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Come on out to A30 on Saturday, April 5th for the SVPA spring party. Once again, the party will feature ribs, beans and possibly a turkey. Bring a dish to share and whatever you want to drink. The meal will start around 2 PM, but come early. Please note the spring party is replacing this month's Thursday BBQ potluck.

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Let's not get too close – I don't have skis on this thing.



Looks like summer (if you ignore Lassen Peak...).



Dam! Shasta is full!

Prez Sez

SVPA President Chuck Jopson

After many short flights exploring Scott Valley in the Piper, it was time to spread my wings, as it were, and fly to the big city of Redding! The forecast had indicated severe clear, but as I climbed over the Fort Jones VOR it appeared that low clouds over Trinity Lake may end my trip prematurely. Once I reached Scott Mountain, the way ahead did not look so grim, with a broken cloud layer 500 feet above the local peaks.

Bonanza King had a cloudy crown in addition to its cloak of snow, so I flew around its flank, passing over the town of Coffee Creek. A corridor of improved cloud clearance beckoned me to head towards Shasta Lake. Once over Shasta Lake the cloud cover became scattered, with the sunlit clouds reflecting in the placid lake.

Descending, I flew over Shasta Dam and Keswick before entering a right pattern for runway 16 at Benton. Shortly after landing my friend Eric bravely (and with some difficulty) climbed into the back of the Piper. We took off and explored the landscape around Igo and Ono, in the foothills southwest of Redding. After a brief examination of Whiskeytown Reservoir, the Piper tires were

once again rolling on the taxiways of Benton.

We stopped by the hangars of Eric's friends Eric and Jodi (are you keeping track of this?). Eric was making some mods to a Murphy Rebel Elite that was on wheels, but had a set of Amphibious Floats of Damocles overhead. Jodi is a few hundred hours into building a Carbon Cub. The fittings on the CC are milled out of aluminum and are absolutely gorgeous! With 180 horsepower and a ground-adjustable prop, this is not your grandfather's Cub or even your mother's! As a reward for the meticulous work on ribs, wiring, etc., Jodi gets to cover the whole thing with fabric, which is much funner than riveting on sheets of aluminum. Suffice it to say that Eric and Jodi have enough projects to keep them busy into the foreseeable future.

I head west after departing Benton, flying over the burnt hills around French Gulch before turning north towards Trinity Center and Scott Valley. As I fly over a snowed-in Big Bear Lake, I notice that one could easily hike two-thirds of the way to the lake, but that the last mile and half in the snow would be a real challenge.

Did I mention the Spring Party at A30 on Saturday April 5th? Don't miss it!