



# MDPA news

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## Meeting Notice

Date:	May 20, 2011
Place:	MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	May 4, 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

May 2011

I just reread last May's newsletter and guess what, we were talking about MDPA logowear. Well, we now have it! Within a few weeks it will be available through our website, polo shirts for 20.00, caps for 12.00 and fleece jackets for 31.00, all in several colors. I showed these to some of our members at last Saturday's safety meeting and they all agreed they would love to wear them, so watch and wait, it won't be long now. I will also bring them to the May dinner for those who weren't at the safety meeting.

Talking of the May dinner, can you wait for Maverick tri-tip, smoked chicken, cowboy beans with all the trimmings, you'll have to pull out those cowboy boots and hats from your wardrobe. Sign up early as this will be catered and we need a firm count by May 15. I'm even inviting my daughter and son-in-law from Montana so call your friends and relatives and let's make this a fun night. The speakers are still a surprise but I know they will entertain you!

Thanks again to the Peters family for the fantastic Greek spread they put on in April and as I was told afterwards, we need to get Dana Drenkowski back for another evening to finish his story.

Mark your calendars for June 17, which will be Casino Nite to be held in the PSA hangar, this will give Stewart Bowers relatives enough room to stack up their chips! June safety meeting will be followed by a trip to Watts-Woodland for lunch at the Club. This meeting will be held on June 11 (not June 4) so please make a note. On June 4 Young Eagles will be having a large event, I am told the Girl Scouts as well as the Boy Scouts will be invited, and they need any MDPA pilot who is willing to help out to please contact them.

Finally, we still need more members and I am asking all of you to talk to any friends or pilots you know who might be interested in joining – as of June 30, the rate for this year will be 55.00 through December, so do what you can to increase the membership and keep our club strong.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May dinner and I can tell you what a great time I had flying in the EAA B-17.

Maureen Bell, President

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**May 2011 Dinner**

*Cowboy Barbecue* - sponsored by Elaine Yeary

Catered by Maverick's BBQ

Menu: Santa Maria wood fired tri-tip

Smoked Chicken

Tossed Green Salad

Maverick's Potato Salad

Cowboy Beans

Fresh Baked Bread

Chocolate Chunk Cookies

**May 2011 Program**

The most interesting group of pilots you'll probably ever meet

**Upcoming Programs**

June 17, 2011 Casino Nite in the PSA Hangar

July 15, 2011 Rhu Begay, Aviation Artist

**MDPA Activities**

June 11th - Watts-Woodland (O41) for lunch at the Club

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

August 6th - 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

**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.

Our fly-in to Boonville (D-83), lunch and wine tasting tour at The Madrones was a fabulous success. Bob Weiss, Knute Fisher, Richard Roberts, Bob Belshe, George Vujnovich and Russ Rowe flew the participating aircraft. Stu Bower, David Thacker, Teeb Thomas and our guest from Australia, David Hill, came along as passengers. My friend, Jim Roberts, did a fantastic job introducing everyone to the four wine makers with tasting rooms on his property, gave a tour of his facility and beautiful gardens, and provided a wonderful lunch on the patio. Everyone was impressed, and now we have a new destination spot to go to with friends and family. The only unanticipated excitement of the day occurred when Russ blew a tire while attempting to land at Boonville, and had to execute an aborted landing and return to CCR. We were concerned for him and were very happy to get word that he arrived safely back to CCR without any further issues. Russ did a fantastic job piloting his aircraft in a very tense situation and I'm sure will be happy to lead one of our upcoming safety meetings.

Anyone interested in checking out The Madrones, go to the website at [www.themadrones.net](http://www.themadrones.net).

Bob Weiss

MDPA aircraft at Boonville



Stewart Bowers & David Hill,  
guest visiting from Australia



Beautiful gardens at The Madrones in Boonville



Lunch on the patio: Knute Fisher; Bob Belshe and a man of mystery

At the table: Bob Belshe; Stewart Bowers; Australian David Hill; Teeb Thomas



APRIL MEETING - GREEK DINNER & SPEAKER DANA DRENKOWSKI



Maureen makes announcements



Pat Peters, Tracy Peters and the Peters Family. Your Greek chefs and dinner hosts.



Speaker Dana Drenkowski

Split the dinner five ways.  
John Levy, John Summers, Steve  
Kennedy, Bev Levy, Felix Boston



MDPA logo wear

## JUNE SAFETY MEETING/BREAKFAST

**Change of Date!** Saturday, June 11, 2011 9:00am MDPA Clubhouse

The Young Eagles will be flying with the EAA out of the MDPA clubhouse on June 4 (the usual breakfast/safety meeting day). Therefore, the vintage birds will be flying the following week.

### SAFETY MEETINGS

May 7, 2011 Checklists Moderator: Steve Kennedy

April 2, 2011 Traffic Patterns Moderator: Tom Hammitt

From the Coordinator of Moderators, John Potter:

Moderators are not instructors. You will probably note that instructors are not asked to be “moderators.” (They know too much, right? They only chime in when the rest of us are wrong.)

Moderators scheduled for upcoming meetings:

June 11, 2011	Brian Enbom	
July 2, 2011	John Potter	“Jihad John” & the FAA
August 6, 2011	John Summers	
September 3, 2011	Felix Boston	
October 1, 2011	John Levy	

For anyone interested in being a moderator, we need to fill in the November and December slots. All that needs to be done is make a short list of safety topics to throw out to the pilots to chew on and try to do some analysis of how something went wrong. Start off with making introductions and afterwards provide a short article for the newsletter to document our safety program.

### Fuel Prices 100 LL as of May 4, 2011

PSA:	MDPA price \$5.63/gal	Retail \$5.78/gal
Sterling:	MDPA price \$5.54/gal	Retail \$5.74/gal
	Safety Clinic Breakfast price (MDPA members only) \$5.29/gal	

# August 6, 2011

## MDPA Open House

Membership Event - Join MDPA and celebrate  
**Buchanan Field 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Breakfast  
Airplane Display  
Information  
Prizes**

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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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