

# LVAA News

## Letter From 'The Prez'

By Steve Radcliffe

It's the start of a new year and I am looking forward to it! The Board has laid out the calendar for the upcoming year. Our web site will have dates and times for the activities. IF you have anything that would be of interest to our members please let Bruce Anderson know and he can put them on the web site. Our Holiday pot-luck was a very successful and a lot of fun as always. Our take off Dinner is coming up please let Jo Ann know if you plan to attend so that we will have a head count for Cattlemen's.

Our weather so far this year has been rainy and cold so be sure that you do your best flight planning. Be aware that the migratory birds are out in the airspace. A 737 out of Sacramento International hit a flock of Canadian Honkers and had to return for a landing. Please be careful out there!

If there is any activity that you would like to suggest that we do please let us know we can work on it. It is becoming harder to find places to go, along with a lot of the restaurants closing at the airports and the cost of fuel. I will be taking a trip this summer to several interesting places and hope to bring my adventure back to share with the group.

Hope to see you at the Take Off Dinner, it will be fun See Ya there!



Steve "The Prez" Radcliffe



A Grumman F3F *Goblin* has been restored to flight status at the Sonoma Valley Airport (a.k.a., Schellville).

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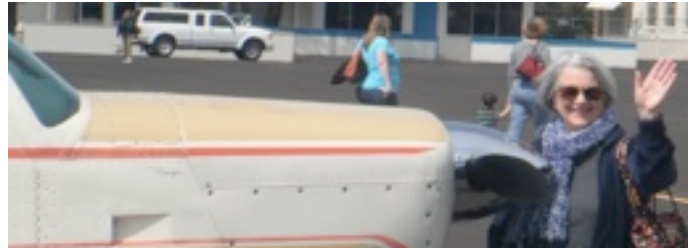


# LVAA Take Off Dinner

**When:** Friday, January 18th, 2013

**Where:** Cattlemen's Restaurant,  
2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore, CA

**Time:** 5:30pm No Host Cocktails & check in  
6:00pm Dinner



**Cost:** The all inclusive dinner with Wine is only \$25.00 per person. The organization is again supplementing the cost of the dinner as a Thank You for supporting the LVAA this past year.

**Menu:** Choice of: Broiled Top Sirloin Steak  
Grilled Atlantic Salmon  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Spinach Ravioli w/Pesto Sauce

All entrees are served with: All you can eat salad, Baked potato, Seasonal vegetables, Sourdough bread, Ranch style beans, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, to:  
Jo Ann Bertolucci by phone (925) 373-1687 or by e-Mail ( [bertolucci1@att.net](mailto:bertolucci1@att.net) ).**

It's time to dust off your Vintage aviator clothing and come to the "Take off Dinner" dressed in your Finest Vintage clothing. We will be having a door prize for the "**BEST DRESSED AVIATOR**" of the evening. See you there!

**WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING OUR FAMOUS 50/50 RAFFLE.**

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## It's That Time Of Year For Dues Renewal

Please bring a dues check for \$20 to the dinner or mail it in if you would like to renew your membership.

Many thanks!

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## 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](mailto:dc3ace@aol.com) for more information.

**JAN 18th/Friday — LVAA Take Off Dinner**

See above

**MARCH — St. Patrick's Dinner**

**MAY — Mexican Fiesta**

**JULY — BBQ**

**AUGUST — Swansboro Fly In**

**SEPTEMBER — Italian Night**

**NOVEMBER — Holiday Dinner**

See [LVAA.ORG](http://LVAA.ORG) or upcoming newsletters for more information.



**Safety Report by Ralph Huy**  
**Subject: Attitude — Attitude**

Attitude is important in flying. Some pilots have the attitude that they can handle anything that comes up and others have the attitude that, "If it was going to fail I wouldn't be here." The good pilot has the attitude that he or she will be prepared for any foreseeable occurrence such as engine failure on take-off. The prudent pilot will also have a plan for emergencies in flight, such as where is the better terrain in case of an emergency landing.

Attitude is important in another way in flying too. The attitude of the aircraft is important to know as this tells us what the aircraft is doing. If one wing is down we are turning or slipping. If the nose is up we are climbing or in slow flight and if it is down we are in a dive. If you are familiar with the aircraft you can set up a climb based on attitude and power settings; you can also determine level flight and set up descents using attitude and power settings.

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

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**The Great Watsonville Fly Out!**

In November a bunch of us pilots and friends flew to WVI to check out the newly opened restaurant, *Props*. There were Robert and Julie Flagg with Don Davis in the Apache. Then there was Rob, Pam and Alex Hartley, who was home from college for the holidays. Julius and Brian Motta came in the Mooney while the Murray's came in their Cherokee.

It was a beautiful day to fly and the food and conversation were great!

The month of December wasn't very good for flying so we didn't fly out for breakfast or lunch but went to Beeb's instead and did some hangar flying. Bob Brown joined us regulars.

Here's hoping for some good weather in January and in 2013.

Happy New Year and Happy Flying!

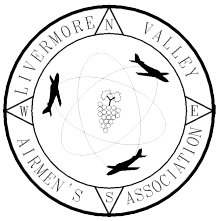
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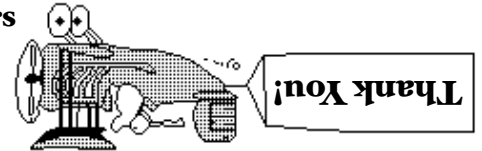
**Livermore Airport *Brown Bag* Thursdays Are Here!**

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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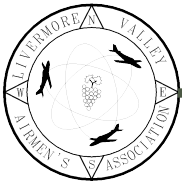
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**Treasurer's Report**  
**Rob Hartley**

Rob is preparing his account's pencil for an influx of memberships.

Thanks Rob!





## Sonoma Valley Airport (a.k.a., Schellville) & Sonoma Skypark By Bruce Anderson

After hearing from a guest aboard the carrier [USS HORNET](#) that the Schellville Airport ([oQ3](#)) had a flying Grumman F3F, I had to check it out. Think of the F3F as a carrier-based biplane that would later evolve into the F4F Wildcat. I went out on the web to do some homework. Indeed, I found a video of the plane and that the airport hosted a "Display Days" on the second Saturday of the month. While other LVAAer's headed over to Modesto for breakfast, I headed north towards Sonoma.

Chris Prevost owns the airport and keeps his F3F and dual-control P-40 there. I also met up with Frank with his 1918 Curtis Jenny along with another gentleman with his beautifully polished 1946 Globe Swift. I asked Chris about the "three jobs, two hands" situation — stick, throttle, and raise gear. Raising the gear requires 33 cranks with the right hand. Chris said he raises the gear as soon as practical: set throttle & its friction lock, then his left hand goes to stick and his right hand goes to gear crank. There was only one plane given the name of Gulfhawk and that aircraft is now hanging in the Smithsonian; the British named the F3F the Goblin. Frank in the meanwhile had just returned from March AFB, Riverside, with his Jenny. Nope... he didn't fly it there, the Jenny relaxed in the back of a 53' trailer for the trip.

Frank then told me about a Saturday \$4 Burger lunch at the Sonoma Skypark ([oQ9](#)) airport only a few miles away. This was the first time I had driven past an airport and needed to ask for directions. At first the locals directed me back to Schellville but I said there was supposed to be an airport on Eighth Street. They went to their "smart phone" and said, "Dang!" After many years of living within a mile of an airport, now they knew it was there! I guess that's what you call "good neighbor flying." Using their directions, I finally found the airport hidden away in a business park. They had a BD-5 as a windsock and a great group of aviators! I discovered one hanger that had a 1949 Piper PA-18 Clipper with six sets of landing gear! Tandem wheels for soft surfaces, bush wheels for rough surfaces, wood skis for frozen lakes, metal skis for powder snow, floats for lakes, and pants with brakes for conventional runways. Then I noticed a Fremont Airport skull & cross-bones t-shirt hanging on the wall. I mentioned the name Ralph Huy and the guy responded, "he was my flight instructor." Small world. He was Eric Presten, the author of "[Vintage Aircraft III](#)."

[Schellville Airport](#) — Home Of The Tail Draggers  
[Schellville Videos](#) (P-40 flies again, B-17 Visit, etc.)





## LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

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