



# MDPA News

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## MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

### December 2016

**3** Breakfast, Safety  
Forum & Flyout

**7** Board Meeting

**16** Holiday Party &  
Dinner Meeting

### January 2017

**4** Board Meeting

**7** Breakfast, Safety  
Forum & Flyout

**20** Dinner Meeting

### February 2017

**1** Board Meeting

**4** Breakfast, Safety  
Forum & Flyout

**17** Dinner Meeting

## MDPA BREAKFAST (COFFEE & DONUTS) AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

*By John Potter*

### “Hangar Talk” Hour

Coffee and donuts. We had 36 attend the meeting plus one 3 year old (Stewart Bower’s granddaughter who took the donut and left since that was all that she was interested in).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### Airport Manager

Keith Freitas briefed on the taxi-way paving plan.

#### MDPA President

President Maurice Gunderson briefed on the Fly-Out for today - a trip to Chico arranged by Scott Davis for a tour of the Sierra Pacific Brewery and a late lunch. He also described the upcoming Friday joint dinner meeting presentation for EAA and MDPA by Navy Corsair Pilot Dean “Diz” Laird (Scott’s Achelis’s Father-in-Law). The second month’s delivery of oil orders was planned for today.

### **SAFETY FORUM**

#### Moderator – Steve Kennedy

Steve got our attention immediately by showing a video of an experience made possible by Maureen Bell when she won a Sean Tucker award for an acrobatic/aerobatic experience. She clearly was not interested (very smart lady!) so gave the award to Steve Kennedy. He showed us the video of inverted flight and he was

shown to be enjoying it -smiling while drooling under the extreme forces upside down. It was of particular interest to hear how Tucker had successfully landed after having lost his prop while demonstrating aerobatic flight with a student.

Steve's presentation was on the use of checklists. Distractions, complacency, laziness, familiarity, and expectations are all the enemies of adherence to checklists and ultimately safety. We discussed some of the famous and infamous situations where safety was compromised by all of the enemies of checklists.

This forum turned out to be a lively pilot's discussion as many spoke up about personal experiences of mistakes made in using checklists carelessly.

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

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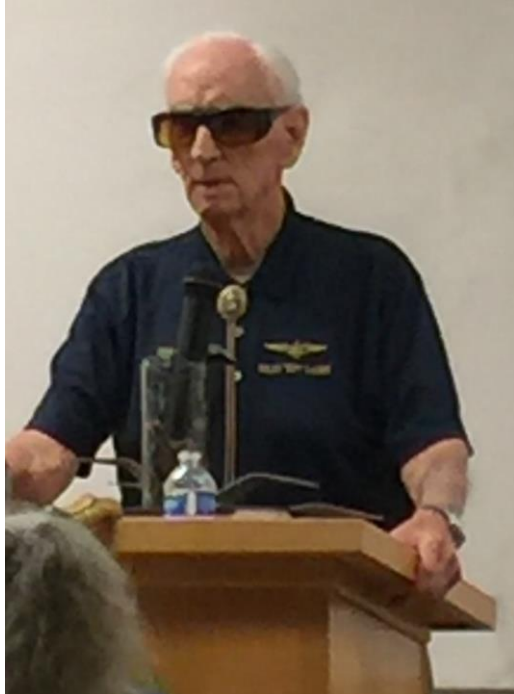
### **MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 2016, 6:30PM**

*by Maureen Bell*

What a great evening, with such a large crowd for everything to go well was almost a miracle! It was the first time we have had a joint dinner meeting with EAA and hopefully it will not be the last.

As usual, many thanks to our master chef Scott Davis and his assistant Rich Johnson and to the volunteers who spent their time and effort getting the room ready, plus cleaning up afterwards.

Our speaker kept the entire room's attention during his one and a half hours extremely interesting talk. A great speaker with a great sense of wit.



Navy Corsair Pilot Dean "Diz" Laird  
(Scott's Achelis's Father-in-Law).



Aviators come in all sizes and all ages.



Maurice giving us a brief summary of Diz Laird's background.





The Lil Man was guarding our name badges, per instructions from John Potter.



A group of our EAA friends.



Looks like serious conversations going on here.



Diane (in the blue jacket) will be looking for you at the Christmas dinner.



Monica (Keith's wife), Maureen, asking Keith if there was any chance of a reduction in rent and Keith telling Scott "No way on a reduction"



Steve and Diane are both in photos, we need to get Kevin next time!

Here comes dessert!



The table decorations were beautiful!

**Aviation Oil at Wholesale Prices for MDPA Members.**

# MDPA Aviation Oil Program V1.0

*Order by the Last Saturday, Pickup the following First Saturday*

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## **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](mailto:mauricegunderson@mac.com)

**We are ready to go!**

**Order by the Last Saturday - August 27**

**Pick up the First Saturday - September 3**

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## **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](http://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  
Vice President - - Pierre Bidou  
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary  
Secretary - Maureen Bell  
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou  
Facilities - DeWitt Hodge  
Activities/Flyout – John Barrella

**Non-Directors:**

Safety Forums – John Potter  
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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