Members stepping up to the plate to get the year started off with a bang. It was great to see that our scholarship fund got presented. It was great to see some young people with an interest in aviation! I would like to thank Candace for chairing the committee and those on the committee great job! Thank You Pam Hartley for the article about the scholarship fund and the presentation that appeared in the Livermore Airport Newsletter — well done Pam! I am hoping that this will again be a good year with plenty of activities for the group flying and other wise. Please take a look at Candace article for upcoming events. JoAnn has another great St. Patrick's Day feast, see page 2 for all the information. We will be taking on a community service project for the airport, there will be more about this in the future.

Let's Keeping Flying!  
Steve "The Prez" Radcliffe

## LVAA Awards Aviation Scholarships

Pam Hartley

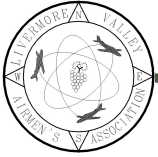
On January 28, 2011, the Livermore Valley Airmen's Association awarded aviation scholarships to two Livermore High School students during its "Take Off Annual Dinner" held at Cattlemen's. Dan Dujmovich, a junior, received the First Place award (\$2,500) and Joseph Hawkins, a sophomore, received the Second Place award (\$750.00) and a free Ground School donated by Ahart Aviation. Dan is a flight student at Red Sky Aviation while Joseph just caught the flying bug and will be starting his classes in Spring with Ahart. LVAA thanks all its members who have supported our scholarship fundraising throughout the years, and folks at the airport who participated in our spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts. We are looking forward to the flight stories our new, young pilots-to-be will be sharing in the future!



Left to right: Dan Dujmovich, Steve Radcliffe & Candace Murray



Left to right: Joseph Hawkins with Steve Radcliffe



### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

**When:** FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2011

**Where:** LIVERMORE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING  
636 TERMINAL CIRCLE  
LIVERMORE, CA

**Time:** 6:00pm SOCIAL  
6:30pm DINNER

**Menu:** CORNED BEEF  
CABBAGE  
RED POTATOES  
CARROTS  
IRISH SODA BREAD  
DESSERT: OREO MINT ICE CREAM BY BRUCE, THE ICE CREAM MAN



**Cost:** \$10.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PREFERRED BEVERAGE

**Please R.S.V.P. to: JO ANN BERTOLUCCI by phone (925) 373-1687 or by eMail ( bertolucci1@att.net ) by Wednesday, March 16th.**

WE WILL BE AGAIN BE HAVING OUR FAMOUS 50/50 RAFFLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY--THIS YEAR, BUYING AND PLACING A WOOD AIRPORT SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AIRPORT.

### Livermore Airport Hot Dog Thursdays Return!!!

Do you enjoy talking aviation? Do you enjoy friends? Do you enjoy hot dogs, hot links, polish sausage, sodas, and chips? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, think about joining us at the Terminal Building on Thursdays at lunchtime thru April. Funds raised go towards the LVK Open House. Their Combo is \$6.

### Calendar

**March — St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

See above

**April — LVAA Movie Night**

The Great Waldo Pepper — date upcoming

**May — LVAA Mexican Fiesta**

**July — Patriotic Bash & BBQ**

See upcoming newsletters for more information.

### Standing Meetings

**Second Saturday of the month are Modesto Breakfast & Aircraft Display Fly Outs, depart before 9:30am.**

**Fourth Saturday of the month are Lunch Fly Outs to somewhere fun. Meet at LVK terminal at 10:30am.**

Contact our Fly Out Captain Candace Murray at (925) 443-6103 or [dc3ace@aol.com](mailto:dc3ace@aol.com) for more information.





### Monthly Fly Outs By Candace Murray

Hello LVAA members, what's with this weather it hasn't been very cooperative for most of January and February, but we did get one fun fly out to MOD for their great pancake breakfast, pecan pancakes this time, biscuits and gravy and more, yum yum and some delectable special chocolate delight.

We were rendezvousing at the LVK terminal earlier than usual that day and took off at 9:15. Bob & Julie flew in their Champ, Don & friend and hopefully potential member, flew in Don's C-170 and Candace & Terry led the way in their Cherokee 140. Terry has been released from Alaska and freezing Bay Area work and is temporarily retired. Bob Brown showed up in his Mooney just in time to enjoy all the food and fun too. We all enjoyed the CAF museum, and displaying our aircraft while we were there.

Come on out and join us next fly out. It's always so much fun when we all take off from LVK or MOD or wherever and see who makes it to the destination first, second, last, etc and then meet up and talk about the flight experience. Hope to see you for the March fly outs.

Happy Flying!  
Candace Murray



### Safety Report by Ralph Huy Subject: To go or not to go that is the question!

VFR pilots all know that you shouldn't go flying when the beacon is on. The problems start when you have to make a decision when the weather is somewhere between perfect and miserable. Every pilot should have their own personal limits based on experience and training. There are many things that enter into the decision of "go-nogo" besides the pilots qualifications. One thing to be considered is the aircraft that is going to be flown, Is it equipped for the weather? Does it have IFR radios? Is it certified for flight in to icing? Other things to be considered is the mission? Is it a first flight? Is there reported turbulence? What type of aircraft is it? (A J3 Cub is very safe with a 1000 ft ceiling and 3 miles visibility while a P-51 would scare an experienced pilot in the same conditions.) The pilot should also consider the effects of outside pressure from the passengers who may not be aware of the conditions and hazards of the flight. It is always better to err on the side of caution.

Remember the superior pilot uses their superior judgment and knowledge to prevent having to show their superior skills.

Installation Banquet Photos





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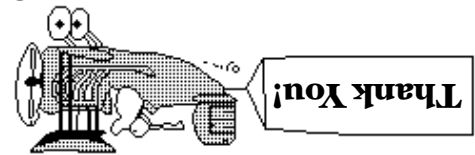
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**Adventure to Oshkosh – Day 2 and Beyond...**

Here we are back again on our way to Oshkosh, 2010. Waking up at dark early we were shuttled to Lovelock in a vintage station wagon. Using my newly gained knowledge of flying without a tachometer, listening to the sound of the engine and seat of the pants flying we departed to Brigham City. The sun ball was soon in our eyes as we flew East. Continuing up and up over the mountains, being guided by ATC through the sky and restricted air space, we arrived in BMC, Brigham City about 10 AM.

Upon arrival we soon found out that our elusive tachometer was nowhere to be found except in SLC. The amazing thing was the wonderful owners of the FBO were kind enough to lend us their car to drive to SLC to pick up our part at the Piper dealer, (a driving adventure in itself). Once returned and installed we were ready to go, but at this point we were done in – needed nourishment and called it a day.

What a place this Brigham City – no rental cars avail. The wonderful folks at the FBO lent us their car once again and we were off to find a place to stay, but everything decent was booked up, imagine that. We finally found a Ho Jo and were hoping for the best, not so though – this one was run by some folks who don't understand what it means to make a nice overnight stay for an American pilot & crew or anyone for that matter.

It didn't represent anything like we had ever stayed in before and the town doesn't understand anything about "adult beverages" being easily available, so celebrating wasn't in the cards. So much for our 2<sup>nd</sup> night on our flying adventure to Oshkosh.

Next morning, the day dawned and we were back at the airport before 7AM and soon taking off and very happy to have an operating RPM gauge at long last. The elevation being 4200 feet, we knew an early departure was mandatory in order to climb to our cruising of 11,500 feet. Our take off was uneventful but in order to clear the first set of mountain peaks we circled 7 times and then were able to snake our way through passes and continue our climb on as needed. Finally we were cruising at our altitude and on our way to RKS, Rock Springs, WY. The day was heating up and we finally reached RKS and refueled and were ready to go, each moment delayed the temperature was climbing. RKS elevation 6760, density altitude much higher.

That's all the flying for now, at this rate this story could take until next July & 2011 Oshkosh.

Blue Skies, Candace



**How Many Shamrocks?**

Tell the ice cream scooper how many shamrocks are printed in this newsletter and get an extra smile with your serving.

**Eagle Field's**

**1940's Dinner Dance**

Saturday, June 11th — Stay Tuned!





## LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

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

Please mail the membership form to  
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And A Happy St. Patrick's Day To Ya'!