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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

April

4 Breakfast / "Keith Freitas Talk" & Flyout to Boonville

17 Meeting and Dinner

May

2 Breakfast & Flyout to Auburn - "Mentor a Student Pilot"

15 Meeting and Dinner

23-25 Trip to Grand Canyon

June

6 "Poker Run CCR-C83" "BBQ @ Byron Airport"

19 Meeting and Dinner

MDPA BREAKFAST AND INSTRUCTOR FORUM, SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

BREAKFAST

By John Potter

We again had standard "Costco" chow with Lyman Dennis as the Head Cook. Scott Davis took charge of the tabletop range for "eggs-any-style" on the conference table away from the confusion of the kitchen. John Barrella, Ron Lem, and new member Adam Silverthorne put out a splendid breakfast, with home-made "grits" from the Elaine Yeary's own kitchen. We had almost 60 for breakfast and that is a lot of egg crackin'!

**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.*

Head Cooks:
4 April - Knute Fisher
2 May - Johannes Verhoek



INSTRUCTOR FORUM

By Bob Weiss

High five's to everyone who attended our March breakfast and panel discussion, and fly-in the Watts-Woodland. The membership participation to both activities was off the chart (no pun intended), with far too many participants to name and thank individually. I hope you all got a meaningful tidbit or two from our distinguished panel, and I hope you weren't too hungry by the time the country club staff, (one young woman who did a

yeoman's job serving drinks and food to over 40 folks), was able to produce everyone's meal. (One of the very few times we were actually hungry for lunch after a big breakfast.) We overwhelmed the restaurant, which I will say is a good thing. However, if we get in the habit of this large of a turnout, in this case approximately 15 aircraft and associated pilots and passengers, we'll have to give future restaurant venues a serious heads up! Congratulations to Fred McDonald and one other recipient of 25 gallons of free avgas – always a good thing to get free avgas. And particular congratulation, and envy goes to Stu Schuster who won the drawing for a SeaRey demo. He will have an absolute blast conducting water landings and takeoffs. Absolutely nothing more fun in aviation, other than, maybe, an open cockpit ride with Bill Austin.



With an eye towards our next breakfast and safety forum on Saturday, April 4th, Keith Freitas, our Director of Airports, has accepted an invitation and will be our guest speaker.

His talk will be about the health and well being and future of CCR and Byron airports. You are all encouraged to attend, as it will be a very informative and productive morning. Because of the universal nature of Keith's talk, I've invited the LCA, BAHOA, and east ramp



owners and tenants to attend as well. I anticipate a full house. Following Keith, the fly-in will be to Boonville (D83) for an easy walk to town and lunch. Natasha and I will keep an eye on the weather and select a suitable alternative, early enough for flight planning purposes, if the Wx doesn't cooperate.



Finally, we're seeing a nice surge in new memberships. For those of you who are new, thank you very much. We look forward to

your ongoing participation and feedback on how we can make our association better – there's always ways to make things better, right? For all of you old timer's, thank you for



your renewed support and participation. We have a great thing going, and it's simply fantastic to experience the level of energy and



optimism we saw during this event. See you all at the next gathering – breakfast & flyout on April 4th and meeting & dinner on April 17th.

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The Take-Away for MDPA from the Safety Forums

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

MDPA MEETING AND DINNER, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 6:30PM

by Steve Mink

At our March dinner, in lieu of a speaker, we watched the film "Decision Making with Dick Rutan", an educational and entertaining movie about how human factors affect pilot performance and influence decision making, and how the mind responds and processes stimulus during in-flight emergencies. In the film Dick recounts stories about nearly running out of fuel on his around-the-world Voyager I trip, and icing up a Cessna 150 so badly that he could only descend through clouds toward unknown terrain. He also explained the interrelationship between test-flying and sex. So come to the dinners.

There is much to be learned!



The Irish Little Man ready to party.



Steve, Maureen, Pete Monillas on left. Bob and Kristy, Patti Gilchrist and Bob Tucknott on right.



Elaine and Mark up front with Marilyn Spurling on the right.



Steve and Diane Kennedy with Bob Belshe on the right.



Bill Collins, Ken Whitham, Konnie Collins with Stu Bowers on the right.



Bob and Kristy with Patti Gilchrist.



John and Jude with Felix Boston and new member Marc Ausman, recently from Albuquerque



Who said the Irish and the English can't get along??



John Barella on left with Scott and Stu Bowers on right.



Bob Torrey and John



The Potters



Scott Davis serving delicious corned beef to hungry diners.



More hungry diners.

MDPA – LET’S FLY TO THE GRAND CANYON!!!

Depart May 23, 2015 @ 0600 hours
KCCR - KGCN (Grand Canyon National Park Airport)
Return May 25, 2015
FBO information (928) 638-7117
<https://www.airnav.com/airport/KGCN>

The plan is to leave Concord at 0600 on Saturday morning, fly direct to Lancaster KWJF, land and get fuel. Continue direct to the Grand Canyon KGCN.

Rick Mann booked 9 rooms at Yavapai Lodge at \$196.11 per night. Reservations (877) 404-4611 are under his name - Richard or Rick Mann. Confirmation number is 398B2107199.

<http://www.visitgrandcanyon.com/yavapai-lodge>

Yavapai Lodge provides free area shuttle around the park. Rental cars (to get to the lodge) are available at the airport.

Please email Rick as soon as possible @ ric@ricman.com, if you are going to make it. He will set up a group dinner for Saturday night.



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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,

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