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Meeting Notice

Date:	Jan. 15, 2010
Place:	MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	Jan. 6, 2010

January President's Message

By Steve Kennedy

Wow, 2010. Many of us were brought up with a vision of the future that had moving sidewalks, flying cars and all of us running around in silver lame jumpsuits. If you were to believe Stanley Krubrick and Arthur C. Clarke, in 2010 we'd have moon colonies and Jupiter would turn into a new sun. So here we sit driving our 4 wheeled cars, wearing our jeans and T shirts, still wishing for flying cars. Well, maybe next year.

So what does 2010 mean to MDPA? Well, my theme for this year is "Bring a Friend – Sign a Friend". Bring a friend to one of the MDPA dinners this year, and then sign a friend to an MDPA membership. There are many benefits to MDPA membership. There is the discount on fuel at both PSA and Sterling. In addition, on the first Saturday of every month when we have our monthly breakfast and safety discussions, you can use your receipt to get fuel AT COST at the Sterling fuel pump. Depending on your airplane, this can save you the cost of the annual dues in just one fill up. You also get the benefit of our safety discussions, our advocacy for GA in the Mount Diablo region, and at Buchanan Field. Our monthly dinners and breakfasts are an additional benefit because you get to meet and mingle with such a great group of people too!

So, as we discuss the dinners I need to make my appeal for volunteers to host these dinners. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. If you haven't hosted a dinner before and you're not sure about it, talk to me. It's not as difficult as you think. We really need some new people to volunteer. I really hope you'll consider it. You board has some great trips planned for 2010. Our VP of Activities, Vince Siebern has created a list of trips that has been posted on the web site, and is discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. The first of these trips is a whale watching trip to Baja Mexico in March. You can read the details elsewhere in this newsletter as well. We've tried to provide a mix of day trips, week-end tips and longer trips. There should be a trip to suit everyone's schedule and budget. Why not plan now to go on one of the trips this year.

What else is planned for 2010? Well, some of that is up to you. I want your feedback on what you want your club to do during 2010. Remember, this is not my club, or the board's club, it's YOUR CLUB. We want to do what you want to do. Let us know.

Respectfully Steve.

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2010 Proposed Trips

February: Day trip to Half Moon Bay for lunch

March 18-21: Whale Watching Baja Mexico

April or May: Day Trip to Harris Ranch for
Lunch

July: To San Diego for Golf and Giants-Padres
baseball game

September: Trip to Sedona AZ. Thursday
through Sunday

October: Trip to Sun River Oregon. Weekend
for hiking and golf



MDPA sadly lost a good friend, Andy Marshall, on January 2, 2010, after a long illness. We will miss his company and send our heartfelt condolences to his good friend Georgeann Garms and his family.

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.

Merry Christmas from the MDPA party. Festive tables, the Tree, the Little Man and the happy partiers.









"Flying is

*a continuous medley of information and decision making playing in our heads,
one wrong note and the tune goes badly quickly."*

Ian Cairns---12/14/09 Commander Owner's Group

SAFETY CLINIC 11/7/09

John Potter, Moderator

We got off to a roaring start with the normal "diet" stuff-----pancakes, eggs anyway you wanted them and meat-----maybe it was sausage. The cook/helper for Steve Kennedy was Jim Clarke, a new member. But of course, John Summers and Mark and Patty Gilchrist got right in there as well, and Maureen was backup and "Federal" oversight.

My recent thinking is that the clinics are not to be a "me-pilot" program, but rather a "us-pilots" event ----- pilots talking to each other. It keeps it "alive and well" as a program to have different moderators who invigorate the presentation with different personalities and views at each safety clinic. As all of you will note, it takes a little forethought to be ready to moderate one of these clinics, even though you could easily "wing-it." I had to shift toward picking up safety flavored tidbits during the month in order to have something to talk about----so it takes time and focus. All good, of course, every pilot ought to do that. I appreciate anyone's thoughts on this, as well as volunteers to lead a session.

We started off with a discussion on FAA Ramp Checks (yes---I know, not a safety item. but nevertheless titillating.) Also commented on the new FAA "Wings" program and the potential of an infinitely valid Flight Check (BFR).

We had a special item, "Leaning" by Bob Belshe. Now that got downright interesting, especially to note the differences in needs and behaviors in different power plants and fuel systems. I had no idea about the reason that leaning at high altitude strips was only good if you did the leaning as you accelerated to lift-off (per Dick Rihn).

We talked about an AOPA article (Barry Schiff) and heard an audio on Emergencies, namely loss of engine and actions to be taken initially WITHOUT first dragging out the emergency check list. The example was---"smoke" in the cockpit, whaddadoyoudo instantly?

The last item dug out for entertainment was a video on "hand propping" to impress a new girlfriend. Hummmm, it certainly did that, she was hospitalized.



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