



# MDPA news

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## Meeting Notice

**Date:** August 19, 2011  
**Place:** MDPA Clubhouse  
**Dinner:** 6:30 PM  
**Program:** 7:00 PM  
**Board Meeting:** August 3, 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Maureen Bell**

How can I possibly say "Thank You" to so many people in such short a space?

Our Open House celebrating our 35th year at Buchanan, together with Buchanan Airport's 65th anniversary was a huge success due to many great people. I cannot mention them all by name but you know who you are and you should all be proud of the outcome from your efforts. The Open House Committee, cooks and cleanup crew (plus one very busy granddaughter), the ramp attendants, exhibitors, Larry and his line crew, FBO's, tower personnel, C.A.P., the Huey Crew, veterans, Cal Star and all the aircraft owners who brought their aircraft to the ramp -- thank you all so much -- this could not have been such a success without you.

We received so many compliments from the public who attended, that it makes all your hard work really worthwhile. One comment was that they had never seen so many interesting aircraft on display at Buchanan. There will be many photos added to our webpage plus check out our Facebook page for more (thank you to the Kennedy's).

August 19th will be our Hawaiian Night with our featured speaker telling us all about mountain flying, so mark your calendars now. We will also be auctioning a one of a kind sweatshirt depicting our event, donated by Rhu Bigay and you won't want to miss this.

In September, Bill Larkins will be showing us his terrific photos and giving us their history, going back to the beginning of the airport (you may have seen a few of these in the clubhouse if you attended Saturday's Open House).

Once again, thanks to all who helped make this a great day for the public and I hope it has generated enough interest in them to come back to the airport and eventually become MDPA members.

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On behalf of all of MDPA, a very big **THANK YOU** to President Maureen for all of her hard work on the Open House. Without the many hours she spent organizing, coordinating, directing, e-mailing, meeting, advertising, decorating, and managing volunteers, the event would not have been the great success that it was.

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**Events and Programs**

August 19, 2011

Aloha Dinner -

Mountain Flying Program

September 16, 2011

William Larkins -

Buchanan Field History & Photos

**MDPA Activities**

September 3, 2011

Salinas (SNS) for lunch on the field

October 1, 2011

Little River (LLR) for lunch in

Mendocino

November 5, 2011

Auburn (AUN) for lunch at Wings

Grill

December 3, 2011

Harris (308) for Holiday Lunch at

Harris Ranch

The next fly-in will follow breakfast and the safety meeting on Saturday, September 3rd. The trip was originally scheduled as an overnight to Santa Ynez (Solvang) with a stop at Oceano for brunch on Sunday. However, September 3rd is in the middle of Labor Day weekend and the hotels are booked, require a two night minimum, or are expensive. So, for those of you who are around over Labor Day weekend, please plan on a flight to Salinas (SNS) for lunch. Salinas has a good on-field restaurant and a very picturesque route of flight for sightseeing. (If the weather is good, plan to fly up the coast on the way back to CCR). With all of the stock market upheaval and drop in the price per barrel of oil, maybe fuel prices will be attractive by then as well. Please mark your calendars and invite family, friends, or neighbors who have been asking you for an airplane ride to come along. Thanks and see you on September 3rd.

Bob Weiss

**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.



Patty Gilchrist & her twin sister Marcia.

Bob Torrey supervising the buffet

John Potter & Maureen Bell







Speaker Aviation Artist Rhu Bigay

Rhu Bigay & Tracy Peters



New MDPA members Michael Baraz and Delane David at their first dinner meeting



Tracy Peters and Chester Robbins



B-24 by Rhu Bigay

**Fuel Prices 100LL as of August 3, 2011**

PSA:	MDPA price \$5.60/gal	Retail \$5.75/gal
Sterling:	MDPA price \$5.63/gal	Retail \$5.83/gal
	Safety Clinic Breakfast price (MDPA members only) \$5.38/gal	





Tom Howard photo





Bill Larkins photos



Chester Robbins & his Navion

# Happy Labor Day!



The staff at Pacific States Aviation would like to wish you a happy labor day!

Tell line service about our Rosie the Riveter ad when they fuel you and get a 20 ¢ per gallon discount.

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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.***