



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: October 19, 2007
Place: Club House
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: N/A

President's Message October 2007

By Vince Siebern

We have avoided a constitutional crisis at MDPA! How you say? We are required to submit to the membership a list of the proposed board of directors this month. We had managed to fill all the other positions but were not able to find anyone to run our great group! Well, Patrick, is now the boards nominee for President. Thank you Pat. So here is the slate of candidates for 08. Patrick Miller- President, Richard Roberts-First VP- Activities (trips), Maureen Bell -2nd VP Programs, Steve Kennedy- 3rd VP Communications, Lorraine Bartneck -Facilities Director, Bev Levy- Secretary, Bob Belshe-Treasurer, John Levy, Member at Large, and Vince Siebern-Past President. At the October meeting the general membership will vote to take nominations from the floor and/or to vote for the proposed candidates.

Patrick served up his annual chili dinner and it was good. Thank you Pat for the continuing good job you do at the dinners. We had about 40 people show up and all had a good time. We talked about flying, who has what plane, John got the Apache back, kids and trips we would like to take. After dinner KCCR's management, Keith, showed up to tell us the state of the air patch and how all the development projects are going. Concord is doing great, they are making money and as soon as more of the developments are completed there will be more funds available from airport operations. If everything goes perfect ADG, the developer of the land under our club house could break ground in April! I have never seen perfect in a development so I doubt it will be April, however it will probably start within the year. When that development is complete we will have a facility we can rent from Keith for our dinners, breakfasts and other occasions. So we need to start deciding what we will do when our clubhouse is destroyed! Let your board members know what you want to do.

We had a couple days of rain this month, was that a harbinger of things to come? If so we had better get our Jepps up to date and get out there and practice those approaches. Call a friend to be the copilot and get a tower in route to Stockton for some ILS approaches and then shoot what ever, I recommend the VOR to 19 (what is it Turn, twist, time, talk and what), back at KCCR. It is a lot easier now with clear skies and unlimited visibility that when we are 400 and 1. I can be your copilot any Monday or Tuesday give me a call.

We are off to Utah on a club trip to see the Mc Williams in St George on the 28th. The trip will be covered later in the newsletter.

Keep the blue side up.



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Zion National Park

By Vince Siebern

MDPA went to St. George, Utah on the last weekend of September. We left at a variety of times and all encountered clouds and a bumpy ride to St George. Those going early had to file IFR to get out of KCCR. I left about noon and got out VFR but had to climb thru a hole to get on top. Next came the Sierras which had tops obscured by clouds! So up to 13,500 and higher to get over the mountains. From there on it was mostly clear skies, but bumpy. Our hosts, Jon and Lynn Mc Williams, planned a complete trip for us. They got us a group rate at a great hotel, arranged a Friday night dinner at their house, took us to Zion National Park, had a picnic for us at the Park and arranged dinner Saturday and breakfast the following morning. We met Scott and Linda, MDPA members back in 1990, at the Mc Williams house Friday night.

Zion Park was formed when water flooded sand dunes millions of years ago. The dunes solidified, the water went away and millions of years later we have Zion National Park. While you can drive around most of the park, it would be better if you could spend a day hiking in the Park to see places you can't view from the road. Would I go back again? Yes, but I would spend several days hiking around the park.

Everyone got up early Sunday to avoid the bumps on the trip home. And we did. My flight back was smooth and easy and clear. Members attending: Vince & Diane Siebern, George Ann Garms and Andy, Bill and Konie Collins, John & Jude Potter plus Janie West.

I would like to thank the Mc Williams for doing a great job, you were the best host, a great guide and make the trip a positive experience for all. Thank you.

St George Trip Addendum: Tuacahn Amphitheater

Story by John Potter

Just have to do it. It was such a wonderful experience, but only my planeload had the pleasure. Lynne had offered info in her [invitation](#) about a theatrical performance that featured horses on the stage. That caught my imagination, well, not quite like the rodeo we saw on the trip to St. George decades ago, but along the same idea. An All-Americana experience. So what was it? Ahhhhhh---- "Cinderella." I got the tickets ahead, but by the

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.

time we flew in it was late in the afternoon on Friday and I almost gave up the idea of using the tickets.

The theater ([Tuacahn](#)) was in the boondocks in a canyon and we had no wheels to get there. BUT, with Lynne's insistence, and her hot rod Mustang, she made it workable and encouraged us to go. We reluctantly abandoned the welcoming reception at their home (including the pleasant company of Scott and Linda Mahnken) and headed out of town.

A splendid performance, fireworks, horses, three to four thousand people half of which were kids with large families---- a wonderful display of a St. George outing----- all in a clear night sky, rock canyon theatre with a stream flowing right through it.

Thanks, Lynne and Jon, for making it possible.

October Dinner – Halloween Fun

This month's dinner will be a Halloween Monster Bash. The menu will consist of the following:

- Dead Vegetation (aka salad).
- Margarita Bat Breasts (aka chicken breasts).
- Orange Glazed Witches Fingers (aka carrots).
- Mummified Baked Starch (aka baked rolls).
- Devils food Cake and Halloween Treats
- Specialty Cocktail

Costumes are OPTIONAL, but why not join the fun.

Remember to RSVP to the email when it comes out.

Annual Election of Officers

As provided in the Bylaws of the Association, the annual election of officers will be held at the October meeting.

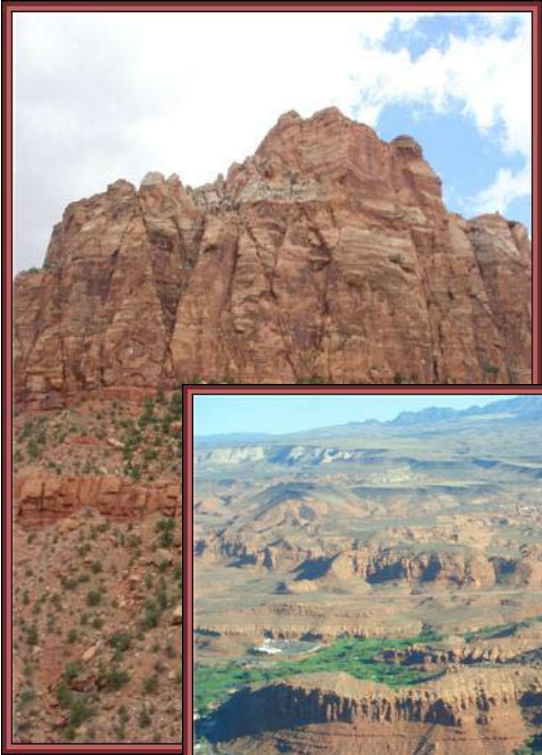
The updated list of nominees recommended by the Board is as follows:

President Pat Miller
First Vice President (Activities) Richard Roberts
Second Vice President (Programs) Maureen Bell
Third Vice President (Communications) Steve Kennedy
Facilities Director Lorraine Bartneck
Secretary Bev Levy
Treasurer Bob Belshe
Member-at-Large John Levy

In addition, Vince Siebern has accepted the non-elective position of Past President..

Please join us in congratulating these members on their nomination and in thanking them for their willingness to serve as our elected officers for the year 2008.

St George, Utah - A Good Time was had by all.





Pats Annual Chili Dinner

Richard Roberts and Jerry Alves



Mark Gilchrist, Johannes Verhoek, and Jay McCartney



Our Chili Cook Pat Miller



John and Cheryl Summers

Dave Evans & Ludmilla



Keith Freitas, Airport Manager



Jerry Alves, Russ Roe, Sherry Roe, and Diane Siebern

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