



# MDPA News

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## MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

### October 2018

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

### November 2018

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

### December 2018

- 1 Breakfast, Safety Forum - Cancelled. Replaced by Airport "Arrival of Santa Claus" event
- 5 Board Meeting
- 21 Dinner Meeting

## MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

*By John Potter*

### **"HANGAR TALK" HOUR**

Roberto Fuenzalida, the Head Cook, had almost enough cooks by the Wednesday deadline so I put out the word that we would have breakfast. We had late volunteers, Tom Hammitt, along with Jim Clarke, that saved the day. We had planned for 40 and 35 guests were present.

It is essential that volunteers **!!!!Register!!!!!!!** so that we can have the "right" number of people, and not too many!

Those that responded to the call:

Roberto Fuenzalida – Head Cook  
John Ewin- Shopping  
Ed Neffinger \*- new member  
Tom Johnson\*  
Tom Hammitt\*

\*Those that **registered**.

We are now depending 100% on MDPA members to respond to the request for helpers that comes out a week before the Saturday Safety Forum by going to the MDPA website calendar and registering. Failure to register means that we do not know how many will show up.

The “Head Cook” Team is divided into three tasks:

- **Head Cook** - Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.
- **Shopping** - Get the food (usually at Costco and Safeway).
- **Set-up** - Prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and store the equipment afterwards.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **MDPA President’s Comments**

Maurice Gunderson updated the track of EAA393 member John Koehler during his around-the-world flight in his homebuilt RV-9. John had returned to the Bay Area from Hawaii just the day before after a 27 hour flight and will be a speaker at a future dinner meeting.

Note: The MDPA website homepage has more information on the trip.

Oil orders were available with lower pricing using a new bulk-ordering plan. He announced that the new storage shed on the South side of the clubhouse will be a shared space in which MDPA will have some storage.

With Scott Davis no longer being our Executive Chef there is need for a “Dinner Coordinator.” Please consider volunteering. It was also noted that the club elections are coming up.

Note: The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is noticed by MDPA. For this to allow an exemption, the aircraft owner must have pre-registered the aircraft on the MDPA website.

### **Director of Airports Comments**

Keith Freitas discussed the upcoming hangar inspections starting September 19th. Airport staff is looking to ensure hangars are maintained in a safe condition and are being used for aviation purposes, as required by the FAA in order to qualify for future grants. The East Ramp F-Row hangar re-skinning and door replacement project starts September 10th and will last approximately 4 months. Airport staff has submitted an FAA grant (\$4.2 million) for the pavement reconstruction and overlay of Runway 14L/32R. The project would begin in August of 2019. The County Board of Supervisors is expected, on September 11th, to set the hearing date of October 16, 2018 to review the proposed new Airport Rates and Charges. Airport staff is recommending that the County LOWER tie-down and hangar rates. The Assistant Director of Airports (Rusty) reported that Airport staff will begin airfield painting the week of September 4th which will continue for approximately 60 days.

### **MDPA Treasurer’s Remarks**

Elaine Yeary was present and collected the breakfast donations. One new member paid dues, Robyne Teslich from Livermore. Others that have joined in August are: Joe Selenski, David Griest, Alex Henderson, Cresencio Bernal.

## Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out to Castle.

### **SAFETY FORUM**

Moderator Mark Amaro addressed the general cause of pilot error accidents with a series of examples ranging from running out of fuel, failure to address undue risk and mostly due to complacency. He discussed the merit of reading the bi-monthly FAA Flight Safety magazine as a source of safety related stories and events.

#### **Historical perspective from old CCR days – Guy Black**

Guy had some points, reemphasizing how quick forming ice can cause you to spiral out of control.

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

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### **FLY-OUT TO CASTLE AIRPORT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**

Successful fly out on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to Castle Airport. It was not too hot. 5 airplanes and 11 souls. Castle is adding a few more planes. No food there so we all split up after spending a couple hours viewing the collection of aircraft. A couple members took the tour of an old Air Force One plane for an extra fee. Well worth it!

The indoor museum with the memorabilia is also a nice way to end the tour since they have A/C. The only downside of the flight was the extreme smoke especially flying back to concord. We ended up getting ATC vectoring back to KCCR via Stockton to Rio Vista. The wild fire smoke was so bad that at no time could we see our old friend Mt Diablo not even from the Delta. Thanks to all who went.

Mike and Cathy





**MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 @ 6:30PM - CANCELLED**

**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 Directors & Officers:**

President - Maurice Gunderson  
Vice President - - Pierre Bidou  
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**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,  
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