



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: October 17, 2008
Place: PSA Hanger
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: N/A

SEPTEMBER SAFETY CLINIC

Moderator - John Potter

It was a good “old guy” greasy, tasty breakfast. Richard Roberts and Patrick Miller did their regular fare of eggs “over easy” most of the time, hand pressed sausage and Pat’s special pancakes. It was ‘mucho’ appreciated (especially since most of our wives won’t let us eat that stuff at home).

Least I forget, “Jay” McCartney will be the moderator for the October Safety Clinic, if a breakfast is announced. I will be on the East Coast so please give him a lot of support. Jay is a good sport for stepping in to manage such a unruly group!

This time we launched with a Potter “foobah”---- checklist, naturally, ignored. Had something to do with testing a tie down chain. That is what is so good about having everyone looking at each other’s eyeballs to tell their experiences --- can’t lie because of facial give-away when we look deep into each other’s hearts about telling the truth. It was a little testy until the FAA inspector who was having breakfast with us graciously left.

Ahhhhhh yes, the infamous Mountain Wave and the downside rotor. Gotta be a believer in cinching up the seat belt before entering this mysterious zone of getting flipped upside down. Then we addressed the question, on landing, no matter how you got there---with wheels just on the ground, do you always go around or do you do everything you can to stay planted? That is the question! (Just got back from Shakespeare in Ashland). As almost always, it depends. We talked about Soldiers Meadows and the effect of rising terrain on a go around northbound and how challenging that might well become. The session was wrapped up on a lively discussion about taking-off knowing, or suspecting, that you have something wrong, especially with the engine. It is no surprise that we often do that while running a risk-assessment subconsciously. Not good.

Welcome Senior Jay to the podium next time--in October.



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**DO YOU FEEL LUCKY ???
Blackjack-Craps-Roulette-Poker
Friday, October 17, 2008 @ 1830**

**Once again, our Casino Nite will be held
in the PSA Hangar. Dinner will consist of Chi-
nese Buffet. \$15.00 for dinner and casino chips.**

**Buy your ticket by Oct 10th @ PSA, or
gamble on tickets still being available at the
door for \$20.00.**

Prizes for the lucky winners.

**Thanks to MDPA member Greg Hol-
brook of PSA for making his facilities avail-
able for this event.**

Pat's Chili Night September 2008

By Richard Roberts

I saw Pat Miller at about 4:00 pm on Thursday. He was cutting, slicing and trimming meat for the gigantic pot of chili to be consumed on Friday. I had a class, so I was as useless as, well, you know. Anyway, Nancy, Lorraine and Leo came down to help chop and we were in business. Friday, I came in to see the chili simmering outside, corn bread in the oven, and Lorraine, Nancy and Maureen setting things up. I helped some on set up, but my artistic talents are much better used cleaning and taking out the trash. I'm sure I missed some folks, but it wasn't on purpose!

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.

We had about 35 die hard chili fans, sweat beading up on our foreheads, noses running, swilling anything wet and cold. What a night! Actually, Pat made a milder batch and the more jet propelled variety for us aficionados. Once we had finished our dessert, wonderful pie, thanks Lorraine, everyone helped clean up and headed for an early night of it. It was low key, VERY good, and a really nice time. Everyone had plenty of time to chat and catch up and enjoy our wonderful clubhouse.

Thanks go to Pat and Nancy for the lion's share of the cooking, to all our set up and cleanup people, and everyone who showed up for such a nice time. November will be the Oktoberfest with beer and brats. See you there!
Sind die Bier-und BRaTS gut? Ja, sehr gut.

October Treasurer Report

1/1/2008 through 10/7/2008		OUTFLOWS	
Category Description	1/1/2008- 10/7/2008	Bank Charges	89
		Calif Pilots Assn Dues	50
		Clubhouse	
		Improvements	3,571
INFLOWS		Maintenance	14
Uncategorized	0	Rent	5,775
2008 Dues	7,925	Supplies	173
Corporate Dues 2008		Utilities	
Other Corporate Dues 2008	600	Electricity	300
TOTAL Corporate Dues 2008	600	Gas	314
Donations		Telephone	60
Clubhouse users	200	Water	348
Key Deposits	40	TOTAL Utilities	1,022
TOTAL Donations	240	TOTAL Clubhouse	10,556
Event Income		Event Expenses	
Dinner Beverage Sales	688	Board Meeting	30
Dinner Food Sales	5,000	Dinner Beverage Cost	529
Pancake Breakfast	890	Dinner Food&Supplies	3,240
TOTAL Event Income	6,578	Pancake Breakfast	147
Interest Income	1	TOTAL Event Expenses	3,945
Newsletter Subscriptions		Membership	
Other Newsletter Subscriptions	20	Clubhouse Keys	32
TOTAL Newsletter Subscriptions	20	Name Tags	156
TOTAL INFLOWS	15,364	TOTAL Membership	188
		Newsletter	
		Postage	249
		Printing	389
		TOTAL Newsletter	637
		Office	125
		Web Site	207
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS	15,797
		OVERALL TOTAL	-434



Patty Gilchrist and John Summers enjoy the chili

George Ann Garms, John Levy, Nils Pearson, and Andy Marshall





Mark Gilchrist, Jay McCartney, Marilyn Barulich, Patty Gilchrist, and John Summers





The Millers, (Nancy and Pat) work together on dinner.

Pat Miller with his Super Duper Chili Spoon.



Scott Achelis, Bill and Suzie Landstra.



Carol, Richard Roberts, Bob Belshe, Scott Miles, Gerry Alves, and Kathy Roberts



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