

# MDPA News

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## Calendar – August 2012

<b>September 1</b>	9:00 AM	Breakfast
<b>September 1</b>	10:00 AM	Safety Seminar
<b>September 1</b>	10:30 AM	Fly-in Salinas
<b>September 5</b>	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
<b>September 21</b>	6:30 PM	Dinner/Meeting

## President's Message

As you can tell from the following photos, the renovations are really coming along at "The Clubhouse".

I cannot thank the volunteers enough for all they are doing to make this a club we will truly be proud of. Following is an email I recently received from our member and former president, John Potter. I know that when all this work is completed, we will definitely have a place where we will gladly "hang our hats".

For those you came to the August dinner, remember to bring your "opportunity drawing" tickets in September, as some lucky winner will be going home with more money than they came with. You will also have a chance to win one of our logo shirts – even if you don't win, remember they are available on our website. October will be another Casino Nite so tell your friends and let's make this as successful as the last one.

Looking forward to seeing you in September,

*Maureen Bell*

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**Clubhouse Remodel**



**Scott Achelis & Duane Allen**



**Rick Bourgeois**



**Bill Bower & Pete Mitchell**



**Bill Reining**



**Lee Teacheira**



**John Potter**



**Jack Davi**



**Clubhouse remodel**



**Harvard Holmes & Scott Achelis**



**Tony Dymond**



**Bob Everett**



**Will Eby**



**Tom Howard**



**Sara Holmes**





**Clubhouse Remodel 2012**



**Scott Achelis, Maureen Bell and Bill Reining**



**Dave Thacker**



**Lee Teicheira and Scott Achelis**



**Pete Mitchell**



**George and Scott Achelis**



**Lee Teicheira and Bob Torrey**



**Clubhouse Remodel 2012**



**Bill Reining**

**Bob Everett**

**Sara Holmes**

**Al Wraa**



**Harvard Holmes**

## Clubhouse Update as of August 21, 2012

This is a quick note to bring you up to date on progress at the new clubhouse. Through August 17<sup>th</sup>, our terrific volunteers have spent 693 hours working, in the heat, and doing all sorts of things they never dreamed they could do. They thought they were just pilots, little did they know they were also carpenters, plumbers, electricians, insulation stuffers, you name it, they can do it! A couple of things to mention if you are working out there – please make sure the gate is secured unless you are loading or unloading materials, we need to help the airport maintain security. Also, if you need a tool you haven't brought with you, please check with the owner before borrowing it and finally, the portable toilet combination code has been changed, check the sign in board for latest info.

We still need volunteers and if you are able to spare some time, please call or email Scott at 925-366-7920 or [achelis1@hotmail.com](mailto:achelis1@hotmail.com)

### MDPA History—PART 2

#### *A Place to Hang Our Hat*

It occurred to me, cruising on the Mississippi, as I read Maureen's latest update on the new "Airport Clubhouse" -- or whatever they are going to call it, to put right the idea that we are lacking the benefits we have had before. We are not.

In short, I concluded long ago, before we set up in clubhouse in this same place 20 some years ago, all we needed is "a place to hang our hat." We have this with the new "Airport Clubhouse."

Way back then I had the idea that it could be a hangout, a place to sit around and maybe have a cup of coffee and do "hangar talk." Since I could never expect to have a hangar, I had to find another way to do "hangar talk." In retrospect, that was not realistic. Airports that have such hangouts usually have them conveniently co-located in an on-airport café where there is staff and food readily available with a cash system to pay for it and to keep it cleaned up.

Now we define our MDPA program to be one of having a place to store our "stuff" (kitchen utensils, accounting records, file cabinet, etc.) and a meeting hall where we can have meetings and to serve a meal. And that is ALL we need!

In the days long ago when we had no place to "hang our hat," it was always a frustrating effort to reserve a public place (Water District) to hold our meetings and when that failed, we ended up at a restaurant. Someone's hangar was used to store files and inevitably they got lost.

This new arrangement serves us well; it gives us everything we need virtually rent free, and more. It is nice to have "a place to hang our hat."

*John Potter*  
Past President, 198?

**September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Saturday**

**Fly-in to Salinas**

The September 1<sup>st</sup> fly-in to SNS is quickly approaching. As you all know, we had weather issues going to SNS last month, but had a fantastic experience flying to AUN (Auburn) with student pilots from Sterling and PSA. Hopefully, some of the same students will be joining us at breakfast and will hope for a ride to SNS. See you all on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep your fingers crossed for sufficiently good weather. Bob

*Bob Weiss*  
925-382-0586 Cell

## **Possible Chevron/World Fuel Service Fuel Contamination at Truckee (KTRK)**

Written by [airports@smcgov.org](mailto:airports@smcgov.org)

Saturday, 11 August 2012 10:58

After a fatal accident at Truckee (KTRK) on the 2nd of August, the industry-standard practice of halting fuel service and testing the fuel in all tanks and trucks revealed that the 100LL fuel stored at KTRK did not meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards for 100LL. As a result of these tests, 100LL fuel service at the airport continues to be suspended pending new fuel and testing of its quality.

Truckee Airport has been trying to get in touch with all pilots who purchased fuel between July 20th (the last fuel delivery) and August 2nd (the day of the accident) and have asked us to pass along this information to pilots at San Carlos/Half Moon Bay. Questions about the above-mentioned issue should be directed to World Fuel Service's area representative Mike Montalvo at: 510-604-6511.

*Contributed by Dave Thacker*

### **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.



Fly-in to Auburn, CA

AUN

August 4, 2012

Sometimes a decent idea, coupled with good execution, results in a fantastic conclusion. Such was the case with our Student Pilot August Fly-in to Auburn (AUN). (The intended destination was Salinas (SNS), but the weather did not cooperate and low overcast at SNS dictated a change in plans to AUN.) While there was some concern about having more student pilots than aircraft and pilots, when it was all said and done, everyone matched up perfectly; with a single student flying with licensed pilot. Everyone has their own story to tell about the briefing, flight to AUN, lunch conversation, and trip home, but all of the students I talked to were thrilled with the experience.



Many thanks go to David Thacker, Steve Elefant, Terry Richards, Ken Whitham, John Potter, Steve Mink, Duane Allen, Jerry Alves and Harvard Holmes for devoting their time and resources to the event. And a very special **Thank you** goes to Mike and Ray at Sterling, and Art at PSA for putting the word out to their respective students and harvesting their participation. At MDPA, we've had a special student pilot membership opportunity for some time, but this event exposed the opportunity/benefits of MDPA participation to the students, and each one that I talked to wants to join. Well done to everyone involved!!



***Fly-in to Auburn (AUN) August 4, 2012***





***Dick Rhinn and Chet Robbins***







***Guest Speaker Dave Fleming***



**MDPA DINNER**

**AUGUST 17, 2012**





Happy Labor Day from PSA.



*In celebration of Labor Day come join PSA for a Lunch BBQ every Friday in the month of September!*



*Always something new on the BBQ.*

**OCTOBER 6, 2012**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!**

Rio Vista is sponsoring an Airport Day. There will be corvette races, an antique car display, static airplane displays, Pilots N Paws will give rides for animal rescue donations. There will be food and I think EAA is taking the kids for free flights. I could use some volunteers for PNP flights. Fly the students and wanna-be's out here for a fun day.

Sue Clark [Ladyflier@aol.com](mailto:Ladyflier@aol.com)

Rio Vista, Ca

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**RUNWAY CLOSURE UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 23, 2012**

We are happy to report that all construction has been completed on Runway 01L/19R. The final remaining work will only impact Runway 14L/32R. This phase will begin Tuesday, September 4th and will be completed by Tuesday, September 18th. The project will include pavement marking removal and repainting of Runway 14L/32R to meet the new FAA standards. We will keep you updated with any other changes.

Airport staff will keep you apprised as the project proceeds.

Keith Freitas, Director of Airports Contra Costa County Buchanan Field and Byron Airports

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***Blue Angels***

***contributed by Kenneth Whitham***

