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MDPA Calendar

January

3 *Breakfast & Flyout to Willows-Glenn County Airport*

10 *Flyout to Schellville/ Sonoma County Airport, Vintage Aircraft Display 12-4pm*

16 *Meeting and Crab Feed and Tri-Tip Dinner*

February

7 *Breakfast & Flyout to Half Moon Bay*

20 *Meeting and Dinner*

March

7 *Breakfast & Flyout to Watts-Woodland "Take instructor to lunch"*

20 *Meeting and Dinner*

It's that time again...

Dues are due!

If you haven't already sent in your 2015 dues, please do so as soon as possible. You can use the application form on page 10 to correct or add information, or just send your check to MDPA, P.O.Box 6632, Concord CA 94524. Regular membership - \$45, Student Pilot - \$25.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

We had a surprisingly good turnout for our first fly-in of 2015 to Willows. We filled two large tables at Nancy's with participants generated by half a dozen aircraft. Willows has become the standard destination to start the new year and proved again to be a good choice. Next stop in February is Half Moon Bay, (alternative to be determined in the event of low clouds or fog). We have Boonville on the calendar for April, and we're bringing back some of the successful group fly-ins like the "take a CFI to lunch" fly-in to Watts Woodland," and the "mentor a student pilot" fly-in to Auburn," and we'll be having an open house in August, like we did a couple of years ago, which was a great success. We'll also be introducing an overnight activity, probably to Willits to take the Skunk Train to Ft. Bragg. But the premier new events that we hope will be supported by airport management, intended to include MDPA as well as EAA, Sterling renter pilots, PSA renter pilots, NRI flying club, Concord Flying Club, etc. One of these activities will be a Poker Run that starts at the MDPA clubhouse and concludes at Byron with a BBQ. The other is a spot landing contest that starts, again at the MDPA clubhouse and then transitions to Byron for the contest and a BBQ lunch. We believe we have something for everyone who is currently a regular participant, but also an enticement to those of you who have been sitting on the sidelines.

As I spoke about at the breakfast/safety forum, our association needs to address risk management concerns related to the MDPA flight activities. We've come to realize that the association has significant financial exposure if one of you (myself included) suffers an unintended incident/accident and the association is named as a defendant in a subsequent complaint. If this were to happen, and MDPA didn't have a defense under an insurance policy, it would be forced to use its very limited reserves to defend itself. Needless to say, the defense would be short lived, which would put the future of the association at risk. Given that scenario, we are confident that you would not want to, inadvertently, create an issue for the association. Fortunately, there is a simple and FREE solution. MDPA needs each of you, who intend on participating in any or all of the events outlined above, to direct your aircraft insurance broker to issue a **Certificate of Insurance**, under your current aircraft policy, naming MDPA as an additional insured. Your request will take some effort and persistence because the certificate will be free of charge and might fall to the bottom of the "to do" stack at your brokers office, but MDPA will be rewarded by your persistence and you will be rewarded by being able to attend the MDPA pre-flight briefings and the MDPA planned flight activities. PLEASE do not procrastinate contacting your broker with this request. We'd like all participating pilots to have their certificates of insurance submitted to MDPA in time for the February 7th fly-in.

Contact your broker with the following information: Name and Address of the additional insured: Mt. Diablo Pilots Association, MDPA, P.O. Box 6632, Concord, CA 94524-1632

Suggested verbiage for the Description of Operations: Mt. Diablo Pilots Association, (MDPA), Contra Costa County Airports, Contra Costa County, and each respective officers, agents and employees are named as additional insureds, but only with respect to operations by or for the named insured. Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the Certificate holder. Or, **other language acceptable to your carrier that adequately meets our requirements.**

Direct your broker to mail the certificate to address above, or better yet, scan and e-mail the certificate to me at: president@mdpa.org

If any of you fly rent aircraft from NRI, Concord Flying Club, Sterling, PSA, or any other rental source, request the respective party to direct the broker that manages the fleet aircraft policy to issue a certificate to MDPA with the same language.

MDPA will keep your certificate on file and notify you 30 days prior to the expiration of your aircraft insurance policy that a current certificate will be anticipated.

If you have any question about the Certificate of Insurance, please feel free to contact me at my e-mail address above, or on my cell phone below.

We are looking forward to as many of you as possible participating in the 2015 flight activities. We are, after all, a Pilots Association, so let's get flying! **Don't forget to renew your membership** (your renewal check in the amount of \$45 for members and \$25 for student pilots can be mailed to the same P.O. Box referenced above), and please, invite your friends, neighbors, and anyone who has every expressed an interest to you in flying to join MDPA. Everyone is wanted and more than welcome.

Thanks, Bob

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MDPA BREAKFAST & SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

We again had standard "Costco" chow, BUT, it was Pete "Pita" Monillas this time who did the shopping and managed the choice group of cooks, some experienced. Scott Achelis & his visitor Pete (great on pancakes!) filled in along with new member Russ Atkinson. Patty Krebs had to go on a special mission to get Sterno Cans since someone took ours, so she recruited Tony Tiritilli to cook "over-easy," ----his special way---2 skillet to do the flip!

*Note: The club policy is to deliver leftover food from the dinners and breakfasts to a needy family. Not much was left over this time. Good planning Pete Monillas!

Head Cooks:

7 March 2015 - Lyman Dennis

6 June 2015 - Knute Fisher

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President's Remarks

President Dave Thacker had plenty to say (covered in the December newsletter).

DUATS

Congress funded DUATS until 3/2015.

Cleanup

Now that was a great cleanup! The green recycle dumpster is ONLY for aluminum cans and marked glass/plastic bottles that allow cash for turn-in.



SAFETY FORUM

The Moderator, Stewart Schuster

Stewart related his experiences since becoming licensed and buying his 182 in the last few years. His primary mission was to be able to travel to his cabin in the Lake Tahoe area. He told us that it had worked out well. His mountain flying preferred route was VFR to Truckee following the Highway I-80 route. The one item that began to concern him was being able to



operate at night since he saw that there would be occasions when he would be late coming home in addition to the reduced daylight hours during the winter season. With this in mind he took several hours of night operations training with an instructor. One thing that surprised him in the session was the feedback of being able to control the airport runway lighting system when there were no tower operations by using the radio frequency for that field. It was

concluded in the discussion that when the tower was in operation---the controller has control of the lighting system.

We also discussed "Lost Aircraft Procedures" called "The 5 C's" and realized that there are actually several additional Cs that could be added to those simple steps, here they are, including the standard ones: Circle, Climb, Confess, Communicate, Conserve, Comply, Crash (not!) ☺

The Take Away for MDPA from all the Safety Forum sessions is

----We must look out for each other----an MDPA "safety culture" -----

FLYOUT TO LODI AIRPORT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014

By Natasha Doktorova

My prayers to “weather gods” had been answered, the skies were cleared and our last 2014 flyout took place!

Fly-in to Lodi went very well with 5 aircraft participating. The pleasant surprise was John Potter departing Concord in his Commander at the same time as the rest of the aircraft thanks to fast and efficient work of the breakfast cleaning crew.



Here is our landing at Lodi, with highway 99 right at the beginning of runway 26, skydiving facility on the left and the restaurant on the right. Their parachute center is one of the largest and oldest drop zones in the United States, serving the sport since 1964. They have various aircraft available for skydiving, including 3 Super Otters.



There were 11 of us at Lodi Airport Café – “where good pilots land and brave pilots eat” - a newly renovated restaurant, which now has modern, slightly-industrial aviation theme. It’s a very friendly place, owned by JoAnn Kupka and her daughter Jennifer. The food was excellent, their house fries were delicious :)

The bad news was that Bob Tucknott had trouble with his Cessna's nose gear. The guys helped him remove the nose wheel pant and he safely took off from Lodi and landed at Concord where he left his aircraft for repairs.



Our next breakfast/safety forum/fly-in will be to Half Moon Bay on Saturday, February 7th! We will have lunch at Half Moon Bay Brewing Company @ Princeton-by-the-Sea, located within easy walking distance from the airport!

Invite all of those family, friends and neighbors who have been begging you for an airplane ride and don't forget to invite potential new members!



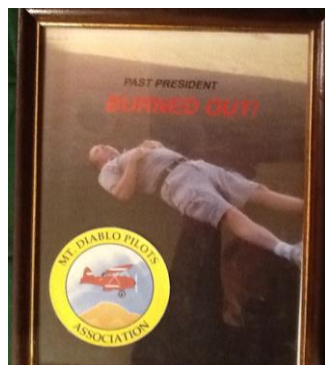
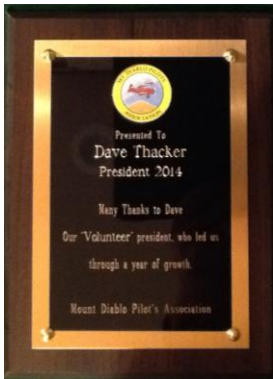
Another great photo of our crew!

MDPA HOLIDAY DINNER, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 2014, 6:30PM

This was a special night as one of our very own, Stewart Bowers, was presented with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. This prestigious award recognizes 50 years of excellence in flight.



Maureen Bell also presented David Thacker with the Past President Award thanking him for his term as a President in 2014 – “Many Thanks to Dave, our “Volunteer” President, who led us through a year of growth!” & "Burned Out Past President!" 😊





David & Betty Thacker, Jennifer Farmer, standing Byron Bowers, Stew Bowers.



Ray Roman FAA, John Prater FAA, Mrs. Batchelder, Rich Batchelder, Diane Kennedy, Bob Torrey, Maureen Bell.



Scott & George with her father, Mr. Laird, a WWII Navy Pilot who flew Corsairs of that era & Rich Johnson (in a white shirt).



↑ Steve Mink, Ron Lem, Sherry Roe. Right side: Brian Enbom, Jude Potter, Felix Boston, Mrs. Mink.

Norm Brudigan, John Barrella, Ken Whitham, Judy Whitham, Bethi Gibbs, Marilyn Sperling, Anne Caruso, David Caruso. Right side: Bill Collins. →





Patty Gilchrist, Elaine Yeary. David Thacker talking to Cindy Boston.



George Achelis, her father Mr. Laird, Achelis, Rich Johnson.



Diane Kennedy & Kristy Logan. Background: Judy Whitham & Marilyn Sperling.



Joyce Bowers, Byron Bowers.

Patty Gilchrist, Konnie Collins





Russ Roe



Scott Davis & Jim Beam



Ken Whitham



Marilyn Sperling with one of the several gifts she had stolen



Bob & Kristy



The Potters!!!!



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Regular membership - \$45, Student Pilot - \$25.

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

The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Sally Ride Drive in Concord, California,
do not send mail to the clubhouse address, use the USPS address instead:

Mount Diablo Pilots Association

P.O. Box 6632

Concord, CA 94524

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Mt. Diablo Pilots Association, Inc

Send dues to: Treasurer, MDPA, PO Box 6632
Concord CA 94524-1632

Membership Application and Renewal Form

Applicant Information

Full Name:

Last First M.I.

Street Address or P.O.Box Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Home Phone: () Cell Phone: ()

E-mail address: _____

Type of Aircraft _____ N-Number _____

Name Tags: _____
Please print the name as you would like it to appear on the tag

Voluntary Information

Please indicate which of the following you would participate in:

- Activities (fly-ins, trips) Newsletter Clubhouse
- Programs (dinners, meetings) Airport Advisory Other
- Membership Communications (website, social media)

Annual Dues - New Member / Membership Renewal

- Regular Member \$45.00
- Student Pilot \$25.00
- Corporate \$200.00
- Corporate with newsletter advertisement \$250.00

In order to take advantage of the MDPA fuel discount, you must identify yourself to the fuel attendant as an MDPA member and pay with credit card, cash, check or approved account.

Annual dues are payable on January 1st of each calendar year. All delinquent members will be taken off the membership and fuel list by February 15th.

Mt. Diablo Pilots Association, an association of aviation enthusiasts – aircraft owners, renters, students and affiliated businesses are welcome.

WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION TO KEEP MDPA STRONG FOR YOU.

In addition to monitoring airport-related issues and being your voice to airport management, MDPA brings you:

- Monthly dinner meetings with interesting, on-point speakers
- Monthly breakfast meetings with a safety seminar
- Regular aircraft fuel discounts
- Extra fuel discount after the Saturday Safety Seminar
- A full schedule of local and longer fly-in trips
- Use of Club House by members for special events
- And many more benefits

PLEASE HELP US ALL PROMOTE AVIATION AT CCR