



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date:	Feb. 19, 2010
Place:	MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	Feb. 3, 2010

February President's Message

By Steve Kennedy

Happy Valentines Day. So, I don't know about you, but I'm getting really tired of the rain. I know we need it and all, but it would be nice to see the sun for a day or two together.

If you missed our Crab Feed in January, you missed one of the quietest dinners we ever had. People were so busy eating crab that they barely had time to talk. Not to mention, it was a full house. I can safely say a good time was had by all. We had LOTS of food, LOTS of wine, and LOTS of good fun. I told everyone that one of my goals this year is increased membership. I officially kicked off my new project of "Bring a Friend, Sign a Friend". The idea being that you bring a friend to the dinner, and then sign them up as a member. To help with that, I will have blank applications available at every dinner. So as we prepare for the February dinner that Diane and I will be hosting, consider inviting some of your friends to that dinner. I hope to see you and a friend there.

Speaking of dinners, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. We need you to sign up to host a dinner. Pick your favorite dinner; buy and prepare the food; invite 40 or 50 you're closest friends, and then MDPA will reimburse you for the food. What could be easier than that? I joke about it a lot, but we really do look forward to seeing and trying the diversity of food that we can get from such a large group of diverse people. Last year we had a couple of new dinners by some members who hadn't made them before. They were wonderful. How about you? Come on, send me an email at sk3979@gmail.com and give me your dinner ideas. We'd really like to see them.

I made reference at the January dinner that a strong and healthy club is dependent upon its members to be active. We need YOU to be active. How about planning to be a trip leader this year? Vince Siebern has come up with a TENTATIVE itinerary for the year, but we don't expect him to lead all these trips. Why don't you lead one? It's really not hard; it just involves a little organization. Think about it and let Vince know when you see him at the February dinner. I know it always seems like I'm begging for volunteers. So, if you want to shut me up, just volunteer, and I'll have to find new topics for my presidents message every month.

Respectfully, Steve.

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2010 Upcoming Dinners

February 19: Steve & Diane Kennedy

March 19: YOUR NAME HERE

April 16: YOUR NAME HERE

May 21: YOUR NAME HERE

June 18: YOUR NAME HERE

July 16: Annual Summer BBQ

August 20: YOUR NAME HERE

September 17: YOUR NAME HERE

October 15: YOUR NAME HERE

November 19: YOUR NAME HERE

December 17: Holiday Party

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 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.









Letter to the membership:

Our president has asked a number of times to have volunteers sign up to do the dinners. There seems to be a reluctance on the part of the members to take on this chore and therefore the same members end up doing it repeatedly, and they have done a splendid job by the way. High standards were set during the Richard Roberts reign as “El Presidente” when we departed from the Costco menu.

Without making members feel bad about not volunteering, because it is a big task to take on, especially if it not a shared effort with others, how is this for a resolution! Steve puts a list on the website and as people volunteer (several people can work on the parts of the same dinner) names are filled in the monthly blanks. Steve should not have to be put in a position of plugging in his own name all the time. For every blank there will be an entry, “BYOM” (Bring Your Own Meal). There, of course, can be variations on this, but it is a good place to start. Beverages can be made available. This way we can still have the camaraderie of breaking bread together as we do aviation chatter. If some one volunteers to do a BYOM meal, then their name gets plugged in instead and we then have a gourmet dinner.

John Potter

MDPA SAFETY CLINIC 1/2/10

Moderator -- John Potter

Breakfast again by great cooks. Someone was looking out for me this time, I got to eat!

If this was my starter for the new year, it was a bust. I looked down into my bag with the laptop and all of the wires for hooking up the TV and saw---- my toothbrush. Well ---- wrong bag! So, back to Benicia but I still had to “wing-it” because the memory stick was in the old bag I had just swapped.

We first had some entertainment, a BA 146 landing in a strong cross-wind at London City airport. The pilots were obviously used to the weird landings necessary at this field, but the passengers must have been horrified.

We got serious and talked about pre-flights and “following the yellow brick road (line)” when taxiing and the reason to do it---pretty subtle but worthy. Has to do with predictable outcomes.

This was followed by the featured discussion on mid-air collision statistics and an article published by the Aviation Safety Foundation “Collision Avoidance,” specifically, scanning techniques. We discussed what Chuck Yeager does on scanning, the most likely places to encounter an oncoming aircraft in cruise, how often to refocus and on what item (wing tip?), using passengers as watch-standers, use of “progressive”, use of “S” turns on climb-out, when to have lights turned on and much more.

So, having digested all of that, what does a bird do when he sees an oncoming aircraft? What should you do when you see an oncoming bird?



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