



# MDPA news

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## Meeting Notice

Date: January 20  
Place: MDPA Clubhouse  
Dinner: 6:30PM  
Program: 7:00PM

Board Meeting: TBD  
Next Meeting: Feburary 17 2006

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The start of any year is a time of reflection and an opportunity to plan for the next year. So it is with the MDPA. Last year was a success; we had a good number of members almost 100. We went on some great trips, Mexico, Canada, and the Klamath just to name a few. We had great dinners thanks to all those that put on a dinner. We met some great people at those dinners and on the trips. So what will this year bring us?

New members. Every one please sign up for 06 and bring a friend to the dinners, maybe they will want to join. If all of us try to recruit one new member our club will grow and we will have a chance to meet other pilots from the area. Just a little effort on your part could put us over 100 members. Please try.

Dinners will be hard to improve on since 05 was such a good year and we will not have Bev's great desserts every month. But I bet we can do a good job if we get a dozen members to volunteer to do dinner. Please think about what dinner you would like to organize and let me know at the January meeting or e-mail me at [president@mdpa.org](mailto:president@mdpa.org) and tell me which month you want.

Trips I have heard about: are Mexico (La Paz) in May by Bill, Canada (Victoria & Campbell River) in August by Vince, a poker run all over the place by Pat. If you have any trips you would like to lead tell Pat Miller at [activites@mdpa.org](mailto:activites@mdpa.org) so we can have a complete list of the trips at our February



If you're not currently a member ...

## Join MDPA!

MDPA membership has many benefits, including discounts on tie-downs, fuel and services. Dues are \$120 (\$60 for half-year beginning July 1) and should be sent to:

MDPA  
PO BOX 273073  
Concord, Ca 94520

meeting.

The Saturday breakfast (first Sat. of each month at 9AM) is a great way to start the weekend. Great breakfast, fair coffee and good camaraderie is available to all that attend. We have a safety meeting that all of us should attend because safety is or should be the first item on our check-list.

How about a co-pilot course one weekend? Some ground school and then into your plane for some flying and practice landings. Remember it doesn't have to be pretty just get it down on the ground in one piece. If this is something you want let me know and I will set one up for this summer.

Jan 18th is the date for a review of the airport master plan. The location is the Crown Plaza (the old Sheridan). Contact Maureen at PSA for the room and the time. While you are talking to her order something, a case of oil, new airport guide (your old one is out of date) that Garmin gps you didn't get for Christmas.

See you Jan 20th for the crab feed.

Vince

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Installation Dinner with Crab and Tri Tip  
January 20 2006

### Membership:

**M**DPA dues reminders were sent to all members on December 12. Eighteen members have already paid their 2006 dues. Don't let your dues reminder get misplaced. Pay your dues now.

In 2005 we had only 85 paid members and 2 corporate. As you can see from the income/expense report, dues alone are not enough to operate the club.

We finished 2005 comfortably in the black because of the hard work done by Richard and Pat Miller planning our dinner meetings, and by the volunteers who stepped up to produce the dinners. Of course, this only worked because so many members faithfully attended the meetings.

Thanks to everyone for their help and encouragement during my time as Treasurer.

Bob Belshe

How many ways to pay your dues

#### Lets count the ways

- 1) Send a check to the Treasurer.
- 2) Go to the web site members.mdpa.org and use PayPal.
- 3) Send a check to PO Box 273073 Concord, CA 94520.
- 4) Bring a check to the January Crab & Tri Tip Feed.

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**Remember To Pay Your Dues, It Is Our  
Main Source Of Income**

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**Come to the January Installation Dinner  
Where You Can Meet Your New Slate of  
Officers, Congratulate The Old Ones On A  
Job Well Done And Have A Great Crab  
And Tri Tip Dinner.**

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## Christmas Party 2005



I got to the clubhouse at about 5:15. Pat Miller was getting ready to begin carving. Vince and Diane Siebern were busy setting everything up. All was great except no ice! A quick call to Suzie Landstra, and ice was on the way! Diane stepped in and began carving her heart out (not literally!) with Pat. They got all the meat ready to go in record time! Everyone else started pouring in with great side dishes and desserts, this was going to be a great party!

We had plenty of appetizers and folks dug in. No, baklava is not an appetizer! Finally the meat arrived and everyone got to eating! After a wonderful dinner including lots of desserts, we auctioned off a really great lithograph from Rhu A. Bigay. His work is in the White House, as explained by Pat Peters, and it got down to Maureen Bell and Brian Enbom. Brian was successful, and \$300 went into the clubs coffers. Thanks to Brian and Rhu A. Bigay for the great time, great painting and great donation.

Just as dinner got started the Landstras had to go, seems daughter



# 3 was having car troubles and needed parental support. After a great gift exchange, (Lots of big and little presents, which make things interesting! Maureen's plane was the hit of the night!) everyone helped get things in order for the next event. Maureen was in charge of Bill L's gift. She got a bag of nuts, and Bill got a bottle of booze. Guess which one Bill will get next week! And the bottom line? We had about 40 guests, and I think we made about \$250 on the dinner and \$100 on the bar.



Additionally, 6 or so folks gave their dues for next year, so we did fine!

This was my last dinner to preside over as President. I can't believe it, 2 years has gone by! Pat and I sat having a beer after everything was cleaned up, Bill Landstra got back with Ashley's car and the family in tow (literally!). She was stranded between

Chico and home with no electrics operating in the car. Engine, but no lights. After a stint with a friendly CHP officer, Bill and Suzie showed up, got the whole show on the road, and everyone lived happily ever after, except the officer, who probably wanted a date with Ashley! But since he didn't get it, she got a fixit ticket! Way to go Ashley! You need to have a father-daughter talk about negotiations!



So we all got our stuff, piled into our cars and pulled out after yet another great party. Merry Christmas everyone, see you next year! Richard.



**Mount Diablo Pilot's Association**

**Account Balances - As of 12/19/2005**

**Income/Expense 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005**

<b>Bank Accounts</b>		<b>INCOME</b>	
Checking	7,954.85	2005 Dues	9,900
Old Checking	0.00	Corporate Dues 2005	600
PayPal-\$500/mo. transfer limit	116.22	Donations	1,225
TOTAL Bank Accounts	8,071.07	Event Income	9,199
		Interest Income	10
<b>Cash Accounts</b>		Newsletter Subscriptions	80
Cashbox	100.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>21,014</b>
TOTAL Cash Accounts	100.00		
		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Liability Accounts</b>		Bank Charge	15
Payables	0.00	Calif Pilots Assn Dues	100
TOTAL Liability Accounts	0.00	Charitable Contributions	150
		Clubhouse	10,806
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>8,171.07</b>	Event Expenses	4,808
		Insurance-Clubhouse & Liability	829
		Membership	91
		Newsletter	378
		Office	107
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,284</b>
		<b>Income minus Expenses</b>	<b>3,730</b>



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Remember January 21  
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Meet At Los Banos At 12:00  
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