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Calendar - December 2013

December 7 9:00 AM Safety Forum
December 7 11:00 AM Flyout to Watsonville
December 20 6:30 PM MDPA Meeting and Dinner

The featured article this month is a document that Bob Gonzales prepared about the aeroplane that his uncles built in San Francisco in 1912.

Clicking this link will display the .pdf file:

[Gonzales 1912 Publication](#)

MDPA Safety Forum ----Saturday, 11/2/13

The breakfast was right on time at 0900 with a good group of cooks starting promptly at "near daybreak" 0800. All went well until I figured out that the moderator for the 1000 Safety Forum was not going to show up, for whatever

reason (turns out Tracy had to deal with a broken water pipe). So I had to pinch-hit and threw some items out that I always carry in my pouch.

I read a message that Wally Moran of the Pilot Workshop (Mark Robidoux) had sent out concerning when to make the decision to "go-around." In summary, he pointed out that most times it starts out with an un-stabilized approach. In short, make the decision early, i.e. as soon as it is clear that you may have to do some heroic maneuvers in order to get on, and stay on, safely.



As a tidbit, I threw in an accounting of the Air France Concorde Flight 4590 July 2000 crash in Paris, killing all aboard and a number on the ground. All too familiar, it was an accumulation of mistakes that totally compromised the ability of the pilot to get out of that mess, and, yes indeed, he had an option even after he lifted off, had it not been for flight engineer making a serious mistake unbeknown to the pilot, he killed a working engine on the same side as the already-failed engine. The pilot could have attempted to land at the nearby Le Bourget Airport, but of course, that would have even been dicey given his full load and a very crippled aircraft.

You gotta be careful when you fly!

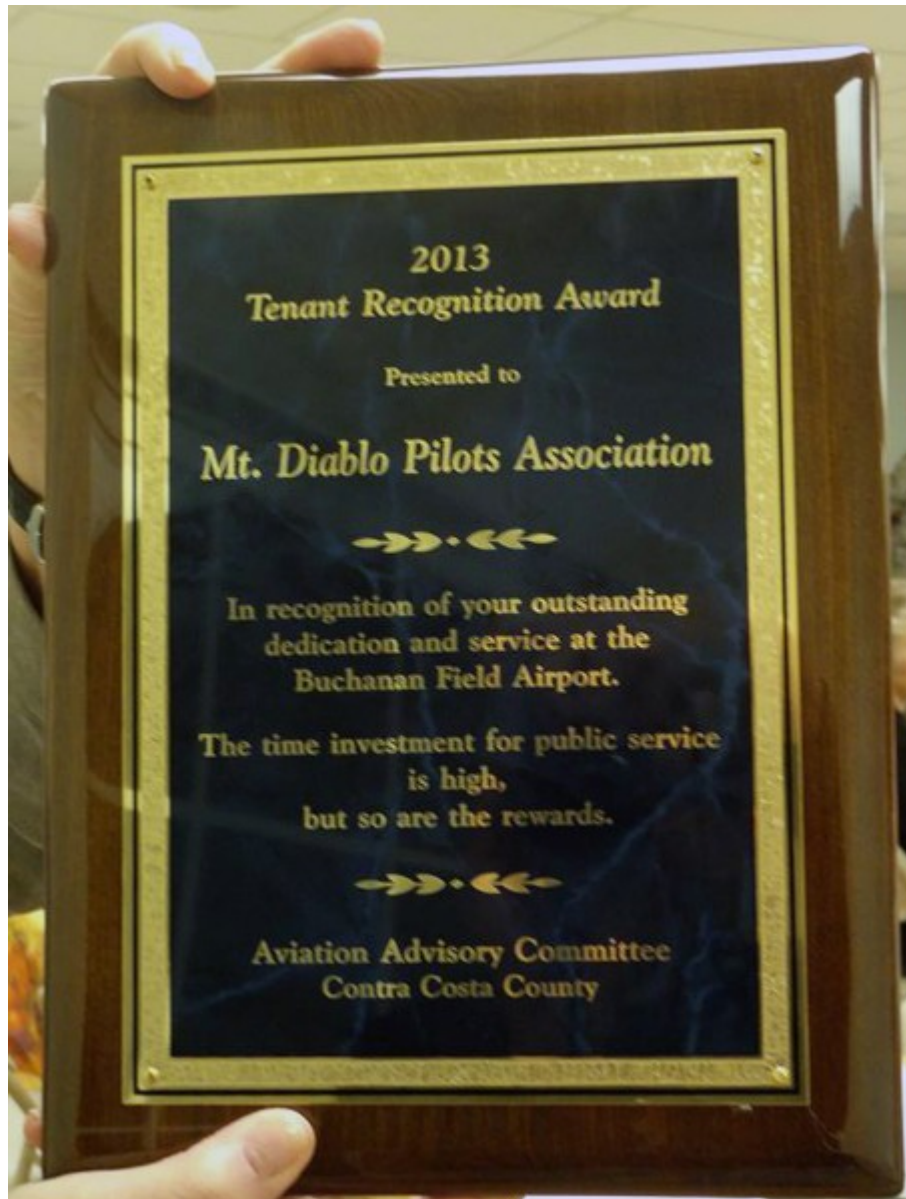
(If anyone wants to read the details, send me an email--
john.potter@1958.usna.com)

Aircraft Advisory Committee Awards

On Thursday, november 14, 2013, the Aircraft Advisory Committee (AAC) for Contra Costa County presented tenant recognition awards to MDPA, EAA and

Sterling Aviation.

Awards were presented to MDPA and EAA for the extensive work put into the remodeled clubhouse and were accepted by Maureen Bell and Scott Achelis, and Larry of Sterling received an award for outstanding service.





Next MDPA Flyout

December 7, 2013 - WVI: Watsonville Airport - Watsonville, CA

[Link to Airnav for Watsonville](#)

Last MDPA Flyout

November 2, 2013 - STS: Sonoma County Airport - Santa Rosa, CA

(Sorry - no pictures available....)

MDPA Meeting and Dinner November 15, 2013

Our speakers for the evening were a group from Travis Air Force Base. They made a presentation about operations conducted at Travis, encouraged the use of flight following for aircraft transitioning through the surrounding Class Echo Airspace, explained the opening of the Assault Landing Zone (ALZ) with the new and diverse profiles of the aircraft using it, and detailed the expansion of the Wind Resource Area (WRA), as well as answered questions and engaged in discussions with the attendees. It was an interesting and informative meeting







HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM EVERYONE AT
Pacific States Aviation



Words of Wisdom:

If you are out flying on Christmas Eve watch out for Reindeer it could be hazardous

PSA hours of operations for Christmas!

12/24/13

Line Service 0800-1700

Office 0800-1200

Maintenance 0800-1200

12/25/13

Line Service 0800-1700

Office Closed

Parts and Maintenance Closed

The Mount Diablo Pilots Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan Field in Concord, California (KCCR)

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

The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Sally Ride Drive in Concord, California,
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