



# MDPA news

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## Meeting Notice

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| Date:          | November 21, 2008 |
| Place:         | MDPA Clubhouse    |
| Dinner:        | 6:30 PM           |
| Program:       | 7:00 PM           |
| Board Meeting: | N/A               |

## Casino Night 2008 By Steve Kennedy

PSA and Maureen Bell once again sponsored Casino Night this year. It was a rousing success. Guests arrived about 6:30 and entered the PSA hanger. What a fabulous spot to set up a casino. Dinner was chinese buffet catered by the China Wall Buffet restaurant in the Park and Shop Center. There was lots and lots of food. No one went away hungry. After dinner, before the games were to begin. Steve Kennedy announced the 2009 slate of officers nominated by the board.

Nominations from the floor were entertained. There were none. So, since there were no other nominations, Steve asked that the slate be elected by proclamation. That was unanimously approved. Look for the listing of your new officers later in this issue.

Then the fun began. There was Black Jack, Poker, Roulette, and Craps to be played. Everyone was getting into the spirit of the evening. Each guest had received a bag of chips when they entered the casino for the evening. Now, they're job was to parley this "grubstake" into as many chips as possible by the end of the evening. Maureen had promised some great prizes for the top 3 chip hoarders. Some interesting dynamics happened as some people would leave early and would "will" their chips to those remaining.

As the evening wore down, many people had amassed large cache's of chips. People were getting desperate to win more chips. Once it was announced that there would be only one more hand, all eyes turned to the Black Jack table. Cheryl Summers decided to put her entire fate for the evening on the line. Her and her husband John, each decided to go for broke, and bet their entire holdings on one hand. Cheryl obviously had the most to win or lose with her large pile of chips sitting in front of her cards. The cards were dealt. Everyone held their breath. Cheryl peeked at her cards. She squealed, and flipped over a Jack, and a Queen. Two face cards, 20 points. She had almost certainly won the hand. A few seconds later when the dealer dealt himself a 17, it was all over but the counting.

Once all the chips were counted, MJ Maggrarff won the big prize of \$50. Steve Kennedy won second place of a wooden weather vane, and Cheryl Summers won the third place prize of a "Birth of Flight" Clock. Everyone went home well fed, feeling they had a great time.



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Safety meeting in October

By Vince Siebern

This month's breakfast saw the first of the rain. The sky was cloudy and dark, but the MDPA clubhouse was warm and cozy. About 20 hardy souls showed up for the affair and were treated to a great breakfast and a very stimulating safety meeting. We talked about what I did when my alternator went out (on the way to our safety meeting) and my battery ran down. That left me on base with no radios and a landing gear that was not fully extended. I decided to leave the KCCR area and return to Gness. En route I had time to get the emergency checklist out and do a manual gear extension. I turned all electrical equipment off and then turned the master off. When on a 45 to downwind I turned the master and one radio on and the gear went fully down and I had a green light!! I announced I was on downwind and turned everything off again. The landing was a soft as a feather touching down. I called Richard and asked him to get eggs and call the tower to let them know I had decided not to close their airport (should I have landed gear up).

Every one had some thoughts on how to prevent or notice the alternator failure sooner.

It was a great safety meeting.

As approved by acclamation at the last dinner meeting, the 2009 Officers who will take office on January 1, 2009 are:

- President - Steve Kennedy
- VP of Activities - Richard Roberts
- VP of Programs - Maureen Bell
- VP of Communications - Lorraine Bartneck
- Treasurer/Membership - Bob Belshe
- Director at Large - John Levy
- Past President - Pat Miller
- Secretary - Bev Levy
- Facilities Manager - John Summers

***Don't Forget***

***November 21st, Dinner will be Braut's & Beer***

**MDPA Mission Statement**

The Mount Diablo Pilots' Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan field in Concord, California (KCCR). There are many benefits to joining the club. 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.



MMMMMM mmmmmm Good!

Three of our dealers for the evening:  
Pardeep , Shari and Brent.





Brent Gilchrist explains the finer points of loosing to the table. At the table are Mark & Patty Gilchrist, John and Cheryl Summers, and Marilyn Barulich.

Some of the Prizes that Maureen had for the evening.





Dan Sorking, and Bob Gonzales enjoy the dinner.

Teeb Thomas and Felix Boston enjoy the camaraderie.





MJ Maggraff and Rudi Thomas talk about how to make a killing at the roulette table.

Shari takes her job at the Roulette very seriously.





Stella and dad Tracy relax after some heavy gambling.

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