



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date:	July 16, 2010
Place:	MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	July 7, 2010

July 2010 Presidents Message **Steve Kennedy**

I like July. It's the one month of the year we can forget all about partisan politics, budget shortfalls, political gridlock, and other government fiascos and all of us can just be patriotic. On the fourth, I saw a lot of people just expressing their patriotism. It was really kind of nice.

July is also the beginning of the second half of the year. This means that there are only a couple of months left in my tenure as your president. I have to say it's been a very interesting and busy two years. I talked last year about how the club is different now than it used to be. An example is how the monthly breakfasts that started out as two members meeting once a month for a breakfast, to then adding a safety discussion, to now being an integral part of our club activities each month. The safety discussions have become something that many members look forward to, and participate in. We've had numerous "chefs" cook our eggs, pancakes, sausages and bacon on the first Saturday of the month. We've also had many members take up the charge of leading the safety discussions. There have been as many as 30-35 people attending some of the breakfasts. That number rivals some of our dinners.

July is also a good time to fly. We have some potential trips coming up. Check out the trips on the web site and send an e-mail to Vince if you'd like to participate or lead a trip. When all is said and done, we are about flying, and we should fly.

Another reason I like July is because this is the month that Vince & Diane Siebern do their "Old Fashioned" BBQ as our MDPA dinner. Vince will grill up the burgers and hot dogs, while the rest of us do pot luck on the side dishes. Bring the family, the kids, the grandkids, even Uncle Mel. This is usually the summer highlight at MDPA. This year John Levy is planning it to be "Dinner and a Movie". We'll be showing the DVD "The Aviator" (the story of Howard Hughes) for those of you who want to make an evening out of it. I can't wait. It will be on July 16th this year. I hope to see you there.

It's shaping up to be a great summer. I hope you are as excited about it as I am.

Until Next Month,

Respectfully,

Steve.

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2010 Dinner Schedule

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 - MDPA
Main Course, Potluck Side and the
infamous MDPA Gift Exchange

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.



Naval Academy Cadet Kathleen Engle and pilot from her first ride with the EAA Young Eagles, Bob Belshe



Retired Commander Potter introducing speaker Kathleen Engle.



Dick and Pat Rihn as he receives his award from the FAA.



Dick Rihn with his award.



Pat and Dick with Glen Diefenderfer from the FAA.



Dick Sperling, EAA Young Eagles Coordinator.



Herb and Kim Cole cooking our dinner.



The Coles serving our dinner.



Waiting in line.
Dinner was worth
the wait.



Georgann Garms, Diane Siebern, Diane Kennedy.



Maureen Bell, Andrea and Scott Achelis and The Little Man.

Coming Attraction

The July BBQ, hosted by Diane and Vince Siebern, will be here soon. Make your reservation, get your potluck side dish ready and come on down to enjoy the food, the company, and the outstanding flying movie *The Aviator*.



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