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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

August 2017

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

September 2017

- 2 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 6 Board Meeting
- 15 Dinner Meeting

October 2017

- 4 Board Meeting
- 7 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 20 Dinner Meeting

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Planned for 30 and 44 showed up (2 kids). No food left! Cooking Team went well, some exceptions. The problems (not all food cooked, blue-berries missing from the pancakes, etc.), can be resolved through a more thorough briefing of what has to be done in order to prepare the food and to clean up afterwards.

The original “Head Cook” job was divided up into three tasks:

Head Cook Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.

Shopping Get the food (usually at Costco and Safeway).

Set-up Responsible to prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and tear down/storage of the equipment afterwards.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President’s Comments

President Maurice Gunderson briefed us on the MDPA Oil program.

Director of Airports

Keith Freitas was not present.

MDPA Treasurer’s Remarks

Elaine Yeary was present and reported funds in safe hands. No new memberships.

Activities

There was a planned fly-out to Auburn that was announced just before the meeting but no aircraft were going.

Honorary Member Award

John Potter, who has been our breakfast coordinator for so many years, was honored at the July breakfast.

As he always has something to say about the way the eggs are cooked, he was presented with a glass egg on a stand with his name engraved on it and was given an honorary membership to the club.

His better half, Jude, was presented with 12 eggs, which she promised to have him cook, which would then give her something to say!!



SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Tom Hammitt

Tom Hammitt moderated the safety forum, which was about mishaps during ground handling and what we can learn from them. Tom led off by relating his experience in turning his tail wheel airplane up on its nose while swinging its compass at Byron Airport. Overall, the lesson learned was how any loss or reduction of situational awareness, for example, by dividing one's attention among multiple tasks, can suddenly lead to a very bad day. Other members related personal experiences, or ones they had heard about, in which minor distractions during ground operations like hitting runway lights/signs and not removing the tow bar before taxiing led to damaging consequences. Remember: your airplane is exposed whenever it is not tied down, and especially if the engine is running!

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



Tom Hammitt



Maurice Gunderson & John Potter



Maureen Bell & Jerry Alves



John Potter flipping the eggs

MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, JULY 21 2017, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

What a great evening we all enjoyed at Friday's dinner. First, the BBQ was excellent, with tri-tip, ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, watermelon with mint and blueberries plus cornbread.

I spoke to a few of the East Bay Banjo Group while they were setting up. One asked if I had known Bob Everett as they had flown together. Another asked if I knew where General Air was, as he had learned to fly there with Andy Traverso. What a small world!

Not only was everyone in attendance smiling but so was the band, they really enjoy playing their banjos, washboards, guitars or saxophone. Several also sang. I had heard that it was Kevin Kennedy's birthday so I asked the band to sing Happy Birthday to him. It was the first song they sang and watching Kevin's face was a treat, he was so surprised and I think was blaming his parents for letting out his secret.

As you can see from the photos, it was a perfect evening inside or outside, with clear blue skies and an evening breeze.



Enjoying the perfect weather



Scott finishing up the delicious BBQ.



Stew has his airplane in a slow right turn lining up for the party.



Kevin getting a "Happy Birthday" greeting from The Lil Man.



Diane Cole anxiously awaiting the BBQ



John Scalzo looks happy with Warren Wilson, Leslie Adams, Mel Nordal, Cliff, Scott Youngman, with Egons and Mary Anne Knets at the end.



Elaine, Mark, Pierre, Michael Jahn & Diane Kennedy



Chet, Vischal, Joan and DeWitt Hodge.



This looks like a fun group!



Our band getting ready.



Guy Black, who learned to fly at General Air and also flew for the CAP



Great outfit on this washboard player.



Their version of "Jungle Love"



East Bay Banjo Group

MDPA Members Only Benefits

***For details go to MDPA.org, log in as a Member,
and go to “Stores and Discounts.”***



MDPA Aviation Oil Program

Those of us who do our own oil changes know that aviation oil is becoming more difficult to obtain locally, and shipping charges make it very expensive to buy from on-line merchants. MDPA has created a program for Members to purchase oil at wholesale prices, with delivery to the Clubhouse. This results in about 30 percent savings compared to on-line retailers.

We have AeroShell 100 Straight Mineral Oil, W100, W100 Plus, 15W-50, and Phillips X/C 20W-50, all in twelve quart cases. We may add more products depending on demand and your suggestions.

You can order any time. The Last Saturday of each month is the cutoff for orders for delivery on the following First Saturday. Delivery will be at MDPA's First Saturday breakfast at the Clubhouse.

MDPA 100LL Fuel Discount at CCR

MDPA has established a 100LL Fuel Discount Program with Sterling Aviation at CCR. This new discount began January 1, 2017 and is available to Members every day.

Members receive a MDPA 100LL Discount Card shortly after joining or renewing. Show your card to the Sterling truck driver to receive the MDPA Discount. The card is REQUIRED every time. Your card will be valid through December 31, and a new card will be sent when you renew your membership every year. The old First Saturday discount that was available only one day each month has been discontinued.

This is a new program for MDPA. Please give it a try and let us know what you think, and of course let us know right away if you have any problems.

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY
EVERYONE WELCOME!



Buchanan Field Clubhouse –
200 Buchanan Field Rd Concord
For details visit the Mount Diablo Pilots
Association @ www.MDPA.org

**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 Directors & Officers:

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**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,
*do not send mail to the clubhouse address, use the USPS address instead:***

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