

# LVAA News

## Letter From 'The Prez'

By Steve Radcliffe

It was great to see all those that attended the Take-Off dinner at Cattlemen's; I sure had a good time. I am looking forward to the upcoming year now that we have a complete board. The list of the board members is in the newsletter. Thanks to Chris Greenlaw for coming aboard as Hospitality person, Dennis Vied for safety articles, and JoAnn for taking on membership.

As I said at the Dinner please take a look at the sign that has been installed on Airway Blvd. near the entrance to the Terminal Building. We are working on the site and design for Ralph's bench and will share that with you all as the information becomes available.

Please RSVP to [Chris](#) for our upcoming St Patrick Dinner. Last year was a lot of fun; we have some new fun thing for that dinner. See in the newsletter for complete information.

We have not set all the dates for upcoming events but they will be in the newsletter. We still have a standing invitation to fly-in to Swansboro in August. Remember to contact [Candace](#) for information about monthly fly-outs. I am looking forward to the upcoming year of fun for LVAA.

[Steve](#)





# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

- When:** Saturday, March 15, 2014
- Where:** Livermore Airport Terminal Building  
636 Terminal Circle, Livermore, CA
- Time:** 5:30pm Social  
6:30pm Dinner
- Menu:** Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Irish Soda Bread,  
Dessert: Oreo Mint Ice Cream by Bruce
- Cost:** \$10.00 per person



**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PREFERRED BEVERAGE.**

**PLEASE R.S.V.P.** to Chris Greenlaw by phone (925) 455-6922  
or by email ([cpgonmars@aol.com](mailto:cpgonmars@aol.com)) by **Wednesday, March 12.**

**We will have our 50/50 raffle and a special raffle for those who wear green.**

## Yipeeeee..., Hot Dog Thursdays have returned!

As a fund raiser for the Livermore Airport Open House, Hot Dog Thursdays have returned! Much better than mere Brown Bag Thursdays, Hot Dog Thursdays present Hot Dogs, Hot Links, and Polish Sausage prepared by famous aviators and airport staff! A dog, chips, and soda can be had for the low price of \$6.

Then stick around and talk aviator stories! Last Thursday we heard of how dangerous it was to have armed 50 caliber machine guns on board your aircraft. If that didn't sound dangerous enough, hear about loosing an engine during take-off roll from a coral runway in a B-25 with fourteen 50 caliber machine guns, a 75mm cannon, and eight 500 pound bombs! What wonderful stories.

Sure enough, THURSDAYS, Livermore Airport Terminal, 11:30-ish to 1:00-ish!

### Calendar

#### Standing Meetings

**Second Saturday of the month are Modesto Breakfast & Aircraft Display Fly Outs, depart before 9:00am.**

**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.

**MARCH 15 — St. Pat's Dinner**

**MAY — Mexican Fiesta**

**JUN — Columbia Airport Father's Day Fly In**

**JUL 4 — Independence Day BBQ**

**AUG — Swansboro Fly-In Invitation**

**SEP — Italian Night**

**NOV — Holiday Dinner**

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



### Safety — On Being Prepared

By [Dennis Vied](#)

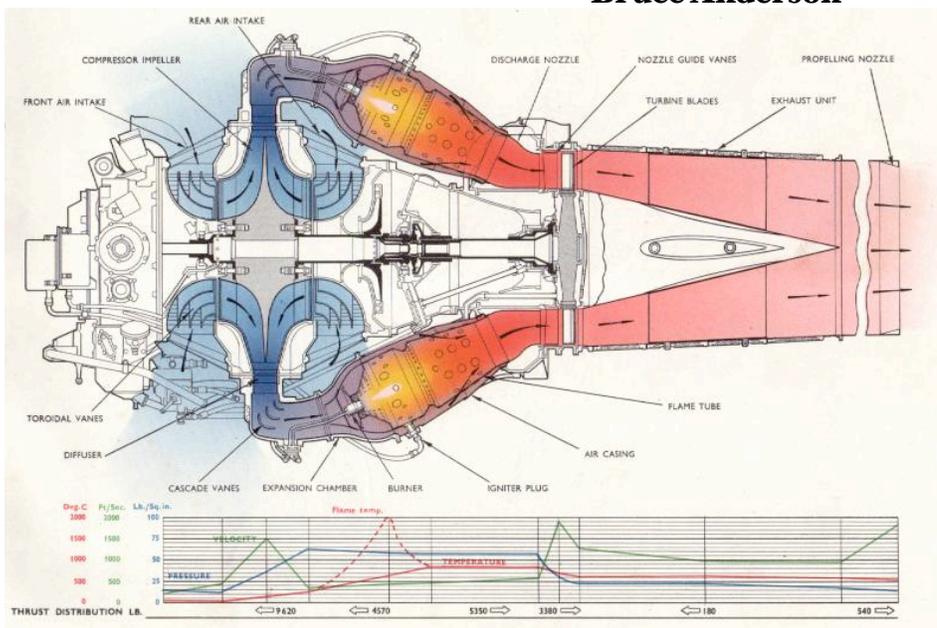


Most of us don't take check rides very often, and for some of us, it's been years. Every pilot, however, must bite the bullet at least every two years in order to continue to exercise his/her privileges to soar. When you go for a flight review, are you prepared? At the very least, you should go over, in your mind, what could occur during a flight review: a steep turn, a power-off landing approach, an obstacle takeoff. You should not rely on the preflight briefing for this preparation, since what is covered may not necessarily occur on the flight.

Flight reviews can be an occasion to learn something. A flight instructor giving a flight review is looking to spot any bad habits or potential safety issues in the pilot's operating procedures. The instructor may not necessarily offer instruction unless he/she sees a need for it, or unless a pilot asks, there are general issues which need to be brought out, or the instructor can offer a better or alternate way of doing a particular task.

I remember once agreeing to give a pilot an IPC (Instrument Proficiency Check). After a routine departure we proceeded to a practice area, and I asked to see a holding pattern, presented as a standard holding clearance. After proceeding down range for about ten miles or so, it was obvious that the pilot had not an inkling of how to proceed. He "hadn't thought about that in years." I was not able even to offer some instruction as the concepts were not even present in his mind. A little review and preparation would have saved the session from being a total loss.

### Castle Air Museum — A General Electric J-31 CENTRIFUGAL Flow Gas Turbine Bruce Anderson



Yes, this **is** your grandfather's jet engine! The vast majority of contemporary gas turbines are [axial flow](#). Under a dusty tarp within a storage hanger at Castle I found a [General Electric J-31 centrifugal flow](#) gas turbine. The engine has 25:28 hours on it and was last serviced in Alameda on October 10, 1946. 1946? Yep..., that's only about a year after World War II ended.

Hopefully someday we'll get to see it cleaned up and on display!



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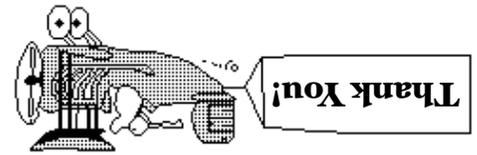
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### Treasurer's Report

No report received.





### News From Our Fly Out Captain, Candace Murray

Hi All you Flyers,

The flying bunch has been venturing out in the skies to MOD for the CAF breakfast and display in November and whenever weather permits. We also flew to Woodland, Watts for lunch at the Yolo Flier's Country Club. Julius and Bruce flew in the Bertolucci Mooney and Bruce got some good pictures that day that he added to the [LVAA.org](http://LVAA.org) website. Check them all out by clicking on HOME numerous times. Sure looks like we are having lots of fun.

Over the holidays Terry and I few to SAC and we found out the Aviator's Restaurant was closed for the week between Christmas and New Years, so we starved and flew home. That's what I get for not calling first.

January lunch fly out turned out to be a beautiful day to fly and we flew off to Santa Rosa. This time Jo Ann came with Julius and Robert and Don flew in the Apache and Terry and I in our Warrior. Just the other day we flew to Auburn to the Wings Grill and it was Robert & Don and Terry and I again. Where are the rest of you flying to — anywhere? Somewhere out there in the wild blue yonder, I know we have Steve "The Prez," Bob Brown, Bob Tucknott, Rob Hartley and other pilot members flying around. [Send me your fly out stories and I can include them in this article.](#)

Happy Flying,  
Candace Murray



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## LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

### Livermore Valley Airmens Association (LVAA) Membership Form

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Do you have an experience to share?

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