



## Livermore Valley Airmen's Association

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January 2015

### "The Prez" ...by Steve Radcliffe

Well another year has come and gone. The Take-Off Dinner at Cattlemen's was a great success thanks to Chris and Candace. It is always great to see our members at this annual event. I would again like to thank Bruce Anderson for the terrific job that he has done over the years with the newsletter, assisting on membership and movie night. Thanks Bruce! I would like to welcome Pam Hartley to the board as our News Letter Editor. If you have anything that might be of interest to our membership via the newsletter please feel free to let Pam know.

Looks like the new administration building will be occupied soon. Also breaking ground for the New FBO will also be happening soon. I have not heard any more about the lighting of 25 Left. We have some great events coming up, the first being our Saint Patrick's Dinner on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Terminal Building, more information in the newsletter.

Thanks to Carlos we have some great 50-year LVAA t-shirts. If you did not get one I will have some at the St Patrick's Dinner. Hope to see you at the dinner.

Steve "The Prez"

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 14<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Dinner
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Cinco De Mayo
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Membership Appreciation BBQ
- August Swansboro Fly Out - Date TBD
- September 26<sup>th</sup> Theme TBD
- November Holiday Potluck, date TBD

Upcoming Event in March:

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**



When: Tentative Date is Saturday, March 14, 2015

Where: Livermore Airport Terminal Building

(Location may change based on availability of Terminal)

Time: 5:30 pm Social

6:30 pm Dinner

Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red Potatoes,  
Carrots, Irish Soda Bread,

Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PREFERRED  
BEVERAGE



***Door Prizes,***

***50/50***

***Raffle***

***&***

***Wear GREEN to be  
entered in the Special  
St Patrick's Raffle***



Please RSVP to Chris Greenlaw by phone (925)  
455-6922 or by email [cpgonmars@aol.com](mailto:cpgonmars@aol.com)

Annual Take-Off Dinner January 2015







### NOTES:

Membership Dues Reminder...for those who did not make it to the Annual Take-Off Dinner, you can mail in your membership dues to LVAA, P.O. Box 3306, Livermore, CA 94550.

Did you get your free LVAA 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary t-shirt? If not, see Steve at St Patrick's Dinner.



***SAFETY.....by Dennis Vied***

***Fuel is Brains***

The subject of flight preparation has resulted in numerous regulations, how-to's, and pilot manuals ad infinitum: how to simplify it? First, why do we prepare? We prepare so that we don't run out of fuel, ideas, and altitude at the same time. We prepare because we know that we are human, and that, if there is a possibility we're gonna screw up, then we're gonna screw up. Plan for it.

The experienced pilot has developed a whole litany of "outs" and "crutches" to save him/herself from her/himself. Example: my personal fuel minimum is 1 hour of fuel; regardless of any other consideration, I want an hour of fuel in my tanks when I land, minimum. That means I have to plan for it. That means, when I get down to one hour of fuel in my tanks, I should be turning short final. That means...whatever it takes. Have you checked if fuel is for sale at your planned fuel stops? (These days, not just for sale, but the price as well). What if you get there and the only pump is out of commission? What if you get there and an aircraft is disabled in the middle of the only runway available? It follows that the less you know about a particular airport, or area, or route, the more "out" you need to plan for. A generous fuel reserve usually covers a lot of unknowns. So, what if you're at max payload, and restricted on fuel? If you're not familiar with the country you're flying over, you will be afterward, because you will be stopping more often. Plan for it.

Fortunately, fuel exhaustion is a fairly rare occurrence these days, but it does happen. As Ralph used to say, the pilot with superior skill and cunning will always perform so that he/she will avoid having to use his/her superior skill and cunning to get out of a messy situation...or words to that effect. "There is nothing more useless than altitude above you, and runway behind you, and the only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire." There's a lot of wisdom in that old adage. Plan for it.

***Treasurer's Report***

***Ralph's Funds----\$3,158.00***

***LVAA Funds----\$5369.89***



Monthly Fly Out...by Candace Murray

The last few months haven't been very conducive to flying on our scheduled fly outs. The fog has been as thick as pea soup, or as Terry says, "sea poop", either here or at our destination. This has been the norm. The usual group flew to MOD in November for breakfast and Terry and I flew to Santa Rosa for lunch, which was a beautiful flight but not on our fly out day so no one joined us. Here's hoping for some good flying weather in the upcoming months. We've got to spread our wings and get in the air. We did have a fantastic "Take Off Dinner" to start 2015 off with a roar.

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Dues (\$20) Included

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Do you have an experience to share?

If so, email Pam Hartley at [phartley55@comcast.net](mailto:phartley55@comcast.net)

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