



MDPA News

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MDPA Calendar

Upcoming Events

October

- 1** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Columbia
- 12** Board Meeting
- 21** Dinner Meeting

November

- 2** Board Meeting
- 5** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Chico
- 18** Dinner Meeting

December

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

January 2017

- 4** Board Meeting
- 7** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 20** Dinner Meeting

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Maurice Gunderson

Dear fellow MDPA Members,

MDPA Dinner Managers: Our dinner manager retired after our 40th Anniversary party. This is a critical job which involves managing, shopping, inventorying, organizing, ordering, setting up, taking down, putting away, and who knows what else, for all MDPA dinners.

Pattie Krebs has graciously volunteered to be our new Dinner Manager. She is a natural fit for the job, having owned and operated grocery stores and a delicatessen. Her first dinner was our September Third Friday meeting, which was enjoyed by all. Pattie was assisted by Pete Monillas and Narayanan Chandrasekaran. Thanks to both of them and all others who helped Pattie."

More Value for your Membership: We are actively experimenting with new ways to deliver more direct value to MDPA Members. We welcome suggestions and requests!

You already know about the MDPA Members Only Oil Program. We rolled out V1.0 in August, and many of you ordered and received your order already. On average you can save 30 percent compared to purchasing oil from on-line



Pete Monillas shopping for MDPA dinner

retailers, and the savings alone pay back your annual dues if you buy only two cases a year! We are refining the program as we go to make it easier to use and operate. So keep flying and buying oil, and we will keep delivering it!

Next in line is an upgrade of the MDPA fuel discount program. We are working on structure and details now, and should have this ready to go by the end of the year. We expect to deliver a significant reduction in fuel costs to MDPA Members.



Leap Into the Cloud: We have already begun implementation of a new club management system called Wild Apricot, or WA for short. This is a comprehensive cloud-based software system that we expect will simultaneously improve our back office operations and reduce management workload. You may already have noticed messages from WA regarding event announcements and the oil program. Soon we will implement the on-line dinner reservations and payment system.

The first MDPA Members Only Oil Order, ready for delivery to the Clubhouse. Twenty-three cases to keep our engines happy!

Next will come a new web site with a comprehensive events calendar, a membership roster, photo albums, and other features. We are looking for good high resolution photos of Members' airplanes to showcase on the new landing page! Please send them to president@mdpa.org.

Finally, don't forget our brief MDPA Annual Meeting will be held during our October Third Friday dinner meeting on October 21. Please plan on attending, and please also think of new ideas that you would like MDPA to pursue in 2017.

Maurice.



MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

Breakfast was an experiment, BUT, it happened. I was not careful in properly putting out all the food (eggs, meat) so we ended up a little short on vittles (I have 4 flats of eggs left for the October breakfast). 38 showed up.

For 2016 I will continue to coordinate the Safety Forums. I will be the Head Cook once a quarter.

We need a Head Cook volunteer for October 2016.

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.)

**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 talked about the Oil Program and the plans for the first delivery today.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Treasurer Elaine Yeary reported the club's funds on hand and took membership dues.

Activities

Mike Harris, standing in for John Barrella, announced that the fly-out would be to Castle Air Force Base (now Merced KMER). He noted that he could not make the trip due to high winds.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Brian Enbom

Brian presented three videos from his recent experience in Arizona taking a course in airplane upsets. He flew to Mesa AZ to take an Upset and Recovery training by Aviation Performance Solutions. The class was 3 days and 4 one-hour flights in an Extra 300L. The instructors were all ex-Military fighter pilots. At the conclusion of the class they gave him the 4 hours of video and sound of each flight. Brian edited the 4 hours of video into 3 videos of 10-15 minutes each. Two videos were presented, one dealing with stuck control strategies', and one dealing with spin recovery. There were two recovery strategy's presented. One for unusual attitude recovery: (**Push** ½ G light in the seat, **Roll** level the aircraft, **Power** add Power to recover, **Stabilize** bring the aircraft back to level flight), and one for Spin (more than 3 turns) recovery: **Power**, **Ailerons** neutral, **Rudder**, full opposite, **Elevator** forward, Rudder neutral (after rotation stops), **Elevator** to recover.

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

PHOTOS FROM THE FLYOUT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016





MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 2016, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

We had a good crowd at our September dinner meeting, good Mexican food and an extremely interesting speaker. Derek Mims, KC-10 pilot instructor, AAC member, wine connoisseur and school teacher held the attention of the group and had many questions to answer when he finished his speech. Five members were nominated for the position of Director for 2017. Others were encouraged to volunteer for open positions as managers and the election will take place during our October general meeting.



Pierre with our speaker, Derek Mims



Elaine and Maureen



Some of the audience



Our speaker explaining refueling procedures.



More of the audience



Ron, Vidal and Tom



L'il Man with a bottle of Derek's special wine (note label)



Start of the clean up



Great to see everyone helping out

Aviation Oil at Wholesale Prices for MDPA Members.

MDPA Aviation Oil Program V1.0

Order by the Last Saturday, Pickup the following First Saturday

A New Benefit for MDPA Members

Those of us who do our own oil changes know that aviation oil is becoming more difficult to obtain locally, and shipping charges make it very expensive to buy from on-line merchants. MDPA has created a program for Members to purchase oil at wholesale prices, with delivery to the Clubhouse. This results in about 30 percent savings compared to on-line retailers.

We have AeroShell 100 Straight Mineral Oil, W100, W100 Plus, 15W-50, and Phillips X/C 20W-50, all in twelve quart cases. We may add more products depending on demand and your suggestions.

You can order any time. The Last Saturday of each month is the cutoff for orders for delivery on the following First Saturday. Delivery will be at MDPA's First Saturday breakfast at the Clubhouse.

To get started, go to the store link:

<https://store9799013.ecwid.com/>

The first time you place an order you will be asked to create an account. The software will ask for both delivery and billing addresses. Please input the address associated with your PayPal account in both places. Note that your purchase will be delivered to the Clubhouse, not to your PayPal delivery address.

This is a new program for MDPA, thus the designation V1.0. Please give it a try and let us know what you think, and of course let us know right away if you have any problems. Contact info for Maurice Gunderson: M - 415-810-4559, E - mauricegunderson@mac.com

We are ready to go!

Order by the Last Saturday - August 27

Pick up the First Saturday - September 3

Anticipated Questions (Not yet "Frequently Asked" because we are just starting!)

Q: Can anyone use this service?

A: This service is provided by volunteer MDPA Members for the benefit of fellow current MDPA Members only. If you are not an MDPA Member, please join today. You will save your annual dues on the first two cases you buy each year.

Q: Can I purchase just a few quarts, or do I have to buy a full case?

A: We sell products by the full twelve quart case only.

Q: How do I pay? Do you accept cash or checks? Credit cards?

A: You pay using PayPal on line when you place your order. Credit cards can be used through PayPal. We do not accept cash or checks.

Q: How and when can I place my order?

A: Place your order any time using the special URL link provided above. The Last Saturday of each month is the cutoff for orders for delivery on the following First Saturday.

Q: Where and when can I pick up my order?

A: Orders will be available for pickup at the Buchanan Field Airport Clubhouse at MDPA's First Saturday Breakfast. Normally this is held at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday of every month.

Q: Can I have my order delivered to my address?

A: No. We are eliminating shipping costs to keep prices as low as possible.

Q: Can I pick up my order at the wholesaler?

A: Not at this time. In the future we may make this option available for large orders or drums.

Q: Since MDPA is a non-profit corporation, do we have to pay sales tax?

A: MDPA is a non-profit corporation, but we are passing the products on to individual Members who unfortunately are not tax exempt. MDPA pays sales tax on the wholesale price of the products we buy, and we sell the products to Members at no markup.



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



Buchanan Field Clubhouse –
200 Buchanan Field Rd 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
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 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,
*do not send mail to the clubhouse address, use the USPS address instead:***

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