



LVAA News

The "Prez's" Message

By Steve Radcliff

The Take-Off Dinner was a great success! It was great to see that large group 44 members present and accounted for. Our scholarship recipients were in attendance and to hear about their progress. The New Year I hope will bring some fly-outs that you can attend. We have been invited back to Swansboro; I am hoping to come up with a trip this year and taking a look at several locations. If we are able to decide on a particular one it will be posted on the web site, I encourage everyone to take a look at LVAA.org; great job Bruce!!!!

I hope to see a big crowd at the Livermore Terminal on March 17th for a Saint Patrick's Day feast of corn beef and all the trimmings. Again dates are posted on the web site for the Activities for the upcoming year (See page 2 & up on the web soon. ed.).

I thought that I would share with you an interesting experience that I had last month. As some of you may already know I have had some problems with our plane. First electrical alternator failure. Second flap problems, which damaged the wing!!! I took the plane to Clear Lake Lampson Field to be repaired. I picked the plane up and flew it to Livermore, flew it for a couple of weeks. I had to take it back to have the rigging readjusted. I took my friend Dick Jones with me, his is a photographer. We landed about 12:30 PM I spoke to the owner of the shop about getting something to eat since the restaurant is closed. He asked me what I wanted to eat I said "No Taco Bell, Burger King or McDonalds." The owner looked at me for a few moments and you'll have to go to Kelseyville, OK. He proceeded to give me directions, go to highway 29 south for 3 miles turn left onto the main street. You'll see a BIG lumberyard turn in to the parking lot OK, I am now thinking he is sending us for a saw dust burger. To cut to the chase I followed his direction to the BIG lumber pulled into the parking lot to see a sign saying "Woody's Café!!!" No saw dust burgers but a great meal. Moral to the story don't judge a café by its location. If you can get a ride try this café try it out, it's worth the ride!

Hope to see ya' at the Saint Patrick's Day feast,
Steve "The Prez" Radcliffe

p.s., Please pay you membership to Rob Hartley. He needs the money to go to the Bahamas.





St. Patrick's Dinner

- When:** Saturday, March 17th, 2012
- 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"



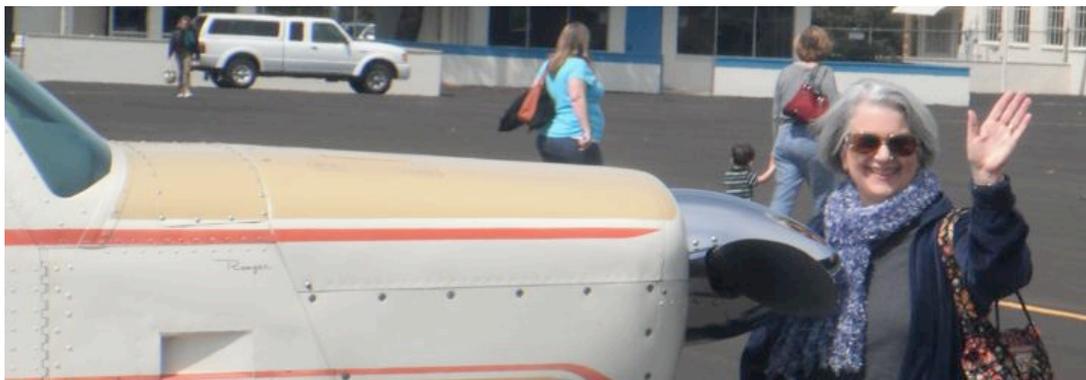
WestJet "flying" in a St. Patrick's Day Parade

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 Thursday, March 15th.

We will again be having our famous 50/50 raffle.



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.

March 17th/Saturday — LVAA St. Patrick's Dinner
See above

July 14th/Saturday — LVAA Patriotic Bash
Bertolucci Hanger, see future newsletter

May 12th/Saturday — LVAA Mexican Fiesta
Terminal Building, see future newsletter

Sept 22nd/Saturday — LVAA Italian Dinner
Terminal Building, see future newsletter

See LVAA.ORG or upcoming newsletters for more information.



Safety Report by Ralph Huy

Subject: What's The Limit?

When we drive a car the only limit we worry about is the speed limit. When we fly an airplane there are a lot of limits we need to be aware of. We need to know the maximum speed we can safely fly at, the proper speed for flying in turbulence, maneuvering speed, and stall speed. We also need to know weight and balance limits. What is the maximum gross weight? What is the forward CG limit what is the aft limit? Can we operate in the utility category and if we do what are the limits there? These limits and a lot of other useful information is included in the pilots handbook or operating manual for the aircraft. The manual includes other useful information such as performance charts and climb charts. It also includes emergency information such as emergency landing gear extension procedures. Most manuals also include checklist for preflight, run up normal operations and emergencies. If you fly different aircraft it is probably a good idea to review the manual before flight. If you fly the same airplane all the time you should know the manual by heart.

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

Monthly Flyouts

By Candace Murray

January was good enough weather to fly out to MOD for breakfast where we had an amazing bunch of pilots including: Julius and Bruce flying in Julius's Mooney, Bob Brown in his Mooney, Don and Mark in Don's C-170, Richie in his Grumman but without Grumman, Bob Tucknott and Mac in their C-182, and Terry and I flying our Cherokee 140. Terry flew back from MOD and upon arrival to LVK was switched to 3 different runways before finally being cleared to land. There's never a dull moment when you are flying with your husband and you are also a flight instructor and the pattern is in an uproar with numerous things happening all at once.

Another adventure was off to SAC with Robert & Julie in the Champ when they had a radio failure in the pattern but just kept on flying until on the ground and all turned out fine. Julius saved the day on return when he gave his handheld to Robert so they could get back home. Don flew along with Julius but Terry and I couldn't go that day so I hope I got the story right, not being there myself.

Check the website lvaa.org for some great pictures Bruce took at some of these fly outs.



Happy Flying!
Candace



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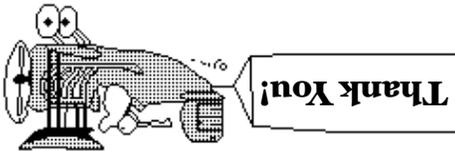
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Livermore Airport Hot Dog Thursdays are ON!

Getta' Hot Dog/Polish Dog/Hot Link, a bag of chips and a soda for \$6. Then enjoy the company!
KLVK Terminal Building Thursdays from 11:30-ish to 1:30-ish.

The money collected helps support the great [Livermore Airport Open House](#).



RETURN FROM OSH – 2010 (Continuation)

By Candace & Terry Murray

Unbeknownst to us, Mason City, Iowa is famous for the Starlight Ballroom where Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and The Big Bopper played their last performance. It was very sad to recall that terrible day, "The Day The Music Died." This town has many reminders of the tragedy. The ballroom though is a beautiful tribute to them and others who have performed there from that wonderful era and many musical stars that perform to this day. The ballroom is located on Clear Lake, a gorgeous lake that has seen many transitions but still has a paddle wheeler boat tour on the lake which we enjoyed. We ended up spending two nights in this unique town as one day was totally fogged in and we decided to explore the town, boat ride and antique shop. It's a great little town for walking anywhere you want to go.

Next day we are up and ready to go but weather isn't cooperating, after hanging out for an hour or so it looks good to Scotts Bluff, NE or other destinations West. Shortly after departure we could see weather forecasts were erroneous and there were clouds all around and we would soon become enveloped in them. At this point I called upon my trusty navigator, Terry, and we decided to make a 180 degree turn but soon located a little airport/crop duster base in Minnesota that was a perfect place to set down and wait for better weather. Little did we know how unique this special airport was. *Blue Earth* welcomed us in their home/terminal building, with coffee, cake, hangar flying and camaraderie. They are a great bunch of crop dusting, down home and friendly pilots who welcomed us with open arms. They do escape the winter weather to sunnier places so don't fly there in the winter and expect them to be there.

We finally tore ourselves away from this wonderful group of unique aviators and fueled up and continued on to Scotts Bluff or wherever the wind takes us.

Till the next flight,
Candace & Terry



Hospitality Report

by JoAnn Bertolucci

Our January 'Take off Dinner' at the Cattlemen's was a great success with 44 guests attending. Food was great and the servers very efficient. Everyone seemed to be having a grand time seeing old friends and catching up on the past year. Russ Greenlaw won the 50/50 raffle.

Mark your calendars--- next event will be on Saturday, March 17th, for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Treasurer's Update

by Rob Hartley

Checking \$1809.61

Savings \$ 25.74

Rob essentially says we can pay our current bills. Thanks Rob!





LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

Livermore Valley Airmens Association (LVAA) Membership Form

Please mail the membership form to
LVAA Membership, P.O. Box 3306, Livermore, CA 94551

Name: _____

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eMail Address: _____

Dues (\$20) Included

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Renewal

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Do you have an experience to share?

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

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