



# MDPA news

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## Meeting Notice

Date: February 20, 2009  
Place: MDPA Clubhouse  
Dinner: 6:30 PM  
Program: 7:00 PM  
Board Meeting: February 18, 2009

## February Presidents Message Steve Kennedy

I don't know about the rest of you, but when I heard about Captain Chesney Sullenberger's amazing landing in the Hudson River, I was proud to call myself a pilot. That's not always the case after a major airline incident. Too often, one of the first phrases out of newscasters' mouths after an incident is "pilot error". It's really great to see a professional pilot get the credit he deserves. I'm very proud to be called by the same title as this heroic man. Most of us hope that we would react the same way in the same situation. He has set a standard we can all aspire to. Three cheers for Captain Sullenberger.

We had a FANTASTIC turn out for the Crab Feed and Tri-tip dinner. Almost 50 people showed up to partake of this annual tradition. It was really great to see everyone. I saw many members I hadn't seen in a long time. That was nice. Our speaker, Muriel Wyro was fantastic. It was so great to hear all about the American Air Museum in Duxford, England. I really am looking forward to going there again and this time seeing that museum.

Your board is working right now to put together a great year. As I said at the crab dinner, we're planning some different dinners for the coming months. We still have some openings for dinner hosts. If you've got a specialty dish, an ethnic dish, or a family recipe that you'd like to share with us, let me know. We're adventurous people; we'd love to try it.

We're also trying to plan a combination of day trips and longer trips so that everyone can get to go on an MDPA trip this year. Watch for future announcements about trips. In the mean time, our first trip has been announced. Vince Siebern will lead a trip to Baja Mexico for whale watching in March. The dates are March 12 through the 15th. More information is on the web site at [www.mdpa.org](http://www.mdpa.org). Please contact Vince and let him know if you'd like to go. I really think this is will be a fun trip. If you've never been to Hotel Serenidad in Mulege, you're in for a real treat. It's very authentic Mexican, without being TOO rustic. You can check their web site at [www.serenidad.com](http://www.serenidad.com). Plus you'll get to see some of the most magnificent marine mammals in the world.

Next month the plan is for a Hungarian Goulash dinner on February 20th. And don't forget our first Saturday of the month breakfast and safety meeting. This month it will be on February 7th. We'll see at the clubhouse. Respectfully, Steve

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**Letter from the Editor:**

Hi everyone, I am no longer the facilities director, however, I am now the newsletter editor.

I am new at this so if you have any questions or requests, please feel free to send me a note.

John Summers has now taken over taking care of the MDPA Facilities. I'm asking that everyone please help him in keeping it clean and inviting home for our club members. You can reach John @ facilites@mdpa.org.

Myself you can reach me at communications@mdpa.org should you care to contribute new ideas or notice something I need to correct.

This is about it for now and I hope to see everyone at the next breakfast and dinner.

Keep the blue above you,

Lorraine Bartneck

Announcements

We will be having another breakfast to replace the one we did not have in January.

The first Saturday of the month breakfast could use another volunteer for cooking and clean up. Safety meeting and breakfast of flying pig, eggs, pancakes, and coffee. Also remember with the purchase of breakfast you will receive a breakfast ticket good for filling up your airplane at cost. This ticket is good only for that morning until 1 PM.

Dinner this month will be February 20; will be hosted by George Ann Garms. George Ann will do Hungarian Goulash.

We are still in need of chefs for March, April and November.

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- 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

WELCOME TO MDPA'S JANUARY 2009 CRAB AND TRI TIP FEED  
YOUR HOST: VINCE & DIANE SIEBURN



MAIN COURSE CRABS, CRABS, CRABS, CRABS, CRABS AND MORE CRABS



OF COURSE A  
GRILL FULL OF TRI  
TIPS IN A HOME-  
MADE SECRET  
RUB.....

WHAT DINNER WOULD BE  
COMPLETE WITHOUT FRESH  
HOT GARLIC BREAD.



Group picture of the Crab & Tri Tip Dinner.  
Thank you everyone for making this such a  
success.





## Fredrick Egli

Fred Egli, a past MDPA member, died on Dec. 20 from a brain tumor.

Fred built a magnificent Lancair IV - white with a bold pink splash of color on the side.

The airplane was a favorite with Young Eagle kids that Fred took for rides. Fred had also rebuilt two Bellancas before the Lancair.

Fred and his wife, Vi, flew all around the country in the Lancair, including a memorable trip to Alaska in 2005.



Fredrick Egli 2/27/1928 – 12/20/2008

Fred served as president of the local EAA Chapter, served on the County Airport Commission, and received the Perpetual Trophy from the EAA Chapter in 1997.

There will be a celebration of Fred's life at Buchanan Field on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 2 pm in his hangar (C-5) on the west side of the airport, on the north side of row C. His beautiful Lancair IV will be on display for all to admire.

MDPA members and other friends and family are invited.

Please RSVP to [HarvardHolmes@comcast.net](mailto:HarvardHolmes@comcast.net) or 510-526-5347

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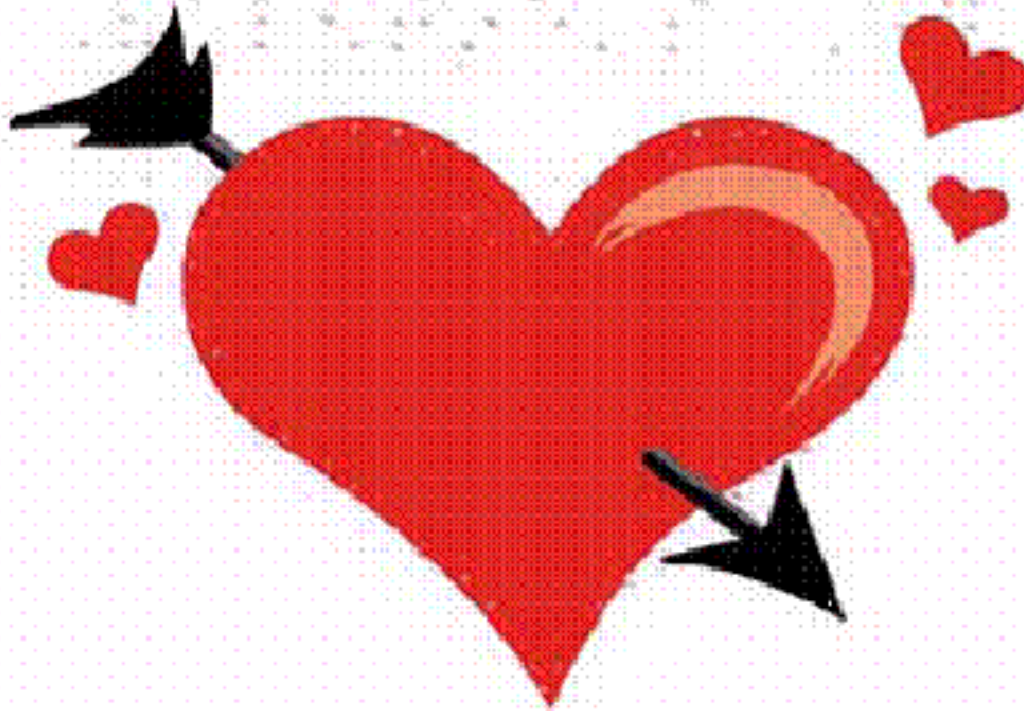


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