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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

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 *Thanksgiving Dinner*

December

5 *Breakfast & Flyout to Santa Rosa, Lunch at Sky Lounge Restaurant*

18 *Holiday Dinner*

Please welcome our new members!!!

Alex DiSessa
Robert Hania
Dennis Stillway
Kevin Wheeler
Phil Scott

**Mark your schedules now for October 16th –
this will be our exciting Casino Night!!!
Not only will you have a chance at winning many prizes,
there will be Tri-tip, BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes and
fresh vegetables to enjoy.**

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

I was the Head Cook, with only 3 cooks-----a little chaotic but the team of Franz Krispel, Gordon Campbell and Jeff Klaus got the food out by the 0900. We even had the famous grits from Elaine Yeary. In walks Dennis Stillway offering to help and immediately started the “eggs-to-order.” We had almost 40 for breakfast which was a little surprising since it was a long weekend. Driven by Franz and helped by Knute Fisher and our fabulous airport manager Keith Freitas, the kitchen was completely cleaned before the Forum start time at 1000. That was a first.



“Oh Boy! Nothing like taking advantage of a govmtt guy!” ☺

**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 that the elections for officers is coming up and 2016 slate will be the action item at the next dinner meeting. Treasurer Elaine Yeary reported the current amount in the checking account. David Thacker stepped in for John Barrella, Activities, to brief the trip to Watsonville.

SAFETY FORUM

The Moderator was Alexander Golovets, originally from Vladivostok, USSR, and is now an enterprising Import/Export businessman worldwide. His topic was operating VFR when encountering smoke with resulting limited visibility. He was on a trip from California to the Oregon area and lost visibility and decided to climb to get above it. His question was



whether he should have asked for help from ATC and what is the best action, climb, get lower or do a 180? Generally, pilots in the room recommended always using the services of ATC when encountering challenging conditions. It was commented that what you do when

losing visibility depends somewhat on the knowledge you have of the tops and conditions below. If smoke, or even low level fog, climbing is generally good, maybe as good an action as the 180 degree turn. But if it is a due to storm and an area weather system, the 180 turn might be best. Always, it depends. It was agreed that volcanic clouds are bad news for turbines



but some wondered if that was also true for internal combustion engines. Care was considered essential when passing through the plume of a fossil power plant stack where there are not only elevated temperatures and toxic gases, but also a depletion of oxygen.

The Take Away for MDPA

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

FLYOUT TO WATSONVILLE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

By David Thacker

I had a full plane that day....my grandson Max rode co-pilot and Vitaliy Belevich & Russ Atkinson were passengers. It was a great flight, as most are, until we approached Watsonville. The temporary tower seemed overwhelmed with both arriving and departing aircraft. As we approached, Cardinal N7532V was cleared to land.....and thenthere appeared a small bi-wing on final as The Cardinal was cleared to land.....number one.



As we both were on final it became evident that The Orange Cardinal would overtake the slower bi-wing aircraft. I chose a right 360 and announced I would rejoin final approach immediately upon rounding out the 360.

There was continued confusion as other planes attempted to enter the temporary Class Delta airspace. We landed uneventfully after all....much to everyone's relief!



The airshow was a great event with all the various planes and displays. The live band was great. Max made the rounds of all the vendors and, when offered, was able to come away with many freebies, such as balsa gliders for himself and his brother.

As usual there were many food vendors. The tri-tip steak sandwich was our choice for lunch, nothing like dodging traffic to build one's appetite.

For anyone who has not been to Watsonville lately, they also have a great restaurant in the terminal building. High end food in nice surroundings and outside seating with good viewing of aircraft.

David T.



CALSTAR Eurocopter EC 135



Cal Fire North American OV-10A



North American P-51 D Mustang



Lockheed PV-2D Harpoon

The PV-2 Harpoon was a major redesign of the Ventura with the wing area increased from 551 ft² (51.2 m²) to 686 ft² (63.7 m²) giving an increased load-carrying capability, and which first flew on 3 December 1943.



Piper PA-18 Super Cub



Mooney 1966 Model M20



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

by Maureen Bell

What a great Mexican Fiesta we had last week!



The Little Man welcomes everyone



The food was so good!



Kristy and Bob, our decorator and dinner coordinator.



Kevin Wheeler, Pierre Bidou, Mark, Elaine and Steve. The flowers all came from our garden behind the clubhouse.



George, Scott, Rich Johnson, Bonnie and Mel Nordahl with their friend Cliff. Diane Kennedy at the end on the right.



Everyone is eating except Steve, who is busy getting the microphone ready for the speakers.



Our speakers answering many questions from the floor



Larry, pilot for Reach. Formerly with the Coast Guard, in fact he told us many Reach pilots were former military.



Elaine, Steve and Pierre



Norm and Stewart with two pretty girls



Serious discussions going on at this table




Mark asking Larry a final question

Please join us on October 16 for our famous Casino Night Dinner and the presentation of our board nominees for 2016!

Here is the list of our Board Nominees for 2016:

- ✚ President - Maurice Gunderson
- ✚ Communications – Bob Torrey
- ✚ Facilities – Scott Achelis
- ✚ Secretary – Maureen Bell
- ✚ Treasurer - Elaine Yeary
- ✚ Activities – John Barrella
- ✚ Programs - Pierre Bidou



CALIFORNIA PILOTS ASSOCIATION
presents

A CAPITAL IDEA!

Gathering California's General Aviation Community
for a day of Education and Entertainment

Dann Shively
TV Helo Pilot/Aero Historian

Rod Machado
Aviation Educator and Humorist

Gary Cathey
Chief, CalTrans Div. of Aeronautics

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*Plus exhibits, presentations,
and FAA Safety Team "WINGS" Seminar!*

• CalPilots Annual Meeting at 10:30 am •
Lunch available: Catered by SAC's "Aviator's Restaurant!"

Executive Jet Center
(6133 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822)
Sacramento Executive Airport [SAC]

Saturday, October 24, 2015
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

More info and register online at
www.calpilots.org



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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