



LVAA News



TERRY'S FIRST SOLO

Do you remember your first solo? I do, it was back in 1975. The only thing that is as exciting as accomplishing your first solo is watching your husband learning how to land and then actually witnessing him doing his first solo.

There were days and days I watched and cringed each time he came in for a landing waiting for him to flare. I wondered when and if he would flare, when he did, I wondered how the airplane would survive the series of bounces that ensued. But finally, the day came when I knew he was ready as I watched him do quite a few good landings in a row and really hold the airplane off for a nice smooth touchdown. His flight instructor, Mark Heidenreich, one of our members, was satisfied and ready to let him go.

As Terry got all signed off and Mark got out of the plane, I was even more excited than Terry was. So, I told him to go out there and do a good job and hugged him and off he went all alone taxiing and taking off — now was the test — would he grease it on, or not? Well, he did, and four more after that. What a thrill that was for me and a great accomplishment for Terry.

Thanks to Mark for all his patience and encouragement along the way.

Candace Murray



LVAA Take Off Dinner

Where: Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road In Livermore

When: Friday, January 20th, 2012

Time: 5:30pm No Host Cocktails
6:00pm Dinner

Menu: Choice of: Broiled Top Sirloin Steak,
Grilled Atlantic Salmon,
Teriyaki Chicken, or
Spinach Ravioli w/Marinara Sauce.

All entrees are served with: All You Can Eat Salad, Baked Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Sourdough Bread, Ranch Style Beans, Dessert and Coffee or Tea

COST: The all inclusive dinner with wine is only \$25.00 per person. The organization is again supplementing the cost of the dinner as a thank you for supporting the LVAA this past year.

**Please R. S. V.P. by Tuesday January 17th to:
JO ANN BERTOLUCCI by phone (925) 373-1687
or eMail (bertolucci@att.net).**

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING OUR FAMOUS 50/50 RAFFLE



Calendar

Standing Meetings

Second Saturday of the month are Modesto Breakfast & Aircraft Display Fly Outs, depart before 9:30am.

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 for more information.

January 20th/Friday — LVAA Installation Dinner
Cattlemen's, 5:30pm No-Host Cocktails, 6:00pm Dinner

January 27th/Friday — LVAA Movie Night
Shorts at 6:30pm, *Above & Beyond* at 7:00pm

See LVAA.ORG or upcoming newsletters for more information.



Safety Report by Ralph Huy
Subject: In The Dark Of Night

Flying at night can be beautiful with the stars twinkling above and the lights of the cities below. The air is usually smooth and visibility good. But night flight also has its own set of hazards. Checking the weather before you go is more important when you can't see clouds until you are in them. Departing on a runway with no lights visible off the departure end is the same as taking off in IFR conditions. You had better be ready to go on the gauges at lift off. Altitude is your friend in case of an emergency but it is even more important at night when your emergency landing options are limited. On take off at night consider an overhead 270 degree overhead departure or even a 360 over the airport to give you more options in case of trouble. Flying higher than normal also gives you more options. I have been told that at night prior to an emergency landing turn on the landing light; then if you don't like what you see, turn it off.

Remember the superior pilot uses their superior judgment and knowledge
to prevent having to show their superior skills.

Always Ask, Never Assume

A little bit of eMail levity.

His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight.

He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger.

He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'.

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for CNN,' he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'





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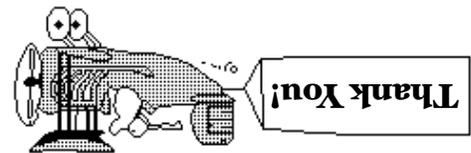
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— Dues —

Please remember club dues are due this time of year. If the mailing label on this newsletter has Member, Sponsor-2011, please consider rejoining at our Take Off Dinner or by mailing it in with the LVAA Membership Form with this newsletter. Thank you.

Livermore Airport Chowder Thursdays are ON!

Getta' bowl of white New England Clam Chowder, some sour dough bread, and a soda for \$5 and enjoy some company. KLVK Terminal Building Thursdays from 11:30-ish to 1:30-ish.
The money collected helps to support the Livermore Airport Open House.



**ADVENTURE TO OSH – 2010 (Continuation)
WE ARE COMING HOME – OSH & BACK**

By Candace Murray

It's an amazing experience to be at the Oshkosh Air Show. Camping among all those pilots from all walks of life who share their flying stories, unique airplanes, highlighted by constant aerial performances, thunderstorms and wind that could almost blow your tent away. It's all beyond anyone's imagination, spending three days there hobnobbing with DC-3 pilots, Sully and Skiles, plus other famous aviators and vintage airplanes never seen before. Especially seeing friends from Livermore, Julius and Angelo who flew their Mooney there, that was the greatest! We even found the couple we met in Yankton from Elk Grove, it's such a small world and something we will never forget. I could go on and on but we had to leave and that was another adventure to prepare for.

Only so many aircraft can depart at scheduled times. Once we finally got packed up and extra stuff dropped at UPS/Fed Ex, and luckily getting a golf cart transport to our plane with all our important stuff, we were ready for departure. Once we got taxiing we realized there was no place to run up so it was a rolling run up. Oh great, now we are almost to the hold short line and we are next for takeoff. O.K Terry, get the door closed and latched. "Oh S____!" We are on takeoff roll, door is jammed, "Tower, 6105W aborting." We taxied off runway and are now between a rock and a hard place — next we taxi about a mile to the total other end of the runway to transient parking area where Terry pulls out his trusty Leatherman and once again performs wonders on the latch and we are ready to go again.

Now, we are stuck between some pretty fancy aircraft, biz jets and a C-5A are getting ready to run up. Wow, we really feel like the little guy. Somehow though we did get a takeoff clearance without getting blown away and we were on a straight out to get out of there and on our way to our next stop, DLL – Baraboo Dells, fuel stop, and then on to MCW- Mason City, Iowa, for overnight and a good night sleep in a real bed. Maybe a little celebration too.

Till the next flight,
Candace & Terry

Hospitality Report

by JoAnn Bertolucci

Our Holiday pot luck was well attended with 30 people present. Turkey and Ham was provided by the LVAA with the members providing the wonderful side dishes. Bruce Anderson, "The Ice Cream Man," brought his wonderful home made ice cream for all the enjoy and Hans Bruijnes went home the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Hope to see you all on January 20th at the Cattlemen's.

Treasurer's Update

by Rob Hartley

Checking \$1433.78

Savings \$ 25.74

Rob essentially says we can pay our current bills. Thanks Rob!





LIVERMORE VALLEY AIRMENS ASSOCIATION

Livermore Valley Airmens Association (LVAA) Membership Form

Please mail the membership form to
LVAA Membership, P.O. Box 3306, Livermore, CA 94551

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