



MDPA News

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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

February 2017

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 17 Dinner Meeting

March 2017

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 17 Dinner Meeting

April 2017

- 1 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 5 Board Meeting
- 21 Dinner Meeting

MDPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEW MDPA WEBSITE

Our new website has just gone live at MDPA.org. Many of you have already seen a preview when you renewed your membership or made a dinner reservation. We now have both Members Only and Public sections operational, and we will be adding features and content over the next several weeks. Please take a look, and send suggestions or error alerts to me at mauricegunderson@mac.com.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

By far the most requested feature for a new MDPA website is an on-line membership directory. Our new member management system has a directory built in, and the picture below shows what it will look like with my contact info as an example.

The online directory will go live on March 1st, 2017. Before then, please log in as a member and make sure all your contact details are correct. Pay special attention to your phone numbers, as we know many in our records are incorrect. You can add photos of yourself, your significant other, and your aircraft.

The directory will be accessible by current MDPA Members only. It will not be available to the general public, government agencies or other organizations. You can choose not to be included in the on-line directory by sending me an email at mauricegunderson@mac.com before March 1st 2017. If I don't receive an opt-out message by then, you will automatically be included when the directory goes live.



Mt. Diablo Pilots Association Members Only

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MDPA DONATIONS TO THE VA HOSPITAL IN MARTINEZ

At our Holiday Dinner in December we suggested that Members make donations for the benefit of Veterans at the Hospital in Martinez. This was in place of the gift exchange that we have done in past years. I am pleased to announce that MDPA Members donated a total of \$645 to this very worthy cause! Maureen and Elaine are purchasing the items requested by the Hospital volunteers, and will deliver them to the Hospital. This ensures that 100 percent of our donations go towards the needed items, with no overhead charged by MDPA or the Hospital. You will receive a letter and receipt so you can appropriately show your donation when you do your taxes. Thanks very much to everyone who made a donation!

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Maurice

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

Planned for 40 and 29 showed up. This was our first experience with a Cooking Team and it went very well. The Head Cook job was divided up to three tasks, shopping, setting-up and a person in charge, Head Cook, to make sure that the food was ready on time and properly prepared. I really tried hard to stay out of the way and not interfere. Stewart Bowers clearly was In-charge and decisions were made that helped greatly to prevent too much being cooked. He also, on the side, did the eggs over-easy, flipping in the air without breaking any yolks. A sight to behold.



**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 was out of the country but sent his "thanks" to the cooks for the breakfast and said that he wished that he could be with us eating our good food while he was eating at a resort on a Greek Island.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

None.

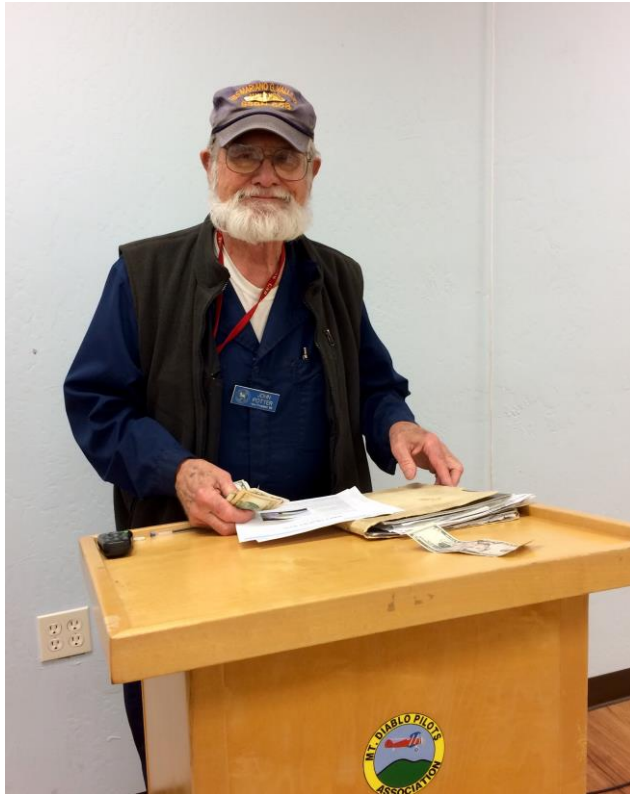
Activities

There was no fly-out or display of aircraft due to rain. Maurice issued a notice to that effect to document the cancellation of the Display Day.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – John Potter

I stepped in to act as Moderator when the assigned person was a no-show. Without hesitation we launched into a discussion of slipping. I described an experience at Columbia



Airport where I had been complacent on making a proper entry to the pattern and being stabilized on the approach. I was high and off the centerline after a sloppy pattern. Attempting to correct I found myself crossed controlling to descend, with full flaps and sharp banking. The only alert I had was seeing the airspeed indication falling. Instant leveling, added power and nose down probably prevented a catastrophic stall.

Many had a story to tell about the use of slipping and the always present potential of a landing stall. It was noteworthy that the type aircraft has a great deal to do with the decision to slip on an approach in order to lose altitude and/or to get lined up on a runway. The animated hour discussion centered on high performance aircraft with thin wings compared to those older aircraft with thick wings which were known to be less prone to stalling. Many were surprised to hear that when a pilot goes to the special courses held at a certain manufacturer's site for new

aircraft, that slipping was considered an unacceptable maneuver and was discouraged. It was thought that the approach to the long held view of slipping as a common operation was probably adopted to lower corporate liability.

This is Stewart Schuster's comment on the course he took at Cirrus.

Not exactly, a side slip on final for cross wind correction is perfectly normal, a forward slip for rapid loss of altitude when at high altitude is also acceptable. However (Forward) Slipping at low altitude such as during turns or short final is risky due to accelerated stall speeds and not fast enough altitude to recover (from) a stall. At Cirrus training (the) recommended practice if (you are) high or fast in a non-stable approach on final then going around is preferred and safer.

The pilots generally agreed that slipping was indeed appropriate for certain maneuvers with a great deal of care on how it is executed and not like I did at Columbia where I attempted a "Cowboy Landing."

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

MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

Another interesting Friday evening spent at the clubhouse starting with great lasagna, the best salad I have had in a while and delectable desserts!

Maurice got everyone up to date with the club activities while trying to keep Fargo from disobeying his orders!

Next came our speaker for the evening – Sue Clark, who many remember from her days at Navajo Aviation, owning a flight school in Southern California, then on to piloting an airliner and now flying many hours to rescue animals. What an exciting life Sue has had! I think that she would consider her latest job as the one she enjoys most.



Sue explaining exactly what rescuing animals means to her and the lucky animals.



Maurice keeping members up to date with club news.



Jim Coupe, Chet Robbins – on the right, John Barrella, Roberto Fuenzalida, Ron Lem, Scott Achelis and Warren, friend of Sue standing at the end.



John and Jude Potter, Goyal Vischal with a friend Clare Bush, and Duane Allen.



Dale, Sue's friend, Scott Achelis who brought his ex-roommate, Marielle with her friend who works for Norcal and will possibly be a speaker for us one Friday, Russ Atkinson and Rebecca Gunderson.



Elaine, Maureen, Diane Kennedy with Patti Gilchrist at the end. On the right Mark Young, Pierre with two guests, one of whom I am sure will be adopting one of Sue's animals soon.



Bette and Dave Thacker, Patti Gilchrist.



Much discussion going on here, probably about who was going to win the next ball game. I guess most of the women were in the kitchen cleaning up?????



MDPA Members Only Benefits

For details go to MDPA.org, log in as a Member, and go to “Stores and Discounts.”



MDPA Aviation Oil Program

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.

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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
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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