

LVAA News

Letter From 'The Prez'

By Steve Radcliffe

The past few months have been a lot of fun for the members of L.V.A.A. I would like to thank Rob Hanberg, I had never seen a pig box! If you were there you would have seen the box that a whole pig was cooked in, it was delicious!!! Also thanks to the Bertolucci's for the use of the hanger along with those that helped serve the pulled pork. I can say that I had a great time; again thanks to those that helped and those that attended that made for a very successful evening.



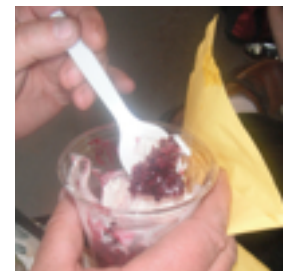
Last month our intrepid group took to the skies for a fly in B-B-Q at Swansboro. Our pilots displayed great aeronautical skills in finding the airport, 7 miles north of Placerville in the wilds of the Sierra Nevada. For those of you that missed this outing, it may happen again next year? The number of planes that came in blotted out the sun!! What a sight!!! We even had some dare devils drive in across the one lane bridge, what courage that took!! The food, hamburger and hot dogs along with the potluck items that were brought terrific. I believe that Bruce Anderson pulled off a first by flying in the ice cream what a treat. Bruce and Kim must have been in touch with each other for his Fresh Strawberry Ice Cream went well with her Fresh Swansboro Airport Berry Cobbler. Once again many thanks to Dan for offering up the invitation to fly into Swansboro it were a delightful outing.

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As a reminder to all September 21, that's a Friday, we are having Italian Night at the Terminal. As always you can go to the web-site LVAA.org for details. Thanks to Bruce Anderson for the website management. I have not looked but there might be some pictures of the Swansboro fly-in, my camera died so I am hoping. Hope to see you all at the next get together.

Steve "The Prez" Radcliffe





LVAA Italian Dinner

When: Friday, September 21st, 2012
(Please note date change from Saturday the 22nd.)

Where: Livermore Airport Terminal Building
636 Terminal Circle, Livermore, CA

Time: 6:00pm Social
6:30pm Dinner

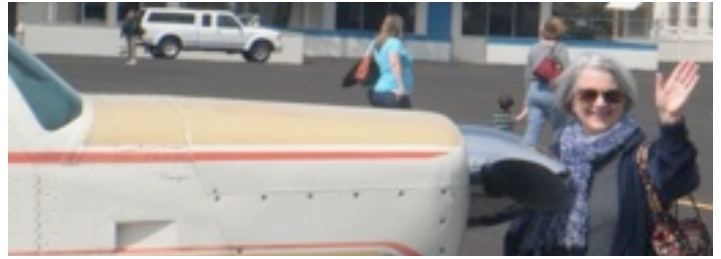
Menu: Lasagna, Meat Balls, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Desert & Coffee.

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, September 19th.**

We will also 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.

Sep 21st/Friday — LVAA Italian Dinner

See above

Oct 6th/Saturday — [KLVK Open House](#)

KLVK Airport

Nov 17th/Saturday — LVAA Holiday Dinner

See upcoming newsletter

See LVAA.ORG or upcoming newsletters for more information.



Safety Report by Ralph Huy **Subject: "Check It Out"**

In the last week I have heard about a gear-up landing and watched the landing of a Long-EZ with its nose gear retracted. In the first incident a pilot, who did not check NOTAMs, discovered on final to the Nut Tree airport that the runway was closed. He retracted the landing gear, flew a short pattern, and proceeded to land on the taxiway with the gear up. In the second case, while enjoying a cup of coffee in front of the terminal with the usual airport bums, someone said "oh-oh;" we all watched a Long-EZ slide to a stop on the runway. The pilot got the nose gear extended and proceeded to taxi over to Beeb's. Both of these events would have been prevented if the pilot had used his check list. Just a GUMPS check (Gas, Undercarriage, Mixture, Prop, Seat-belts & Switches) would have been enough. Early airplanes had little or nothing for check lists but as they got more complicated the need for items to be checked became apparent. The modern airliner has Preflight, Pre-Start, Start, Taxi, Take-Off, Climb, Top Of Climb, Cruise, Descent, Landing, and Shut Down Check Lists. The check list can be a simple one page list or in the case of a new complex aircraft a manual including several hundreds pages. In either case the important thing is to "USE THE CHECK LIST."

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

Monthly Fly Outs — May through August 2012 **Candace Murray**

During May through August we flew to Modesto for breakfast with our faithful pilots and friends. One special event was when Stu and Marilyn joined us with the Mitchell B-25 at Modesto along with a DC-4. Now that was impressive when they made a low pass together and then came in for a landing. It was great to have them there! Unfortunately the DC-4 couldn't stay for our viewing pleasure as temperatures were so hot the tarmac might not support the aircraft so off it flew.

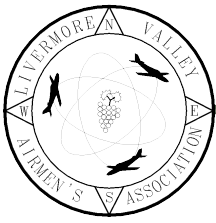
This year Columbia was expected to be a scorcher so the only brave souls were Terry, myself, Rob Hartley and Alex who showed up about sunset. Pam had made spaghetti and meatballs to share. It turned out to be a great Father's Day Fly Out with them and was not as hot as predicted.

Then it was Steve "The Prez," Donna, Terry and I in their C-182 for a flight up to Swansboro where Dan & the LVAA put on a wonderful BBQ at Dan's place, see more details in another article. Thanks Dan and friends for a wonderful time.

Happy Flying, Candace Murray

Livermore Airport *Brown Bag* Thursdays Are Back!

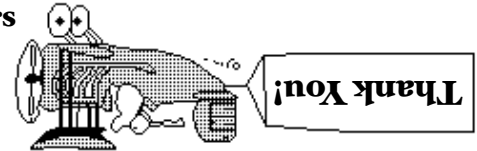
The *GREAT* crews that make our Hot Dogs & Pork Sandwiches are back and we still enjoy gathering at the Airport Terminal for Thursday lunch. Give it a try!



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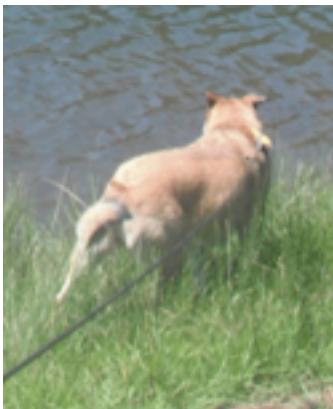
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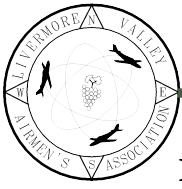
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Another Swansboro Story — Bruce Anderson

I got to join up with Don Davis, proud Flying Octogenarian, in his 1954 Cessna 170, joining up with a car, a truck, two Cessna 182's, a Piper Apache, a North American Navion, at least three puppies, and several aviators at Dan VanDusen's hideaway at Swansboro (oiCL) last month. It was too late in the season for the geese to join in though. Still it was a beautiful day for an adventure into the Sierra foothills. Foothills? The runway slopes up to the east as does the terrain which can lead to a bit of head scratching. Don asked, "How much did we clear that tree by Bruce?" "Enough," I replied. Ahhh..., memories of flying around Humboldt University years ago. What a day! Thanks everyone!





Return from Oshkosh Adventure - 2010, RKS to LVK (Continuation) **By Candace Murray**

We had a beautiful early morning sunrise to enjoy and departed for RKS, Rock Springs, WY. It was such beautiful scenery along the way. We planned on refueling us and the plane then flying on to EKO, Elko, NV. We had lunch with two interesting pilots from Auburn who were flying their vintage, historical N2S-3 Stearman that President George H. W. Bush had trained in. They were in quite a hurry to get back home after never getting to OSH due to the pilot becoming ill, then having to get another pilot to fly out and retrieve the aircraft and fly it back to Auburn. As they flew off into the reported thunderstorms ahead we decided we would not do that and just stay one more night in good old Rock Springs again.

Next morning it's off to Elko bright and early then refuel and get out of there before the density altitude is off the charts. Arriving there the pattern has a high hill right on the downwind leg that is rather disconcerting—then on takeoff on RW23 the terrain rises continually as we make a constant climb, slow but sure up to 10,500 and higher at times, and continue on to LOL, Lovelock again for some relaxation, celebration and refueling. We are going to be home soon. Yipee!! These 4:30 wake-ups are getting old. I wanted to sleep in till 7:00 but no such chance if we were to arrive home before noon.

We are early rising again and after a hearty breakfast we are on our way. What a magnificent sunrise! It is definitely getting exciting as our adventure is nearing completion. The thrill of our takeoff, climb out, leveling off and viewing Reno, Lake Tahoe and then all the familiar airports along the way. Most of all gorgeous Mt. Diablo on the horizon as we make our gradual descent to Livermore, to a celebration from our members, Mark Duguid at the fuel pumps and Robert Flagg at our hangar with champagne.

What an adventure — #1 on our Bucket List!

Oshkosh and back!
Almost 4,000 miles!
40+ flying hours and 16 days!

We are glad to be home at last.

Candace and Terry Murray
Captain and Co Pilot.





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