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MDPA BREAKFAST & AIRPORT SANTA EVENT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

January 2020

- 1 Board Meeting*
- 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
- 14 Dinner Meeting*

February 2020

- 1 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
- 5 Board Meeting*
- 22 Dinner Meeting/ Crab Feed*

March 2020

- 4 Board Meeting*
 - 7 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
 - 20 Dinner Meeting*
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We had Breakfast and the 19th Hole Café by the Airport. There was no Safety Forum.

Rain delayed Santa's flight into Buchanan Field so Santa and his Elf arrived via the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting sled.

Hundreds of good girls and boys lined up eagerly awaiting a picture with Santa at the annual Airports' event held inside the Crowne Plaza Hotel this year due to the rain. The free public event raised hundreds of pounds of food and hundreds of dollars in donations for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.





MDPA HOLIDAY DINNER & MARTINEZ VA HOSPITAL FUND RAISER,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

Our Christmas party turned out to be a great success with five veterans from Martinez hospital.

Charlie, Andre, Joey, Don and Tim covered all branches of the service and they took time to tell us a little of their backgrounds. Don, a former professional pianist, played many tunes for us from the keyboard. Darlyn Phillips who works at the hospital is a great singer and entertained us during dinner with holiday songs, accompanied by Tony on the keyboard. They perform together quite regularly and will shortly be off to Reno for a couple of events there.

The food as usual was very good and even some of the vets took some back for their roommates. They were all so appreciative of us inviting them for the evening, but I think that our members and guests who were there felt that we were the lucky ones. We will be able to buy them another large TV with the money you donated. The one we gave them previously is working great but has been moved to another area and they really miss it. Being able to do something that improves the life of others is a good way to end the year. Wishing you all a happy holiday and all the best for the New Year.







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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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