



# Mt Diablo Pilots Association News

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by **DIANNE L. COLE**

WHAT A GREAT **Openhouse/BBQ!!!** And wasn't the **Wright Flyer** just terrific? THE EVENT ATTRACTED A LOT OF FAMILIES, AND CHILDREN, AS WELL AS THE CURIOUS AND ASSORTED AVIATION LOVERS. ATTENDANCE WAS APPROXIMATELY **1,600** people - A RECORD, AND IT ATTRACTED A LOT OF PRESS COVERAGE. SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CLUBHOUSE. THIS EVENT TOOK A LOT OF HARD WORK BY MANY PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM DO NOT EVEN BELONG TO **MDPA**, BUT LOVE AVIATION. SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO **PAT, EVANGELINE & TRACY PETERS** FOR DOING A WONDERFUL JOB OF SETTING UP AND RUNNING THE FOOD BOOTH. **RICHARD ROBERTS AND SUZY LANDSTRA** FOR "STANDING THE HEAT" AND STAYING IN THE KITCHEN TO BBQ THE HAMBURGERS. **PAUL PERSONS** WHO GAVE UP HIS HANGER TO ALLOW US TO ASSEMBLE AND DISASSEMBLE THE **Flyer** UNDER COVER. **Bob Gonzales** LEND HIS EXPERT KNOWLEDGE IN INSTALLING WIRE CROSSBRACING, FABRIC COVERING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE **Wright Flyer**; AND HE IS NOT EVEN A MEMBER OF **MDPA**. HE ALSO FACILITATED THE LOAN OF THE **GENUINE 1910 Wright propeller** THAT WAS ON DISPLAY, THANKS TO THE **HILLER AVIATION MUSEUM** IN **SAN CARLOS**. **JOHANNES VOERHOEK** AND MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS LABORED TO ASSEMBLE TO **Wright Flyer**, AND THEN TOOK IT APART FOR SHIPPING IT BACK TO REDDING. **VERY SPECIAL THANKS** TO MY BETTER HALF, **Ken Cole**, WHO NOT ONLY UNDERWROTE THE SUBSTANTIAL COST OF BRINGING THE **Wright Flyer** TO **MDPA**, BUT ALSO DROVE THROUGH 104 TEMPERATURES IN A U-HAUL TRUCK TO PICK UP AND RETURN THE **Wright Flyer** TO REDDING. WHAT A GUY!



**NEW Sherriff** IN TOWN AND WHAT A WONDERFUL CHANGE.

THE SUPPORT, HELP AND CONCERN BY ALL THE AIRPORT STAFF, ESPECIALLY **Keith Freitas** WHO MADE SURE WE DID NOT HAVE A REPEAT OF LAST YEARS DISASTER WITH A PAVING CREW POISED TO BLOCK OUR TRAFFIC; **KC Coyle** WHO WORKED THE PHONES TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING HAPPEN, AND PROVIDED BARRICADES AND OTHER NEEDED ITEMS, TO **STEVE Callahan** WHO GOT TO THE CLUBHOUSE EARLY, AND KEPT THE PAVERS UNDER CONTROL, TO **Airport Staff** WHO HELPED PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE EVENT. **Many thanks.**

Apologies to the many who helped, but were not mentioned, the list is very long.

As always, if you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact me.

**DIANNE COLE**

## Meeting Notices

**PINE MT. LAKE  
Fly-In/BBQ AT THE COLES  
AUGUST 9th 10AM-4PM  
Call 510.758.2325 OR  
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DETAILS & DIRECTIONS**

**MDPA MONTHLY MEETING  
Friday, August 15th  
6:30pm**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Bob  
Tucknott, WHO IS A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGEL  
Flight. DINNER by PAT &  
Nancy Miller**

**Join MDPA  
\$120 PER YEAR  
TREASURER MDPA  
P.O. Box 273073  
CONCORD, CA 94527-3073**

## MDPA Calendar

### *August*

- 9 **MDPA Fly-in/BBQ *Pine Mountain Lake*** : BBQ  
at Ken & Dianne Cole's Mountain House
- 12 **MDPA Board Meeting:** MDPA clubhouse  
6:30pm
- 15 **MDPA General Meeting:** MDPA clubhouse  
6:30pm
- 19 **Airport Advisory Committee:** 7:00pm New  
Location- City of Concord offices (info call  
925.646.5722).

### *September*

- 16 **MDPA Board Meeting** MDPA clubhouse  
6:30pm
- 16 **Airport Advisory Committee:** 7:00pm New  
Location - City of Concord offices  
(info call 925.646.5722)
- 19 **MDPA General Meeting** MDPA clubhouse  
6:30pm

*Watch for further announcements on other new events  
at MDPA, including the continuation of our  
Educational Seminar Series.*

**We will also keep you up to date with the latest news  
concerning Mark DeSaulnier and the airport**

## NOTICE

We have had a great response to the planned "**Pinch Hitter**" course, unfortunately, as of this printing, the study materials have not yet arrived. Rather than embark on this in a rushed manner, we will re-schedule it for a mutually convenient time in September.

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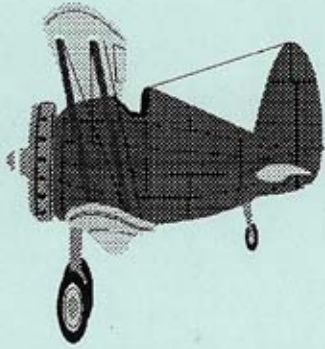
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# Activities

## People Places & Things

by **KEN COLE**

Hi, I would like to talk about people. Sometimes we really misjudge them, and are we surprised.

At the MDPA Openhouse/BBQ last month, I was asked to be a greeter and welcome people to our event. Until I started to do this, I did not realize how much people like to be greeted, be told they are welcome, where the exhibits are and best of all, there was no charge. It's a guess, but I am sure at least 600-700 people were greeted at my gate. We gave out some small airplanes to the children between the ages of 5-10; they loved them.

As people left, I was quizzed about the Wright Flyer; you could not believe the wide range of these questions. The bulk of people had a problem with wing warping and control of the airplane.

As these questions were answered, it is estimated that at least 125 to 175 of these people went back to examine the hinge joint or the wing and the rudder system to see and understand the systems.

Thank heaven this writer had done a lot of reading on the subject.

Mothers, fathers and children had great questions.

It made the whole day worth the effort, and I am very glad I had that job.

## COME FLY WITH ME

Richard Roberts is *even still* hard at work planning a slate of trips for this year.

<b>March</b>	<b>Little River Fly-in/BBQ</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Minden/Genoa Fly-in</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>San Carlos Dinner Flight</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Hollister P-51 Tour/Harris Ranch Lunch</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Orcas Island, Washington Fly-in</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Pine Mountain Lake/BBQ at the Coles Mountain House</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>See Richard for exciting new trip</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>John Potters Winery</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Landing Contest/Lunch at Williams</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Hanger Flying</b>

If you would like to help plan a trip, or suggest a favorite spot of your own, or want to confirm your participation, please contact Richard Roberts:

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Please note the following vendors have provided support to MDPA

### **Sams Club**

Concord Calif

Donation of food for our Annual BBQ

### **PSA/ Pacific States Aviation**

Located on Buchanan Field, Concord

*Maureen Bell* and her Staff for continued support Of MDPA  
Donation of 100 Gallons of AVGAS for our Raffle and promotion of ticket sales.

### **The Prop Stops Here**

Petaluma Airport

For selling MDPA AVGAS Raffle Tickets

A great shop for pilot supplies and aviation related items.  
Lots of fun stuff. Stop by for a visit

### **Corsair Cafe**

Pine Mountain Lake Airport

For selling MDPA AVGAS Raffle tickets  
New owners and new menu  
give them a try