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Calendar – February 2013

February 2	9:00 AM	Breakfast and Safety Meeting
February 2	11:00 AM	Fly-Out: Half Moon Bay (KHAF)
February 15	6:00 PM	Dinner/Speaker

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first dinner party of the year was a great success in the new clubhouse.

The fresh crab and perfectly cooked tri-tip were a great treat. Many thanks to Bob Torrey and Bob Weiss who arranged and prepared the feast. Also, many thanks to the clean-up crew who stayed late to make sure everything was spic & span. We received compliments from the airport staff personnel who checked the condition of the clubhouse the following morning. They reported that we had done an outstanding job, and that we left the room in better condition than any who have used it previously.

We now have WiFi set up at the clubhouse. This is a joint venture with MDPA and EAA sharing the set-up and monthly costs. One can connect very easily from any of the parking spaces in front of the clubhouse. To obtain the password, log in to the MDPA website and you will find it in the "Members Only" section.

Our next event will be the Saturday breakfast and safety meeting at the new clubhouse, scheduled for February 2nd. This will be followed by a fly-out to a local destination (HAF – Half Moon Bay), weather permitting.

I look forward to seeing you at the breakfast.

Stewart

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Membership Renewal Reminder

DUE NOW

Dear Flyers and Friends,

It is that time of year again...a time when we gather around the table with our family members and friends to consider how fortunate we are.....**to be able to enjoy membership in the MDPA.** (and other things as well, of course). The dues have gone down and our membership is up....over 75 primary members as of now!

The annual 2013 dues are:

\$45.00 Family

\$25.00 Student Pilot

\$150.00 Corporate without newsletter ad

\$200.00 Corporate with ad in each newsletter

Renew your membership in one of these two ways:

Mail a check to: MDPA PO Box 6632 Concord, CA 94524

Use the "Renew" button on the MDPA.org web site to renew through PayPal

(If you recently joined or you have already sent your 2013 dues, disregard this notice.)

I hope to see you all soon and look forward to your continued support of the MDPA.

All the best,

David Thacker

Treasurer/Membership

Email: Treasurer@MDPA.org

Fly-out Destinations for February, March and April 2013

February 2, 2013

KHAF

Half Moon Bay

DISTANCE: 35.5nm SW

RESTAURANT: Sam's Chowder House

TEL: (650) 712-0245

HOURS ON SAT: 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

ADDL INFO: The airport is close to the marina and beach at Princeton by the Sea.
Oceanfront outdoor dining.

ALTERNATIVE: KMCE Merced 84.6nm ESE

Hangar BBQ (209) 384-1963 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM

March 2, 2013

KAUN

Auburn

DISTANCE: 73.8nm NE

RESTAURANT: Wings Grill & Flight Line

TEL: (530) 885-0428

HOURS ON SAT: 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ADDL INFO: Outside dining on a covered patio is a perfect place to watch.

April 6, 2013

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Watts Woodland

DISTANCE: 42.0 nm N

RESTAURANT: Clubhouse

TEL: (530) 662-0281

HOURS ON SATURDAY: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

ADDL INFO: 18 hole private golf course, restaurant on the fields



THANK YOU MAUREEN BELL

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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<p>The MDPA Clubhouse is on the west side of the airport, south of the airport manager's office.</p> <p>200 Sally Ride Drive Concord, CA 94520</p>		

Crab Dinner January 18, 2013



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Photos contributed by Kenneth Whitham



The following article to explain the photos above was found at:

<http://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/2968>

Shortly after WWII a guy named Art Lacey went to Kansas to buy a surplus B-17. His idea was to fly it back to Oregon, jack it up in the air, and make a gas station out of it. He paid \$15,000 for it. He asked which one was his and they said take whichever you want because there were miles of them. He didn't know how to fly a 4 engine airplane so he read the manual while he taxied around by himself. They said he couldn't take off alone so he put a mannequin in the co-pilot's seat and off he went.

He flew around a bit to get the feel of it and when he went to land he realized he needed a co-pilot to lower the landing gear. He crashed and totaled his plane and another on the ground. They wrote them both off as "wind damaged" and told him to pick out another. He talked a friend into being his co-pilot and off they went.

They flew to Palm Springs where Lacey wrote a hot check for gas then they headed for Oregon. They hit a snow storm and couldn't find their way so they went down below 1,000 feet and followed the railroad tracks. His partner sat in the nose section and would yell, "TUNNEL" when he saw one and Lacey would climb over the mountain.

They landed safely, he made good the hot check he wrote, and they started getting permits to move a B-17 on the state highway. The highway department repeatedly denied his permit and fought him tooth and nail for a long time so late one Saturday night he just moved it himself. He got a \$10 ticket from the police for having too wide a load.

It stopped operating as a gas station in 1991, and has since been associated with the adjacent restaurant, where visitors could grab a bite and a souvenir Bomber place mat.

A serious restoration effort on the B-17G, aka "Lady Lacey" (after Art Lacey's British wife), has been underway at times. In 2012, the nose and cockpit had been removed.

Calif. flight center offers flight training scholarship

In partnership with San Carlos Flight Center in California, the Upwind Summer Scholarship Program will pay for one high school student to get his/her pilot's license during the summer between junior and senior year, including ground school and supplies. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28; the recipient will be announced in March to begin training in April.

General Aviation News, January 22, 2013

<http://www.generalaviationnews.com/2013/01/applications-now-being-taken-for-summer-scholarship-program/>

Submitted by Jon and Lynne McWilliams