



# MDPA News

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## MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

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### July 2017

- 1 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
  - 5 Board Meeting
  - 16 Dinner Meeting
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### August 2017

- 2 Board Meeting
  - 5 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
  - 18 Dinner Meeting
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### September 2017

- 2 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
  - 6 Board Meeting
  - 15 Dinner Meeting
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## MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

*By John Potter*

### **“HANGAR TALK” HOUR**

Planned for 40 and 50 showed up (4 kids). No food left and I did not get breakfast! Cooking Team went well, some exceptions. The problems can be resolved through a more thorough briefing of what has to be done in order to prepare the food and to clean up afterwards.

The original “Head Cook” job was divided up into three tasks:

**Head Cook** Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.

**Shopping** Get the food (usually at Costco and Safeway).

**Set-up** Responsible to prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and tear down/storage of the equipment afterwards.

Again, I really tried hard to stay out of the way and to not interfere but in this case I should have been more available. Normally my task is “Quartermaster,” in charge of the Store Room. Volunteers stepped in and did their own eggs-to-order, just as it should be.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### MDPA President’s Comments

President Maurice Gunderson briefed us on the oil purchase program and clarification of the aircraft display requirements, especially those if the display is cancelled due to bad weather.

## Director of Airports

Keith Freitas updated us on work on the runways and informed us on how well the airline service by JetSuiteX was doing with new routes being considered (Las Vegas and Seattle). He announced that a new jet center was to be established on the field. (Later clarification from Keith: The new facility operator is Conco Aviation Center, 700 Sally Ride Drive, former TDMC corporate hangar (large blue and white hangar) next to the Airport office.) We thanked Keith and the airport staff for the Tenant luncheon this last month and for the clean restrooms on the airfield.

## MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary was present and took new membership dues.

## Activities

There was a "pop-up" fly-out that Scott Davis headed up for about 3 aircraft going to Watts - Woodland.

## **SAFETY FORUM**

### Moderator - John Levy

John conducted a session using the pilots to build a data-base about experiences the pilots had had with **inflight emergencies**, and, of course, lived to tell about it.

He progressively asked for raised hands of those experiencing specific events to which they had to spontaneously respond in order to remain in controlled flight. In some cases there were no alternatives other than to fly the aircraft into a controlled crash.

The conclusion that John provided was that pilots had to primarily remain focused and to continue to fly the aircraft.

A recent aircraft accident at Concord in which one of our pilots crashed while doing pattern work was discussed. He reported that there was no time to do anything other than guide the experimental aircraft to an off-airport crash landing on a street. The prop indicated the engine had frozen which added instant significant drag which dramatically caused a loss of lift.



Tim Blasquez serving bacon & Bob Tucknott receiving 😊

***We must look out for each other---an MDPA's safety culture.***

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## **MDPA Members Only Benefits**

*For details go to [MDPA.org](http://MDPA.org), log in as a Member,  
and go to “Stores and Discounts.”*



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### **MDPA Aviation Oil Program**

Those of us who do our own oil changes know that aviation oil is becoming more difficult to obtain locally, and shipping charges make it very expensive to buy from on-line merchants. MDPA has created a program for Members to purchase oil at wholesale prices, with delivery to the Clubhouse. This results in about 30 percent savings compared to on-line retailers.

We have AeroShell 100 Straight Mineral Oil, W100, W100 Plus, 15W-50, and Phillips X/C 20W-50, all in twelve quart cases. We may add more products depending on demand and your suggestions.

You can order any time. The Last Saturday of each month is the cutoff for orders for delivery on the following First Saturday. Delivery will be at MDPA's First Saturday breakfast at the Clubhouse.

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### **MDPA 100LL Fuel Discount at CCR**

MDPA has established a 100LL Fuel Discount Program with Sterling Aviation at CCR. This new discount began January 1, 2017 and is available to Members every day.

Members receive a MDPA 100LL Discount Card shortly after joining or renewing. Show your card to the Sterling truck driver to receive the MDPA Discount. The card is **REQUIRED** every time. Your card will be valid through December 31, and a new card will be sent when you renew your membership every year. The old First Saturday discount that was available only one day each month has been discontinued.

This is a new program for MDPA. Please give it a try and let us know what you think, and of course let us know right away if you have any problems.

**FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



Buchanan Field Clubhouse –  
200 Buchanan Field Rd Concord  
For details visit the Mount Diablo Pilots  
Association @ [www.MDPA.org](http://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

**MDPA Directors & Officers:**

President - Maurice Gunderson  
Vice President - - Pierre Bidou  
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary  
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**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,  
*do not send mail to the clubhouse address, use the USPS address instead:***

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