



MDPA News

Mount Diablo Pilots Association
Buchanan Field, Concord, California

June 2017

media@mdpa.org

Volume 46 Issue 6

Inside This Issue

May Breakfast and Safety Forum.....	1-2
Flyout to Columbia, Historic Gold Rush Town.....	3-4
May Meeting & Monthly Dinner.....	4-5
MDPA Aviation Oil Program.....	6
Public Notice.....	7

MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

June 2017

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

July 2017

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

August 2017

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

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Planned for 40 and 44 showed up (3 kids). Cooking Team went very well, no exceptions. The original “Head Cook” job was divided up into three tasks:

Shopping Get the food at Costco and Safeway.

Setting-up Responsible to prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving.

Head Cook Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.

Again, I really tried hard to stay out of the way and to not interfere. I now fill the task of “Quartermaster,” in charge of the Store Room. Volunteers stepped in and did their own eggs-to-order, just as it should be, except that our own “Executive Chef” **again** snuck in and starting flipping eggs **surreptitiously!**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President’s Comments

President Maurice Gunderson briefed us on the “ins and outs” of the County provisions/requirements for Historic Display day historical aircraft exemptions. An added requirement is the documentation of having signed up for the event in advance in case of cancellation due to bad weather. The MDPA website provides such documentation through owners registering their aircraft (for each month for the entire year (including the makeup days).)

Director of Airports

Keith Freitas was not present.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary was not present.

Activities

There was a "pop-up" fly-out that Scott Davis headed up for about 6 aircraft going to Columbia, if weather permitted.

Aside: It was announced that the airport restaurant at Lampson is open again after being closed for over 6 years, **Giovanni's**. It is a steak house open daily except Tuesdays.



SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Paul Spengenberg

Paul gave a short history of how he got into flying at age 14. Now 30 years later his teenage son is a pilot. Paul's early experience with a weight/balance problem was one his son reminded him about when he said that he did not know what to talk about. Big people/full load/full fuel did not work. At takeoff and with a screaming stall warning he was fortunately able to return and land without stalling. Perhaps the biggest mistake was to put the heavy person in the back. Another pilot told of taking off with a big load of frozen fish/giant squid from Mulege, Baja (dirt strip) and having to put the boxes in the lap of the front passenger in order to stay in the W&B envelope. 4 people and half fuel.

There was some discussion about dealing with an emergency event and also having to sort out the alarms along with a screaming stall warning which can be major distractions.

One pilot commented on his taking his check ride with an inspector although there was some hesitation in being in a C-150 with a gargantuan human FAA guy. He passed the check ride.



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

FLY-OUT TO COLUMBIA, HISTORIC GOLD RUSH TOWN, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

By Knute Fisher



The old town is about 15 minute walk from the airport



Checked out the old pumper and display on Main Street. Then had lunch at the hotel.



Scott Davis, Rick Thomas, Stew Schuster, Knute Fisher, Jake, Rich Webber plus two others, Renee & Jim arrived after we had finished.

Clouds at 6500 so I flew East at 7500 and returned at 4500.



A great outing. My son-in-law Jake was my co-pilot and went for the gold!

Knute

Also, here is a note from Renee: "I didn't have any pictures. I had taken Jim back to Byron so he could fly his J3 cub to Columbia side by side with me in my Coyote."

Renee

MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, MAY 19 2017, 6:30PM

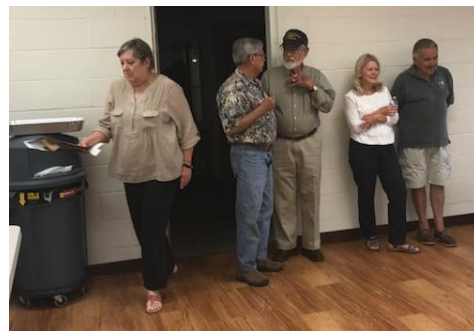
by Maureen Bell

Boy, did we miss our photographers at the May dinner!

I enjoyed the drone program so much I completely forgot about taking any photos. After checking with a couple of attendees I find out they did the same thing.

Well, the main thing is that the program was excellent, good video and speaker DeWitt Hodge did a great job. People seemed to enjoy the catered Mexican meal and the evening's finale was a demonstration of drone flying by Sue Clarke. Looked as if she had fun and so did some of the others who thought they would give it a try.

The first photo shows the drone flying low – the second has Elaine, Tony and John staying out of their way and the final one shows Jude Potter packing up the remaining Mexican food for delivery to the needy families adopted by MDPA.



From \$1M drone races in Dubai



To Personal Air Transport Vehicles



To movie and commercial filming



To monitoring pipelines



To putting out fires



To medical rescues



To planting crops



To tiny quad copters



To home aerial delivery



These are some of the topics covered during the Amazing World of Drones presentation given by MDPA member DeWitt Hodge. Including the use of video clips the presentation also explored various regulations governing their operations, as well as the current and future state of drone technology and the innovative ways they are being used.

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 Directors & Officers:

President - Maurice Gunderson
Vice President - Pierre Bidou
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary
Secretary - Maureen Bell
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou
Facilities - DeWitt Hodge

MDPA Managers:

Safety Forums – John Potter
Newsletter & Social Media - Natasha Doktorova
Executive Chef – Scott Davis
DART Program – DeWitt Hodge
Members' Aviation Oil Program – Vishal Goyal

**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:
Mount Diablo Pilots Association
P.O. Box 6632
Concord, CA 94524
www.mdpa.org**