

LVAA News

Letter From 'The Prez'

By Steve Radcliffe

It is hard to believe that the year is coming to an end! This has been a great year for L.V.A.A. we have had some great functions this year ranging from pig roasts to a great fly-in to Swansborro. Our board has done an OUTSTANDING job! Thank you so much for your involvement in keeping the organization going and making for a fun group. I am looking forward to the upcoming year. Hopefully we can keep having fun and some flying activities. If you have any suggestions that might be of interest to the group please let us know.

I would like to bring to everyone attention that Jack London now goes through to Fallon Road. With the opening of the Paragon Outlet Stores on November 8, 2012 there will be more traffic so watch out coming out of the gates on the south side hangers. I drove on the extension and followed some cars that were going pretty fast, 50 mph plus, so be careful!

Remember November 17th as the date for our Holiday get-together. JoAnn will have information in regards to what you may bring (see Page 2). I hope to see you all there!

Steve "The Prez" Radcliffe



Here's a [LINK](#) to Bruce's video of Endeavour passing through the Bay Area shot from San Francisco.





LVAH HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER

- When:** Saturday, November 17th, 2012
- Where:** Livermore Airport Terminal Building
636 Terminal Circle, Livermore, CA
- Time:** 5:30pm Social
6:00pm Dinner
- Cost:** No Charge



R. S. V. P. Jo Ann Bertolucci by phone (925) 373-1687 or bertolucci1@att.net by Thursday, November 15th, so that we can have sufficient seating for everyone.

Menu: LVAA will be providing the Ham & Turkey.

Please bring your favorite side dish to share and your own preferred beverage.

Bruce (a.k.a., "The Ice Cream Man") will be making his famous ice cream for us.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 17TH!



"Yes Virginia, Of Course Snoopy Flies!"

I headed into a hardware store recently and spied Snoopy & Woodstock flying overhead. I headed right over to the rack and picked up one of two they had. As Marilyn Eberhardt ended up telling me, "It had your name written all over it!" Am I pegged or what?

Happy Holidays, Bruce

p.s., I had over 200 trick-or-treaters this year.

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.

NOV 17th/Saturday — LVAA Holiday Dinner

See above

Unknown Date

Mooney Bob said "Let's visit the [USS Hornet!](#)"

I'll eMail an upcoming Saturday and if you can make it, we'll do it — if not, it'll be next time.

See LVAA.ORG or upcoming newsletters for more information.



Safety Report by Ralph Huy

Subject: "To go or not to go, that is the question?"

This is the time of the year that the weather changes from day-to-day and hour-to-hour. When we are planning a trip we look at the forecast and decide if we can fly or if we need to drive. If we decide to fly, we have a lot of items to think about. If the forecast is for clear-and-calm we are good to go but if the weather is changing or marginal we have a lot more to think about. Is the forecast for improvement or deterioration? Are we heading into the weather or away from it? Will there be a fog bank if we are heading to the coast? If near the coast we can take a look but if fog is drifting over the top of the coastal hills be sure to leave room for a 180 turn. We also have to consider what type of aircraft we are flying. Flying with 3 miles visibility and a 1,000 foot ceiling is probably safe in a Champ or Cub but foolish in a P-51. We also need to consider what options we have en-route. Are we flying over flat lands with frequent airports or are we over mountains with few places to land? All of this needs to be considered before each flight.

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

Alex Hartley Solos!

By Pam Hartley

At Livermore Airport, on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at around 1:15 pm, Alex Hartley, the youngest member of LVAA, flew his solo in Cessna N152GB. After completing his 3 full stop landings, his check ride instructor, Justin from Ahart, got off the plane and Alex continued on to the run-up area by himself. His parents, Rob and Pam, waited anxiously while parked at the north hangars, with cameras rolling. They were soon joined by Candace Murray and Steve Radcliffe, who happened to be passing by and all watched Alex do three full stop landings on 25R.

Congratulations Alex!



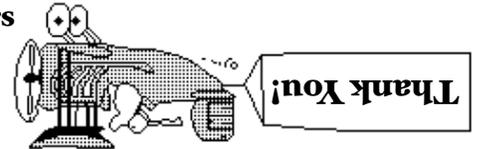
Livermore Airport Brown Bag Thursdays Are Back!

Those fantastic folks who contribute to our smiles for Hot Dog, BBQ Pork, and Chowda' Thursdays are taking a well deserved break. Several of us still meet up at the Airport Terminal with a "Brown Bag" meal and talk flying in the meanwhile. Think about joining us!



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Treasurer's Report
Rob Hartley

Rob reports we have \$2,837.95 in our checking account.

Thanks Rob!





What Flying Adventures We've Had! By Candace Murray

So, where did we fly to? Some members flew to Modesto for the famous CAF breakfast, while I flew to Santa Maria for a [Ninety-Nines](#) Section meeting where a [Memorial Garden for Women Pilots](#) was dedicated. What a beautiful garden it is and a great place to fly out to. There is also a wonderful aviation museum on the field, a hotel right there to stay overnight and wine country to enjoy making for a fun little outing.



Next we took to the skies for Auburn for lunch with a good crowd. Robert Flagg introduced Claire Duguid to flying in an Apache while Don and Mark flew in Don's Cessna 170, Julius and Angelo came in Mooney's and Terry and I in our plane. We met up with friends and family of Mark and Claire. Then Terry and I flew to Modesto for the Annual CAF Dinner and Big Band Dance with delicious tri-tip where the hangar was transformed into a WWII USO Club in Hawaii, another fun event to put on our calendars for next year.

Pilots flew to Modesto for breakfast in October while I was in Palm Springs to see the most amazing sight, The Parade of Planes. There were vintage planes and modern day Eclipse jets, turboprops and all types of aircraft taxiing down the street from the Palm Springs airport to surround the Convention Center. The whole AOPA Summit was a very rewarding and inspiring experience.

Thanks goes out to our members.

We had some great items donated for the gift baskets that we sold tickets for chances to win at the Airport Open House. Pam Hartley, with her artistic ability, and I put the baskets together and had fun selling the tickets. It really generated lots of excitement at our booth and over \$125 for the club. We got new members too, but the baskets were won by our own Charles Fiedler and Angelo Bertolucci. Thanks to all who donated and to those who took chances and bought tickets. We may do this again for the upcoming Holiday Pot Luck.

Keep Flying and Be Happy, Candace Murray





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