



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date:	June 18, 2010
Place:	MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	June 2, 2010

June 2010 Presidents Message Steve Kennedy

If you missed the May dinner, you missed an amazing evening. If you were there, you know what I mean. First, we had a fantastic Greek meal from Pat Peters with help from his son Tracy. If anyone went home hungry, it was their own fault. The dinner was a gastronomical treat. Then, for our speaker, we had Shawna Kelly, a local author who wrote a book about the early Hollywood aviators. What amazing daredevils. While watching some early footage of wing walkers, or stuntmen transferring from one airplane to another in flight, I was reminded about a recent event where the Redbull Glider team transferred a stuntman from one glider to another. But this guy was wearing a parachute. In the early days of Hollywood, they didn't use parachutes. Interesting times, then and now.

So here we are in June. My lame duck term as president of this organization is half over. My goal has always been to leave office, with the club in better shape than when I was elected. Time will only tell if I have accomplished this. But one thing I can say I've accomplished is we've had fun. We've had some great dinners, some great speakers, some great breakfasts, and some great trips. Last month, we went to Harris Ranch for lunch and this month we're going to Watts-Woodland. Good times flying.

Last month I told you that we need volunteers for the board next year. We have several members who are terming out on the board. We really need some new people on the board. It doesn't require a lot of your time, and you get the reward of the clubs undying gratitude. We'll have several positions open. If we all just assume someone else will do it, we'll eventually not have a club. So, how about stepping up? We would really love to see you volunteer. Send me an email.

As an airplane owner or just a pilot, there are several new regulations that can affect all of us. There is the requirement for new 408 Mghz ELT's. Now we have the ADS-B Next Gen ATC system. These are going to cost all of us one way or another. Either you'll pay for the equipment that is being mandated, or you'll pay higher rental rates. AOPA and other organizations are working to minimize the impact, but it would be in all our best interests to learn as much as possible about these coming mandates, and determine what the best course of action will be in our own particular case. This may be a topic we can explore further at a future safety discussion.

Until Next Month,
Respectfully,
Steve.

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2010 Dinner Schedule

June - Midway - Kim & Herb Cole

July - Old Fashioned BBQ -

Diane & Vince Siebern

August - Oshkosh Brats -

John & Cheryl Summers

September - Chili - Pat Miller

October - Oktoberfest - Kim & Herb
Cole

November - Taco Bar - Group Effort
-(Volunteers Needed)

December - Christmas Party - Potluck
Side, MDPA Main Course

2010 Proposed Trips

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

September: Trip to Sedona AZ. Thursday
through Sunday

October: Trip to Sun River Oregon. Weekend

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.



Speaker Shawna Kelly. *Aviators in Early Hollywood.*







Book signing.



John Levy has just landed at Watts-Woodland. Progressive to transient parking, please.



A Lancair will hold much more than you think.



MDPA has lunch at Watts-Woodland.

MDPA Safety Meeting

On Saturday, June 5, 2010, the MDPA regular safety meeting began with a delicious breakfast that featured Pancakes a la Steve, Eggs Vince, and Pig flown by Richard.

We heard a spellbinding account, from the pilot himself, of a successful emergency landing in a farm field following a catastrophic engine failure at low altitude. The pilot was flying his recently acquired C-210, with a recently remanufactured engine, near Chowchilla in the Central Valley. At 1,500 feet, the engine completely stopped with a loud bang. Rapidly losing altitude and with the propeller stopped, there was no time to establish best glide speed and look around for a safe place to land. Within two minutes, the pilot was able to extend the landing gear, avoid power lines and make a good landing in the field. On the rollout, a ditch got in the way and the plane nosed over, causing the most damage.

Fortunately, the pilot was not injured. Damage to the prop and the exterior of the plane is covered by insurance. The engine, which failed because of a defective or improperly installed connecting bolt, was a total loss and is not covered by insurance.

What is the lesson from this event? There is a reason we practice emergency procedures in airplanes of all sizes. You never know when you will need to land in an unexpected place in a hurry and you need to be ready.

With the real emergency landing as a warm up, John Levy facilitated a lively and thoughtful discussion about takeoffs and landings at our home airport. Concord is a complicated airport with four intersecting runways, confusing taxiways, and located in a congested area. Depending on the direction of flight, it can be difficult to find. Depending on the departure runway, there may not be a good place to land if there is an emergency on takeoff.

Everyone in the room, either aloud or silently, confessed to lining up or actually landing on the wrong runway.

Coming Attractions

Do not miss the June meeting on Friday, June 18th. Herbert and Kim Cole are providing a fabulous Hawaiian BBQ. The theme of the evening will be to honor the Battle of Midway and Maureen Bell has arranged a special visit from the battleship Yorktown. There will be a very special presentation following the dinner. Then we will have a speaker, if all goes as planned. Kathleen Engle, an energetic young pilot, will describe her journey from a Young Eagles ride with Bob Belshe to her acceptance at the US Naval Academy.

At the July BBQ, hosted by Vince and Diane Seibern, we will have Movie Nite with The Aviator.



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