



MDPA News

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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

January 2019

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

February 2019

- 2** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 6** Board Meeting
- 15** Dinner Meeting

March 2019

- 2** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 6** Board Meeting
- 15** Dinner Meeting

MDPA SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

There was no Breakfast/Safety Forum this month. We had our December Breakfast at the Golf Club Deli and welcomed Santa’s arrival by REACH helicopter. Since the Historical Aircraft Display was cancelled due to inclement weather, there were only 4 or 5 aircraft parked at the hotel.

For the breakfast in January and the call for cooks:

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

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 - <http://mdpa.org/calendar>. Failure to register means that we do not know how many will show up.

The “Cooking Team” is divided to do these tasks:

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

TRIP TO HEALDSBURG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

By Mike Harris

While there were no participants for December flyout to Healdsburg on December 1st except Cathy and myself we were still able to do a “recon” mission for next year. Our airplane was down for maintenance so we drove to Healdsburg, checked into a hotel as planned and headed out to the Frances Ford Coppola winery.

They have an awesome movie museum as well as a very good restaurant. Since we were spending the night wine tasting was also the plan. That night we shopped, dined and strolled the beautiful downtown area of Healdsburg. The next day we visited a couple more nearby winery’s and checked out the proximity of the Healdsburg airport.

What a wonderful time we had. Our findings is that this same trip is a big GO for next year so plan ahead y ’all. Cathy and I would also like to thank all participants of this year’s flyouts. We all had so much fun. Happy Holliday’s to all and we hope to see you on next year’s flyout to Harris Ranch and visit to the Baker Museum in Coalinga.





**MDPA HOLIDAY DINNER WITH VETERANS & NOR CAL WILDFIRE FUNDRAISER,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018 @ 6:30PM**

We had the honor of hosting Veterans from the Martinez VA Hospital as our special guests for our Holiday Dinner. This year was especially important because some of our guest Veterans lost their homes in the Paradise Wildfire. Not only did they serve our Country, they now are in the VA Hospital because their homes are gone. Of course many of us also have friends and family who lost everything in the fire, including some members of our MDPA community.

MDPA suggested that each of us make a donation to Northern California Wildfire Relief Fund, instead of the gift exchange that we have done in past years. This fund is run by the California Community Foundation, a 100-year-old non-profit philanthropic organization.

The California Community Foundation waived all fees for this program. 100% of your donation went to the Northern California Wildfire Relief Fund.



Terry "Cowboy" Huneke, Sr. US Army



Bob Misippo, US Army, Vietnam



Sarge, US Army



Buckey, US Navy



Carlo Almonte, RN at Veterans Administration Hospital



Peggy Hernandez, Volunteer at the VA, and Chris Sarinas, VA Recreation Staff



The HouseBlend Quartet
<https://www.houseblendquartet.com/>





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:

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**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**