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## Calendar – August 2012

<u>August 1</u>	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
<u>August 4</u>	9:00 AM	Breakfast
<u>August 4</u>	9:30 AM	Safety Seminar
<u>August 4</u>	10:30 AM	Fly-in Salinas
<u>August 17</u>	6:30 PM	Dinner/Meeting

## President's Message

This month my report is one I just received from Scott Achelis, our wonderful supervising lead for the renovation of the "new" clubhouse.

As you can see from the photos, the transformation in just over a week is outstanding. Can you believe the difference in the appearance of the front of the building? A huge thank you to all who have helped out so far and as you will see from Scott's message, he is still in need of semi-skilled workers – so please give him a call if you can help in any way.

I would also like to thank the airport personnel for their assistance and encouragement in this project.

*Maureen Bell*

## Report from Scott Achelis

Following a series of delays, we've started working on the "new" clubhouse! The County has installed a new furnace, upgraded the sewer and water lines, removed the fireplace, replaced the broken windows & provided new window screens, and confirmed that the existing electrical lights and plugs are working. In addition, the County is in the process of re-paving approximately 3,000 feet of asphalt on the ramp area adjacent to the building.

Given that the County wanted to see changes and improvements ASAP, last week's tasks were primarily pruning and some light carpentry / demo. We have taken about 20 yards of debris to the dump consisting of green waste and construction materials.

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There is a building here somewhere.....



Voila !! The nicely trimmed clubhouse exterior



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## **Report from Scott Achelis**

We received a large delivery from Ashby Lumber today, and more serious carpentry begins Friday. A second order consisting of materials required for the "T" bar ceiling in the main meeting area and bathrooms is pending from Lowes; delivery expected within the next few days.

Plumbing will commence the first week in August.

There will surely come a time when an "all hands available - please report" message is sent to every EAA / MDPA member, but now is not that time.

What we really need now is a few more semi-skilled "helpers" - for a half day to several days. Anyone unable to commit to a time in advance is welcomed to call me and see if we're working (925 366-7920) or just drop by the clubhouse.

Good progress in the first 2 weeks - and a long way to go to completion...

*Scott Achelis*

**The minutiae of remodeling, there is always more to do than it looks at first glance.**



## Repaving the Exterior



### 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.

## AUGUST 4, 2012

**BREAKFAST**

**SAFETY SEMINAR**

**FLY-IN**

Hi Everyone,

We're not having an open house this year, so we're dedicating the August Fly-in on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to student pilots. Sterling and PSA are inviting their student pilots to attend our breakfast, safety meeting and fly-in. We don't know how many students will participate, but we need to be ready with enough aircraft and pilots to match up with the students. I've asked Ray at Sterling and Art at PSA to give me a head count by the end of this week – next Tuesday, July, 31, at the latest. Likewise, I'd like to have an idea of how many participating aircraft and pilots there will be from MDPA and EAA. Please e-mail me directly at: [bob@weisscon.com](mailto:bob@weisscon.com) and let me know that you will participate.

The idea will be to match a student with a pilot at the breakfast, and then following the flight briefing, have the pilot and student flight plan the trip together. My thought is to fly to Salinas (SNS) for lunch at The Landing Zone restaurant. If the weather isn't good at SNS, we'll go somewhere else. We believe involving the students in a "real" flying experience is important for the future health of general aviation and we hope that student and pilot participation will be robust. Not to mention that an event such as this will help introduce the student pilots to the association with the idea of promoting membership. So, please let me hear from you and I will keep you all posted as August 4<sup>th</sup> gets closer. Have a good week. Bob

*Bob Weiss*



We had a good response to the annual MDPA picnic lunch fly-in to Columbia (O22). Twelve of us participated, representing 6 aircraft. Russell Roe flew in with his passenger, Shawn Hilton. John Summers, who we can always count on to bring someone new, brought Lorena Peer, who is a student pilot. Ken Whitham came solo, but we won't hold that against him – at least he joined in. Steve Mink flew David Thacker.

Bill Ellis flew in with Guen Long, although we never saw Bill at the picnic table. Apparently he decided to walk to the historic mining town for lunch, and we'll have to find out more details when we see him. I flew in with Stu Bowers and John Mallay.

Thanks to everyone for braving the hot weather and putting a little sweat into the event. It was warm, but a great day for flying, with good visibility and very little turbulence. See you all at the August breakfast on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Bob Weiss*



**Runway Closure/Opening Update**

**July 11, 2012**

**From:** Keith Freitas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 9:56 AM  
**Subject:** Buchanan Field Runway Project

Airport tenants:

I am happy to report that the Buchanan Field Runway 01L/19R repaving work was completed on schedule and all runways are open as of this morning. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during the project.

In 30 days the contractor will be coming back to grove and repaint the runway, after the asphalt cures. This work in mid-August will be the final work of the project.

Keith Freitas, Director of Airports

Contra Costa County  
Buchanan Field and Byron Airports

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## **Final Phase of the grooving, painting and marking of Buchanan Field Runways and Taxiways: August 2012**

Tenants and Stakeholders:

As previously noticed, the final phase of the Buchanan Field Runway project will begin in a few weeks.

This work includes the grooving of the runway and final painting of the various pavement markings.

Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Below is a summary.

- 1) **Runways 01L/19R and 14R/32L** will be closed from Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>
- 2) **Runway 14L/32R** will be closed from Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> (after Runways 01L/19R and 14R/32L are reopened) until Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>
- 3) **All Runways** will be closed at night (2200-0700 hrs local) Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>
- 4) **At least one of the long runways 01L/19R or 14L/32R** will be open while ATCT is open (0700 to 2200 hrs local) during the duration of the project

Airport staff will keep you apprised as the project proceeds.

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## A Pilot Father's Tough Love...

Most people today think it improper to discipline children, so I have tried other methods to control my kids when they have had one of 'those moments.'

Since I'm a pilot, one that I have found very effective is for me to just take the child for a flight during which I say nothing and give the child the opportunity to reflect on his or her behavior.

I don't know whether it's the steady vibration from the engines, or just the time away from any distractions such as TV, video games, computer, iPod, etc.

Either way, my kids usually calm down and stop misbehaving after our flight together. I believe that eye to eye contact during these sessions is an important element in achieving the desired results.

I've included a photo below of one of my sessions with my son, in case you would like to use the technique...



**I think the secret is the eye to eye contact. Should work with grandkids, also.**

*Thank you to an MDPA member for contributing this refreshing technique.*

Interesting link to footage of SFO, approximate date: May 1937

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

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