



## Livermore Valley Airmen's Association



March 2016

*From "The Captain's Seat" ...By Candace Murray*

Hello Everyone,

Here I am again your fearless leader and it's a hard act to follow after Steve Radcliffe being "The Prez" for so many years. I am looking forward to continuing the fun flying, good food, and parties.

In order to accomplish this, we are asking members to step up and help with the dinners. Chris Greenlaw has done a fantastic job with hospitality for the past few years but no one, so far, has stepped up to take on this position. So until we have a hospitality person, we all have to share in the duties. I want to thank Jo Ann Bertolucci for the beautiful flower centerpieces she made for the "Take Off" Dinner 2016 at Cattlemen's. I also had help from Chris, and Pam & Rob to make the event successful. It was a wonderful evening and I appreciate Steve being the master of ceremonies throughout. After it was all over I was handed the gavel. We had many new members attend. Since September 2015, we have added 9 new family memberships and I am very excited about that.

Our next event is the St. Patrick's dinner on March 19th, and Chris will be chairing the event because she really knows how to make that party fun and the food delicious. This year our amazing cooks are Steve & Donna, Pam, Chris, Jo Ann, Marilyn, myself, and Bruce with his famous homemade Oreo mint ice cream. Getting the door prizes and setting up is also a big job and we all pitch in. Terry (my husband, for those new to our club) is my big helper. Thank you to Rob Hartley for taking care of the club's treasury and thank you to everyone who are always there to lend a hand. I am looking forward to a fantastic St. Pat's dinner, more details in this newsletter.

Now, mark your calendars for the upcoming Mexican Fiesta on May 7th. Please contact me if you can help out in any way with chairing the event or cooking and setting up.

Remember our motto "We Fly for Fun and Food!"

***Candace "The Captain" Murray***

**Hospitality Corner.....Event Host: Chris Greenlaw**

## **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**



**When: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

***RSVP: by March 16th, Wednesday to Chris @925-455-6922 or by email [cpgonmars@aol.com](mailto:cpgonmars@aol.com)***

**Where: Old Terminal Bldg**

**Time: 5:30 pm social, 6:30 dinner**

**Menu: Delicious, homemade Irish dinner.....Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Soda Bread, and Bruce's homemade **mint** ice cream!**

**Cost: \$12.00 per person**



**Bring Your Own  Preferred Beverage**

**MAD HATTER Prize**

**WEAR AN IRISH HAT...to be entered into drawing for an Irish surprise Prize!**

***WELCOME NEW LVAA MEMBERS!***

**HAL & MELISSA HIRSCH**

**HANK & LINDA FORE**

**PAUL & CHARISSA MCDONALD**

**LEE & MARIETTA PITTENGER**

**MIKE & DEBRA LOPEZ**

**MARK & ERICA DEDON**

**NICK & ROBYNE TESLICH**

**MIKE O'LEARY**

**DAN BREEDLOVE**



**PHOTOS...PHOTOS...PHOTOS...of Fly outs....Holiday Pot Luck.....Take Off Dinner.....**



**Modesto Fly-Out....."Three heads are better than one", figuring out the radio!**



Take Off Annual Dinner January 2016





Holiday Pot Luck Dinner November 2015





## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016**

**Mark your Calendars!**

- **March 19<sup>th</sup>** **St Patrick's Dinner**
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** **Mexican Fiesta**
- **July 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Patriotic Bash BBQ**
- **September** **TBD**
- **November** **Holiday Pot Luck, date TBD**



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

**“Do it like the pros do it”**

**What, exactly, does that mean? Is there any appreciable difference between how the pros do it, and how the amateurs do it?**

**Well, let’s take a look. There is a considerable difference in the level of training between the amateur level and the pro level. But, given that, is there a considerable difference in the way a pro flies, and the way an amateur flies? A pro is likely to be more proficient, simply from the fact that he or she is flying more, and more often than an amateur. A pro is purportedly making money, (ha ha), from such activity, and arguably, generating some amount of money from his or her activity, (to justify the fact that he or she is paid).**

**When a pro is flying, they generally are not interested in making pretty patterns in the air, (unless they are sky-writing), in favor of generally getting the hell out of town, so to speak. So, when a pro takes off, the first thing they generally want to do is to point the pointy end of the aircraft toward the destination. After all, time is money, and the shortest flight is the cheapest flight. Sounds simple, right? If you keep that pointy end pointed at the destination, you’re eventually going to get there, sooner, rather than later. You’d be surprised how some people don’t seem to appreciate that fact.**

**If a pro is hauling people, they generally want the people to be comfortable and enjoy the flight, so they might want to repeat the experience at a later time, (cargo never complains). So they generally cultivate a smooth, graceful way of flying. Jerky movement of the flight controls makes the people define the pilot in that way (jerky). Naturally, this takes more time to make smooth, shallow, graceful banks than to roll into a 60 bank because you forgot you needed to turn. So, you need to think farther ahead of the aircraft, so you CAN AFFORD the extra time to make those smooth, graceful, shallow banks.**

**Given an equivalent level of training and experience, one might expect an amateur and a professional pilot to fly with an equivalent level of safety. It’s the little niceties, not to mention the attitude, that tends to separate the two.**

**Fly safe.**

Treasurer's Report

Ralph's Funds----\$ 3158.00

LVAA Funds----\$ 4820.96



**MONTHLY FLY OUT....by Candace Murray**

Here We Go Flying!

Since September we have been flying to Modesto for breakfasts and lunches. Good food at a good price and fun flying. Usually Robert Flagg and Don Davis would fly in Robert's Apache. Sometimes Rob & Pam Hartley would join us in whatever airplane they could get their hands on. It's always a fun flying adventure with that group. Then we flew to Napa for lunch at "The Runway By Patrick" again and enjoyed a beautiful day of flying. In October we flew to SAC and enjoyed lunch at "The Aviator's" restaurant. We wished Don Davis a fond farewell as he moved to Missoula, MT. We will all miss him, especially Robert who had Don as his co-pilot for many times over the past 20 years. Terry and I will miss his smiling face and comments when we would debrief at our hangar after our return from fly outs.

We were grounded during Super Bowl so we went to the airport to watch all the expensive jets arrive, approx. 40 were here on Super Bowl Sunday. Pretty amazing to see. There were a bunch of LVAA members hanging out there too.

Don't forget the standing fly outs - Modesto breakfasts 2nd Saturday of the month - next one is March 12th. Meet by 9am at the LVK terminal or be in MOD before 11:00 when the breakfast ends.

4th Saturday we meet by 10:30 at LVK and fly out somewhere fun for lunch.

Happy Flying!

Candace Murray

**NOTE:** If anyone would like to display their airplane at the Women of Aviation event please contact Candace @ 925-443-6103. Space is limited. See Flyer next page for details.

LIVERMORE AIRPORT



**WOMEN OF AVIATION**  
**MARCH 11, 2016**  
**9:30AM TO 2:00 PM**

**Livermore Airport Celebrates International Event**

Presentations from local women pilots, flight instructors, Air Traffic Controllers, and others who work in the aviation industry and/or own aircraft for recreation. Tour the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower. Locally-owned airplanes will be on display. FREE introductory flights (pre-registration required by March 3/walk-ins allowed on space available basis; minimum age 12 years).

To pre-register or for more information, email: [LVKairport@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:LVKairport@cityoflivermore.net) or call (925) 960-8220



**Livermore Airport  
Celebrates the  
Contributions of  
Women in the Field of  
Aviation**

**Enjoy a Free  
Introductory Flight  
(weather permitting)**

**Learn about Career  
Opportunities in  
Aviation**

**Meet Women Pilots &  
Aviation Professionals**

Livermore Airport

680 Terminal Circle

Livermore, CA 94551

(925) 960-8220



## LVA A THANKS ITS SPONSORS

### **TRAVEL BUG**

Candace Murray, Travel Specialist  
(925) 447-4300 eMail: [dc3ace@aol.com](mailto:dc3ace@aol.com)

### **PRECISION STATIC TESTING**

Livermore Airport  
(925) 449-5904 eMail: [jr@precisionstatic.com](mailto:jr@precisionstatic.com)

### **MAINTENANCE EXPRESS**

333 West Jack London Blvd., Suite 144, Livermore, CA 94551  
(925) 455-5802

### **RED SKY AVIATION**

Livermore Airport  
(925) 294-9703 eMail: [info@redskyaviation.com](mailto:info@redskyaviation.com)

### **RADCLIFFE ENTERPRISES**

Aviation Services, Steve Radcliffe  
913 Camelia Drive, Livermore, CA 94550-5301  
Phone: (925) 443-4651 Pager: (925) 216-2514 eMail: [s.radcliffe@comcast.net](mailto:s.radcliffe@comcast.net)

### **J&R ELECTRONICS**

Rick McKewon  
333 West Jack London Blvd, Hanger 141, Livermore, CA 94551-7650  
Phone: (925) 455-5657 FAX: (925) 264-1929 eMail: [jandrelec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jandrelec@sbcglobal.net)