



# MDPA News

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### MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

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#### October 2019

**5** Breakfast, Safety Forum  
& Flyout to Half Moon Bay  
**7** Board Meeting

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#### November 2019

**2** Breakfast, Safety Forum  
& Flyout to Monterey  
**6** Board Meeting

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#### December 2019

**4** Board Meeting  
**7** Breakfast, Safety Forum  
(Airport Santa Event) &  
Flyout to Healdsburg,  
Francis Ford Coppola  
Winery

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### MDPA SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

*By John Potter*

#### **“HANGAR TALK” HOUR**

We had about 35 attendees for donuts. We were short volunteers by the Wednesday deadline at 6:00 PM, so, the breakfast was cancelled. Clean up was 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/event-3090997/Registration>

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, etc).
- **Set-up (1)** - 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.

Members can sign up in advance by simply going online and “registering” for any month in the remaining months of the year in a time frame of convenience for them.

### **MDPA President’s (Maurice Gunderson) Comments**

Maurice introduced the guests and thanked the volunteers for putting on the donuts and coffee and, in advance, cleaning up.

He announced that oil that was ordered is available.

He announced that Saturday, September 21 would be the annual BBQ, starting at 4:00PM.

Club elections are also planned for the September 21st BBQ meeting with the slate to be prepared for the October dinner meeting election.

**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**

Russell Milburn, C.M., A.C.E, A.M.F

Assistant Director of Airports-Operations

1. A reminder to stop at the gate to prevent unauthorized access to the Airport. This reminder was because of recent events at the Airport including vandalism of an aircraft.
2. Update for the funding on the 14L/32R paving project. Funds are expected next week.
3. The FAA inspection went well with two discrepancies. Airport Operations is working to correct those.
4. Fire main repair at 280/288 Buchanan Field road is almost complete at a cost of approximately \$200,000.00.
5. Developments are continuing on the Airport.
6. The John Muir Fundraising event is going to happen again this year at the Apex facility.

### **MDPA Treasurer’s Remarks**

Elaine Yeary reported two new members:

- Mark Gandreau
- Greg Kar, student pilot

### **Activities**

Mike Harris briefed on the planned flyout, which was cancelled due to high winds in the destination area.

## **SAFETY FORUM**

**Moderator – Ron Lem**

This forum was tailored to the RV and Experimental pilots on the airport. Ron addressed the use of Flight Following which is provided as a service by the FAA controllers, when time permits.

*Comment:*

John Potter of MDPA related that the Forum has evolved over the years to serve as a place for pilots to share their experience in regards to safety. It is dedicated to the idea of “Root Cause Analysis” after an event to understand the cause of the episode that led to the event. He provided the clear evidence of doing such analysis by citing an example in the case of submarine history where the Navy had to substantially enhance the ability of crews to safely get back to the surface after a failed dive.

***We must look out for each other ---- MDPA’s “safety culture”.***

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### **MDPA SUMMER BARBECUE AND PARTY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 2019, 4:00PM**

*by Maureen Bell*

Our BBQ on Saturday turned out to be a great success in so many ways.

We had 65 attendees who enjoyed a great dinner before venturing outside in perfect weather to enjoy Pete Monillas and his Radio Flyer Band.

Many thanks go to our chefs, Maurice, DeWitt, Elaine, Joe and our bartenders Jennifer and yours truly.

Thanks also to Pierre for helping to get the room ready for our guests and everyone who helped with the cleanup.

This dinner meeting was the time for requesting nominees for next year’s directors who will be elected at our October meeting. We really need our members to participate in the running of the club and should anyone still wish to volunteer I am sure it will not be too late.

Below you will see some of the many photos taken by Mark Grandrau – thank you Mark. Which reminds me, where are the Kennedys? We miss you guys!





DeWitt & Joe



Pierre & Jude



Gordon & Bob



Maurice & Elaine



Jennifer in background talking to Rashid & his wife



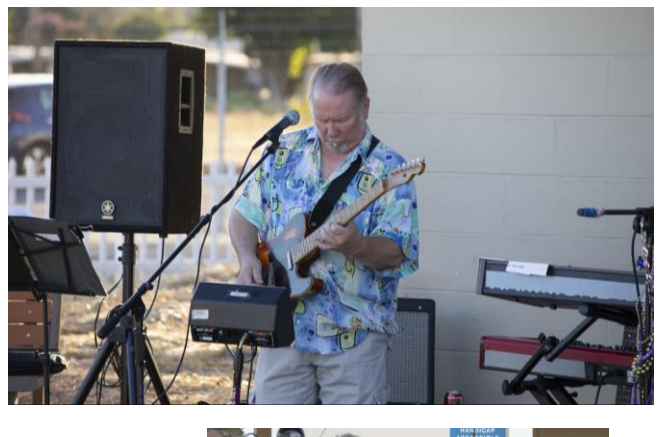
Very serious Potter's



Johannes & Chester



Maurice requesting nominations





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**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  
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:***

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