



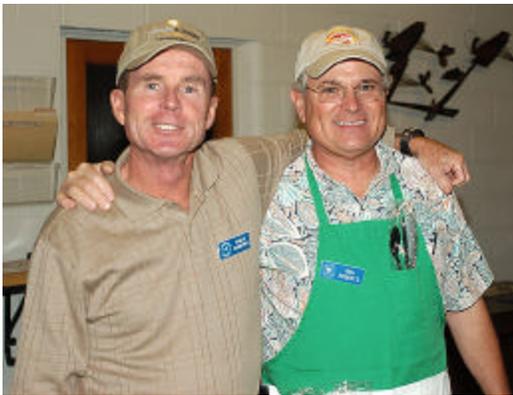
MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: December 16
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30PM
Program: 7:00PM

Board Meeting: TBD
Next Meeting: January 20 2006



Holiday Dinner December 16 2005

Installation Dinner Crab / Tri Tip January 20 2006

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President's Message Nov. 2005

We just finished the Portuguese dinner and I'm pooped! The clubhouse looked great, Bill Ludwig has done a great job, and it really makes it easier to get things ready to go when everything is in its place!

I'm feeling really satisfied with where we are and our team going forward. We had two guys give talks at the dinner, and people stayed after for about an hour cleaning up and talking. I just sat there for a moment and felt good. We've made some progress. Vince did the dinner write up, Bill made sure everything was back in place and ready for the next event, and we had an aviation family put on an event the next day Easy as rolling off a log! We have 3 more non club events planned, EAA party, NRI party and the Soaring Club party.

We didn't get the 110 members that I had hoped for, but we're pushing close to 100 again this year. Pat Miller has a ton of trips planned for next year, including some one day easy ones; the first one is going to the valley for fried chicken, my kind of trip! Steve Kennedy has gotten involved with the computer stuff, and he and Dave and Pat will continue the great job into the next year. I think that the email and web site have contributed an incredible amount towards the success of the club. When I took over the President's position, we had no way to communicate with

members beyond the monthly newsletter. If we missed something, it was on hold until next month! Imagine what a handicap that was for your ADD inflicted, Last Minute Charlie President! I know some of you hate all the email that club members generate, but just remember the good old days, when no one knew what was going on. I'll take a few emails any day!

This coming year, we will still have the monthly breakfasts and John Potter is really trying to get the safety forum going after we eat breakfast. We've had two of them so far and they seem interesting and valuable training opportunities. He's got a friend who is a retired Special Forces guy from the Army who's specialty is survival (I think I got that right!), and he's going to come and do some in depth survival discussions at the breakfast meetings. Sounds pretty neat to me! So come and see what you've been missing for the last year and a half! We have fun, we eat really good food and we're home by noon to start the chores!

For all you advance planners, December 16th will be the pot luck Christmas Party. Remember to bring a REALLY nice gift for the gift exchange. I'm going to have Pat print out the rules so there will be no misunderstandings! And no, Geoff will not mail back the singing rose bush for an encore performance! It will be held on Friday night just like normal, and signups will be on the web site, with email reminders. January will be the crab dinner and installation. I think its \$25 or \$30 for all you can eat. Bill Landstra and I will be sure to BBQ some tritips for you meat eaters.

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So there we are. Looks like Bob's right, we will have about \$7,000 in the bank at the end of the year! Good job everyone. Vince and company are ready to take this thing to the next level, let's help them get us there! See you around the airport. Richard.

Installation Dinner with Crab and Tri Tip
January 20 2006

What to do on a Saturday Morning ?

Mow the Lawn
Or
Come to our Pancake Breakfast
and
Antique Airplane Display

Where
MDPA ClubHouse
Saturday December 3
9:00AM

Sopas Opera in Review / What a meal



The second annual Portuguese Sopas Feast was a great hit. We had salad, about 40 pounds of meat in the sopish and two great desserts. Our fearless leader (Richard) and his wife prepared the sopish and it must have been good because we ate it all.

Those that attended the dinner got a look at the cleaned and changed clubhouse. The eating area and the way back have been completely cleaned out and cleaned up. We now have a working audio/visual center and you can actually find things in the way back. Bill has done a great job fixing up the clubhouse, thank you.

After dinner we had two speakers, Joe Canciamilla, our assemblyman in Sacramento, and Dave Soroka, from NOAA (weather) in Monterrey. Joe, a very fine speaker, talked about the current political climate in Sacramento. As you could tell before the special election there was considerable party line fighting in the capitol. Now everyone is in kiss and make up



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mode and this should last until about six months before the next election. Expect to see a lot of spending from Sacramento, bond measures, road repairs, etc before the election. You will also see the budget surplus turn into a deficit due to the election spending. Then the partisan politics will start again. To bad Joe will be termed out this year because he sounds like a level headed politician, a rarity these days. However, his wife will be running for his seat, so maybe it runs in the family. Dave, had a great slide presentation about weather. Don't forget to check out WWW.weather.gov for call 1 800

WXBRIEF to get your aviation weather before you check out DUATS.

PSA's turkey count got no winners, there were no turkeys, only chickens, so the ten gallons of gas was raffled off and the winner was, Vince Siebern. Thank you Maureen for your support.

Upcoming events: Dec 3 the pancake breakfast at 9am. Dec 16 the MDPA Christmas dinner, don't forget to bring a side dish or dessert. Let Richard know what you are bringing so we don't get six trays of mashed potatoes. Don't forget to pay your dues (\$120) for 06, just bring your check to the Dec. 16th meeting. Lastly, on Jan 14th we will be flying to Los Banos for lunch. The Jan meeting is on Jan 20th and it is the Crab and Tri Tip Feed.





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December 16
Potluck with Turkey and Ham
Holiday Gift Exchange / Steal