



MDPA News

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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

August

6 MDPA **40th**
Anniversary All-Day
event

10 Board Meeting
19 Dinner Meeting

September

3 Breakfast, Safety
Forum & Flyout to
Watsonville
7 Board Meeting
16 Dinner Meeting

October

1 Breakfast, Safety
Forum & Flyout to
Columbia
5 Board Meeting
21 Dinner Meeting

November

2 Board Meeting
5 Breakfast, Safety
Forum & Flyout to
Chico
18 Dinner Meeting

Forty Years and Still Squawking

1976 - 2016

Please join us for a special MDPA Event!

Mount Diablo Pilots Association

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & REUNION

*Saturday, **August 6, 2016**, at the
Buchanan Field Airport Clubhouse*

4:00 PM – Displays, Live Entertainment, Appetizers

6:00 PM – Dinner catered by Magoo's Grill

7:00 PM – Special Recognition Honoring MDPA
Founders and Long Time Members and
Raffle for Valuable Aviation Prizes

\$20 Donation at the door includes Appetizers, Dinner, Soft
Drinks, Entertainment and your Valuable Raffle Tickets.

Everyone in the Buchanan Field and Byron Airport
community is welcome!

Please mark your calendars and make your reservation
now!

Just send your name and number of people to:

party@mdpa.org

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2016

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

Short on cooks, no breakfast. We had fat wafers for 24 and 27 showed up.

For 2016 I will continue to coordinate the Safety Forums.

For 2016 I will be the Head Cook once a quarter.

We need a Head Cook volunteer for September and October:

Aug	- 40th Anniversary (no breakfast)
Sept	- _____
Oct	- _____

I have a checklist and it will take a newbie about 4 hours to shop and set up. (I now have it down to less than 3 hours.)

**Note: The club policy is to deliver leftover food from the dinners and breakfasts to a needy family.*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President's Comments

President Maurice Gunderson talked about the August 40th Birthday and Reunion coming up on August 6.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Treasurer Elaine Yeary reported the club's funds on hand and took membership dues.

Activities

John Barrella announced that there would not be a fly-out today.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Roberto Fuenzalida

Roberto came from Chile (married to a lady from Argentina) at mid-life in 1969 and later took up his dream to be a pilot. He now owns a newly acquired airplane, a Navion.

He first reminded us about how free we are in the United States, something that we mostly take for granted. He related his first aviation experience in Bhutan (India) where, according to Roberto: *"in Bhutan it was very challenging to fly between the two mountains."*

He presented the details of a complete pre-flight inspection, including the interior of the aircraft. The condition of the pilot was included, especially of the concern for recent consumption of alcohol or the use of medications. He cited some examples of the consequences of being interrupted during a preflight and the likely failure to notice a problem.

In summary, Roberto emphasized this: *"It's very important not to be distracted during the preflight inspection. Double check everything!"*

We must look out for each other---an MDPA "safety culture."

FLYOUT TO GRASS VALLEY, SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

Sequel to the “failed inner tube” story in the last newsletter (June)

By John Potter

Goodyear Tire & Rubber reported back that the tube failed (long slice) on a fold due to being stored under compression (both in storage perhaps at the distributor and during the 5 months in my garage). Shelf life for inner tubes is short. They reimbursed me for the tube.

MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, JULY 15 2016, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

As you can tell, our official photographer Kevin was absent and it certainly makes a difference!



Our speaker for the evening was Rod Pharis, who explained the Disaster Airlift Rescue Teams now operating at several airports around the country. This seems to be a well thought out program and MDPA will consider the possibility of starting one at Concord.

Maurice Gunderson advising members of the benefits available for purchasing aviation oil through a system on line. Details to follow. →



Bob Torrey and Narayanan, who has agreed to be one of the members taking over Bob's job as dinner coordinator. ←

Pete Monillas with his guest and Patti Krebs who wants to remain anonymous, but has also agreed to be a dinner coordinator. →





Jude with John Potter and Ron Lem.



Pierre, Tom Hammitt and Jeff Klaus



Kristy in front of Lil Man. Jerry Alves and Ron Lem, or is it Jerry, Lil Man and Ron?



Ron Lem, Roberto, Bob Torrey and Jeff Klaus

Maurice and his wife Rebecca, who we don't see enough of - bring her more often Maurice!



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Historic Aircraft Display
Buchanan Field Clubhouse –
200 Buchanan Field Road Concord

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

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

MDPA Board Members:

President - Maurice Gunderson
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary
Secretary - Maureen Bell
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou
Website/Dinner - Robert Torrey
Facilities - Scott Achelis
Activities/Flyout – John Barrella

Non-Directors:

Safety Meetings – John Potter
Past President – David Thacker
Newsletter/Social Media - Natasha Doktorova

**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,
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