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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

June 2019

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

July 2019

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

August 2019

- 3 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 7 Board Meeting
- 17 Annual BBQ

MDPA SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

We had about 40 attendees for Breakfast. We were short of volunteers by the Wednesday deadline at 6:00 PM, so, with the encouragement of several members, I went ahead and issued the breakfast/forum notice with “empty” slots, asking for members to step forward and help so that we could put on the breakfast, which they did. Clean up was **extraordinarily** prompt.

It is essential that volunteers

!!!!Register!!!!!!!

so that we can have the **“right”** number of people,
but 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. Failure to register means that we do not know how many will show up.

<http://www.mdpa.org/calendar>

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

- **Head Cook (1)** - Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.
- **Cooks (at least 4)** - Prepare the food and cleanup the kitchen.

- **Shopping (1)** - Get the food (usually at Costco and/or Safeway).
- **Set-up** - Prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and store the equipment afterwards.



ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The method of using the website calendar to signup was briefed. **If you are logged into** the club website, it is easy to find out how many (& who) signed up so that you can gauge whether you should step up and “register” or not.

MDPA President’s (Maurice Gunderson) Comments

Introduced the guests and thanked the volunteers for putting on the breakfast and, in advance, cleaning up. John Potter added that members can sign up in advance by simply going on line and “registering” for any month in the remaining months of the year for a time frame of convenience for them.

All were reminded of the Labor Day MDPA trip to Grand Canyon headed up by Ron Lem.

AOPA is looking for volunteers to help in the June regional gathering to be at Livermore.

Tom Johnson, the aviation historian in the area, was invited to share information relative to the current Boeing 737-Max B crisis as related to historical fatality statistical trends for airlines.

Note: The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is noticed by MDPA. For this provision to permit an exemption for showing an aircraft, the aircraft must be registered on the MDPA website for that date in advance.



Director of Airports' Comments

Keith Freitas provided updates on several items:

- Airport staff wanted to thank all that were able to attend the 11th annual Tenant Appreciation lunch, the approximately 475 attendees was the largest ever.
- He provided an update regarding runway 14L/32R resurfacing project. The funding issues with the FAA have been resolved but they expect construction to start in 2020 due to the required 120 working days to complete the project.
- The new terminal building is progressing with the design consultant and includes an estimated 16,000SqFt of space to house the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, administration office and terminal.
- Contra Costa County Fire Protection District is conducting a site/environmental review to relocate their Fire Station #9 on Center Avenue to vacant airport property at Center Avenue and Marsh
- The FAA is conducting a Wings Program at the CCR Clubhouse today (May 4, 2019) from 1pm to 5pm. Speakers are from CCR ATCT, HWD ATCT, FSDO, CCR Airport and HWD Airport.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary, the MDPA Treasurer, reported the new members: Tim Gleeson, Peter Ganos, Jesse Bunanlag, Richard Finkle

Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the fly-out trip to Hollister.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Stuart Simms

This session was a follow on to a recent presentation by Stuart Simms in which the highlights were further discussed in detail so that the pilots could share experiences of their own as it related to something that Stuart had experienced. The newsletter write-up for that earlier presentation is reposted below since it was such a remarkable talk on safety.

Stuart Sims presented his experiences over the years in making goofy mistakes, one's that he vividly remembers. He owns a "Columbia" type aircraft. To summarize what he covered, it generally would be called having "situational awareness" experiences, the current buzz words for remaining alert to what's going on as you move from take-off to landing, especially somewhere else.

- Fuel Exhaustion
- Getting lost
- Defuel of body before flight (or during)

- Food container effects at high altitudes Thunderheads - entering and dealing with icing

He shared some words of wisdom:

- Plan for a trip early so you do not rush planning/preflight.
- **If you wonder about having enough fuel, you do not have enough fuel!**
- Have cash in case credit cards don't work.
- Your IQ drops progressively with the number and types of passengers you have (i.e. added stress can easily lead to more mistakes).
- Better landings come from learning from bad landings. (Need to continually challenge yourself with due respect for risk calibration.)

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

FLY-OUT TO HOLLISTER, DUNNE MEMORIAL PARK, SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

Another successful flyout to Hollister on Saturday 5/4/19. Weather cleared just in time and the 5 airplanes and 14 souls made it safely for a fun and interesting trip. Our only drawback was a shortage of Uber's but we were still all able to get rides and instead of 10 min wait it was more like 30 min wait for a car.

We had our drivers drop us off at Dunne Memorial Park for a walk around a few blocks to look at the Calaveras fault line and how it created havoc over the years on the sidewalks, retaining walls, streets and some beautiful century old homes.

After spending about an hour checking out this natural spectacle we meandered another few blocks to down town Hollister for a scrumptious lunch at Running Rooster restaurant and some wonderful club fellowship.

Thanks to all for taking me and my passengers as my club plane ended up grounded in Concord. I hope to see another good turnout in June for a flyout to Auburn for lunch and/or golf. I am currently scheduling a 1 pm tee time.

Cheers,
Mike Harris







MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, MAY 17 2019, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

The lucky members who came to our last dinner were delighted with the movie, Porco Rosso. Thanks to Maurice for sharing it with us. For those who haven't seen it, I suggest you rent it, as it is fun to watch and of course, all about great flying.

When you go to the movies you have to have popcorn, but when you go to MDPA movies you also have salad, the best pizza and ice cream.

A reminder to all – no dinner meetings in June or July but our annual BBQ will be held Saturday August 17th – further details to follow.



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY
EVERYONE WELCOME!



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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

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