



Livermore Valley Airmen's Association (LVAA)

November 2018

"The Captain" ...by Candace Murray



Here we are, the year 2018 is coming to a close, our Holiday Pot Luck is a perfect event to celebrate the upcoming holidays. It's been a busy year with many events for all to enjoy.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration, Chris Greenlaw outdid herself as hospitality with delicious food, great door prizes and a 50/50. In May the Mexican Fiesta was Captained by Jo Ann Bertolucci and she served up a fantastic taco bar with all the fixin's that was enjoyed by all. In July we had our Patriotic Bash/members appreciation BBQ at Julius and Jo Ann's hangar. George Bass and Gloria served up some amazing spicy BBQ chicken and the best corn on the cob. Thank you, Julius & JoAnn.

Then we had an amazing Appetizer Extravaganza that Pam Hartley headed up. She ran the contest for the best 3 appetizers and everyone voted for their top three choices. The members were really showing off their expertise with delicious entries. The winners were a big surprise...Chuck Orr was the first and second prize winner...who would have ever known that Chuck could cook, we all need to ask him for his recipes (we did and they are included in the newsletter). Erica Dedon dazzled us with her Deviled Eggs which got voted for 3rd prize. Our gracious host, Pete Sandhu, of Five Rivers won the 50/50 cash raffle.

The Airport Open House -

We hoped more of our members would have come out to our display to support us. Please do that in the future as it is a worthwhile and fun project that the LVAA puts on and takes lots of participation from members.

We wound up the year with a fantastic annual Livermore Airport Open House, more than 10,000 people attended. Pam & Gloria had made the most beautiful baskets, the interest was overwhelming and much money was made for the club.

We had our airplane on display and open for all to sit in and enjoy...maybe some don't appreciate other's property... we had to be there to protect our airplane from those who didn't care to treat airplanes with care.

Remember, nominations are still open for President, as I will not be running for reelection.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Pot Luck at Five Rivers on November 17th. Thank you again Pete for opening up your FBO for us...we appreciate it very much.

Hope to see you all at the Holiday Pot Luck.

Happy Flying,

"The Captain", Candace Murray

Hospitality Hosted by
Candace Murray



Holiday Potluck

When: Saturday, November 17th

Where: Five Rivers Aviation, 700 Terminal Circle

Time: 5:30 pm social, 6:00 pm dinner



Menu (committed dishes so far): Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberries Sauce, Homemade Soda Bread, Mash Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Gelatin Salad, Pumpkin Pie...



Suggested dishes to bring: cornbread, veggie dishes/casseroles, sweet potato dishes, your favorite holiday side dish or favorite desserts, etc.

50/50
Raffle

RSVP: by 15 March, Thursday, to Pam Hartley
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Door Prizes

**Please Bring Your
Own Favorite
Beverage**





Rob Hartley... Treasurer's Report



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

LVAA Funds----- \$5,289.80

WELCOME NEW LVAA MEMBERS!

Steve Sweeney, Leanne Anderson-Dematte, Mimi Steele (returning member), Mark Logan, and Bob Franklin



Our new member, Steve Sweeney, has graciously offered seats for 3 to 4 people, depending on weight, to the fly out to kmod/modesto, for breakfast, on Saturday, November 10th. He has a P210 with 5 seats. He can be contacted at steve_sweeney@addesigns.com if you are interested. Thank you Steve!

St. Patrick's Day





...and the winner of the lotto ticket basket is....
Ed Boddington, "the lucky leprechaun!"



Mexican Fiesta





3x the Winner !!!

Fly out with Bob Flagg... by Rob Hartley

Bob Flagg and I have been doing some flying for food this last couple of weekends. In September Bob piloted his Apache 8MS up to O69 Petaluma for breakfast capably dodging those pesky TFRs and the new Class B airspace (who knew?) Returning with full stomachs after eating at the Two-Niner Diner, we successfully returned to base (RTB) without losing our breakfasts.

As Don Davis always says "Any landing you walk away from is a good landing!" And just this past weekend of 3 November, Bob and I were at it again converting-money-to-noise as Bob piloted his Aeronca Champ from KLVK to KMOD for a power lunch. Strapping Passenger Rob down in the cargo hold, Pilot Bob hand-prop'd the Champ's mighty Curtiss-Wright R-2280 and the fire-breathing Champ lunged to life. At Mach .83 they arrived in KMOD covering 43 miles in an incredible 7 hours and 10 minutes. After re-fortifying on tasty hamburgers, hot-dogs, potato salad, chili, coffee and even custom vanilla milkshakes (WOW!), Then we returned to Livermore with a pretty mean cross-wind. Lining up on 25R at Livermore the winds were 350 to 360 at 15 knots and again...as Don Davis always says on any Landing, "nothing bent, broken, or burning, it was a good landing!"

(Pilot Bob Flagg on the right. Passenger Rob on the left)



Safety Column...By Capt. Dennis Vied, TWA (ret)

Vigilance: the Price of Safety

We are always cautioning pilots to “follow the checklists,” minimize “winging it,” and to be wary of complaisance, while always standing ready to think up new things at a moment’s notice when faced with a crisis. Wow. Damned if you do, and damned if you don’t.

There is so much of this that I won’t bother with it. However, we must always be vigilant to make sure that we don’t make the same mistakes again. God knows, enough people have died for their mistakes, we should learn from that. At the airlines, virtually every checklist item had, as its origin, a mistake made by someone who may or may not have died for it.

One day, a flight manager at TWA operating a regular flight, as they are wont to do, was approaching the gate for parking. Now I have to say he wasn’t speeding, he was approaching cautiously. But somewhere during the approach, while everybody’s attention was directed outside to make sure they didn’t hit anything, the brake pressure failed. When the ramp director signaled “brakes,” there weren’t any. So they smashed into the terminal, not very hard or fast, so the damage was minimal, but very embarrassing for a flight manager.

Guess what showed up on the next check list revision. Approaching the gate: Flight Engineer: “Brake pressure checked.” So next time you hear a flight instructor tell you to change tanks in the run up area before takeoff, tell him what he can do, or where he can go.

Dennis H. Vied
Capt. TWA Ret.

JULY—Patriotic Bash/Members' Appreciation BBQ







Father/Son Team Support Patriot Jets STEM at Byron (C83)

On Saturday 20 October 2018, Rob Hartley and his son Alex, both engineers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), flew the Flying Particles Cessna 182 to Byron (C83) to support the Patriot Jet Foundation's (PJTF) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) outreach to local high school youth. Father, son and fellow engineer John Chang manned Livermore Laboratory's information desk chatting with approximately 150 high school students and parents from Brentwood and Byron on careers at the laboratory and aviation. United Airlines, NASA-Ames, Civil Air Patrol and several airframe and propulsion (A&P) schools also participated in the STEM outreach.



MONTHLY FLY OUTS...by Candace Murray



We have been flying out to KMOD for the breakfasts and lunches and had new members joining us for delicious food and camaraderie at the CAF Hangar. Then our annual fly out to Columbia for the "Father's Day Fly In". We were the first to arrive, and then came Robert Flagg in his Apache with his two passengers, Heidi and Smokey, Australian Shepherds. They can be a handful at times but after some fisticuffs all was well. Then Rob Hartley and Alex arrived. What a wonderful 3 day escape from stress and then an air show to enjoy and breakfasts sponsored by Boy Scouts.



We did have an exciting time at KSAC with Robert Flagg and Heidi, as we were all able to sit outside under an umbrella for a delicious breakfast. This is a fantastic place to take your pooch, very accommodating and prices are reasonable and food is delicious.

We did try to interest others in flying into Columbia to attend a play at the Fallon Theatre, but since we had no takers we did it on our own...We flew in on a Sunday morning and walked into town and checked into the Fallon Hotel, only about \$55 a night to stay, it's run by the state park. It's quite vintage but charming and we were the only ones there that night. Anyone liking a unique experience, you should try this. Please contact me for more details.

That's all for now...hope more of you can join us in the near future to

"Fly For Fun and Food"

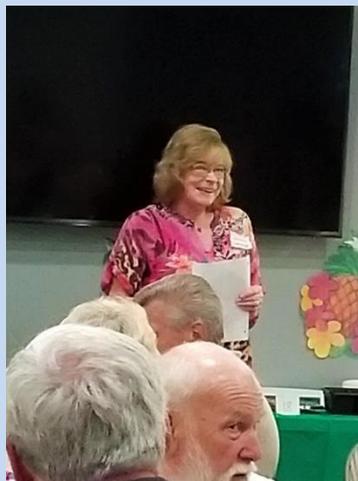
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Calendar of Events

November 17thHoliday Potluck
January 2019.....Take Off Dinner (TBA)
March.....St Patrick's Dinner (TBA)
May.....Mexican Fiesta (TBA)
July....Patriotic Bash/Members' Appreciation BBQ (TBA)
September.....TBA
November.....Holiday Potluck

September Appetizer Extravaganza!







WINNERS!!

Here are the recipes that some of you have requested during the Appetizer Extravaganza.

HAUPIA (a Hawaiian dessert usually served in a luau)

2 Cups coconut milk (can be found canned at Trader Joe's or a grocery store)

1 ½ Cups Water

½ Cup Sugar

2 Tbsp Sugar

½ Cup Cornstarch

Pinch of Salt



Combine ingredients in saucepan and cook over Low Heat stirring frequently. Cook until mixture thickens and come to a full boil. Pour mixture into an 8 inch pan. Chill until firm and cut into squares. Sprinkle with toasted coconut if desired when serving. Enjoy!

Chuck Orr's winning Recipes:

LENTIL SALAD

1 lb (approx.) cooked lentils

6 oz crumpled feta

14.5 oz bruschetta sauce

1 lb Persian cucumbers, diced



Combine all ingredients, refrigerate and serve

DELUXE MEATBALLS

1.5 lbs (approx.) cooked meatballs (frozen prepared pkg or make your own)

9 oz jar mango ginger chutney

15 oz jar masala (simmer sauce)

Combine all ingredients, heat and serve



...And there you go folks! Recipes that are pretty simple to make. If you do try them, please let us know how it turned out.

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New Renewal

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