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## Calendar – November 2012

- November 3** 9:00 AM Safety Meeting  
*Meet at the terminal building*
- November 3** 11:00 AM Fly-In  
Auburn (AUN)
- November 7** 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- November 16** 6:30 PM Dinner

## President's Message

Welcome to our 2013 board of directors approved at the general meeting on October 26, 2012.

Stewart Bowers, Natasha Lantsov, Steve Mink, Madeleine Ferguson, Elaine Yeary, David Thacker, Scott Achelis.

It was good to see so many members having fun at the Casino Night and congratulations to Queenie Gonzales for winning \$100.00 in the opportunity drawing. Many thanks to those who helped move all the tables and chairs and start packing our supplies, this was a huge job and we still have some work to do. Thanks also to PSA for agreeing to store our tables and chairs at no charge, until we decide what to do with them. The County is providing new ones for all to use.

As our future rent has been decreased, the board decided the membership fees could also be decreased. Accordingly, for 2013, annual dues will be \$25.00 for student pilots and \$45.00 for everyone else. You can renew your membership now by forwarding your check to

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*President's message, continued...*

As you all know we will be moving into the new Clubhouse during November. The November breakfast safety meeting will be held at the terminal building, but the general meeting dinner will be held at the new clubhouse, which will be a “thank you” to the many volunteers (including EAA members) who have given so much of their time and talent to the renovations. Mark your calendars now for **November 16**.

While you are at it, mark **December 14** for the infamous MDPA Christmas Gift Exchange party. This is one week earlier than usual, but with so much going on during this busy season we didn't want to wait until the 21<sup>st</sup>. Have a great November and I look forward to seeing you all in our new home.

*Maureen Bell*

### Special Event – Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 11:00 AM

Please join us for a special tribute and brief ceremony honoring all veterans at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11th. The Air Force Sergeant's Association of Sacramento is hosting the Museum's Veterans Day event and the program will be held at the AMC's Memorial Plaza with a tribute to the flag, followed by the National Anthem, a wreath laying, and will conclude with remarks. We will also have the recently purchased bricks and pavers installed and available for viewing.

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The museum will be open **Veterans Day, Monday November 12th**, with regular operating hours and regular admission.  
Members are always welcome free  
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The Aerospace Museum of California is located on the former McClellan AFB which now operates as McClellan Business Park and McClellan Airport. McClellan Jet Services operates a full-service FBO and will provide transportation to the Museum on request. It is less than a 1 mile walk to the Museum. There are also overnight accommodations at the Lions Gate Hotel at the fully restored former McClellan Officers Club. The Museum boasts a collection of aircraft starting with a Curtiss-Wright B-14-B “Speedwing” bi-plane built in 1932. It is one-of-a-kind and has been beautifully restored. There are over 40 aircraft and a full collection of aircraft engines from the World War I Gnome Rotary to an Allison V3420 and the SR-71 J-58. Many aircraft are open, while others hang from the ceiling of the 30,000 SF pavilion. Aircraft include all “Century” series USAF aircraft, a MIG-17PF and MIG-21F, FB-11A and an F-14D, plus a Pitts S-1 acrobatic racer and an AQM – 187 drone. Norden Bomb Sight - On display is one of the original Norden bomb sights, which were used by American bombardiers for precision day bombing during World War II. These bomb sights were really small computers that were maintained and repaired in the shops at the Sacramento Air Depot later Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan AFB. Come visit The Viper Zone, our flight simulation center and feel the rush behind the controls of two F-16 CPTs and Dreamflyer motion simulator, as well as the Morphis motion-ride simulator. The Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. There is a fully stocked Gift Shop.

[Link to the Aerospace Museum of California](http://www.aerospacemuseumofcalifornia.org/) - <http://www.aerospacemuseumofcalifornia.org/>



Jack Davi can paint as well as build bookcases

Bob Belshi and Scott Achelis

**Aviation Trivia Question #1:** Find the answer on page 8

A pilot flying over a desolate, remote part of the country notices a downed airplane that apparently is the result of an accident. How would he know if that aircraft had already been reported and identified?

- A. It would be marked with a large red X
- B. The plane would be marked with a yellow cross
- C. There would be a large tombstone just off the nose of the aircraft

**Aviation Trivia Question # 2:** Find the answer on page 19

Who was the first US president to get a pilot's license?

- A. JFK
- B. Ronald Regan
- C. John Potter
- D. Dwight Eisenhower

***Ongoing work on the clubhouse October 2012***



***Ernst Freitag with his latest "homebuilt".***

**CHUCK WAGON "*Continental*" BREAKFAST**  
**AND**  
**"SAFETY FORUM"**

We are using the Terminal Building since our new Airport Clubhouse is not yet available. There are no cooking facilities so we will only have coffee and fat wafers.

*It is complimentary on the part of MDPA (free!)*

**Saturday, 11/3/12**

**0900 Start serving.**

**1000 Safety Forum with Tom Hammitt moderating.**

**1100 Flyout (see box below)**

*Warm Regards*

*John P*

Hi Everyone,

We're quickly approaching the end of our 2012 fly-ins, so everyone should make an effort to participate on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for an outing to beautiful Auburn (AUN) - always a great destination. That being said, we already flew to AUN due to weather issues in Salinas earlier in the year. So, we'll keep an eye on the weather and maybe switch to SNS to keep it interesting.

See you all on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and don't forget to invite all of your family, friends and neighbors who have been begging you for an airplane ride.

*Bob Weiss*  
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## MDPA Safety Forum October 6, 2012

### Topic: Checklists

Knute anticipated the event with an emailed homework assignment to have participants bring, for discussion, their most useful checklist, examples of useful mnemonics, plus a story of how they didn't use, but really should have used, a checklist!

He revisited the 1935 origin of the checklist, which was a result of the crash of a demonstration test flight of the Boeing Model 299 (that later became the B-17).

He then opened the session to those who had fastidiously completed their homework! A variety of useful reminders were offered including using lists as a check list rather than a "to-do" list, having abbreviated lists attached to the cockpit panel, using mnemonics, "rehearsing" emergency lists, using flow patterns especially for emergencies, checking DG against runway number when ready for takeoff, etc. The utility of the mnemonic CIGARS was discussed.

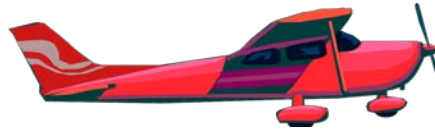
John Potter publicly acknowledged that he had used a checklist (one that he's been using since 1971) without simply seeing an item and connecting mentally to look at the device to see that he did what check list called for---i.e., flaps at 15 degrees for take-off. In addition he noted that if you have other pilots on board they could provide important safety input if they notice something going awry!

*Knute Fisher*

#### 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.



**HAVE A HAPPY**



**FROM  
PACIFIC STATES AVIATION**

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<p>The MDPA Clubhouse is on the west side of the airport, south of the airport manager's office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>200 Sally Ride Drive      Concord, CA 94520</b></p>			

Answer to Trivia question # 1:

**B.** The airplane has been reported and identified if the crash site has been marked with a conspicuous yellow cross. If there is no yellow cross - you have found an undiscovered crash site.



## East Ramp Pavement Repairs October 25-26 & November 1-2

Contra Costa County Airports in collaboration with the Public Works Road Maintenance is scheduling repairs to the taxiway and ramp between the East Ramp Hangar (Hangars) on October 25-26 and November 1-2, through a process known as crack sealing. The process takes place in two steps; the first removes dirt, and debris from the crack and the second sprays a sealing compound into the open pavement to prevent the intrusion of water, which will extend the life of the ramp.

Each day the crew will be able to complete the ramp space between approximately two rows of hangars and the taxiway entrance to each row. Below are the schedule dates where the work will take place.

Thursday October 25 Row A (north side)

Thursday October 25 Row A-B

Friday October 26 Row B-C

Friday October 26 Row C-D

Thursday November 1 Row D-E

Thursday November 1 Row E-F

Friday November 2 Row F (south side)

### **Please note all tenants on the East Ramp may experience delays trying to exit the area.**

T-hangar tenants will have limited access to their plane on the day of the crack seal repairs in their hangar row. If preferred, T-hangar tenants may request a tiedown on the east ramp to ensure they have access to their plane until the project has been completed. Tenants in the row B shade hangars, for the protection of their aircraft and to crack seal the parking area, will be required to relocate their plane to the east ramp tiedowns before work begins on October 25. All tenants who relocate to the tiedown or transient ramp may return to their hangar space once the work has been completed in the row where they store their plane. Please know your business is greatly valued by the County, and I am available during normal business hours to address your questions or to assist you with a tiedown reservation.

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*Dinner and Meeting, October 26, 2012*



*Gathering at PSA hangar*



*Stewart Bowers*



*Joyce and Stewart Bowers*



*Scott Achelis*

*Stewart Bowers*

*Bill and Susie Landstra*

***Dinner and Meeting October 26, 2012***



***Please let Queenie win***



***ALLELUIA***



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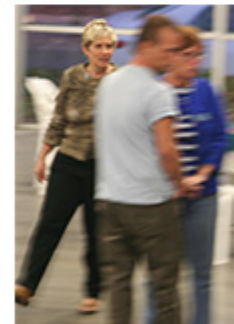


***Alleluia***



*Candid shots from October 26, 2012*

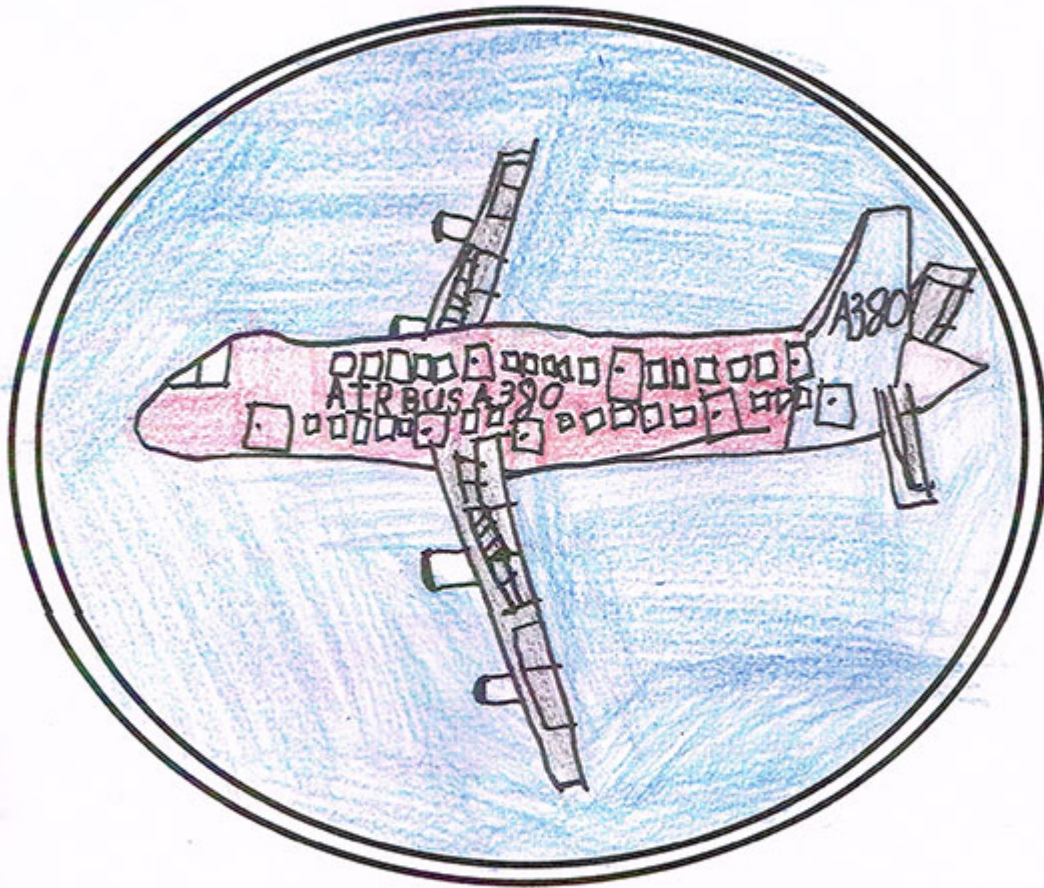
*Dinner and Meeting*



The following "Information Book" was written by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student Ryan. Rich Roberts took him and his father for a flight in November 2011.

# Information Book

about  
Flying Airplanes

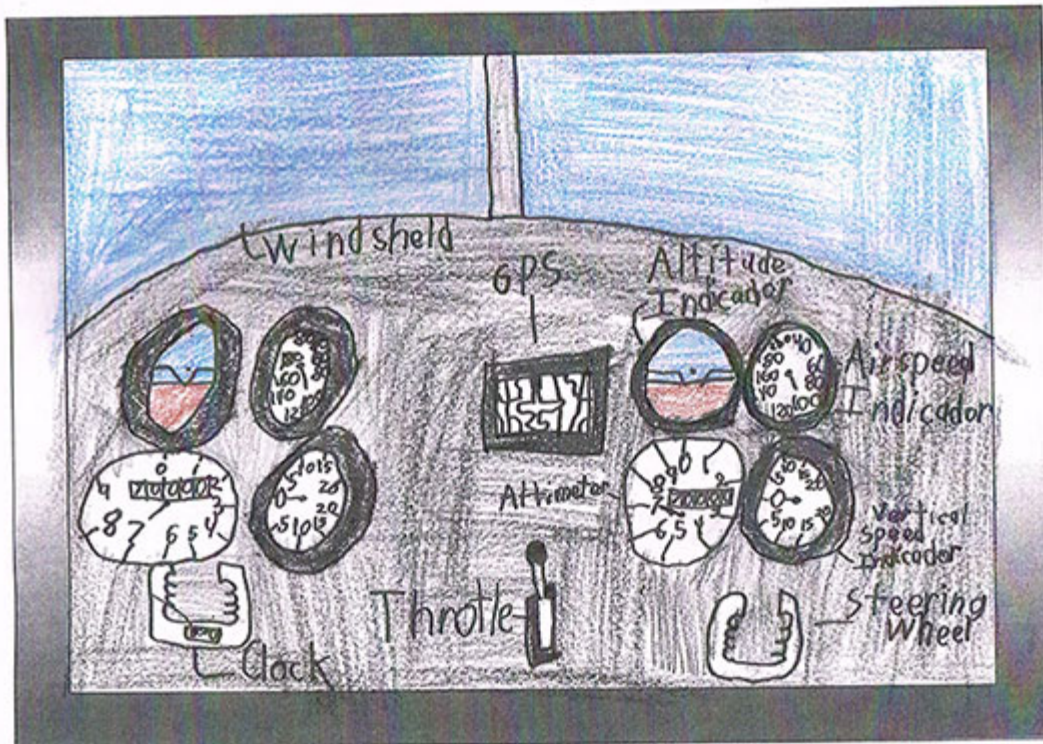


by Ryan

3rd grade

December, 2011

## A Diagram of Airplane cockpit



### Taking off

Now that you have completed the long lasting period of checking the equipment you get to fly, here's the second step. To take off you first have to taxi to the runway, you need a long flat surface to take-off. Second, call the airport tower to check if you're clear because you can't fly if you explode your plane into another plane on the runway. Third, zoom down the runway to gain more acceleration. Once you are going as fast as a rocket gently pull back the steering wheel which is where the controls are. Have an awesome flight.

### How to fly

When you fly there are 4 things you should do. First, keep the plane level so you don't climb or descend. Second, if you don't want to just randomly fly around you should stay on track. To stay on track you have to follow your gps. Third, unless the place you are going is straight ahead of you, you will have to turn eventually. To turn, turn the steering wheel the way you want to go. Fourth, watch for other airplanes, you don't want to crash into them. Now that you can fly, you get to learn how to land.

### Landing

Are you in the cockpit of an airplane nearing an airport? If you are, here's how to land. Push the steering wheel in slightly so your airplane's nose heads down. You'll need to decrease our speed so when you land you don't zoom off of the end of the runway. Once you get to the runway you should be about a foot from the ground, touch down to the runway and slow quickly to a stop so you don't coast off the end of the runway. Did you have a good flight?



My least favorite thing to do when flying is not controlling the plane.

My favorite thing to do when I'm in the cockpit is to fly the plane.

**Casino Night October 26, 2012**



***Stewart Bowers, Bobbi Hart, Natasha, Vadim and Scott Achelis***



***Bobbi and Natasha***



***Pit Boss with High Rollers***



**Casino Night    October 26, 2012**



**Joyce Bowers  
daughter-in-law**

**Joyce Bowers encouraging Queenie and Bob**



**Queenie and Bob Gonzales**



**Scott and George Achelis**



**Kristy Logan and Bob Torrey**

**Casino Night    October 26, 2012**



*Joyce Bowers daughter-in-law*



**Ryan and Stan Gaunt  
Top "chip" winner**



*Queenie and Bob Gonzales*



**High Rollers at the Blackjack Table**

## *Casino Night October 26, 2012*



*Stu raking in the chips*



*Bob Torrey, Pam McAllister, Pradeep and Jennifer Panikar,  
Madeleine Ferguson and Greg McAllister*

Answer to Trivia question #2:

**D.** Dwight Eisenhower got his pilot's license in 1939.

