



# MDPA News

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## MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

### November 2017

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 17 Dinner Meeting

### December 2017

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

### January 2018

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 17 Dinner Meeting

## MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

*By John Potter*

### **“HANGAR TALK” HOUR**

Planned for 40 and about 30 showed up. Cooking Team went well under Rod Mickels. There was way more food than attendees this time. Each cook had a specific cooking task but they helped each other as a team. Knute Fisher was the seasoned old timer and provided guidance for the 3 new cooks, Paul Millner, Leslie Adams and Craig Rice. Roberto Fuenzalida also stepped in to cook. This month there was plenty of food and all had their fill. The cooks even had to refrain from cooking all of the plentiful ingredients lest the excess spoiled.

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

- **Head Cook** - Rod Mickels  
Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.
- **Shopping** - Roberto Fuenzalida  
Get the food (usually at Costco and Safeway).
- **Set-up** - Jim Coupe  
Prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and store the equipment afterwards.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### MDPA President’s Comments

President Maurice Gunderson reminded us that the Annual Meeting of Members will be held during our October 13 Friday dinner. Directors for 2018 will be nominated and elected, and volunteers for directors and managers are enthusiastically encouraged. He also pointed out improvements being made to the

Clubhouse by airport management, which are expected to be finished in time for Thanksgiving and Holiday events.

Of particular note is the new schedule of Fly-Outs for 2018 created by Mike and Cathy Harris. A slide show announcing these new events has been playing during breakfast. This will be updated as needed and shown regularly at MDPA events so you can plan to attend. Additionally, all Fly-Outs are now shown on the calendar at [MDPA.org](http://MDPA.org), and you can register there.

Maurice introduced Guy Black for his regular sermon on flight safety.

### **MDPA Treasurer's Remarks**

Elaine Yeary was present and reported one membership was renewed and one new member has joined.

### **Activities**

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out to Santa Rosa. He also described the new list of Fly-Outs for 2018.

### **SAFETY FORUM**

**Moderator – Ron Lem**

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

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### **FLY-OUT TO SANTA ROSA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017**

*By Mike Harris*

A total of 2 airplanes departed around noon from KCCR carrying 4 MDPA members ☺ - George and Bruce, Mike and Cathy. We were able to get a free new car to use at Kaiser Air in Santa Rosa Airport. Took it about 12 miles to the Charles Schultz museum for a couple hours. Had lunch at Skyview Lounge at the airport. Flew back around 4:30pm. Had a really nice time. Maybe next flyout to Monterey?





## MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 2017, 6:30PM

*by Maureen Bell*

Our October dinner meeting combined business and pleasure. The slate of Directors for 2018 were announced and unanimously approved. Thanks to Pierre for handling this in lieu of our absent President.

The speaker was Rich Cunningham, an MDPA member who discussed and showed us videos of his memorable trip along Route 66. Not only did he show the exact original route, he also showed us many interesting places within a short distance of the airports, well worth stopping for a quick visit.

The Little Man returned from major surgery performed by Dr. Diane Kennedy – both hands were replaced and both legs had repairs. You will notice his outfit also looks so much better and we had several eyes donated in case we feel it necessary to replace the one that is missing – our many thanks to the Dr.

It was good to see some faces we hadn't seen for some time and it was great to see John Potter back to his usual self (or was it, you know how he can be!)



Steve Kennedy, Dr. Diane & Photographer Kevin



Our chef Scott and his helper for the evening



Stetson, Maureen's grandson visiting from Colorado Springs, with Kevin & Scott Achelis giving Maureen a bad time



Enjoying dinner with John and Bev Levy on the right



Pierre announcing the directors for 2018



Stetson, Natasha and Vadim



Stewart & Joyce Bowers

Welcome to Jude and John Potter



Our speaker, Rich Cunningham



Vadim & Natasha



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## **MDPA Members Only Benefits**

*For details go to [MDPA.org](http://MDPA.org), log in as a Member, and go to “Stores and Discounts.”*



### **MDPA Aviation Oil Program**

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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**

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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](http://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:**

President - Maurice Gunderson  
Vice President - - Pierre Bidou  
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary  
Secretary - Maureen Bell  
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou  
Facilities - DeWitt Hodge

**MDPA Managers:**

Safety Forums – John Potter  
Newsletter & Social Media - Natasha Doktorova  
Executive Chef – Scott Davis  
DART Program – DeWitt Hodge  
Members' Aviation Oil Program – Vishal Goyal

**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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