

MDPA News

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Calendar – March 2013

- March 2** 9:00 AM Breakfast and Safety Meeting
- March 2** 11:00 AM Fly-Out: Auburn (AUN)
- March 15** 6:00 PM Dinner/Speaker

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How about a trip to St. George, Utah in early October?

Lynne and John McWilliams hosted a great trip to St George shortly after their move, several years back. Lynne and John were long time members who led and participated in many MDPA excursions to the Southwest and Baja.

They have volunteered again to help us with a fly-out on the weekend of Oct 12-13. This is an easy, one fuel stop flight which takes less than half a day flying a Cherokee or 172. The fall scenery will be superb and we can look forward to visiting fantastic Zion National Park which is very close by.

Please let Natasha or me know if this sounds like an overnighter you would like to make. The WX should be perfect and the accommodations are first rate with many fine restaurants and entertainment to choose from.

Stewart

Fly-out Destinations for March, April and May 2013

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 the traffic.

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 field.

May 4, 2013

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Boonville

DISTANCE: 87.4nm NW

RESTAURANT: The Madrones

TEL: (707) 895.2955

HOURS ON SATURDAY: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ADDL INFO: Meet with the Winemakers, tour the gardens and grounds and lunch out on the courtyard.

BREAKFAST SAFETY MEETING



Bev Levy led the Safety Meeting discussion on February 2, 2013

The topic was *The Sudden Silence*, aka Engine Failure.

We all know a pilot who has dealt with engine failure, and it can happen to any of us at any time. According to the AOPA Safety Foundation, engine failures account for nearly 22% of all general aviation accidents, half of which are related to non-mechanical problems such as fuel starvation and carburetor icing, which are preventable. According to the Journal of American Medical Association, only 5.2% of forced landings resulted in a pilot fatality, which is a very low number. In 69% of crashes, there were no injuries at all!

We discussed ways to stay on the “right side” of the statistics in the event of a forced landing. We covered engine failure in takeoff and at altitude, as well as at night. Suggestions included practicing emergency procedures with an instructor, continually looking for a landing sight just in case you need it, planning flights airport-to-airport or with terrain in mind for a possible forced landing event. Using flight following can also be helpful. And, as my instructor always said, “Don’t forget to fly the airplane!” Maintaining airspeed safely above the stall speed and maintaining control all the way to the ground are critical to staying on the “right side” of the statistics.

By Bev Levy



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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MDPA Dinner

February 15, 2013



John Potter



**Stewart and Joyce
Bowers**



**Scott
Achelis**



Sue Lanstra



**Bill Landstra and
George Achelis**

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Mark Young



David Thacker and Elaine Yeary



Guests



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Jude Potter and Sarah Bowers



Steve Mink



Kristy Logan



Chet Robbins



A well-dressed Guest !



**Gene Stangel and
Patty Gilchrist**



**Steve and Diane
Kennedy**



**Interior of
CHP
Helicopter**



**The speaker for this evening,
CHP Officer James Andrews**



**CHP Officer James Andrews
and Kevin Kennedy**



MDPA President Stewart Bowers introducing the speaker, CHP Officer James Andrews

After dinner on February 15, MDPA president Stewart introduced the guest speaker. James Andrews has been a CHP Officer for 17 years and worked road patrol assignments in LA County, Oakland, and Solano areas until he transferred to the Golden Gate Division CHP Air Operations Unit. He flew fixed wing before switching to helicopters and has almost 5,000 hours total with commercial/instrument ratings in airplanes and helicopters and a commercial multi-engine airplane rating. He talked about the aircraft and their specific missions, and opened the aircraft for viewing.

Can you find the mascot in the photos above? The first person to count and email me the correct number, I will buy *your* dinner at the next dinner I am able to attend! (one entry per person) Madeleine Ferguson Email to: calferg@att.net

Et cetera

Contra Costa County Buchanan Field Airport has installed a permanent Wi-Fi hotspot in the East Ramp Pilots Lounge. To access the hotspot, please refer to the instructions that came with your Wi-Fi capable device: the Internet provider is Verizon. Call the County office to get the password, at the phone number listed below.

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Lou Fields, a local legend, died recently. I don't know how many, but my guess is a good number of folks in the association knew him. Information about Lou can be found at forevermissed.com/lou-fields#about.

Contributed by *Steve Mink*

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