



LVAA News

Letter From The Prez

[Steve Radcliffe](#)

Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another year!! It does not seem like it! I would like to thank our board members for their support to keep the organization going forward in having a good time. Again thanks to Dan VanDusen for hosting a fly-in to Swansboro, what a great time and he has offered to do that again when the weather permits. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Livermore Terminal November 19th for our Holiday Dinner.

I hope to have the Livermore Airport Sign up by the end of the year. I have talked with the airport manger and he like the pictures of the concept sign. This will be a nice addition to the airport. I am happy to inform you that the current members of the board have committed to staying on to watch out for me, "The Prez," and to keep me in line.

If I don't see you at the Holiday Dinner have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember Happy Flying!!!!

Steve "The Prez" Radcliffe



For more on the Columbia Fly-Out,
see page 5.





LVA A Holiday Potluck Dinner

When: Saturday, November 19th, 2011
Where: Livermore Airport Terminal Building
636 Terminal Circle, Livermore, CA
Time: 5:30pm SOCIAL
6:00pm DINNER

LVA A will be providing the Turkey and Ham.
Please bring a side dish to share and your beverage of choice.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR FAMOUS 50/50 RAFFLE.
Our very own "Ice Cream Man" will be making his famous ice cream for us to enjoy.

**Please R.S.V.P. by November 17th to:
JO ANN BERTOLUCCI by phone (925) 373-1687
or eMail (bertolucci1@att.net).**

Looking forward to seeing you on the 19th.



Livermore Airport Hot Dog Thursdays are off until February BUT several aviators have still been enjoying sack lunches at the terminal on Thursdays at noon. Happy Holidays!

Calendar

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 for more information.

November 19th/Saturday — LVA A Holiday Dinner
See above.

January 20th/Friday — LVA A Installation Dinner
Cattlemen's, 5:30pm No-Host Cocktails, 6:00pm Dinner

Upcoming..., another Movie Night
To be announced.

See LVAA.ORG or upcoming newsletters for more information.



Monthly Fly-Outs By Candace Murray

Great flying weather and fun fly outs all summer and into the fall.

In July, August & Sept, it was the famous MODesto pancake breakfast enjoyed by Robert & Julie in the Champ, Don & Mark in C-170, Candace & Terry in their Cherokee 140, with Bob Tucknott and Max in his C-182, and Julius and Rich in the Mooney.

Also in July we were treated by Bob Tucknott and our club to a wonderful BBQ at Bob's hangar. What a place for a party and what a host. Thanks Prez, Steve, Bob, JoAnn, Julius and Bruce for all your hard work.

Lunches in Sept. and Oct. were at the Ding-a-Ling in Hollister, with Don & Mark leading the squadron and Terry & Candace following behind with Terry taking the left seat on the return flight for an exciting landing. Sac Exec at the Aviator Restaurant was three planes, with Julius solo, Don & Mark and Candace & Terry. So what's our motto??? Fly, Eat and Have Fun, we definitely did that. Come out and join us on one of these fun fly outs.

The rest of OSH Story is on hold until next time, no room in this newsletter.

Happy Flying, Candace



Safety Report by Ralph Huy **Subject: That Hits The Spot**

I have been observing operations at the airport in the morning along with my morning coffee. I am sure none of what I have observed is being done by LVAA pilots but there are people out there who seem to think that landing anywhere on the pavement is good enough. One of these days they will have an emergency and will need to land in a small area. If you can't land on the first half of a 5,000 foot long runway, what are you going to do when all you have to land on is a 800 foot long cow pasture? Several years ago there was a flight school at Fremont that had a runway that was 30 feet wide and had about 1,500 feet of reasonable runway (the rest of the 2,100 feet was mostly chuckholes and dirt). Students were soloed on this runway with no difficulty because they were expected to land on the End at the proper speed. Fremont airport also had several twins based there. They also were taught to taxi at minimum power to keep from picking up rocks with the prop. It is probably a good idea to practice a power-off full-flap landing because that is what you will need to do in an emergency.

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



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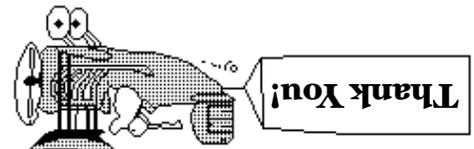
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Columbia Fly-Out — 21-25 October 2011

By Robert Flagg

The October Fly-out to [Columbia](#), was an outstanding success! It started from a simple idea, a picnic lunch, and grew into an aeronautical Smorgasbord that had something for everyone. In total, 5 airplanes carrying 9 flyers and 4 dogs participated. That has to be a new LVAA record, in dogs at least.

Candace Murray, our Flyout-Captain, and Terry flew to Columbia in 05W on Friday to take advantage of the excellent weather, along with Robert Flagg and Dundee in 8MS. The weather was perfect for camping, warm with a slight breeze during the day but cooling off after dark to, a cooler but not uncomfortable temperature. No mosquitoes and no yellow jackets at this time of year. Friday night was the usual LVAA happy hour with Champaign, wine, smoked oysters, cheese and crackers and dried fruit.

Saturday midday brought 3 more arrivals: Bob Tucknott, and a flying buddy from Hayward and Max, the wonder dog, who I understand is now grading landings he observes. Take note... he is a tough evaluator to please. More often he just shakes his head and says 'ruff! Additionally Rich Harrison and his wife Nancy arrived in their Cessna 182 along with Grumman and her buddy Angel. A third "mystery" arrival, known only to Candace till the very end arrived last in a Red Sky's L-16. Van, who hails from LLNL had heard about LVAA and the event and brought a bowling buddy along with him for the trip. He gets the Max Effort award since his aircraft aborted at the runup area with plug problems, returned to Red Sky who quickly diagnosed and repaired a fouled plug, turned him around, and he took off again to arrive as tail-end Charlie.

The published details of the outing somehow got lost in the translation and not everyone brought food, but in true LVAA fashion, Candace and Terry uttered the right prayers and ham and cheese sandwiches, soft drinks, fruit magically appeared. Rich and Nancy had come loaded for bear, actually I think it was filet mignon for their portable barbecue, and a humungous bowl of delicious oriental salad, enough to feed a whole squadron, so no one was left out. In fact each of the dogs got a tasty sample of Rich and Nancy's filet as well. How's that for class, boys and girls! We LVAA folks look out for one another and our lucky mascots as well.

We talked airplanes and aviation, told funny stories, and true stories and probably a few not so totally true stories until it was time to crank up our engines and return to LVK. As planned, Candace, Terry, Robert and Dundee stayed over an additional night to take advantage of the outstanding Fall weather to return on Sunday.

To summarize, it was a total success. All mission objectives (fly and have fun with our flying friends) were met, and all aircraft returned to base. On review we thought that having a smorgasbord approach, i.e., some stayed three days, some came for the day, gave everyone the opportunity to adapt the event to their own individual likes, and time and aircraft availability. We should keep this in mind for future events.

For those who came, thanks for making it an event we will remember for a long time. For those of our usual fly-out group that couldn't make it, were sorry you couldn't and hope that we can see you, your flying companions, and mascots at another LVAA fly-out in the future.



Bob,
Dundee,
and one their
magic carpets,
a 1946 Aeronca
Champ.



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