



# MDPA News

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## MDPA Safety Forum, Saturday, 5 April 2014

John Potter

Breakfast was back to grits & eggs! Really a "happy-to-serve-you" group of cooks, some even with aprons on! Bob Weiss stepped in to make sure that the scrambled were bonafide BWSEs (Bob Weiss Scrambled Eggs).

### OPENING REMARKS

John Potter

-Discussed the importance of the PIREP program using the enroute Flight Watch frequency, 122.0 KHz. Very important to pilots that are coming along your same route.

-Announced the upcoming Airport BBQ on Thursday, 5/1/14 starting at 11:00.

-Asked randomly what the "Movement Area" was at the airport----many did not know that term, even the newer pilots-in-training. In short, it is the "Federal" part of the airport, i.e. runways and taxiways.

-Talked about the umbrella organizations for charity flights, the Air Care Alliance. Commented that it was a good place to start finding out about the various affiliated organizations.

-Pointed out that the AOPA ASN (Airport Support Network) was identified on the AOPA CCR airport site as members of the county airport staff. Normally this is not the case since most are not employees of the airport but rather aviation community volunteers.

### SAFETY FORUM

by John Potter (for Bill Collins)

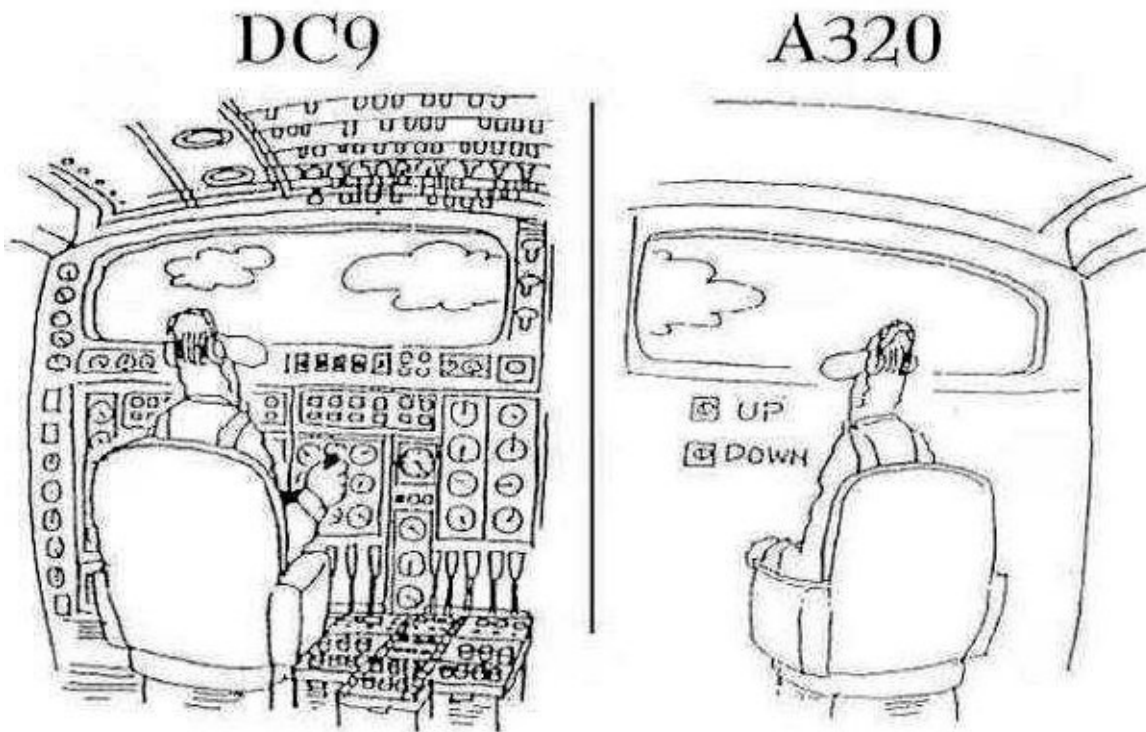
Quickly scrambling to put on a worthwhile program on the fly, I pulled out a handy list of items that AOPA's Thomas Haines had published in his article AOPA Pilot in the March 2014 issue, titled "Learned Along The Way." We went down the list of hand-me-downs from significant people in his aviation pathway.

Each item was something that most of us could relate to in small aircraft operations, and the mistakes that we are prone to make.

Take a look, well worth your time. When you get to this page, if you are not an on-line "digital" AOPA subscriber, just go down and click on the below box to "preview" this issue and article as a guest.

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I Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.



## Flyout to Stockton, Saturday, 1 March 2014

Natasha Doktorova

Flyout to Willows was a lot of fun. I believe there were 9 planes total, some of them with 1 or 2 passengers on board. Several new members joined us for the flyout, which means our group is growing and I am very happy about that!

Willows-Glenn County is 91.9NM from KCCR. This was the farthest destinations of all scheduled in 2014. It seems the longer the flight, the more pilots are interested in participating – I will keep that in mind for the next year.

I am sure everyone enjoyed Nancy's Airport Café's hearty and wholesome meals and delicious desserts (I had a slice of blueberry pie and it was outstanding)!

Our next flyout is scheduled to Boonville – 87.4 NM from Concord – we always have a large turnout at this location – Boonville is a great little town with a lot of history and nice places to visit.

Hope to see you all soon!









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## MDPA Meeting and Dinner, 18 April 2014

The April dinner was co-hosted by Tony Tiritilli, Elaine Yeary, Marielle Moyer, and Maureen Bell. Tony provided lasagna, Elaine brought bring green salad, Marielle brought bread, and Maureen supplied cheesecake for dessert.

The speaker for the meeting was Leonard Slape. His spoke about CPR, first aid, and post-crash survival strategies. He emphasized that preparedness is the key to a successful rescue, and discussed equipment that he believes is beneficial to carry in an aircraft.

Considering the risks inherent in aviation, education on this topic is particularly important to all of us. Leonard joined the aviation community in 1996 as an A&P mechanic, and has worked for United Airlines since 1999. He held an EMT license for 10 years, and currently holds a Medical Assistant certification. He taught CPR/First Aid with the Red Cross for 16 years, taught CPR/First Aid for United for several years, and part of his current duties for United involve instruction in confined space entry and rescue.



Leonard Slape



Steve Mink



Dave Thacker







The Mount Diablo Pilots Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan Field in Concord, California (KCCR)

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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