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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

April 2017

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

May 2017

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 19 Dinner Meeting

June 2017

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

KENNARD ERNEST COLE

JUNE 11, 1927 – FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Long time MDPA Member Ken Cole passed away February 27 at the age of 89. Ken joined the US Navy after Pearl Harbor and had a long and distinguished career in the Navy. Many of us only knew him after he retired and had little knowledge of his Navy accomplishments. Ken's wife Dianne Cole is a Past President of MDPA. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Details to be announced soon.



Here is Ken's obituary from the East Bay Times:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/eastbaytimes/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=184352413>

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM,

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

By John Potter

"HANGAR TALK" HOUR

Planned for 40 and 40 showed up. This was our third experience with a Cooking Team and it again went very well, no exceptions. The original "Head Cook" job was divided up into three tasks, shopping, setting-up and a person in-charge, the Head Cook. He was the person to make sure that the food was ready on time and properly prepared. Again, I really tried hard to stay out of the way and to not interfere. Volunteers stepped in and did their own eggs-to-order, just as it should be.



ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President's Comments

President Maurice Gunderson was not able to attend but provided a note about the current programs for oil, fuel discounts and the new Web site, www.mdpa.org. The system is now on-line and the member's section is available for those who have paid their dues.

Director of Airports

Keith Freitas described the upcoming fence work and suggested that anyone who wants the airport newsletter to go to the county website to signup.



MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary noted that new members had signed up and dues were collected.



Activities

There was no fly-out but there was a display of aircraft.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Michael Jahn

Michael is a professional corporate pilot and instructor specializing in corporate pilot training. It was noted that this was clearly a departure from our only having the pilots themselves as Moderators. In this case, he specially tailored the session so that he was not doing the instructor thing of teaching/lecturing but rather challenging the pilots with their habits and methods--- and misconceptions-----and a few myths.

So the question, what is currency and what is proficiency? Which does the insurance company think important? (---- think about it!)

First off, Michael says ---- fly often, and take others to look over your shoulder. Have a purpose, a “mission statement,” when taking a flight. Reminder, no matter what, get a valid weather brief. You might even call the destination to confirm. Truckee and South Lake Tahoe airports and considerations



for effect of density altitude and strange winds require special attention. Do “real” training, that means push your comfort zone on occasion. One pilot offered up that the outcome of a flight should never be in doubt.





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

FLYING TO TRUCKEE SEMINAR AND ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER,
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017, 6:30PM

by Elaine Yeary



Speaker Kevin Smith covered mountain flying topics specific to Truckee, including hazards, weather, night operations, performance, and situational awareness. Our other speaker was Kathleen Greenwood.



Elaine Yeary & Mark Young



Diane Kennedy, Leslie Adams, Stu Bower, Dianne Cole, Tony Tiritilli, Bruce Hobbs, Elaine Yeary, Joanne Hodge, DeWitt Hodge



John & Jude Potter



Rich Johnson with our Executive Chef Scott Davis. Special St. Patrick's Day Menu included Corned Beef and Cabbage.



Kevin Smith, Norm Brudigan, Rebecca Gunderson, Jake Pawlak (our guest from Indianapolis), Maurice Gunderson, Jim Coupe, Pierre Bidou, Mark Young



Michael John, George Grech, Russ Atkinson, Jim Coupe

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.

MDPA 100LL Fuel Discount at CCR

MDPA has established a 100LL Fuel Discount Program with Sterling Aviation at CCR. This new discount began January 1, 2017 and is available to Members every day.

Members receive a MDPA 100LL Discount Card shortly after joining or renewing. Show your card to the Sterling truck driver to receive the MDPA Discount. The card is **REQUIRED** every time. Your card will be valid through December 31, and a new card will be sent when you renew your membership every year. The old First Saturday discount that was available only one day each month has been discontinued.

This is a new program for MDPA. 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.

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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