



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: April 18th, 2008
Place: OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: N/A

Presidents Message for April by Pat Miller

I want to thank all of you who came to the “good bye old club house event”. It was sad to see it go. I was very please at the turn out we had for our March Dinner. Thank you Lorraine, Leo, and Maureen, it was great food.

Reworking our new space is well on the way. The walls between the rooms are gone. The kitchen area is opened up and our storage room is built out. We will soon be having a patch and paint weekend. I hope to have it soon.

We had our first event in our new clubhouse last Saturday. Our monthly breakfast was led by unloading our trailer of belongings followed by a lively safety discussion. We did not have a antique air display this month. I will be meeting with Keith Fretias to see if we can have a display by the base of the tower near the viewing area. I would like to get an idea of how many planes we should be looking at space for, if you want to display your airplane please drop me an note at Presdient@mdpa.org.

Trips:

Mexico is almost upon us. If you are planning on going please let Bill and Suzie Landstra know. If this will be your first time crossing the border you should get your planning started.

Last month we were talking about the Shakespeare festival. Lets keep it up. This could be the trip of the year. If we don't get it together soon we will miss out. Rooms and shows sell out quickly. Lets try and nail this down at our dinner this month.

Alaska, land of fish and pictures. If you are planning on going ,let Richard know. If you want to go, but need a ride, also let Richard know, there might be a few seats available.

Pat



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MDPA Dinner March

We had to wait a week to have our dinner (Easter Friday was the third Friday) but it was worth the wait. About forty-five people showed up for tri-tip. Leo and Lorraine did a great job cooking the tri-tip and corn. Maureen got the salad and dessert (brownies and carrot cake).

We had dinner in the old terminal building. Pat brought the tables and we used the terminal chairs. He also brought all the other stuff we need for a dinner from his hangar where it has been stored since we were thrown out of our old MDPA clubhouse. Which by the way sits empty while ADG is in default on their contract with the county! But that subject is for another time.

Pat brought us up to date on the Budget building. It looks like we will lease the main room and the room south west of the main room for about what we paid for the old clubhouse (same rent but a smaller building). We will have to make some improvements to the Budget building, painting, remove a wall, build a kitchen etc. before it will work but with your help we can do this. Contact Pat if you can paint, do flooring or whatever.

Next month dinner will be in the NEW MDPA clubhouse. Hope to see you there!

Have you renewed your
membership yet?
If not---why not?

Now would be a great
time to do that !

MDPA Mission Statement

The Mount Diablo Pilots' Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan field in Concord, California (KCCR). There are many benefits to joining the club. 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.

Fly-In to Ashland
By Bev and John Levy

We are planning a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, and have picked three weekends. We are looking at flying out of CCR on Friday afternoon, in time to catch an evening play, and flying home Sunday afternoon, after the Sunday matinee. Add the Saturday matinee and evening plays, and you can see up to four plays—that's a whole year's worth of culture—in one weekend! If you can't go Friday afternoon, you can fly out Saturday morning.

The weekends are July 11-13, September 12-14, and September 26-28. For those of you who are not Shakespeare fans, please note that of the eleven plays this season, seven are not Shakespeare.

If you think you'd like to go, please check your calendar now, and check out the Festival's web site, www.osfashland.org. Look for descriptions of the plays presented on each of the three weekends as well as lots of information and photos of the theaters and the Ashland area. If you want to see the plays, but your spouse doesn't, check out the site's Visitors' Guide. Fishing (yes, really), wineries, museums and shopping are all available for theater-phobic spouses.

Tickets and lodging must be purchased well in advance, because everything sells out quickly. As we all found out last year, this can't be a last minute decision. Therefore, we would like to get a response from anyone who is interested ASAP...

Fri Eve (7/11)	The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler (Jeff Whitty) Coriolanus (Shakespeare) The Comedy of Errors (Shakespeare)
Sat Matinee (7/12)	A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare) Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Luis Alfaro)
Sat Eve (7/12)	The Clay Cart (Sudraka) Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Luis Alfaro) Othello (Shakespeare)
Sun (7/13)	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Luis Alfaro)
Fri Eve (9/12)	A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare) Our Town (Thornton Wilder)
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Tentative Trip Schedule for 2008

La Paz, Mexico	-	May
Kenai, Alaska	-	July - August
Surprise Valley	-	TBD
Soldier Meadows	-	TBD
Ashland, Oregon	-	July - September

MDPA SAFETY CLINIC John Potter- - Moderator

This month's session led off with "preflight." First up was fuel sampling and circumstances when the sample is all water. This was highlighted with a fuel dilemma, not one we would normally run into--- freezing in the tank. (A B-777 lost both --- again, both!--- engines on approach to Heathrow coming from China. That isn't supposed to be possible by design, after all, that aircraft is authorized for long over water flight.) That led to a discussion of redundancies and common-mode failures which we could experience in our puddle jumpers. Some were obvious although unlikely, but some were pretty subtle. Back to preflight ---we talked about the video of the DH4 that failed to survive a takeoff with the control lock in. That really got a lot of us to open up about our own little mishaps----dragging chains, pull bars still on, cowls popping off, doors opening, etc.. Most were due to carelessness, which I ascribe most often to not using "touch" & "look" when doing a preflight. Sometimes if you are tactile about checking something out, you tend to remember looking cognizantly at it. It might be just us older pilots that need to do that. Haste can really be a factor, even for the youngin's. So what do you do with the fuel after you have taken the sample? Interesting what some of us do and why and that the law is closing in. Can you really delegate preflight stuff to anyone? We talked about panties in the field on this one.*

*Note: you'll have to come to next months breakfast to find out more about the panties in the field!

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Attend BPPP in Concord (CCR) April 25-27, 2008

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