# The Flypaper

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SVPA BBQ Potluck at A30 on Thursday, November 5th at 6PM !
Bring a dish to share and something to throw on the grill.

## SVPA October BBQ attracts huge crowd

This shouldn't be newsworthy, but it was a slow month. October's BBQ attracted a record (of some sort, see baseball statistics for other examples) number of people with the head count being well into 2 digits. The real news is that the weather cooperated – warm, not hot and no wind!

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*They're happy now that they're fed.*



*A beauty getting filled at A30.*



*A Scott Valley side valley.*



*I'm a bit too high to water ski.*



*These blue lakes are named ... Blue Lakes.*

## Prez Sez

*SVPA President Chuck Jopson*

Leanne and my flight back across the US in late September was a bit of a blur, taking only 2 days. The weather looked a bit iffy south of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, so we stayed in Canada north of the two lakes and cleared US Customs at Port Huron, MI. The clear skies ended near the Mississippi River, we landed in light rain showers at Keokuk, Iowa for our second fuel stop.

The next morning's forecast was fog from Iowa to central Nebraska, so after verifying that we would have enough daylight, we launched into the drizzle bound for Sidney, Nebraska. With low ceilings in Iowa, we headed due west out of Keokuk and soon found ourselves in northern Missouri dodging occasional squalls in skies with a 3000 foot ceiling. I used ads-b radar and METARs to dodge isolated areas below VFR minimums. The weather was moving slowly so it was comfortable flying.

The cloud layers gave way to clear skies about 100 miles east of Sidney, we landed there with about an hour of sunshine to spare. We were happy to call it quits for the day after about 9 hours of flying.

The next morning, the forecasts were proven to be dead on. Fifty miles to the east, Ogalalla was low IFR in fog. Having been stuck in Sidney in the past for several days while the rest of the world was clear, it was sweetly surreal that Sidney and the way west was clear!

After a quick fuel stop in Evanston, WY, the horse can smell the barn as we take off on our last leg home. It is clear flying through Utah and Nevada. From a distance, we make out a thin curtain of rain over the ridge west of Cedarville, CA – no biggie. As we approach, the curtain gets darker and darker until it becomes a biggie. I turn the Meyers north, where there is lower terrain and the curtain is still thin. We hit a few jolts of turbulence as we fly through the curtain, and then the way home is clear again!

After a nod to Mount Shasta, we touch down at A30 in late afternoon sunshine.

Come to the SVPA BBQ potluck at A30 on Thursday at 6 PM, the weather is supposed to be fine!