



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: July 20, 2007
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: July 18th

President's Message July 2007

By Vince Siebern

June was a quiet month for MDPA. Personally I had a birthday in June, so now I am older than dirt. My boys took me on a fishing trip and they caught fish. Nothing new there, maybe I should quit fishing seeing as how I don't catch fish anyway. MDPA didn't have a trip however it wasn't for lack of trying. John Levy got all the information out to the club and no one signed up to go to Ashland to see the plays. Maybe we aren't that cultured. Dinner was great, thank you Patrick and Richard. We had brats and beans and I ate

way too many of both because they tasted great. Desert was chocolate chip cake and carrot cake. Both were great but the club seemed to prefer the carrot cake, because when I went back for seconds on the carrot cake it was all gone! Great job Diane.

That brings us to July and it looks like it's full. We are going to Whitefish Montana on June 30th and staying until the 4th of July. If we fly back on the night of the 4th we should see some great fire works shows. However, I doubt they will be as grand a sight as the scenery we see in Whitefish. There are some awesome mountains, the western side of the Rockies that surround Whitefish. I will have more on the trip in the next newsletter.



Our breakfast and safety seminar will be on July 7th. Hope to see lots of you there. The breakfasts are usually well attended and the safety meetings are outstanding because we have local pilots telling us their stories and that is invaluable.

The dinner for July is a pot luck affair with hamburgers and hot dogs as the main course. We will have root beer floats for desert. I hope to have three people bring enough for ten people in each of the following areas: fruit salad, potato salad, regular salad and lastly any desert you want. So I am looking for twelve people to volunteer and we should have three fruit , potato and regular salads plus three deserts. Please reply and let me know what you are bringing. Oh, we will be eating outside and the price is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. Hope to see about 50 of you there. Lastly, we will auction off a motor scooter at the dinner. George Ann Garms has donated the perfect airport scooter to the club and we will sell it to the highest bidder. Bob Belshe has worked it over and says it runs great. Good luck on the bidding.

Our next trip is to Sun River Oregon. We will leave August 10 and return on the 12th. Sun River is a great location for golfing, fishing, tennis, hiking, bike riding or just relaxing. There is a nice long, paved runway very close to the resort. Accommodations are very reasonable, \$129/ night for a two bedroom condo. You can view the condos and make reservations at www.Sunriver-Resorts.com. I suggest we have a group picnic on Friday night and eat at the resort restaurant on Saturday. I don't think you need a car on this trip, everything is fairly close to the airport and the resort. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Keep the blue side up.

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MDPA Mission Statement

The Mount Diablo Pilots' Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan field in Concord, California (KCCR). There are many benefits to joining the club. The purposes of the Mount Diablo Pilots' Association are:

- To promote good public relations between general aviation enthusiasts and the local community.
- To encourage participation in fly-ins and other aviation activities.
- To promote safety and educational activities for pilots.
- To provide mutual resources of information on flying for members.
- To furnish information and support to the Contra Costa Airport Advisory Committee and other governmental agencies concerned with aviation.
- To be a proxy on aviation matters of community concern for its membership.

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Brats and Beer, Oh My.
 By Steve Kennedy

Pat Miller and Richard Roberts blended their talents to bring us an wonderful evening of grilled brats in a beer sauce, along with Kathy's famous beans and a four bean salad for our June dinner. We ate outside as it had been a very hot day, but the evening cooled down to be a delightful time for dinner with friends. I watched several people (including this reporter) go back for seconds. We didn't have a speaker. We didn't have a show. All we had was wonderful food, good company, a lot of airplane talk, and a beautiful evening. It doesn't get any better than that.

For dessert, Pat had asked Diane Kennedy to make a carrot cake. Just for good measure, she made a chocolate chip cake as well. The carrot cake seemed to be a favorite since there was nary a crumb left.

The beginning of the summer season brought out a relatively light crowd for this dinner. We had less than 40 people for the dinner. Those of you who weren't there missed a great time. But that's OK, next month we're having our famous pot luck BBQ, and you can join us then. Vince has said he'd like to have people bring the following categories of food. Fruits Salads; Potato Salads; Regular Salads; and Desserts. He's hoping to have 3 people in each category bring enough food for 10 people. This way we will have 12 volunteers giving use 3 choices in each category. Please let Vince know if you can volunteer.



Bev Levy



Pat's Mystery Picture Of the Month



Jay McCartney and Dave Evans



Richard Roberts Cooking and relaxing. (We're still trying to figure out which picture is which)



War birds at KCCR



Russ Roe





This lovely Moped could be yours! MDPA will be auctioning off this beautiful motor bike at the JULY DINNER. You'll have to make sure you attend so you don't miss out!

(Thank you George Ann Garms for this generous donation to the club)

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