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John Potter

Breakfast was a delight! We had a real, honest -to-goodness special "chef" this time. Thank you Bob Weiss for such a elegant serving, something at least two levels above our normal breakfast. Croissants with scramble eggs, ham & cheese was a real treat. (No one should get their expectations up, we go back to grits & eggs!

OPENING REMARKS

John Potter

Ocean Ridge (Gualala) - The FAA is imposing airstrip improvement requirements that cannot be met by the private/non pilot owners are simply not able to manage. Interested parties are invited to participate in the group now being formed to raise funds.

AOPA Article: <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/February/05/Pilots-descendants-work-to-save-his-airport.aspx>

Advocacy: http://oceanridgeairport.org/about/?blogsub=confirming#blog_subscription-3

Asiana Fight 214 - SFO - AVWEB reports that the airline is addressing the need for a more "friendly" cockpit where the cockpit hierarchy is reduced. (AVWEB Reference is a Voice-of-America Report/AVWEB Flash February 2014 Vol 21 #8a)

AoA Indicator - With the FAA now taking comments on the proposed approval of a more simplistic Angle-of-Attack Indicator on light aircraft. The discussion centered on the issue as to whether AoA indicators really enhance the capability to prevent a stall in all light aircraft, in particular those older aircraft with "fat" wings as opposed to the very "thin" wings in many more modern, high performance homebuilt and manufactured aircraft.

Link: <http://go.usa.gov/BVZm>

SAFETY FORUM

Bob Tucknott

NEVER AGAIN - I am a 4000 hour multi engine, single engine, instrument, commercial, ground instructor pilot. I kicked off the forum by giving several personal "Never Again" stories about experiences I had during 40+ years of flying that ended okay but there were many tense moments building up to finally escaping the situations. The stories related included a near hit, icing and stalling in the mountains and other incidents. The audience was invited to participate by giving their "Never Again" stories of mistakes leading sometimes to sheer fear but never panic. Panic is what kills pilots when they no longer fly the airplane and rely on a miracle to save them.

This was a well-attended meeting and I think everyone got a lot out of it and hopefully are safer pilots because of it. We never learn to fly as a conclusion getting our Private License but are always in the learning mode throughout our piloting lives.

I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

Flyout to Stockton, Saturday, 1 March 2014

Natasha Doktorova

We were hesitant at first , wondering if we should fly out or not as the weather was VFR but pretty windy everywhere in the Bay Area – gusting to 30kt at Stockton. Nevertheless, everyone landed safely and gathered by the Atlantic Aviation hangar. We had a pleasant short ride to the Terminal in a shuttle conveniently provided by the local FBO and had lunch at Top Flight Café. It was rather a snack than lunch after that delicious and heavy croissant breakfast at Concord (thank you, Bob Weiss!).

That was another fun flyout!

Thanks everyone!



Top Flight Cafe



Mt Diablo



John and James by Atlantic Aviation



Chopper in the Air



Brentwood

Flyout to San Luis Obispo, Saturday, 1 February 2014

Vadim Lantsov

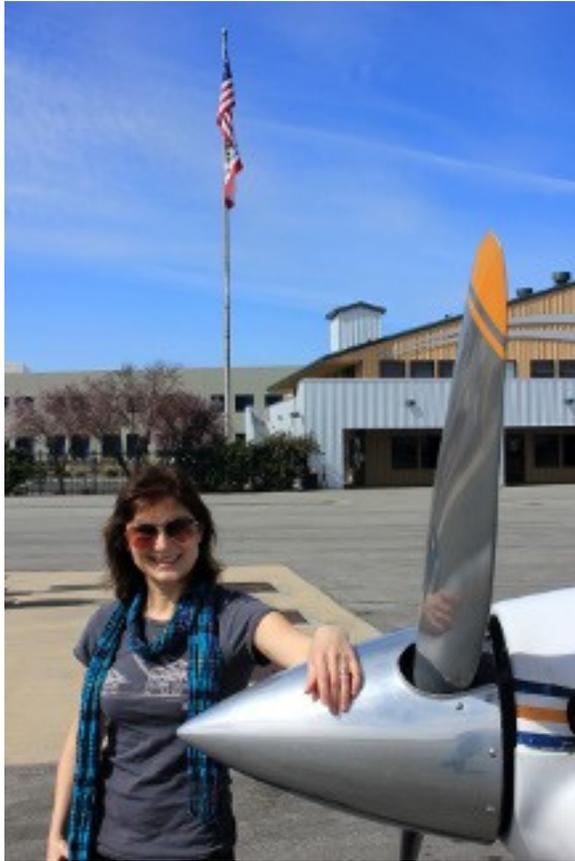












MDPA Meeting and Dinner, 21 March 2014

Tracy and Bridget Peters hosted the dinner for March and provided Corned beef and cabbage, Irish mist Chicken, Dubliner Salad, Irish Soda Bread, as well as dessert. The meal was excellent and very much appreciated.

Unfortunately our speaker for March, Mai Maheigan from the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary in San Francisco became ill and could not make her planned presentation about local marine wildlife, the history and biology of seabird species, and current conservation efforts.

HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL OF US AT PACIFIC STATES AVIATION



The Mount Diablo Pilots Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan Field in Concord, California (KCCR)

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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