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Meeting Notice

Date: November 17, 2006
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30PM
Program: 7:00PM
Board Meeting: Nov 15th

President's message November

October and the days are much shorter, we need coats not suntan lotion. So what is a pilot to do? Get some night flying in and get home before dinner! Take off at 5:30PM and get your three takeoffs and landings by 6:30PM. Get a friend and work on your IFR currency. Better yet take your honey to Las Vegas for the weekend!! You might get lucky.

The October dinner was great. Brian and Diane did a fantastic job providing the club with authentic German cuisine. Lots of people asked for the recipe for the potato salad because it was excellent. Nancy made the desert, a mouth watering strudel, that had them going back for seconds. Brian and Diane

had a large selection of German beer and some great German wine. Thank you Diane, Nancy and Brian. Next months dinner is Pat's three been chili.

After dinner we recognized two new members Richard Frye who owns the Cessna Cardinal RG parked in the MDPA parking area. Nice plane Richard. Now you can go on those MDPA trips. And Steve and Jeanna Crews. Jeanna has volunteered to be our new VP of Activities. Thank you Jeanna. Now I want eight or nine members to take on one trip each and let Gina know when and where you going to lead the club to. So far I have heard Copper Canyon (the Mexican Grand Canyon), Baja, Sun River and some museum. So get your get your trip flyers in so we can have a full schedule of trips by February.



Due to an oversight two members were feeling quite happy. Maureen and Dave both think they have been passed over for the 07 Board. However, I can assure them both that at the November meeting this oversight **will** be corrected and I look forward to having them provide us with much needed help and guidance in the year to come.

AOPA will be holding an EXPO in Palm Springs in early November. To see a complete schedule of events go to www.aopa.org. Several of our members are going and I would like them to give MDPA a short presentation of what the EXPO was like.

One last note about the trips we take. On every trip I have been on this year we have planes with empty seats. That means members who don't have planes can go on these trips. Yes, you can go, all you have to do is ask the trip coordinator to hook you up with one of the planes that has empty seats. Your cost is half the gas and for most of these trips that is cheap. So lets have some of the pilots and student pilots sign up for these trips.

Well, short days get short president's messages so keep the blue side up.

Vince

Surprise Valley 2006

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Rich Roberts did it again! He planned and hosted a wonderful MDPA trip to Surprise Valley (Cedarville, CA).

Bill flew the inbound part of the trip with me and Ken and Judy Whitham to Cedarville Airport, about 20 miles east of Alturas. We arrived around 4 pm, just after Russ Roe and his wife Sherry.

We were picked up by Vince and chauffeured to the Surprise Valley Hot Springs resort, about a 10 minute ride from the airport. You could see the steam rising from all the hot springs in the alkali lake bed. You could also see their fantastic "Burning Man" RV...really bizarre! It really is a nice resort.



After our dinner of tri tip, appetizers and wine/beer, we retired to our room and watched a VCR movie...almost forgot how to run a VCR!

Yes, you really do have to re-rewind the tape after viewing. Afterwards, we spent time in the hot tub, relaxing and looking at the thousands of stars up in the clear desert sky. and the You could easily see the Milky Way and a meteor shower was in progress...what a show!

Saturday in Cedarville, we visited a quirky bookstore and a weaver shop where they actually spun sheep's wool from ranches in the area into yarn. We saw working looms as well. The women who worked there were very friendly and patiently answered all of our questions



(especially dumb ones from Bill). They described life on the frontier, as us city folks think. They even offered us a cup of tea.

We took a brief 5 mile drive up the road toward Alturas. Beautiful fall scenery!

I still get nervous at times when I fly, especially around traffic, but I listen to music and knit now. What is the best is the people and places I see with these MDPA trips. I guess my biggest surprise of this trip was that I really enjoyed it, even the flying!

Konie Collins

As a Reminder. Your new officers for 2007 will be:

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| President: | Vince Siebern |
| VP Activites: | Jeanna Crews |
| VP Programs: | Maureen Bell |
| VP Communications: | Dave Evans |
| Secretary: | Bob Belshe |
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OKTOBERFEST 2006

Brian and Diane Enbom and Nancy Miller did it again! What a feast! The stove worked and the place was clean! Vince got through the elections and was victorious for yet one more year, what a night! But I get ahead of myself. We got to the dinner only to find Brian complete with the outfit, great German beer and tons of food platters with foil hiding their contents. Nancy Miller also had made three or four platters of strudel waiting in the wings. Everyone was visiting and getting caught up with friends. Carol and I got squared away at a table and what do you know, Brian said, "Let's eat!" Since I was right there, I zipped right through, got Carol's and my food and because of my strategic location, was able to help get the dinner started. Someone had to do it!

The food was really fantastic; I don't know how Brian, Diane and Nancy did it. The pork chop was tender and delicious and the potato salad was so good, Brian put the recipe on the email list after many requests and the strudel was the perfect topper. The only problem was that after dinner I felt like a stuffed sausage! Man, was that a great dinner!

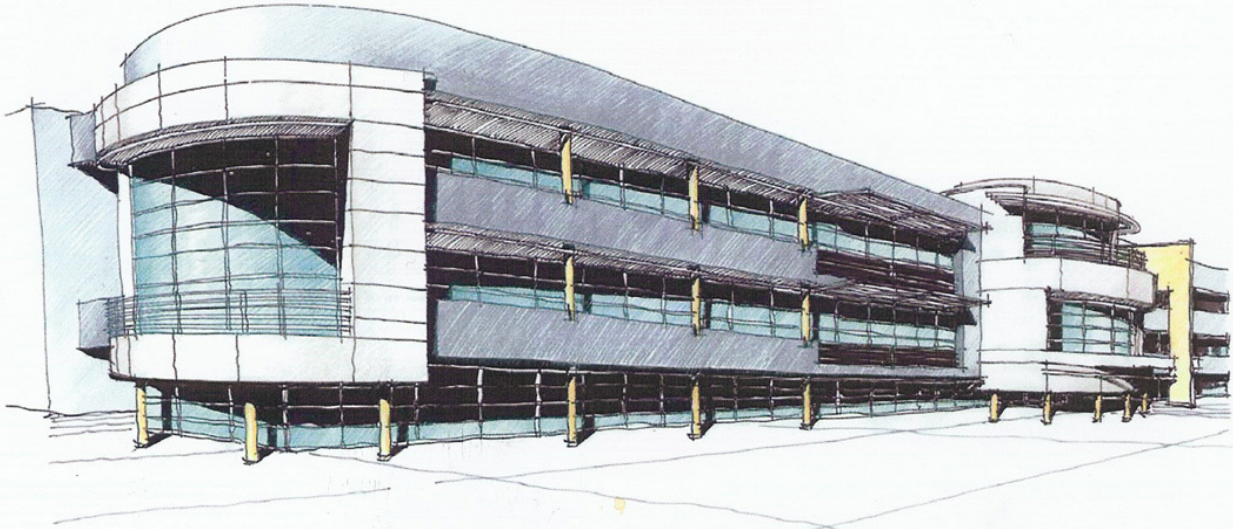
After dinner Vince presided over the elections, the slate was elected by a landslide. And yes, Maureen and Dave, even though your names were not specifically mentioned (through an oversight during the excitement of the election!), You are indeed on the board. We got some new folks to volunteer to fill out vacant positions, so next year looks to be better than ever! We actually have a full slate of officers and no one has more than one position. It must have been the sauerkraut!

After the elections, seconds on the strudel and ice cream and a quick cleanup, we were all off. Thanks again to all for a wonderful night! See you next month, when Pat Miller will make his world famous award winning Chile...chili...chilly! If we're lucky, we might get Tracy to make the corn bread! With TWO functioning ovens (Russ, where's the plug?) It'll be a snap! I can't wait!

Richard

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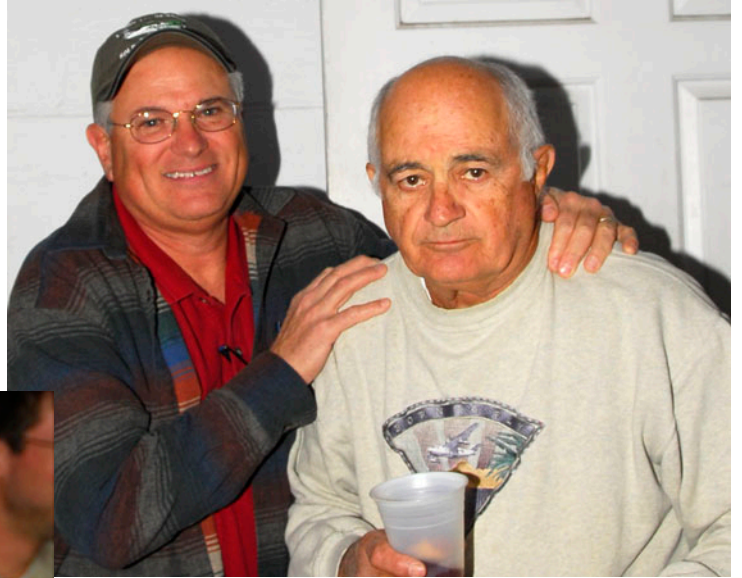
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