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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

September

5 *Breakfast & Flyout to Watsonville, Lunch at Ella's at the Airport Cafe*

25 *Meeting and Dinner*

October

3 *Breakfast & Flyout to Columbia, Lunch at El Jardin*

16 *Meeting and Dinner*

November

7 *Breakfast & Flyout to Red Bluff, Lunch at Valeighs Airpark*

20 *Meeting and Dinner*

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

I was the Head Cook, but no cooks! So, we had Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee. Bought 48, 45 people present but still had 2 left over - not bad!

**Note: The club policy is to deliver leftover food from the dinners and breakfasts to a needy family.*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA Officer Remarks

Maureen Bell mentioned the August dinner event as a BBQ and an incredible jet aircraft on display plus some over-the-top music. Treasurer Elaine Yeary reported the current amount in the checking account.

Cleanup

The clubhouse got cleaned up and all was in good order so I was able to get out in time to go on the flyout WITH "everybody" else, again. Sure makes it easy when we don't cook breakfast.

SAFETY FORUM

The Moderator this time was a bona fide "speaker" on a highly controversial and technical topic. We do not often shift away from a "moderator" and a safety theme, but in this case it was a presentation that covers the aviation fleet transition to NexGen, the inevitable shift away from land based to satellite systems.

Mike Bruno of Sterling Aviation gave us a reality check on the feasibility of making the change-out according to the FAA deadline of 2020, especially as it impacts general aviation. Also in attendance was the team from the local FSDO, but the presentation was still according to what Mike was seeing in the way of the avionics shop industry capacity to do the install work and the willingness of aircraft owners to commit funds to the change given the dynamics of new equipment options flooding the market as well as the undefined FAA certifications.

The Take Away for MDPA

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

Note from Aussie Special Visitors

Hi John,

Thank you to the MDPA for their hospitality to the two Australian visitors (Frank and John) at the last meeting where Mike Bruno of Sterling Aviation gave a talk. Both Frank and John thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and the opportunity to go along on the flyout to Salinas. If any member of the MDPA should find themselves in the Newcastle area in NSW Australia, Frank and John would be delighted to host them at their local Aeroclub. Just have them contact me and I will set it up.

Thanks again,

Shirley Parker

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Thank you for showing us Aussies a good time and having us on your fly out to Salinas July 19th. Thanks in particular to yourself John Barella (for the loan of his headset) and to the pilot of the Cessna cardinal we travelled in.

Thank you,

John Farrelly

FLYOUT TO SALINAS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

By John Barrella

Our August club trip took us to the Salinas airport. As is typical this had me checking the visibility reports every 20 minutes waiting for the fog to clear out. We got lucky this time and things broke free just before we planned to take off. Felix Boston got a big head start in his Ercoupe as he typically needs a bit more time than the rest of us. With 4 more planes in tow with 11 people aboard including two very interesting visitors from Australia (Frank &



John) we caught up to Felix in route and all made an interesting approach into Salinas dodging some other traffic doing some very strange patterns. We invaded the restaurant at the terminal building all very hungry as we had missed the typical breakfast feast. They handled us very well and the food was quite decent. Good conversation all around the table with particular focus on folks sharing their great Oshkosh experiences from the week before.

Please consider joining us for a future fly out. We had just enough pilots to accommodate everyone this time. I would hate to have to turn someone away because we did not have enough seats. Next month is the Wings Over Watsonville event don't miss it.



MDPA MEETING AND DINNER-BARBEQUE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

What a great dinner meeting we had in August, not only fabulous food courtesy of the airport management, but the music of Pete Monillas Band and the arrival of Randy Howell's Patriot Jet.



Our gracious host Keith with pilot Randy Howell



Pete Monillas Band



Waiting for the jet to arrive



Aero Vodochody L-39C Albatross

Czech-made two-seat military training jet

Max speed in level flight | **465 mph**

Max speed in a dive | **565 mph**

Ceiling | **36,000 ft**

Thrust | **3,970 lbs**

Weight when performing | **8,820 lbs**

Max G force | **+8G/-4G**

Length | **40 ft**

Wing span | **31 ft**



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Beech 18



Diet Coke always makes you happy ☺



Who let the FAA in?



Someone better call Security ☺



Being extremely health conscious, we always taste the food before we serve it to our customers.



Great crowd enjoying a great meal



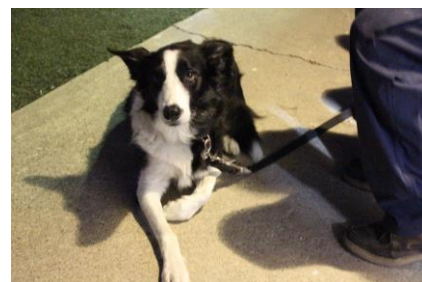
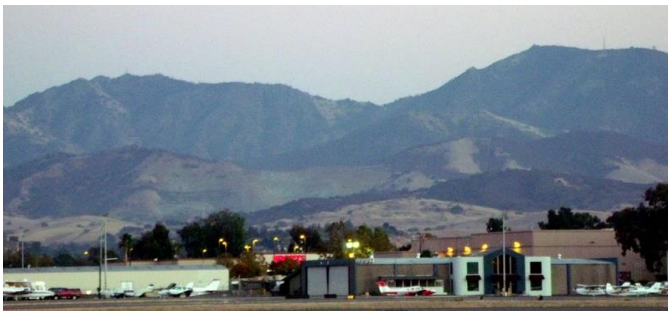
Kristy, Bob and Bob Tucknott.



John and Jude showing us we should always wear our badge.



Natasha and Vadim enjoy the band





Beautiful night to relax and listen to good music



Girls don't want to relax, they want to dance



Getting ready to leave

Many thanks to our great photographers Kevin and Vadim.

For more information on the Patriot Jets and Pete Monillas Band, check out their websites:

Patriotsjetteam.com & Theheartbeatband.com

CLUBHOUSE VEGETABLE GARDEN

I am pleased to let you know that our clubhouse vegetable garden has a sponsor! Bill O'Brian, who is a member of EAA and has extensive landscape and planting experience, has volunteered to monitor the irrigation, weed, fertilize, and otherwise care for and maintain the wonderful veggie garden that Payson designed and installed for his Eagle Scout project.

Thank you, Payson (and Payson's father Scott too!) for helping make the Clubhouse an even more valuable asset to the aviation community - and for improving its overall appearance!

Scott Achelis

The MDPA squash being cooked with some onions and bratwurst. Talk about a culinary sensation! The harvest was a success. ⇒

Maurice Gunderson



PUBLIC NOTICE



THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SEE AIRCRAFT ON DISPLAY AT THE JOINT CLUBHOUSE FACILITY LOCATED AT 200 SALLY RIDE DR CONCORD FROM THE HOURS OF 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM.

THIS OCCURS MONTHLY ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AND IS FREE OF CHARGE.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED VINTAGE AIRCRAFT.

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:

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