

# LVAA News

## Letter From 'The Prez'

By Steve Radcliffe

Thought I would share with you about the trip I took to visit the National Air Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and Old Rhinebeck in New York. I gave up on that idea and came up with a presentation at one of the Movie Nights.

This may be off the wall but bathrooms on the north side of the airport have been remodeled and do they look nice but they work nice also!!!!!! I have not heard any more about the proposal for the FBO, I do know that only one was submitted to the Airport. I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and the hot weather I know I have been swimming a lot to stay cool.

A reminder that July 20th is our Patriotic BBQ. For Details check the Activates page of the News Letter. I am sorry that I will miss it this time but I look forward to the next function.

Steve "The Prez" Radcliffe



## A Warbird Flight

I've been volunteering with the Collings Foundation for years and found myself receiving an invite for their aircraft move from Buchanan Field ([KCCR](#)), Concord, to North Bend/Coos Bay, Oregon ([KOTH](#)). **The flight was FANTASTIC!** I was in the B-17 and we flew at 4,500' at 125 knots for the 3-1/2 hour flight. While shooting video of engines 3 & 4, I noticed too many propellers out there — the B-24 had joined us for some formation photos! The B-17's upper gun hatch above the radioman's position was open allowing the freshest air in the universe to cascade into the aircraft and fill our lungs. It was truly amazing! If only my alma mater, Humboldt State University, hadn't been shrouded in fog. Four of us shared a rental car for the eleven hour drive home.

Thanks Griz & Collings, Bruce



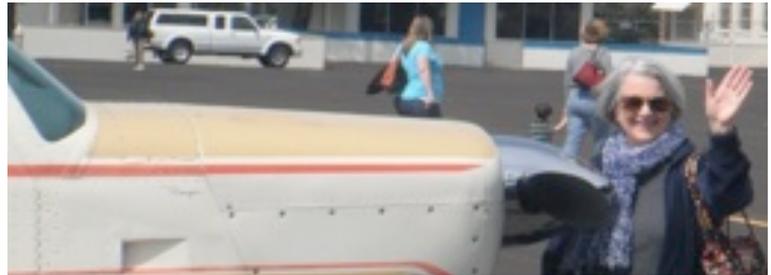
# LVAA Patriotic BBQ

**When:** Saturday, July 20th, 2013  
**Where:** J.R.'s Hanger, #134 (South Side)  
**Time:** 5:30pm Social  
 6:30pm Dinner

In appreciation of your continued support, the LVAA will be providing complimentary barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings.

Please bring your own preferred beverage.  
Water will be provided.

**Cost:** No Charge



**PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Jo Ann Bertolucci**  
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 by Wednesday, July 17th



### Small Space, Small Story

It sure was nice to see Bob Hoover's "Ole Yeller" and Bill Destefani's "Strega" at the Reno Pylon Clinic a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, other than watching a L-39 jet having to do a gear-up landing, there wasn't much else of interest for me. -Bruce

## 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.

**JULY 20th/Saturday — LVAA Patriotic BBQ**

See above

**AUGUST — Swansboro Fly In**

**SEPTEMBER — Italian Night**

**NOVEMBER — Holiday Dinner**

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Another Lap Around The Sun

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



## **Safety Report by Ralph Huy**

### **Subject: Not Me**

Pilots all think two things: (1), It won't happen to me and (2), I can handle it if the engine quits. Unfortunately engines do quit and pilots don't always do a good job with the resulting emergency. The main reason is lack of proficiency in emergency procedures. If a pilot always does a power-on approach on the VASI in all likelihood he will land short of his planned field. If you practice power-off approaches you will be much more likely to land where you intended. Do you know how to determine where the aircraft will land from a power-off glide? Do you have a cockpit procedure for checking carburetor heat, fuel pump, tank selection, etc? All of these things are hard to remember when the Big fan stops if the last time you did any of them was on your last check ride. If you practice power-off full-flap landings frequently when the engine quits the only real change may be that you don't have a runway to land on. (Of course if it is on downwind you may not know the engine quit until you are on the ground.)

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

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### **Flying Places!**

Our illustrious LVAA pilots and friends have been "flying their pants off" all over the place these past six months. Breakfasts in Hollister at the Ding-a-Ling Cafe, Petaluma at the Two-Niner Diner, and Modesto at the CAF hangar. Lunches in Santa Rosa at the Sky Lounge, and Salinas at The Landing Zone. Our latest fly out to Salinas we were treated royally by the airport staff to their tenant appreciation barbecue and that same day on return Bob Tucknott had his grand opening of his hangar and put on a delicious steak barbecue for our members and other friends. Now we are looking forward to seeing the Tiger Moth flying around with us to our fly outs.

The usual adventurers are Robert & Julie Flagg with Dundee in the Apache or Champ, Bob Tucknott with Mac in their C-182, Richie Harrison and Nancy and Grumman in their Grumman or C-182, Terry (new pilot) and Candace in their new Piper Warrior, Julius and JoAnn in their Mooney, Bob Brown in his Mooney and the Hartley's in whatever plane they can get their hands on. Bruce, our intrepid photographer, and Don and Mark. Once in awhile even Steve "The Prez" and Donna show up for the fun and food.

This year the Father's Day Fly-In at Columbia was scaled down to a one day Airport Appreciation Day due to the sequestration and the cost of manning a tower by the FAA. Although there were no air show the events activities still included the burger burn on Friday, Saturday morning pancake breakfast and the Saturday evening tri-tip dinner with entertainment. As usual, Terry and I had to be there for our annual two night campout and Robert Flagg and Dundee flew in a day earlier and Rob Hartley showed up for Friday evening. What a wild, rip roaring, laughing good time we had.

See you all at the upcoming BBQ July 20th at JR's hangar. We'll have flying stories to share about our Montana vacation.

Candace Murray

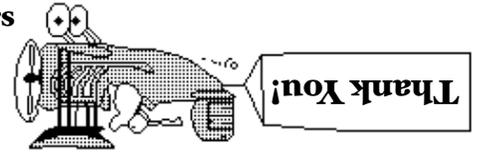




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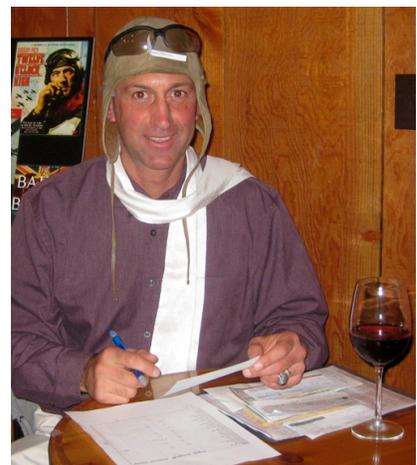
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**Treasurer's Report  
Rob Hartley**

Rob says we have money.

Thanks Rob!





### Some Socializing



### Two KLVK VIP Stories By Bruce Anderson

I've been known to enjoy a sandwich atop the observation platform at the Livermore Airport. This one hot summer day years ago there were four men in coat-and-tie, sunglasses, and ear pieces on the ramp. They knew I was there, I knew they were there — no problem. Most business jets arrive cruising serenely down the ILS. This time I spotted something more rare like a North American Sabreliner on right downwind to 25R; the plane did a graceful 180 and kissed it on the runway as if Bob Hoover was at the controls. It turned out that California Governor Gray Davis was in our Terminal Building awaiting pickup. Once the aircraft and governor departed, the dress coats came off and badges, shoulder holsters, and radios became visible.

On September 5th, 1995, POTUS came to Pleasanton via our humble airport. POTUS? The President Of The United States arrived via MARINE-ONE to give a Labor Day speech at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. It was interesting to see all the layers of security: Secret Service in coat-and-tie, Secret Service in tan fishing vests, I believe Secret Service in blue running shorts and tank-top, uniformed White House Police, California Highway Patrol, Alameda County Sheriff, Livermore & Pleasanton Police, etc. If memory serves me correctly, the President arrived in a UH-60 Blackhawk while staff and media arrived in pair of CH-53 Sea Stallions. It was impressive! I also remember hearing ATIS state, "The Livermore Airport is closed for reasons of national security." Wow...



## LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

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LVAA Membership, P.O. Box 3306, Livermore, CA 94551

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