

MDPA News

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Calendar – October 2012

October 3	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
October 6	9:00 AM	Breakfast
October 6	10:00 AM	Safety Seminar
October 26	6:00 PM	Casino Night

Please note the above date, this month the dinner is one week later than usual.

President's Message

I sure hope you have all been able to get out and enjoy this great weather we have been blessed with lately. I know several of you have been on vacation so let's take a minute to catch up on what's been happening around here.

If you haven't been out to the clubhouse on the west side, please, please, do stop by and see the huge improvements being made day by day. You will usually find someone around from 1100 until 1700 or later. Also, we still need volunteers with some skills in different areas, so check with Scott Achelis and let him know if you have time to spare helping to get this project completed. We are definitely hoping our move in date will be this November.

October will be a Casino Nite to be held at the PSA hangar which gives us room to eat and play comfortably. Note: This will be held on October 26 not October 19. American Chinese cuisine, which proved popular in the past, and your gaming chips all for \$15.00. Prizes to be won, plus we need to complete the cash opportunity drawing we started in August – so, bring your tickets for your chance to win cash. As this will be a catered dinner we need firm reservations by October 22 – please mark your calendars accordingly.

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President's Message Continued...

In October we also need to decide on board members for the coming year. If our club is to prosper and grow we must have members who are willing to put in a little extra effort to promote it. We will have a great start with the new clubhouse rent which will enable us to reduce our membership fees. Please keep this in mind and hopefully we can fill the board positions at our October meeting.

Welcome to the new members who have joined us within the past few months and I am looking forward to seeing you all in October.

Maureen Bell

Clubhouse remodel

Week of September 17, 2012



Clubhouse remodel

Week of September 17, 2012



Tony Dymond



Scott Achells



Lee Teicheira

Clubhouse Remodel

Week of September 24, 2012



Scott Achelis and Ernst Freitag



Ernst Freitag



MDPA Safety Forum September 1, 2012

Johannes Verhoek directed the Saturday breakfast and it was delicious. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, strawberries, and eggs a la Weiss cooked by the master himself, Bob Weiss.

The Safety presentation was made by Elaine Yeary. The discussion was all about becoming current after a period of not flying. The prospect is daunting and a little overwhelming. What are the best ways to catch up on all of the changes in regulations, air space, weather, communications, etc. and what about becoming comfortable in an unfamiliar airplane? Start by getting an instructor and get to work on a BFR. Study the AIM, charts, POH and the very helpful information provided by the instructor. Go out and fly. Members came up with some additional great suggestions: fly every day; don't stint on the ground instruction; sit in the airplane on the ground, treat it like a simulator, and really study everything around you; read Flight Training and AOPA Pilot magazines; study the newest charts; subscribe to updates on AVWEB.

Many thanks to all of the participants for the suggestions and for sharing your own experiences. It has been a really big help.

Elaine Yeary

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 Stockton and Sacramento Executive September 1, 2012

Well, once again, weather at SNS was uncooperative. Instead, after some debate, we opted to fly to Stockton (SCK) for lunch. But, you know what they say about assuming anything makes an ass out of you and me? It was true in this case because we assumed the restaurant would be open, when in fact it was closed due to lack of patronage on weekends. So, we loaded up again and flew to Sacramento Executive (SAC), where, after calling the restaurant there from SCK to confirm they were open, we got there in plenty of time to have a nice meal. Attendance this month was light; all who participated had a great time. I flew with Cindy, who is a student at Sterling and joined MDPA after our event last month. Jerry Alves flew with Natasha, also a Sterling student and new MDPA member, and her husband Vadim. Bob Belshi and Knute Fisher both flew solo to round out the participants. We had a blast and even got an extra take-off and landing in for our trouble.

Bob Weiss
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**Knute Fisher, Vadim, Natasha, Bob Weiss, Cindy,
Bob Belshi and Jerry Alves**

OCTOBER 6, 2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

Rio Vista is sponsoring an Airport Day. There will be corvette races, an antique car display, static airplane displays, Pilots N Paws will give rides for animal rescue donations. There will be food and I think EAA is taking the kids for free flights. I could use some volunteers for PNP flights. Fly the students and wanna-be's out here for a fun day.

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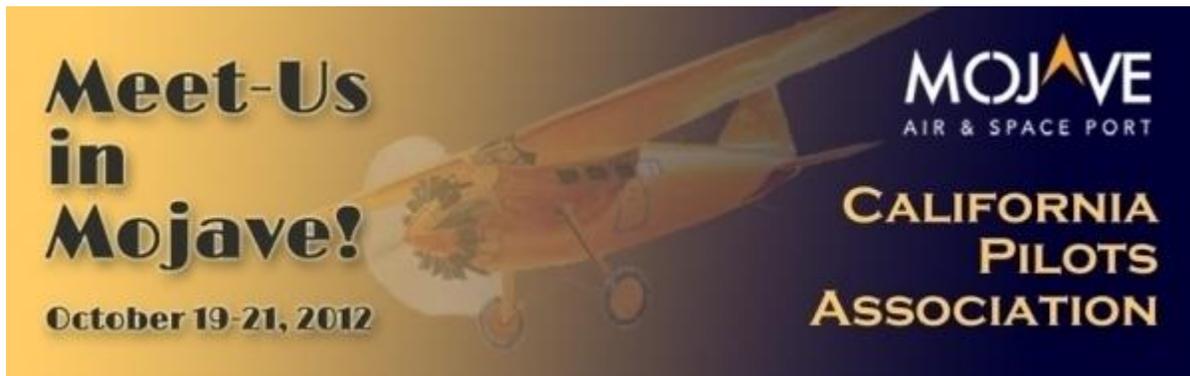
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CalPilots' 2012 Annual Meeting happens **October 19-21** at world-famous **Mojave Air and Space Port**...and it's an event you do not want to miss. If you're a pilot or aviation-enthusiast, you're invited! Whether you are a CalPilots member or not, our Mojave meeting will be a unique and memorable experience - **a truly enjoyable weekend for all California pilots.**

Current planned activities include:

Meet with the "Next Generation" of true space pioneers from such cutting-edge ventures as:

XCor Aerospace and the Lynx spacecraft

Orbital Sciences L1011 Orbital Launch Systems tour

Firestarz: builders of maneuvering rockets

Take sailplane rides in high-performance gliders from Southern California Soaring Academy (a special discounted price is offered to event registrants)

Hear about General Atomics Unmanned Aerospace Systems

Learn about the bold Perlan near-space 90,000 foot MSL glider flight

Share dinner with a special guest speaker

Plane Crazy Fly-in and static displays

Links to the Upcoming Events at San Francisco Fleet Week

Week of October 4 – 8 2012

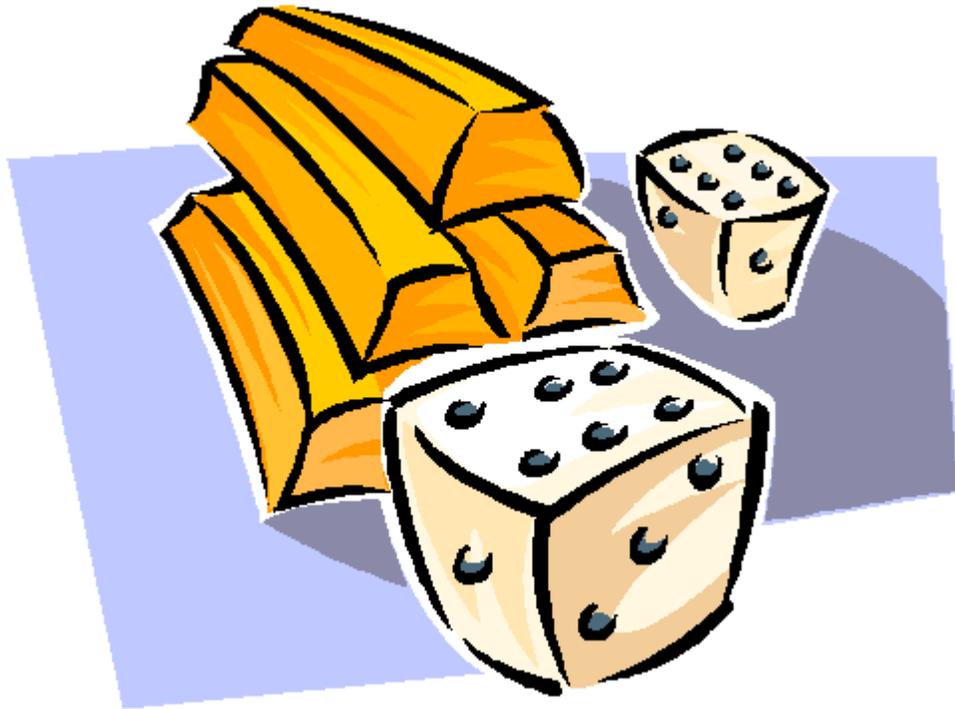
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Look forward to seeing everyone
At MDPA Casino Night
In PSA Hangar



**PSA
WISHES YOU THE BEST OF LUCK!**