



MDPA News

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MDPA Calendar

Upcoming Events

June

- 1** Board Meeting
- 4** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Grass Valley
- 17** Dinner Meeting
- 25** Travis Air Force Base Fly In

July

- 2** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Boonville
- 6** Board Meeting
- 15** Dinner Meeting

August

- 3** Board Meeting
- 6** MDPA **40th Anniversary** All-Day event
- 19** Dinner Meeting

September

- 3** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 7** Board Meeting
- 16** Dinner Meeting

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are less than a month until the first day of Summer, and MDPA is planning a lot of fun activities. This year MDPA will be celebrating our **40th Anniversary!** We plan to have a raffle of valuable prizes, live music, some original MDPA members from the early days, and overall a great party. Please mark your calendars for August 6, afternoon and evening. Details will be announced soon.

On June 25, a lucky group of pilots and passengers will take part in Travis Air Force Base's Fly In, at the invitation of Capt. Patterson Hill. The program will start with flying in for arrivals at KSUU, followed by brunch, airplane tours, (C-5, C-17, KC-10), ATCV Tours (RAPCON and Tower), and finally departure from KSUU. What's more, our own MDPA Executive Chef Scott Davis has been invited by Capt. Hill to cater the brunch, so we know the food will be great! This is a very good opportunity for MDPA members to learn about Travis operations, particularly with emphasis on midair collision avoidance. Congratulations to our members who won slots, and many thanks to Capt. Hill for the invitation.

John Barrella has planned a great series of fly-outs to take advantage of summer flying weather. Please take a look at the calendar at www.mdpa.org for the details. These trips coincide with our First Saturday breakfasts and safety forums, and all together make a great way to spend a summer Saturday.

Behind the scenes, we are working on a new back office management system for MDPA. Among other things, this will allow you to register for events on line. It's our goal to have this in place in time to take reservations for the 40th Anniversary Party. Details to come soon.

Best regards, Maurice.

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

According to our official kitchen observer, Knute, it was one of the best cooking teams he has seen. We had food for 40 and 39 showed up. I say, "--always best to not run out of food!"

For 2016 I will continue to coordinate the Safety Forums.

For 2016, I will be the Head Cook once a quarter.

We need a Head Cook volunteer for July:

June	- Jim Coupe
July	-
Aug	- 40th (no breakfast)

I have a checklist and it will take a newbie about 4 hours to shop and set up. (I now have it down to less than 3 hours.)



Richard Sperling, USA Retired, talking about the military helicopter group here at CCR.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President's Comments

President Maurice Gunderson reminded the pilots of the dinner at which slots for the Travis visit coming up will be auctioned off. He had everyone stand up and then had the current MPDA members sit down. Those few remaining standing were invited to join and pay dues to the Treasurer. (Neat trick!)



MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Treasurer Elaine Yeary reported the club's account funds on hand.

Activities

John Barrella announced that the fly-out was cancelled due to weather.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator - Marc Ausman

Although Marc had recently sold his plane due to work demands, he nevertheless made a special effort to be the Moderator for this session. He recounted several events about safety issues found during pre-flight. The first was when, early in his flying career, he unknowingly returned an aircraft with only ½ gallon remaining due to a "minor" fuel leak. The lesson learned was about things that seem small can be amplified while in the air.

The next incident was when he noticed during a preflight that bugs



had indeed plugged the pitot tube and he had a passenger who insisted that the flight proceed as planned. This was after a leaking fuel line had to be replaced. Marc reported that he refused to fly the aircraft amidst some choice words from the passenger, also a pilot, who went ahead and used the airplane on his own against Marc's judgment. Purportedly he arrived successfully at his destination.



The last was a circumstance in a twin where the pilot was interrupted during a preflight inspection and a fuel cap was not put in place and thereafter the mistake was noticed as the aircraft took off and began the climb out. Fuel was streaming from the wing and the pilot returned to land safely, after being told about the leak by the tower. The lesson here

is to not be interrupted during pre-flight.



Byron and his daughter Audrey
(Stew's son & granddaughter)



Here is Felix Boston saying farewell to Maureen & Dave. Texas wants him back. That's good! He must have done something bad! ☺

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

MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, MAY 20 2016, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

What a great time everyone had at the last dinner meeting. Major Tim Albert gave a very interesting talk on the programs taking place at the CAP – who knew they had so much going on! They have an excellent group of adult volunteers passing on so much advice and training to their young students.

Thanks to Bob and Kristy once again, we enjoyed Mexican food followed by delicious desserts.

Next came the part everyone had been waiting for – the raffle to fly into TAFB. Once Maurice had explained all the rules and information Travis required, I think some members were ready to forget it! We went ahead anyway and finally it turned out perfectly – everyone anxious to go received a ticket and paired up for the flight.

Not only will they have tours of the C-17 and other aircraft, plus a tour of the tower, they will enjoy lunch catered by none other than our own chef, Scott Davis.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate on June 25th and they will have great stories to tell us on their return.



Jim, Vishal, new member Narayan, Stew, John, Tony and Patti



John, Tony, Patti, Robin, Ed, Steve, Knute, Kevin and Maurice



Everyone happy to see that Robin was able to fly as Knute's pax.



Ed, Patti, Kevin, Narayan and Stew



Our speaker, Major Tim Albert CAP.



Maurice explaining the raffle rules.



Kristy and Bob with Dave Thacker in the background.



John and Jude with Pierre and Narayan.



John B. Scott A, Dave T, Robin & Knute, Kristy and Bob and Rich Johnson front right.



Maureen trying to explain the raffle rules to Franz and Ed with Vishal looking on.



Elaine, Maureen, Stew and Joyce on left.
Dave, Pierre, Jude, John, Bob Belshe,
Dave Caruso and Ed Ott on right.



Leslie Adams, Steve, Rich, John,
Scott, Robin and Knute

This is how it looked when Maurice had finally input everyone's info into the computer, ready to send to TAFB!



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY
EVERYONE WELCOME!



Buchanan Field Clubhouse –
200 Sally Ride Drive Concord
For details visit the Mount Diablo Pilots
Association @ www.MDPA.org

**The Mount Diablo Pilots Association is a non-profit organization based at
Buchanan Field (KCCR) in Concord, California.**

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

MDPA Board Members:

President - Maurice Gunderson
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary
Secretary - Maureen Bell
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou
Website/Dinner - Robert Torrey
Facilities - Scott Achelis
Activities/Flyout – John Barrella

Non-Directors:

Safety Meetings – John Potter
Past President – David Thacker
Newsletter/Social Media - Natasha Doktorova

**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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