



MDPA *news*

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Meeting Notice

Date: June 15, 2001
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting: Jul. 12, 2001
Next Meeting: Jul. 20, 2001

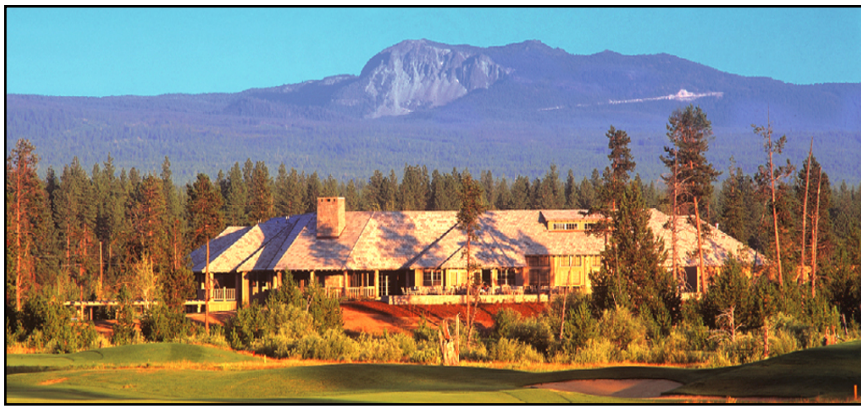
Summer Fly-outs: Sunriver, Solvang, & Hyampom

compiled by Nancy Miller
with contributions from Steve Wise, Chris & Michelle Rossi and Bill Landstra

Heads up, golfers! **You need to act fast.** Steve Wise has scheduled a three night trip to **Sunriver, Oregon** from Friday August 31st through Monday, September 3rd. He has reserved three 3-bedroom houses at a cost of \$979.29 each. The cost per couple is \$326.40, with three couples to a condo. But he wasn't content to leave the golfing up to chance: Steve also reserved 12 golf tee times on Saturday and Sunday on the north and south courses respectively.

The cost per round of golf is \$110.

In addition to golf, there are miles of bike trails, tennis, swimming, horse back riding and canoeing trips down the Deschutes river. For those of you not familiar with Sunriver, the airport is at the resort which is about 15 miles south of Bend, Oregon. The resort provides a shuttle from the airport to the houses. Twenty four hour free shuttle service is available anywhere on the resort property. The Web site for the resort can be found at <http://www.sunriverresort.com>.



The Airport Advisory Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Airport Manager's office.

DON'T DELAY! Please contact Steve as soon as possible to reserve space for this trip. **It is essential that all reservations be received by July 15, 2001.** Either reserve your space by e-mail (sawise@pacbell.net) or by phone. Steve can be reached during the day at 415-981-4003 or in the evening at 925-376-9018.

Also in the works is the previously announced trip to Solvang on July 27th - 29th. Chris and Michelle have arranged a Theaterfest Package with the Royal Scandinavian Inn which includes two nights stay in deluxe accommodations, welcome beverages, dinner for two, and two tickets to Shakespeare's *The Tempest* on Saturday night at Solvang's very popular outdoor theater. The package cost is \$375 per couple. Other options not included in the package price are golf, museums, shopping, or wine tasting. **Reservations must be in to the Inn by June 27th**, so act fast! You can reach the Inn's reservation desk at 805-688-8000 or 800-624-5572. The Inn's web site is <http://www.solvangrsi.com>.

If you're looking for a trip that's sooner than Sunriver but later than Solvang, consider our return to Hyampom on August 11-12. Bill Landstra has put a block on all available cabins at Ziegler's Trails End. Hyampom is a great place to get away from it all. The cabins are utilitarian, most with sitting areas and full kitchens and a TV that gets two channels (maybe). But the good stuff goes on outside. The best swimming hole in northern California is close by on the South

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If you're not currently a member...

Join MDPA!

Check out the many benefits of an MDPA membership on page 6 of this newsletter. You'll find an application form on the inside back page. Dues for new members and renewals should be sent to:

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Recado de parte del Presidente

DATELINE: La Paz MEXICO
(Miércoles 30 de Mayo 2001)

The end of the month, when it is time to write a newsletter, always seems to come too soon. Luckily for me, nowadays the world has "Cyber Cafés." It is about 5:00 p.m. and I am sitting in an Internet café sending an e-mail to our newsletter editor. I started this earlier today sitting in the back of Bill and Suzie Landstra's beautiful backyard eating cherries and cacahuets (peanuts).

We flew to Baja on Sunday with intentions of stopping at Bob and Caren Lively's place. However the West Coast was fogged in and we had to make Rancho San Jose (Melling Ranch) our alternate. Monday we flew along the Sea of Cortez to La Paz where we caught a taxi to take us to the Lanstra's beautiful home. We have enjoyed relaxing and good company with the Landstras, John and Jude Potter, and Dave and Kathleen Cunningham.

Getting back to activities in the good old U.S. of A., we have a lot of them coming up. The trip to Surprise Valley filled up and there was actually a waiting list. Don't let yourself miss out on our trip to Sunriver, Oregon. July should be a perfect time for Solvang. Santa Inez is such a beautiful valley to fly into. August will find us back in Hyampom. For those of you who missed it last year, the local firefighters will put on a fund-raising barbecue and horseshoe-pitching party. We'll do Pitt River some other time.

Also in the works are plans for one day events. In the planning stages are a flight to Nut Tree for a minor league baseball game and a picnic at Pine Mountain Lake. It looks like we might have a trip again to Borrego Springs in the fall. I know that I am repeating myself, BUT if you haven't gone on a trip with the club please come along. It's a great chance to get acquainted with fellow club members. If you need a ride, give me a call.

Our speaker for the June meeting will be a U2 pilot. I believe that the dinner for this month's meeting will be Southern delicacies such as Fried Chicken, yum.

July brings our Open House and barbecue to help celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Please bring a friend or a young person who is interested in aviation. We will have static displays, including the California Highway Patrol's brand new 206. The airport will bring Airport One over for a display. We'll also have a One Design on display. Please contact John Potter for any contributions you might like to make showing some of the history of the club. We are looking forward to past members stopping by. Let's eat -- the food will as always be fantastic -- and have some fun. Don't forget the drawing for 100 gallons of gas that will be held. You just might have the winning ticket!

Our Treasurer Paul Chelew, is moving to Nevada. Dianne Cole has graciously agreed to take on this important job. Let's all welcome and support Dianne and thank Paul for a job well done. Best wishes Paul and Shirley in your new home!

We are publishing a membership roster to members only for their personal, noncommercial use; call Chris Rossi at 925-634-5211 if you don't want some or all of your information to be published.

Well, I think I'll stop now and walk the few blocks back to Bill and Suzie's place, perhaps lingering on the Malecon take in the sights. It will be something to remember some time in the near future when I feel stressed out. Not today, though. Mañana.

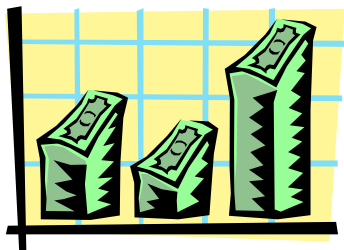
I feel so fortunate to have the chance to fly.

Wishing all of us severe blue skies and tailwinds... Lynne

New MDPA Treasurer

The MDPA Board is very happy to welcome our new Treasurer, Dianne Cole. Paul Chelew, our outgoing Treasurer, is moving to Nevada. Paul has served in this post with remarkable success -- how many people do you know who could diagnose a sewer problem on the basis of some entries in Quicken?

Dianne has graciously agreed to fill this crucial Board position and met with the Board this month.



Memorabilia Search Campaign

by John Potter

On behalf of the 25th Anniversary celebration, I am collecting memorabilia at the clubhouse to be displayed for the July picnic and the September dinner celebrating the 25th year of the club. Anyone having photos, albums, posters, awards and trophies that can be displayed along the clubhouse wall and on tables please let me know (e-mail 103107.675@compuserve.com or phone 707-745-4914).

Items can be left at the computer desk in the clubhouse lobby in the large left drawer, but please let me know! I need to know how you want the item displayed and any special care needed. In particular, I am looking for a framed collage of postage stamps about Hammundsport N.Y. (Curtis Air Museum) that was signed year after year as a Christmas exchange gift (JH-you got it?) and the Ken Cole Trophy.

Will Fly for Food

by Dennis Byron

As the summer heats up we find ourselves looking lovingly at the sky and wondering what it would be like to be up there soaring like the birds and cooling off. As you know even birds have to eat or they can't break the bonds of gravity and climb to such heights. Well, we need to eat as well. So let's belly up to the tables and have at it.

For the month of June, we will be graced with real southern home cookin' courtesy of Nancy Miller. If you like southern fried (or is that fraad) chicken, don't miss this great meal on Friday 6/15. Featured items will include Icebox Fried Chicken, braised chicken, Yum-Yum Salad, Jam Cake, and a possibly a few other dishes that are staples of a Southern summer picnic. An acquaintance of Dick Rihns will be regaling us with feats of daring whilst piloting nothing less than a U2. And I thought my Musketeer could fly high:-) Don't miss what should be an outstanding presentation.

It's BBQ TIME Saturday July 7

We will be starting this gig at around 11 and running until the last person leaves or 5 which ever is later. Bring your friends, family, neighbors and even people you don't know. We will be having numerous displays and other great surprises that are outlined in other areas of the newsletter.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We will be setting up shifts of 2 hours each to help out with the whole shebang. Each shift will be split so you can work in 1 area for an hour and then switch. If you are interested contact me @ 925-934-1750. We will be having a organizing meeting on **Thursday 6/21 at 7 p.m.** in the clubhouse. We will discuss the event and what areas we will need assistance in. All are welcome to come and assist or give opinions. Remember this is the 25th anniversary of the wonderful flying club. Make your presence known.

Update on the MDPA E-mail List

A couple of weeks ago now, the air conditioner for the room housing our MDPA mailing list servers gave up the ghost. Unfortunately, this happened on a weekend, and the server with our lists couldn't take the heat. Dave Evans, who kindly hosts the mailing lists for us, reconstructed our lists on another server, and he and Nancy Miller worked to reconstruct the mailing list roster as accurately as possible.

However, the most recent backup either had was several months old. So if you've subscribed to the mailing list in the last few months, you may find you are suddenly unsubscribed. And if you unsubscribed in the same time frame, you may find you're suddenly getting e-mail from us again.

For all this, we apologize. You can use the instructions below to subscribe, unsubscribe, or send e-mail to the list. Note that some of the management addresses have changed. If you have problems, contact Nancy Miller.

The MDPA-members electronic mailing list is available for MDPA members who want to meet and keep in touch with other members, and discuss issues relating to the club.

Reminders of meetings and other MDPA events of interest are regularly posted to the list. The list is unmoderated (messages are forwarded to the list membership without any review by the list manager), and any interested party may join. To join the list, send an email message to mdpa@eneranalytics.com containing the line:

subscribe mdpa-members

To send a message to everyone on the list, address your message to mdpa-members@eneranalytics.com.

The mailing list is for the private use of members of the Mount Diablo Pilots Association and those interested in their activities. Commercial announcements or solicitations are not permitted.

Many subscribers of the list receive a large number of email messages in their daily work, so please be considerate and send only messages of interest to the entire group. Use private email whenever possible to carry on a private conversation with another member. To remove yourself from the list, send an email message to mdpa@eneranalytics.com containing the

Menu for June 15

- **Icebox Fried Chicken**
- **Braised Chicken**
- **Yum Yum Salad**
- **Jam Cake**

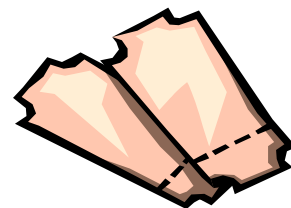
& Other Suthn' Picnic Goodies



line:

unsubscribe mdpa-members

The list is managed by MDPA member Nancy Miller, who can be reached at webmaster@mdpa.org. Contact her if you have any questions or problems.



**Have you
purchased a
raffle ticket
today?**

Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 7 **MDPA Board Meeting** at the clubhouse
- 8-10 **Surprise Valley Hot Springs:** Another sold out adventure of the MDPA.
- 9 **Clubhouse Appreciation Day:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the clubhouse
- 9 **Lunch Bunch Fly-in:** depart 11:00 a.m.; tentatively to Columbia or another location of the pilots' choice
- 15 **MDPA General Meeting:** At the clubhouse. Dinner starting at 6 p.m. with Nancy Miller bringing us a tableful of Southern summer delicacies. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with a special guest: a friend of Dr. Dick Rihn's telling us about life as a U2 pilot.
- 26 **Reservations Due for Solvang!** (See below)

JULY

- 7 **MDPA 25th Anniversary Summer BBQ:** Win 100 gallons of AvGas for just a buck! See the article in this issue about this great raffle. As usual, the summer BBQ will be tasty (and tasteful) fun, spiced up this year with static displays and special presentations. Come help us kick off our year-long celebration of 25 years as the best pilots' club in California!
- 12 **MDPA Board Meeting** at the clubhouse
- 14 **Clubhouse Appreciation Day:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the clubhouse

Summer Fly-outs

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Fork of the Trinity River. The Ziegler's allow you to bring your dog with you, and dogs love the place. Just remember there are lots of other dogs around!

The Volunteer Fire Department loves to see us come up, so they can throw a fund-raising barbecue with hamburgers, hot dogs, home-made salads and desserts. Last time MDPA visited they got up a horseshoe tournament as well.

The town is small, with a café and bar in one building and a general store in the other. Food is not much of a problem between the barbecue and breakfast made-to-order at Ziegler's, but you can pick up a few groceries, sodas or beer at the store if you forget something.

We'll brief pilots new to the airport, but the basics are as follows: the runway is 2,980 x 60. Right traffic for 14, keeping west of the field. If 32 is favored, angle your base to avoid trees and overflying the town. It's much easier to make a pattern for 14 if the wind plays along with you. The elevation is 1250' which is much lower than anything else in the vicinity... mountain flying skills will help here! However, it's not a difficult airport to get in to, and the stay at Ziegler's is more than worth the trip!

You can check out Ziegler's Trails End on their web site at <http://www.zieglerstrailsend.com>.

- 14 **Lunch Bunch Fly-in:** depart 11:00 a.m.; tentatively to Willows/Glenn County or another location of the pilots' choice
- 15 **Reservations Due for Sunriver Oregon!** (See below)
- 20 **MDPA General Meeting:** At the clubhouse. Dinner starting at 6 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with a speaker on Computers in Aviation.
- 27-29 **Solvang and Shakespeare,** or golf if you like. Chris and Michelle Rossi have worked up a fabulous weekend in Solvang (see article in this issue). Contact Michelle or Chris at 925-634-5211 for additional details. Make your reservations with the Royal Scandinavian right away as time is running out.

AUGUST

- 9 **MDPA Board Meeting** at the clubhouse
- 11 **Clubhouse Appreciation Day:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the clubhouse
- 11 **Lunch Bunch Fly-in:** depart 11:00 a.m.; tentatively to Red Bluff County or another location of the pilots' choice
- 11-12 **Return to Hyampom.** Back by popular demand! It's time to head up to the Trinity Alps and the tiny community of Hyampom. Small though it is, they have a VFD that really knows how to put on a fund-raising barbecue. Don't forget the best swimming hole in the West and the town sport of Extreme Horseshoes. **Airport Info:** Q75, Elev. 1250, TPA 2050 (800' AGL). Runway: 14-32, 2,980 x 60, asphalt. Fence rwy 14; road rwy 32. No traffic east of the field for noise abatement. CTAF 122.8. Contact Bill Landstra for details at 510-524-9022.
- 17 **MDPA General Meeting:** At the clubhouse. Dinner starting at 6 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with a speaker on the Cockpit of the Future.
- 31-3 **Sunriver Oregon.** Golf, canoeing, horseback riding... what more could you ask. This fantastic resort is a great place to spend Labor Day weekend. Steve Wise has booked the condos for three nights and tee times on Saturday and Sunday. Call him today to secure your space! Contact Steve Wise at sawise@pacbell.net or 415-981-4003 (days) or 925-376-9018 (eves).



Bob Lively competing in Hyampom Horseshoes

MDPA BARBECUE

Where:

MDPA Clubhouse

When:

July 7th 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's time for MDPA's annual BBQ and this year it's extra special. We're celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Mount Diablo Pilots Association! Mark your calendars for July 7th and get ready for a great time and great food. In addition to dogs & burgers with all the trimmings, we'll have static displays to set your dream gears in motion. Best of all, we're raffling off 100 gallons of AvGas to one lucky pilot.



Of course, you have to enter to win, so check out ticket sales at Buchanan Aviation, at PSA, or from any MDPA board member.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun event.

- Only \$6
- Great food & great fun!
- Static displays and demonstrations!
- 100 gallons of AvGas to be given away!

General Membership Meeting Minutes

18 May 2001 were announced:

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Diablo Pilots Association was held in the clubhouse, 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA, on Friday, May 18, 2001. Following the dinner, the meeting was opened by the president, Lynne McWilliams.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Activities

Bill Langstra gave details for the fly-in to Surprise Valley, Cedarville, California, for the weekend of June 8-10. Members were encouraged to participate. Chris Rossi spoke about the fly-in to Solvang on the weekend of July 26-29. Other tentative fly-ins were announced: a possible Sunday afternoon trip to the Nut Tree for a baseball game; the President's Rally; and a picnic at Pine Mountain Lake at the home of former members Pat and Ken Helling.

Clubhouse

The president told of the gifts of a sofa from Ben Pfaff, a computer from Nancy and Patrick Miller, and a desk from Leo Saunders. All are gratefully accepted.

Programs

Plans for future meetings and activities

- June 8-9, fly in to Surprise Valley
- June 15, Regular meeting. Dick Rihn has invited a U-2 pilot to speak
- July 7, Anniversary picnic and barbecue
- July 20, Regular meeting, A speaker from Avrotech
- July 26-29, Fly-in to Solvang
- August 11-12, Fly-in to Hyampom
- August 17, Regular meeting
- September 21 or 22, Catered dinner to celebrate 25th anniversary
- October 19, Regular meeting. Speaker from CCR tower
- November 20, Regular meeting. Speaker: Howard Manning, Oakland FSDO
- December, Annual Holiday Party. Date TBA

25th Anniversary Celebration

John Potter asked members for memorabilia relating to MDPA activities. Brian Enbom is contacting past presidents to invite them to the anniversary events.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Chelew, treasurer, reported a balance of about \$12,000.00, slightly behind this time last year. There are 88 paid memberships.

Presentation

Dan Meredith gave a most interesting program on electronic communications and data gadgets for the pilot.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, George Ann Garms, Secretary



WIN 100 GALLONS OF AVGAS FOR A BUCK!!

The Mt. Diablo Pilot's Association is having a drawing to
Win 100 gallons of AvGas
from Pacific States Aviation located on Buchanan Field.

Tickets are **one dollar** and you need not be present to win.
The drawing will be held on **July 7th** at the MDPA clubhouse, 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord CA.

Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

**Pacific States Aviation (Maureen),
Buchanan Aviation (Mike) or the Mt. Diablo 99's.**

You may also arrange purchase of tickets by contacting Lynne McWilliams at
925-516-1840 or via e-mail at mcws@pacbell.com.

This is a great chance to pick up some summer flying fuel and **your odds of winning will be very good.**

~~ONLY 3 TEETH LEFT!~~
HURRY!

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August 11-12, 2001
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