



Livermore Valley Airmen's Association



50th Anniversary Year

September 2015

"The Prez" ...by Steve Radcliffe

Hi Everyone,

I am just getting ready for my annual trip to Reno for the Air Races. This will be my 35th year attending the races.

The new FBO building is coming along. I talked with the owner and he hopes to have it completed by December. He wants to be ready for Super Bowl so that he can handle the overflow from the other Bay Area airports that will not be able to accommodate all the aircraft.

Also don't forget about the Airport Open House on October 3rd. This will be quite an event. I haven't got all the information about what will be happening. This is a great time to show support for the airport and its value to our community.

Finally, don't miss our spaghetti dinner on September 26th at the terminal building. Please let Chris Greenlaw know if you are attending so we don't run out of Garlic Bread!!!! Hope to see you there.

Steve Radcliffe

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 26 All You Can Eat Spaghetti Feed/Membership Drive
- November 21 Holiday Potluck

Hospitality Corner

by Chris Greenlaw

**ALL - YOU - CAN - EAT
SPAGHETTI FEED**



When: Saturday, September 26th

Where: Livermore Airport "old" Terminal Bldg

Time: 5:30 pm, Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner

Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert

Cost: FREE!! LVAA Appreciates its Members on its 50th Year Anniversary

Please RSVP by September 23rd!

⇒ RSVP to Chris Greenlaw (925)455-6922 or by email cpgonmars@aol.com

Please bring your own preferred beverage. There is no beverage machine in this terminal.

**50/50 RAFFLE
DOOR PRIZES**



SAFETY.....by Dennis Vied

Checklists

Recently, I had occasion to view a checklist which had been prepared by a fairly new instructor for the flying club. There was an item which gave me some heartburn, something which doesn't happen all that much at my age these days. The young man had graciously offered to review and re-produce the checklists in the club airplanes, a thankless task which is most welcome in a volunteer organization such as the club. Some of the items on the checklist I usually decide if I like them or not, or whether I want to do them or not.

Checklists, yes, even checklists, are advisory in nature. The pilot-in-command is, by law, the sole person responsible for the safety of the flight of ANY aircraft flying under FAA rules. In fact, the law provides that if a pilot-in-command thinks a course of action is safer than one mandated by law, he/she is expected to take that course of action. The item which engendered the heartburn was: Before Takeoff Checklist: Switch Tanks.

Y'know, I thought we'd hashed that out years before. I thought there had been enough people killed that such matters had been long ago settled. For those that do not understand the problem, in the case of water in the fuel, IF there is water in the fuel, there is likely enough gas ahead of it to get you off the runway and 300 feet in the air before it hits the engine and causes engine failure, an event that can ruin your entire day, which is reason enough to start, runup, and takeoff on the same fuel tank, (normally the fullest tank). Even more disturbing, are flight schools now teaching students, and particularly flight instructors, that switching tanks just prior to takeoff is a good idea? I hope not.

Next time you look at a checklist, ask yourself if the items make sense.

Fly safe.

Treasurer's Report

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

LVAA Funds---\$5,343.74



LVAA...50th Anniversary

Interesting historical tidbits from the LVAA Newsletter and Meeting Minutes

LVAA's oldest newsletter on record is dated January 15, 1975... The cost of membership dues was \$2.50.

In February 1976, The Compass Rose was painted by a few dedicated LVAA members...

In April 1976 LVAA developed and sponsored an Aviation Explorer Post for the youth of the valley (Age 15-21), 39 prospective youths attended the orientation meeting. LVAA is 72 members strong and growing.

Newsletter dated June 1976, an article of about a Livermore resident who wrote a letter to the Editor of Independent News, the writer questioned the plan for a future of Livermore Airport and whether Livermore really needs an airport, " ...most Livermore Airport traffic is recreational.....the noise from this air traffic disturbs the quiet of thousands of Livermore residents." (Nothing has changed!)

Newsletter dated Oct 1976, fuel at LVK cost .77 cents and .83 cents...

The First Annual LVAA Holiday event was held in December 15, 1976. It was a bbq Christmas meeting and members were required to bring their hamburgers, hot dogs, utensils, and side dishes to share. The exchange gifts were grab bags worth \$1 or less. LVAA reports membership is now 100+ and growing.

Newsletter dated July 20, 1977, noted that the cost of T-hangars in Dec 1965 was \$44. In July 1977, hangars cost increased from \$65 to \$70. LVK fuel is now up to .81 cents and \$0.86 cents.

In 1979, The Wall Planning Chart at the Terminal was underway and on display. The First Annual Installation Dinner was planned for January 1980. LVAA dues was \$4.00

In August 1980, LVAA planned to install benches at the Terminal building. LVAA Membership grew to 160 by December 1980.

Note: This is a re-print from LVAA Newsletter dated March 1981, from Conner's Corner by Joseph B. Conner, LVAA member, 1981

TRUE LOVE

"I met her sister several years ago. She had appeal, attraction, but it was not our destiny.

I met "her" for the first time last December and it was love at first sight. She was beautiful and I had to have her. She was elegant, and she was prim and provocative at the same time. We got a little closer to each other that day; we began to form a bond that will last a long, long time. She responded to my wishes without complaining, but she also showed me her spirit and willingness to please. She did let me know that I should pay attention to her, a little reminder now and then not to stray too far.

She and I have grown a lot closer these past two months, I have grown to love her and respect her. We have an understanding between us, be nice to me and I'll take care of you. A truly balanced relationship.

I see her as often as I can, I enjoy being near her, feeling her presence, staring openly at her beautiful form. I don't hide my feelings for her. I tell everyone about my new love and how good she treats me. It's great to be in love again.

Yesterday after work, I went to the airport with my portable radio and spent the rest of the evening with her, till it was dark. We touched and I felt a tingle that only true love can produce. I walked around her and studied her from every angle. To me, she's perfect. We'll be spending many happy times together, she and I. A person should have someone they can always count on and now I've found her. "Fedelia" (always faithful), suits my type of flying better than any plane I can think of (you knew it was a plane all along, right?) I'm more than happy to share a ride with "Fedelia" whenever I can.

The sun has set. It's quiet now at the airport, a peaceful time to enjoy the solitude together. I give the spinner one last pat with a polishing cloth then close the hangar doors and head for home, but I'll be back many, many times!"

By Joseph B. Conner



MONTHLY FLY OUT....by Candace Murray

Here We Go Flying!

July started off with a bang at the 4th of July BBQ at JR's and Carolina's hangar, with the guys cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs and plenty of good food brought by members and lots of hangar flying. Thanks JR and Carolina for hosting us again this year. It was a blast!

Terry and I flew to Napa, but Robert and Julie Flagg, Don Davis and Rob Hartley are still looking forward to flying there to have the Jonesie's famous potatoes. It's the best bargain on the menu. The hamburgers are pricey but delicious. Don't forget to show your pilot license or let them you know you are a pilot and get your 10% discount.

Of course, we have attended numerous Modesto breakfasts and lunches with Robert & Julie Flagg and Don Davis and lots of other Livermore pilots. A couple of fly outs ended up at Beeb's due to mechanical problems.

The Modesto Breakfast Fly Out happened on Sept 12th, early departures for the most hungry pilots. Robert Flagg in his Apache, Kevin Ryan in his C-182, then us in our Warrior. We had learned earlier that morning that Stu and Marilyn and crew would be flying in from Castle with the beautiful B-25 "Old Glory". As our good fortune would have it we were on final approach on the parallel, right alongside the B-25 as they did their low pass before landing. Camera ready, I was so excited, did I get the picture? Not this time. Maybe next time. Got some good ones of them taxiing in though. Everyone enjoyed their delicious pancake breakfast. We noticed many other pilots from Livermore there too.

On the return flight we had a total group departing one right after another. C-172, Aries, Apache, C-172, Warrior, B-25, Starduster, all going to LVK except for the B-25 flying back to Castle. Flight back was smooth as glass but visibility was somewhat impaired with smoke from fires, all were arriving within minutes of each other. We met a potential new member and his son at the fuel island, they fly a C-172, and were also at the breakfast. I was definitely talking up the LVAA and our fun fly outs. Hopefully, they will become our newest members. Mission accomplished - all returned safely to base for debriefing.

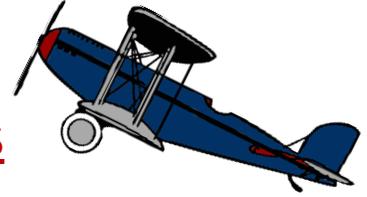
Reno Air Races are happening soon and we are planning on going this year, second time for me, first time for Terry. We hope to see other members there. Sept 26, is our delicious Spaghetti Feed and membership drive. Then on October 3rd, Airport Open House and 50th Anniversary of Livermore Airport, where I will have our aircraft on display with the LVAA table and the 99's information and sign up station. We are looking for new members in both organizations.

Hope to see all of you at these upcoming fun events.

Happy Flying!

Candace Murray

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New Renewal

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