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MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

By John Potter

MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

November

7 *Breakfast & Flyout to
Columbia, Lunch at
Patty's Shack*

20 *Holiday Dinner
Celebration*

December

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

18 *Holiday Dinner*

January

9 *Breakfast, Safety
Forum & Flyout (TBD)*

15 *Dinner Meeting*

COFFEE/FAT WAFERS

We only had coffee with an “abundance” of donuts since we were short on cooks and there was no breakfast. The “abundance” was due to the over generous contribution of the shop owner, a very chatty Asian lady, as she was cleaning out her inventory getting ready for the next day. (She wants to be a pilot. I told her --- “sell more donuts!”) The overabundance of donuts went to:

- The Tower
- Airport Operations
- Sterling office and fuel truck guy
- A family in Benicia having a birthday party for little girls.

We had about 25 attending, a little less than normal. Must have been the “no breakfast” effect.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Notice

According to a dear friend, George Ann Garms, Past President 1995, and the person who got the club into our first clubhouse, has passed away at the age of 91. She was indomitable, often flying worldwide with her husband and then, after his passing, flying to Siberia and Europe in their C-182. What a lady!

MDPA Officer Remarks

Treasurer Elaine Yeary reported the current amount in the checking account. John Barrella, Activities, briefed the day's trip.

We discussed the County Tax rules for the monthly classic aircraft display.

A reference was made to an AOPA columnist remark that you are not legal if you fly after an oil change and have not made a log book entry first (Yodice - May issue).

SAFETY FORUM

The Moderator was Adam Silverthorne who graciously stepped in for Marc Ausman on short notice.

His starting remarks described a wheels-up landing in progress as he watched in amazement. The tower repeatedly asked "confirm gear down", which the accident aircraft did despite the gear being up. The accident aircraft had a DPE (Designated Pilot Examiner) on board who apparently had pulled the circuit breaker as a test of awareness for the pilot, then the DPE forgot he pulled the breaker and along with the pilot also failed to confirm 3 green and gear down! Moving the handle to the down position is not enough. One pilot's thought was, maybe the tower could have been more forceful and saved the day by saying "go around!"

We also discussed "training induced" accidents and retractable gear operations in general.

Landing "flow check" use was a focus, "GUMPS" checks and their variants as well as a 300 ft check to confirm gear down AND proper runway. Then we discussed preflight goof-ups on missing obvious threats to flight such as taking off with tow bars attached and flight controls rigged backwards.

An interruption in doing a check list often requires starting all over again if distracted (The Navy procedure is to back up on the checklist a few steps and start again, per Jim Clarke). Other preflight distractions were discussed including forgetting to reinstall the dipstick when distracted during a preflight, etc. All in all a fun and lively discussion!

The Take Away for MDPA

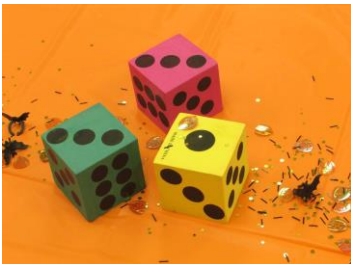
Use and then really follow your checklist. Don't get distracted. If interrupted, start over again.

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

MDPA CASINO NIGHT AND BOARD NOMINEES PRESENTATION, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

Our latest Casino Nite was a great success. As usual, the food was fantastic and the guests excited to play. Many thanks to our dealers, Stew, Brent, Greg and Shari who spent the entire evening being gracious as they handed out winnings to "most" of the players – unfortunately some left empty handed.





Greg looks as if he is giving tips to his wife.



Some happy, some sad.



Felix, you cannot give Scott any advice on cooking.



Steve just broke the bank.



John giving advice (just what he's known for around MDPA)





Enjoying the great food.



Pit boss Stew being questioned?



Greg with a full table.



You can tell who won and who lost at this table!



Need to call the Gaming Board
risky getting secret lessons from dealer Greg?

You can see just how much FUN you miss when you don't come to our Casino Nites!

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,

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