

LVAA News

Letter From 'The Prez'

By Steve Radcliffe

Hello,

L.V.A.A. members have had a busy year and for the most part a fun time has been had by you. I would like to take time to thank the following people for their help at the Celebration of Life for Ralph Huey: JoAnn and Julius Bertolucci, Terry and Candace Murray, Rob and Pam Hartley, Carolina Labby, Bruce Anderson, and Lenny Summers. Thank You for your help. The memorial bench for Ralph at the airport is moving along. I

have gotten together with the Airport Manager and he will have a suitable location for the bench. I will be making arrangements for the plaque that will be mounted on the bench. As of now we have enough donations for the bench if you feel that you would like to make a donation in Ralph's name please make it to the American Heart Association. We will all miss Ralph.



We miss you Ralph,
Your friends at KLVK



Thanks to Ralph's donation, Candace's acquisition, Terry's elbow grease, and Rob's accounting the LVAA has a bit more money in our coffers. See Treasurer's Report on Page 4.



JoAnn Bertolucci is stepping down from her position as Hospitality Chairperson at the end of the year so, we are looking for a new hospitality chairperson to fill her place.

Please talk to Steve Radcliffe if you are interested in this position.

A big THANK YOU for all your efforts over the years JoAnn!!!!

(p.s., With the loss of Ralph, the Bertolucci's stepping back, and my burning out volunteering for the club, others will need to step up. Bruce)

LVA A Holiday Pot Luck

When: Saturday, November 16th, 2013

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

Time: 5:30pm Social
6:00pm Dinner

Menu: Pot Luck

Cost: \$0.00 per person



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PREFERRED BEVERAGE.

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

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Jo Ann Bertolucci

by phone (925) 373-1687 or by e-mail (bertolucci1@att.net)

by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.

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.

NOVEMBER 16 — Holiday Pot Luck

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JANUARY — Take Off Dinner at Cattlemen's

See LVAA.ORG or upcoming newsletters for more information.



Remembering and Celebrating Ralph Huy's Life

Candace dc3ace@aol.com

There was an amazing turnout at Ralph's Celebration, he would have been impressed! We had great old pictures of Ralph from high school and back when he owned his flight school at Fremont Airport. There was a photo album of all the first solo students along with those that got their licenses and other ratings. Some of those pilots were at the celebration sharing stories and pictures. Carolina made a collage of Ralph's various adventures and airplanes. Pam Hartley and I also had framed pictures and collages all about Ralph on display.

There were well over 100 people in attendance many of whom donated to the bench and plaque for Ralph which will be built and completed in the not too distant future. All this wouldn't have happened without the help and dedication of LVAA members Jo Ann and Julius who purchased, and prepared the food and set it up, Bruce who volunteered all over the place, Terry who was running here and there picking up champagne, cardboard boxes and putting Ralph's Cadillac on display. I was the official greeter and Steve was MC. Many shared fond memories, Ralphism's and stories about Ralph. Thank you to Aaron of hangar 145 for his generous donation of the use of his hangar. Thanks for all the help to Leander, Silvia, and all the airport staff who brought the tables and chairs and pitched in to assist.

The Missing Man Formation flown by Colin Aro and the Nor Cal Beech Boys was very moving, memorable, and a very special addition to the celebration. A champagne toast to Ralph and a farewell cake was shared by all as Ralph ascended into the wild blue yonder and went off into the sunset, never to be forgotten by his friends at the Livermore airport.

We will miss you Ralph.



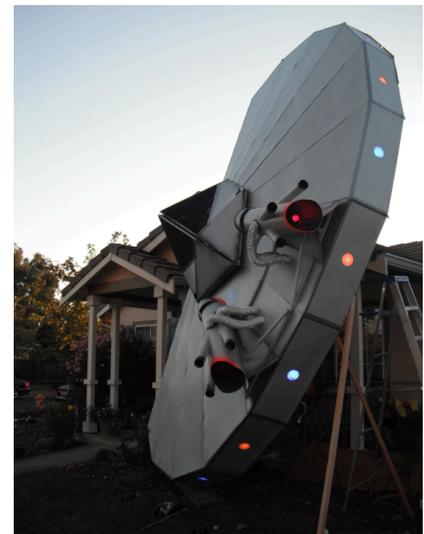
Only In America — Bruce Anderson

Where else could an airport kid find himself working aboard a former ["Air Force One"](#) and building a [Flying Saucer](#) during the same week? At least with the "Air Force One," probably only in America!

Last spring there was a national news story about the [GSA essentially listing a former "Air Force One" on eBay](#). The aircraft had first class seating for around sixty and asking a minimum bid of \$50,000. No one bit. Somehow the [Castle Air Museum](#) got brought up and the aircraft flew in on October 16th. Do you suppose I dug my trusty video camera out? Of course! Castle is currently saying, "stay tuned;" work needs to be done before the aircraft goes on display.

The Douglas VC-9C started flying missions during President Ford's administration and wrapped up during President George W. Bush's. President-elect Reagan, Presidents Clinton and George H. W. Bush along with Vice Presidents Mondale, Quayle, Gore, and Cheney as well as first ladies Carter, Reagan, Barbara Bush, Laura Bush and Clinton flew aboard the aircraft during its career. It flew with the USAF 89th Airlift Wing from February 1975 to September 2005. This aircraft filled a niche between the smaller Gulfstream and the normal B-707/B747.

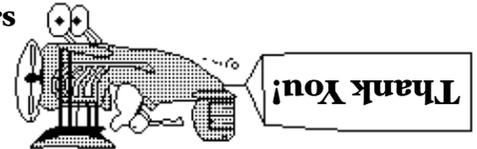
Then, with Halloween coming, I assisted some of the neighborhood dads' in building a UFO. Get this, it's even computer operated!





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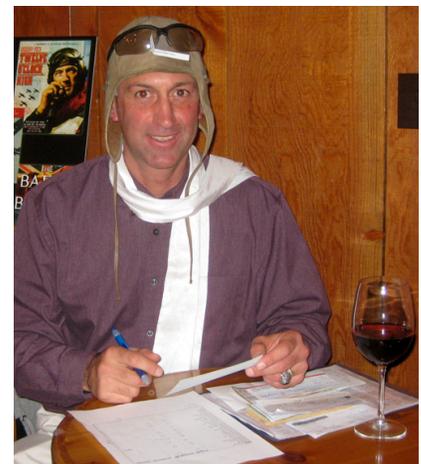
Treasurer's Report

\$2,038 has been collected from Ralph Huy's many friends and colleagues to construct a memorial bench for Ralph.

Ralph was kind enough to donate the proceeds of the sale of his green Cadillac (\$2,900) and blue Oldsmobile (\$700) to the LVAA for a total of \$3,600.

Previous Checking Balance	\$1,064.21
Ralph's Donation (Two Cars)	\$3,600
Donations for Ralph's Bench	+ \$2,038
Checking Account Balance (02NOV2013)	\$6,702.21

-Rob Hartley





Hi All you Flyers,

Well, the August, September, and October Modesto breakfast fly outs didn't happen due to weather and other happenings.

In July we got back just in time from our Montana flying adventure to attend JR's and Carolina's great barbecue at their hangar. Thanks very much for a fun evening with great food and hangar flying of LVAA pilots and friends. The July fly out to SAC Exec was unique as Pam and Rob Hartley flew in separate planes; Rob with Alex and Pam with Terry and myself. Pam was Terry's first passenger and he greased it on... Pam survived and said she was ready to go again anytime. The Flagg's also flew in the Champ and all enjoyed lunch at [The Aviator's restaurant](#). It was a beautiful day for flying.

In August we missed out on the Swansboro fly out but I heard it was great for those who found their way through the smoke. Sorry we missed it Dan. Then Terry and I flew to Columbia and stayed at the old City Hotel Bed and Breakfast. We enjoyed the Historic Fallon Theatre performance of "Don't Dress for Dinner" a laugh a minute. What a great place to stay if you don't feel like camping. Next we flew there to a Cessna 195/tailwheel fly in and camped out. Too bad the toilets got plugged up, what a mess, that's no fun when you are camping out. Guess those guys were full of it! There was a gorgeous full moon and we didn't forget our tents or sleeping bags this time.

November 1st an impromptu last minute decision was made to fly out to Santa Rosa for lunch. Robert and Don Davis flew in the Apache, Terry and Candace in their Warrior and Rob and Pam in an Arrow. It was an amazing day for flying. We were greeted by the EAA from Livermore and Bob Tucknott and Mac-a-Doodle, in their C-182, who had flown to CCR for breakfast and then with the Mt. Diablo Pilots flew to STS for lunch, "Too much Food"! There were many other planes from Livermore and we totally took over the patio at [The Sky Lounge Restaurant](#). The view from the patio is super and the flying was spectacular.

Maybe we'll see you at Modesto breakfast next Saturday and the Holiday Pot Luck later this month, Nov 16th.

Happy Flying! Candace

Imagine Flying A Beechcraft Staggerwing Around The World... In Search of the Perfect Blueberry Muffin

[Captain Biff Windsock](#)
and the Red Rockette



It's pretty rare to see a Beechcraft Duke these days. I peeked out from the Terminal Building following a recent "Brown Bag Thursday" and did a double-take seeing my first Duke in about twenty years. While chatting with the Patrick, a former USAF F-101 & F-4 reconnaissance pilot, he passed a story about a friend of his who was circling the world in a Beechcraft Staggerwing. Sure enough I Googled "Beechcraft Staggerwing Red Rocket" and read more about Captain Biff. The day I had looked him up, he had just flown from northern France, over Switzerland, to a grass strip near Ceresara, Italy, in search of his perfect blueberry muffin. Wow..., must be nice! "Reach for the Stars," Biff!

Rats, we need to slice the plastic mail seals now.



LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

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Former "Air Force One" arrives at Castle, see page 3.

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