



MDPA news

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President's Message

Maureen Bell

Meeting Notice

Date:	March 18, 2011
Place:	MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	March 2,

John Crabtree, our speaker at last month's safety meeting, retired as a controller on February 28, after 11 years at Buchanan. On behalf of MDPA I presented him with a cake. As you can see, I had fun planning the decoration. Remember the C-17 when it first flew over CCR - the airport had 153 calls within one hour! I was told it circled over Walnut Creek for quite a while after the pilot decided to ask for an IFR clearance to Travis.



Our speaker at February's dinner was Lee Younkin who had a great military career. Those who were there, and there were many, may remember he said he did not get a Purple Heart. What he didn't tell us was that he was awarded the Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star! Thanks go to Jude and John Potter for the great Italian dinner and Diane Kennedy for the delicious dessert.

Please note - our Open House date has changed from June to August 6, in order to coincide with the actual opening of Buchanan to general aviation in August, 1946. More details to follow shortly.

John Potter recently reminded me that we should be prepared for a request for help from anyone at any time, in the event of an emergency, i.e. Watsonville earthquake, Baja peninsula, etc. This is a great idea and I would like to have a committee from the membership work on it. Some of you probably have the type of experience needed and others may just want to help, but whatever your qualifications, if you agree that MDPA should do this, please e-mail me and let's get prepared.

We at MDPA are extremely proud of what progress the club has made in the past few years, but we need to grow and we need your support, so if you haven't renewed your membership, we encourage you to do so now. We have many benefits, only one being the fuel discount at our local FBO's, but remember, you need to be a current member in order to take advantage of this, so renew now and keep your cost of flying down.

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March 2011 Dinner

St. Patrick's Day- sponsored by Steve and Diane Kennedy

Menu:

Emerald Isle Salad (mixed green salad w/vegies)

County Cork Chicken (marinated roasted chicken & potatoes)

Irish Soda Bread (Irish soda bread)

Irish Coffee Cupcakes

March 2011 Program

Speaker: Bill Komanetsky, Owner Operator of Ahart

Aviation Services at Livermore (LVK) will present

information about Ahart's training program for international student pilots.

MDPA Activities

March 5th - Willows (WLW) to Nancy's Cafe

Following Safety Breakfast Meeting

April 2nd - Hollister (CVH) to the Dingaling Cafe, visit

Vintage Wings & Wheels

May 7th - Boonville (D83) to the Madrones Inn for lunch

and accommodation for 5 couples overnight, wine
tasting and dinner

June 4th - Watts-Woodland (O41) for lunch at the Club

July 2nd - Georgetown (E-36) for a picnic lunch

August 6 - MDPA Open House along with 65th Anniversary

of Buchanan Field - Pilots and aircraft for static display
wanted

September 3rd - Santa Ynez (IZA) for overnight stay in Solvang

Stop at Oceano (L52) on Sunday on the way back to CCR

October 1st - Little River (LLR) for lunch in Mendocino

November 5th - Auburn (AUN) for lunch at Wings Grill

December 3rd - Harris (308) for Holiday lunch at Harris

Ranch

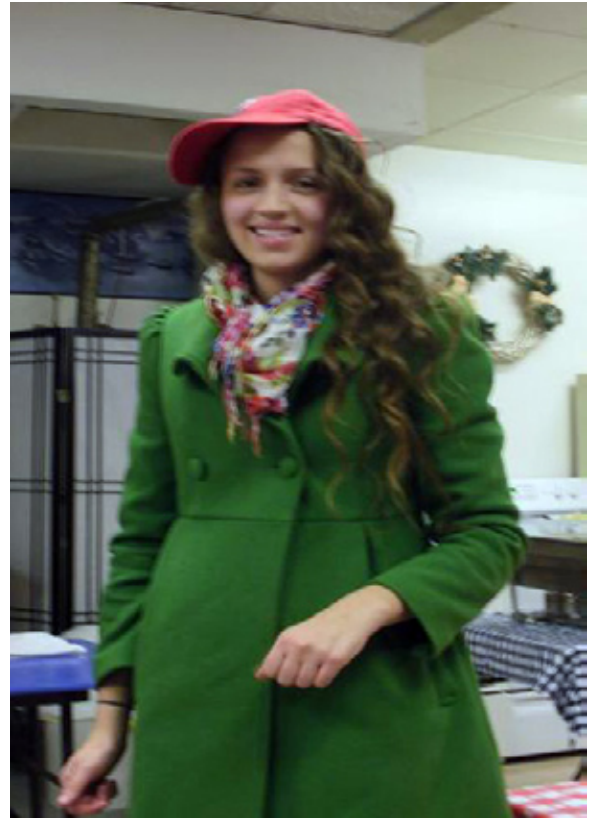
April 2011 Speaker

Dana Drenkowski, USAF, B-52 and F-4 pilot in Vietnam,
JAG, retired Stockton, San Joaquin County, Assistant District Attor-
ney, and author of six Soldier of Fortune magazine articles.

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.



Andy Marshall MDPA Scholarship recipient, Sophia Malerich with Andy Marshall's granddaughter and Sophia with a Sean Tucker hat



Dinner sponsors Jude and John Potter

John Levy presenting the club's 2011 budget



Lee Younkin, WWII B-17 pilot, speaking at the February meeting

Maureen presenting Lee with a Thank You aviation award



Maureen with announcements



Nancy and Patrick Miller



Staff photographer Kevin Kennedy

MDPA Safety Clinic March 5, 2011

Director of Airports Keith Freitas joined the safety meeting to give an update on the Airport Security Project.

TSA has implemented more stringent airport security processes and Buchanan Field Airport staff has been working to enhance security, including a new security gate access system. The new system, which is anticipated to be in place by the end of 2011, will require issuing of new access cards to tenants. The Airport staff is working with the Aviation Advisory Committee to review the proposed process and implementation plan. The Airport is seeking input from all stakeholders to try and address any concerns during the transition to the new system. A new Access Card Agreement will soon be posted on the Airport website.

The Airport will be replacing the gates to the East Ramp and West side Port-A-Ports and LCA Hangars. Existing metal gate keys will be replaced with coded security cards. Draft access card applications with requirements for Tenants and Affiliates are available for review and comment.

The Airport expects to have the new cards distributed to Tenants and Affiliates within the next two months, prior to installation of the new gates.

If you are unable to attend the Aviation Advisory Committee meetings, written suggestions and/or comments would be appreciated and should be directed to Keith Freitas, Director of Airports and mailed to 550 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA 94520 or sent to him via e-mail at kfrei@airport.cccounty.us

Fuel Prices 100 LL as of March 2, 2011

PSA:	MDPA price \$4.74/gal	Retail \$4.89/gal
Sterling:	MDPA price \$4.79/gal	Retail 4.99/gal
	Safety Clinic Breakfast price (MDPA members only) \$4.64/gal	

EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast



EAA Chapter 393 is hosting the visit of the B-17 Aluminum Overcast to Concord's Buchanan Field on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3-4, 2011.



Fly the Fortress!

EAA is offering historic flight experiences in its beautifully restored B-17G Flying Fortress "Aluminum Overcast." One of only 14 Fortress's still flying this aircraft is an icon of the Allied strategic bombing effort that helped turn the tide of battle in World War II. Unlike reading a history book, you can actually fly a mission back in time and feel the might of this magnificent machine, just as those brave young men did more than 60 years ago.

Self Guided Ground Tours daily from 2-5pm. Cost \$5 per adult, \$15 per family. Children under 8 free when accompanied by paying adult. Active Military or Veterans free.

To book a flight please call 1-800-359-6217.

Pricing: Pre-book for EAA members \$399, for non-members \$439.

Walk-up for EAA members \$425, for non-members \$465.

Looking for that perfect gift, how about a gift certificate to fly in the B-17? Call 1-800-359-6217.

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Membership Application and Renewal Form

Last Name First Name Spouse's Name

Street Address or PO Box

City, State and ZIP Code

Home Phone # Work Phone # Cell Phone # Fax/Other #

E-mail address Personal Web Page (if applicable)

Type of Aircraft #1 (e.g. C-182RG, PA-28, Glasair, etc.) N#

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Vocation Hobbies and Interests

- Please indicate on which Committee(s) you would be willing to help:
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| _____ Activities (hangar party, BBQ) | _____ Publicity |
| _____ Trips (brunches, weekend outings) | _____ Membership (database updates) |
| _____ Programs (speakers for meetings) | _____ Hospitality, (coffee, dinners for meetings) |
| _____ Safety (flying tips, maintenance) | _____ Clubhouse |
| _____ Airport Advisory | _____ Communications (newsletter, website) |
| _____ Other | |

Name Tags: If you would like name tags, please print the name(s) as you would like them to appear on the tags:

Name #1 Name #2

New Member Dues with clubhouse privileges	Annual Dues 2011	
Membership Renewal with clubhouse privileges	Regular Member	\$110
	Student Pilot	\$25
	Concord Mechanic (AP/IA)	\$75
	Concord Flight Instructor (CFI/CFII)	\$75
	Corporate	\$150
	Corporate (with Advertisement)	\$200

Annual dues are payable on January 1st of each calendar year. All delinquent members will be taken off the membership and fuel list by February 15th.

In order to take advantage of the MDPA fuel discount, you must identify yourself to the fuel attendant as an MDPA member and pay with credit card, cash, check or approved account.



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Blue Skies and Tailwinds to:

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***"Mt. Diablo Pilots Association,
an association of aviation enthusiasts"-
aircraft owners, renters, students and
affiliates are welcome.***

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