



# *The Flypaper*

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SVPA BBQ Potluck at A30 on Thursday, May 7 at 6PM!  
Bring a dish to share and something to throw on the grill.

## **A30 fuel price now \$7**

After getting a quote for 100LL delivered to A30 that was above \$6.25, the decision was made to raise the fuel price to \$7.00 per gallon. This will also help pay for the new credit card terminal.

## **SVPA Spring Party a big success!**

All went well for the SVPA Spring Party. John did a fantastic job on the ribs, Will on the turkey and Nelson on the beans. As usual, no one(that we know of...) went home hungry. Thanks to the Hardings for the use of their hangar!

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**Dear Scott Valley Pilots Association Members, family and friends,**

Every year I've wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your help with our "Christmas in April" Potluck and I am finally getting around to it. Chuck, our trusted President and leader, is always profusely thanking Nelson and me for hosting this event. It is all of YOU who make it happen. So many of you help behind the scenes - all Nelson and I really do is spend some time knocking down cobwebs, blowing out the hangar and moving airplanes around of which many of you get involved in. I'm not going to name names as I would inadvertently forget someone; you know who you are. Everyone jumps in and contributes to the delicious food, setup, friendly conversation, cleanup and even Broadway-worthy entertainment! At the beginning of the day I'm wanting to announce it will be our last year hosting and by the end of the day I'm wondering where that thought ever came from. Thank you all for continuing to support our Pilots Association and making our Potluck such a fun event.

Sincerely,

Mindy



*Blissfully unaware of the Meyers of Damocles over their heads...*



*Lots of hangar flying.*



*There's a bunch of snow if you look from the right direction.*



*An Abert Lake real estate photo.*

## **Prez Sez**

*SVPA President Chuck Jopson*

The SVPA Spring Party was a great mix of good people and good food! Rain was threatening all morning, but managed to hold off until the ribs and turkey were done. John finished the ribs to perfection and Will got the deep-fat fried turkey done with only minor explosions and no property damage! Thanks to Nelson and Mindy's hangar, we stayed dry when the rain did come. Unfortunately, Mel Fechter was unable to attend, so we miss his wonderful photos.

It has been a busy month, doing the planes' annual inspections and generally getting ready for flying season.

I flew the Meyers to Cloverdale to visit my brother and my mother. The higher parts of the Trinity Alps glistened with snow, but some of the

lower elevation lakes were already clear – time to get hiking before the fires start! Thanks to a substantial tailwind, the flight took less than an hour. Onboard were 3 bottles of root beer left over from the party, wrapped in towels in an ice chest to limit the mess if they exploded at altitude.

So the root beer survived the flight, but didn't survive the meals I had with my mother and brother. In a flagrant violation of Murphy's Law, the winds reversed overnight, so I enjoyed a tailwind on the flight home. Having flown between A30 and Cloverdale so many times, my route has a habitual hysteresis. On the way south, I fly a direct route over the center of the Trinity Alps. On the way back north, I deviate slightly to the east, passing near Trinity Center and then following Highway 3 over Scott Mountain. Perhaps this is done to start my descent earlier, but who knows? Are we really in control of our whims?

Come to A30 on Thursday, May 7th for the SVPA May BBQ potluck.