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Calendar – June 2012

<u>June 6</u>	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
<u>June 15</u>	6:30 PM	Meeting/ Dinner



See how much fun we have at our monthly dinners !

Come join us.

President's Message

Another month has already flown by and before we know it, Christmas will be right around the corner.

Speaking of Christmas, can you imagine our Christmas party in the new "old" clubhouse – what memories that will bring back, but first, we have to complete many details and I am still looking for anyone with any special talents who could help us with the work to be performed. Many thanks to those of you who have already offered – there is nothing as great as a volunteer!

We have had some discussion about repeating an Open House this year but have decided as it really isn't a "special" year as in the past, we will continue with our usual Saturday morning breakfast and safety meeting. These Saturday mornings are really becoming popular, almost 50 attendees last week. Our monthly cooks and cleanup crew deserve a round of applause, not only do they offer their time; they provide us with some wonderful food.

This month we will have our Friday night dinner catered by Maverick's, which was so popular last time. If you enjoy cowboy food, don't forget to email dinners@mdpa.org for reservations. I know some members find it difficult to attend on a Friday night, so let me know if changing the day would be beneficial.

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At this point we are still hoping a couple more of you will volunteer to take charge of a dinner this year – it doesn't have to be performed completely by one person, contact one of the other members and ask if they would share the job or let me know and I'll find someone to help.

Runway closures are always a problem, but once it is over, we will be able to enjoy the improvements to our airport. Have patience! The work is coming along on the old clubhouse and hopefully we should be able to start our part within the next few weeks.

Maureen Bell

Boonville Flyout May 5, 2012



See pages 3 and 4 for more flyout photos...

The second annual fly-in to Boonville (D-83) was a smashing success, with lots of participating airplanes and passengers. In total, there were 8 aircraft and 16 pilots and passengers who made the trip. The weather was clear and relatively smooth for the flight, but the highlight, once again, was the destination. Jim Roberts, who owns and operates the Madrones Inn was the consummate host and everyone enjoyed lunch and a tour of the property; and most, without piloting responsibilities, were able to sample the fabulous collection of wines offered by the four wineries with tasting rooms on the property. Take a look at the pictures and you'll see what I mean. For those of you who were unable to make the trip, and for those of you who want to return, don't be bashful about contacting Jim through the Madrones Inn website or on Facebook. He is happy to provide shuttle service from the airport and it is a wonderful destination.

Bob Weiss

Flyout to Boonville May 5th, 2012

Tie-down on the West side of the runway (13/31).



There is no taxiway. This small airport is situated in Anderson Valley and is very easy to get into. Weather often dictates landing runway 31.





Friendly waitstaff and patrons.



Picturesque Madrones Inn Boonville, CA



Comfortable dining area, good food and drink.

Copy and paste the following links to interesting sites:

1). Another GREAT FREE WX Product

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/outlook/>

2). A little history!

Aviation buffs are going to love this link, (it takes several seconds to load).

<http://www.faa.gov/about/history/celebration/media/LaGuardia%20Exhibit%20Album.pdf>

3). Here is a classic example of the dreaded under-the-bottom stall.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otxYSExbg3Q>

The above three links: Forwarded by *Dan Sorkin*

4). Well done and worth watching. enjoy.

<http://vimeo.com/18135369>

Forwarded by *Jon*

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Felix Boston for the donated aircraft related items, which were sold at the last breakfast.

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.

The May Dinner was hosted by Tracy and Bridgett Peters



Hostess Bridgett Peters and the cook



Steve and Diane Kennedy



Speaker Bruce Brandt
Interdiction Pilot with Homeland Security



Maureen Bell and Felix Boston



Bob Torrey, Dave Thacker, Greg McAllister and Felix Boston

Hawaiian Dinner - May 2012 - Hosted by Bridget and Tracy Peters



Jude and John Potter



Kristie Logan and Patty Gilchrist



Several tables of "hau'oli" diners

Bruce Brandt Guest Speaker May 18, 2012

Last month's guest speaker was Bruce Brandt. He is an Air Interdiction Agent for the Department of Homeland Security. Bruce flies both fixed wing and helicopters for both Homeland Security and The National Guard. He has been deployed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. His interest in flying was sparked by M.D.P.A. member Bob Gonzales, when he was a little boy and Bob gave him a ride in his Navion.

Bruce described the functions of an Air Interdiction Agent and the type of helicopters and aircraft that is used to secure the borders of our country. He gave a video presentation of the equipment used, Radar and aircraft and how they jointly work together. He described how sophisticated smugglers have become over the years, now using submarines and remotely piloted vehicles and ultralights to avoid radar detection.

By Chet Robbins

Busy Saturday morning at CCR



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The MDPA Clubhouse is on the runway side of John Glenn Drive, the last Building before Calstar:

161 John Glenn Drive Concord, CA 94520

Fuel discount for the month of June



HAPPY FATHERS DAY FROM PACIFIC STATES AVIATION.

TO ALL OF YOU FLYING DADS REQUEST FUEL FROM PSA DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE AND RECEIVE ANOTHER 10 CENTS OFF YOUR MDPA DISCOUNT PRICE.

Do you know that it is important to clean your airplane? All this month we are offering discounted washes only to MDPA members! Call us and get pricing today! Some are as low as \$75!

MDPA monthly dinner for June will be held on Friday the fifteenth at 6:30PM in the clubhouse.

The cost will be fifteen dollars per person.

The June dinner will be sponsored by Elaine Yeary and catered by Maverick's. The dinner will be their "Classic" combination: Wood Fired Tri-Tip, Smoked Chicken, Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Tossed Green Salad, and Fresh Baked Bread. Dessert will be provided by Elaine.

MDPA Meeting on the same evening as the dinner:

The subject will be "Pioneer Aviation In the San Francisco Area". Our own Bob Gonzales will tell of the "Gonzales Brothers" who designed and flew their own airplanes at one of the earliest flight schools in San Francisco,

The following are FAQ regarding the runway closures. If you have another question, regarding the closure, please contact Julie Conti at (925) 646-5722

Buchanan Field Airport
Runway 01L/19R Construction Project Q&A
(Updated May 25, 2012)

- How long will the project last?
The project will begin on Monday, June 4, 2012 and is scheduled to be completed by Wednesday, July 11, 2012.
- Will Buchanan Field Airport be closed when the ATC Tower is open (7:00 am to 10:00 pm)?
Although several of the runways will be closed during the project, at least one runway will remain open while ATC Tower is operational.
- Will Buchanan Field Airport be closed at night (10:00 pm to 7:00 am)?
Since the Airport is home to two air ambulance operators (Calstar and REACH) the Airport is scheduled to remain open 24/7 to aircraft operations. Runway 14L/32R will be open to night operations, except from June 18th until June 28th. During this period, June 18th until June 28th, all runways will be closed at night.
- Will the Runway 19R Localizer be active during the construction project?
Due to possible interference by the construction equipment operating in and near the Localizer Critical Area, the Runway 19R Localizer will be out of service during the entire construction period (anticipated June 4th until July 11th)
- Will practice instrument approaches be allowed during the construction project?
VOR and GPS approaches will be operational and Air Traffic Control personnel may approve VFR practice approaches workload permitting.
- How will pilots know if the project closure dates change and what would cause that to happen?
Pilots should monitor ATIS, NOTAM, Airport emails, and the Airport website for updated information. As with all construction projects, the design consultants, contractor and County staff have invested an enormous amount of time planning and preparing for this project. However, most projects encounter unexpected equipment, material, supply, and weather issues. Any one of these items could result in a schedule change.
- Are jet aircraft or aircraft weighing more than 12,500 pounds allowed to operate on runway 01R/19L?
No.
- What are the expected aircraft taxi routes?
Aircraft taxiing from the east to west side and vice versa should expect to taxi around the approach end of Runway 01L (southern). The alternate taxi route will be around the approach end of 19R (northern).
- Will the closure of Buchanan Field Airport conflict with the closure of the main runway at Livermore Airport?
Livermore Airport has agreed to push the start of their runway project to the middle of July to mitigate simultaneous runway closures at both airports.



Buchanan Field Airport (CCR) Runway Closure Notice

Update as of April 23, 2012

Closed: Runway 01L/19R & 14R/32L
Monday, June 4th until Wednesday, July 11th

Closed: Runways 01L/19R, 14R/32L & 14L/32R
Monday, June 18th until Thursday, June 28th
ONLY Runway 01R/19L active



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