



# MDPA News

## Mt. Diablo Pilots Association

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March 3	9:00 AM	Breakfast/Safety Meeting/Flyout
March 7	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
March 16	6:30 PM	Meeting and Dinner (see details at the bottom of <i>this page</i> )

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have so many great photos this month I will keep my message brief.

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership and to those who have introduced their friends or neighbors to our club. As you know, we need members in order to remain viable in today's economy.

Your board is currently investigating ways to improve our finances and there will be more information to follow. I have a call in to Donald Trump as he seems to have figured out how to turn things around! Great dinner and speaker last month and a good crowd at the breakfast meeting, in fact, I think it was the largest group ever, ( I'd better check what John is putting in those pancakes).

Please participate in our monthly meetings, I heard that Diane Kennedy is making her famous cheesecake for one of the desserts this month.

Congratulations to Elaine Yeary for winning \$115.00 in our raffle, it proved to be popular, so we'll have another one soon.

Finally, make sure you read the entire newsletter – last month you had a chance to receive a greater discount on fuel if you had read the PSA ad – only two members called in and took advantage of it.

*Thank you, Maureen Bell*

**DINNER:** The MDPA monthly dinner for March will be held on Friday the sixteenth at 6:30PM in the clubhouse. The cost will be fifteen dollars per person. Watch for your email invitation!

Dinner will be hosted by John and Cheryl Summers and include a baked potato bar with various toppings (butter, sour cream, cheese, chives, bacon, and diced ham) and green salad with tomatoes as well as dessert.

**MEETING:** Our guest speaker will be Wayne Terry. He represents Huey Vets, a group of dedicated volunteers that fly a fully restored Viet Nam era helicopter in the Bay area.

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<b>MDPA Clubhouse is located at:</b> 161 John Glenn Drive Concord, CA 94520
The MDPA clubhouse is on the runway side of John Glenn Drive, the last building before CalStar.

## Fly-in to HAF (Half Moon Bay) Saturday, 3/3/12

After a stupendous "cowboy" breakfast and a very informative AOPA presentation moderated by John Summers, 3 aircraft signed up for the fly-in to HAF (filled out the insurance forms) and we got everyone there briefed on the unique nature of flying around the Class B airspace and along the coast. The weather was beautiful, absolute "clear" along the coast. A lot of flight activity over the Golden Gate.

The two pilots that missed the briefing not only did not sign the insurance forms, but both were also very experienced pilots who could have shared some of their vast experience with the novice pilots that went. That is clearly what the MDPA fly-ins are all about. Non-pilot passengers also get an idea of what is involved as well. (I know one 8 year old who would have sucked up all of the chatter, shuffling of charts and rattling off of the correct frequencies).

(By John Potter)



Facing this way, Richard Roberts, John Potter behind him  
and Jeremy McCauley on the right.

### Pilots and guests of the Half Moon Bay Flyin:

- \* Richard Roberts and Jeremy McCauley with his two children, Jessica & Ryan.
- \* John Potter & old time member Jack Reichel
- \* Stewart Bowers and George Vujnovich                      \* Knute Fisher and Felix Boston
- \* David Thacker and his guest "Richie" Engle who is a retired Shell expert on AV fuel.

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Cut and paste the link below for a fascinating tour of the aircraft carrier USS John C Stennis

<http://www.dump.com/2011/04/16/one-us-aircraft-carrier-has-a-more-powerful-air-force-than-70-of-all-countries-video/>

## **BUCHANAN FIELD AIRPORT STAKEHOLDERS: The old key card reader will be removed on Monday, April 2, 2012.**

The Buchanan Field access control cards are ready to be released to all tenants who have completed and returned their applications. Airport staff has developed a process to make the transition from the old key card to the new access control cards as seamless as possible and would like to offer these reminders:

1. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., by appointment Tuesday through Friday 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through April 1, or please call (925) 646-5722 if you need alternate arrangements.
2. A sponsor must pick up their card before their affiliate's card can be issued.
3. If you have an existing deposit, it can be transferred to your access card if you bring your old key card in when picking up your new access card.
4. New security deposits must be made in cash or a check made payable to Contra Costa County at the time access cards are issued.
5. All persons must come in with a valid driver's license to pick up their access card.

Please note: It will take Airport staff several days to process any new applications, and **the old key card readers will be taken out of service on April 2, 2012.** If you have not submitted your application, you can do so completing the application on our web site at:

<http://ca-contracostacounty.civicplus.com/static/depart/airport/>

or by faxing the completed form to (925) 646-5722 or stopping by the Airport office at 550 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA 94520.

Congratulations to the February Raffle Winner

Elaine Yeary

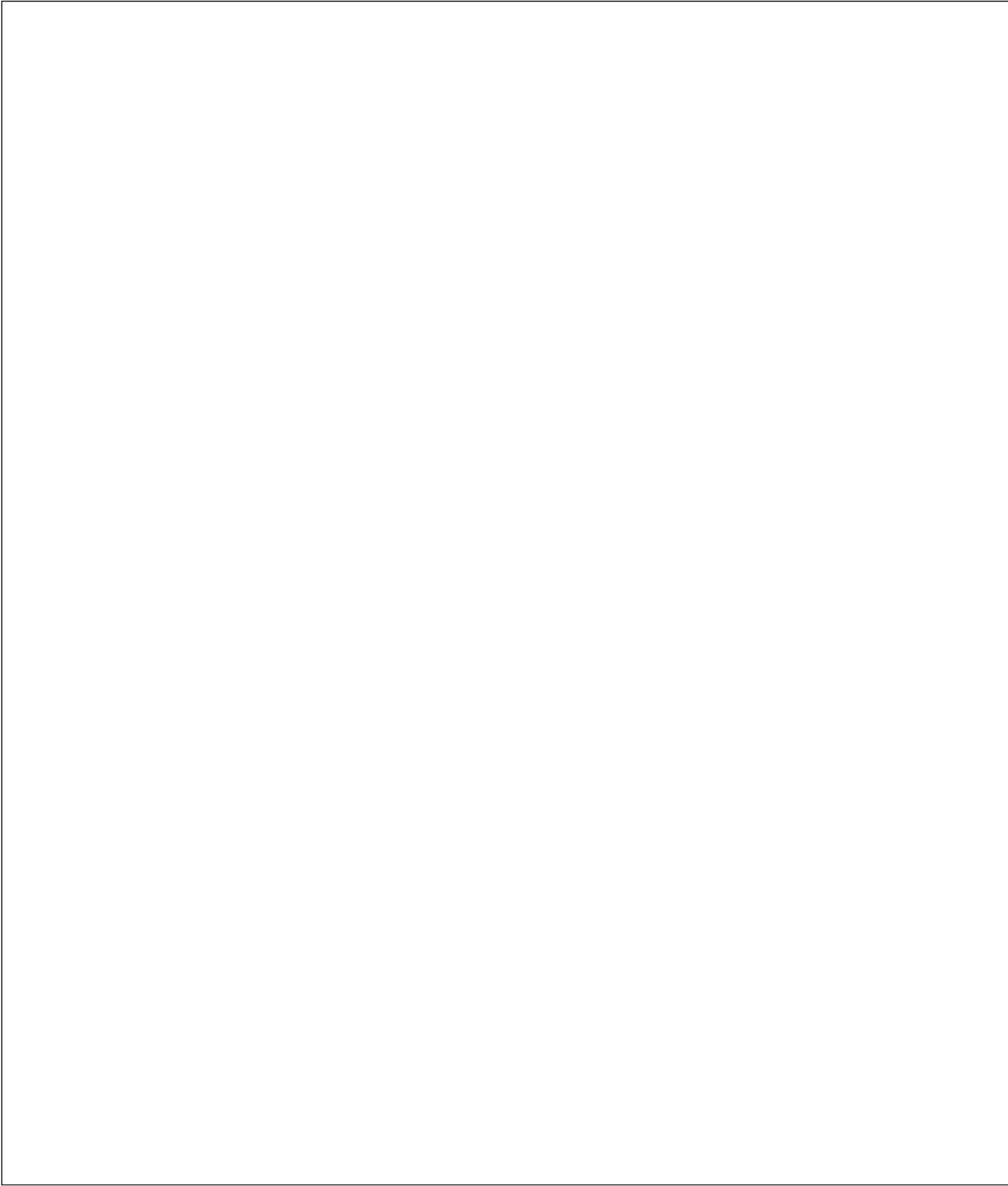


### MDPA Mission Statement

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.

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## February Dinner

The MDPA monthly dinner for February was held on Friday, February 17, 2012. The scrumptious dinner was hosted by Steve and Diane Kennedy. Included in the meal was a salad, Margarita Chicken, glazed carrots, bread rolls, Margarita cheesecake and other desserts. Tracy Peters brought the blenders and mixed up a steady stream of Margaritas.

(Did you know that February 22 was National Margarita Day?)

## February Meeting

The speaker this evening was Dana Drenkowski, a former American Air Force pilot. This was his second visit to MDPA. He talked about his experience flying hundreds of missions in Vietnam, first with B-52's and, later, with F-4 Phantoms. He fought for Ian Smith in the Rhodesian Bush War, and even flew for Qadhafi (back when the CIA still had a relationship with him). He shared an extremely educational and interesting reflection of his experiences and he showed us an insightful look at the Viet Nam War from the prospective of both a bomber pilot and fighter pilot. From the positive response of the MDPA membership, we look forward to hearing the rest of his story.

*By Chet Robbins*

(Photos of the dinner and meeting are on pages 6 and 7)

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR LET'S GO FLYING!



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**MDPA Diner      Margarita Chicken      2/17/12**



**Bob Torry, Kristie Logan and Chester Robbins**



**Maureen Bell and Felix Boston**

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## MDPA Dinner Chicken Margarita February 17, 2012



Patty Gilchrist  
& Pat Peters



Chester Robbins introducing  
guest speaker Dana Drenkowski



Anthony Dymond and  
Stewart Bowers



Maureen Bell reads  
the winning raffle ticket  
(Elaine Yearly won)



Cheesecake for dessert !

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## *MDPA Breakfast March 3, 2012*



Richard Roberts



Future pilots  
Ryan McCauley and



Jessica McCauley



David Thacker



Jay McCartney and  
Mark Young



Patti Gilchrist



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## MDPA Breakfast

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John Potter, hard at work



Chet Robbins, Bob Gonzales, Elaine Yeary and Knute Fisher

## MDPA Safety Seminar "Mountain Flying" 3/3/2012



John Summers



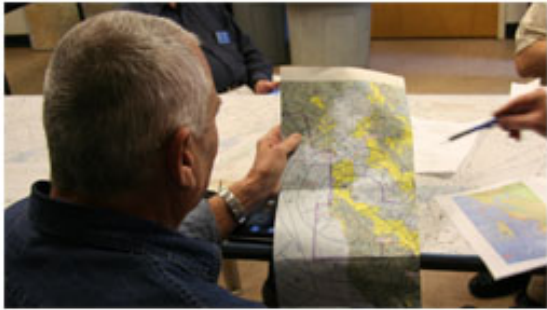
Stewart Bowers

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Mark Young



Knute Fisher prepping  
for the flight to HAF



"Richie" Engle  
(guest of David Thacker)



Jack Davi