

## MDPA News

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## MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

#### MDPA BREAKFAST AND AIRCRAFT DISPLAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

by Maureen Bell

#### January 2018

- **1** Board Meeting
- **4** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- **17** Dinner Meeting

#### February 2018

- **3** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 7 Board Meeting
- **16** Dinner Meeting

#### March 2018

- **3** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 7 Board Meeting
- **16** *Dinner Meeting*

Santa was rumored to be arriving at Buchanan Field on our regular breakfast day, so we decided we would all meet him and tell him how good we had been all year!

His aviation "sleigh" arrived at the transient ramp and out he came followed by his trusty elf – what a sight to see! So many excited children were waiting for a glimpse there was hardly enough room for the historic aircraft on display. Needless to say we did not have a fly out, but enjoyed breakfast at the 19th Hole café on the golf course. See you next month.





#### MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

What an inspiring evening we had at our Christmas dinner with all these wonderful veterans from the hospital in Martinez.













As you can tell the veterans and the Cmdr of the DAV, Tony, with his mom Ellen were having a great time.









Our musicians were Darlyn, who works for the hospital and one of her singing group, Tony.



Joyce and Stew



Andrea and Jude



Scott with Geo (Andrea)



Maurice and Rebecca



Elaine and Pierre



Bev and John Levy



Scott Davis and several of our veteran guests



John and Jude Potter with more photos of our guests





Bev and John Levy, Chet and Mark



The Bowers and a group enjoying the music



Maureen, Tony and his mom



Gordon Campbell and his wife Maria



Bill Bower and Ron Lem

Several of the veterans told me upon leaving



that it was their best Christmas ever and indeed they were all smiling. I am so glad we invited them and I am sure they will be happy when they receive their new large TV with DVD player that the staff said would be a great gift – thank you all for being so generous in supplying this for them.

John Potter and Diane Cole

### 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

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

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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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