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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

December 2017

2 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout

6 Board Meeting

15 Holiday Dinner & Martinez VA Hospital Fundraising

January 2018

1 Board Meeting

4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout

17 Dinner Meeting

February 2018

3 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout

7 Board Meeting

16 Dinner Meeting

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Planned for 40 and about 49 showed up. Cooking Team went well under Rus Atkinson. Each cook had a specific cooking task but they helped each other as a team. Jim Clarke, the seasoned “old timer” (delegated most of his cooking duties to his grandson, Miles, from Minnesota), provided guidance for the new cooks, John Koehler and Kerry Curtis. Norm Brudigam did the shopping and Ed Neffinger did the set-up.

The “Head Cook” Team 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**

Prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and store the equipment afterwards.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President’s Comments

President Maurice Gunderson briefed us on the MDPA Oil program. Enhanced exit doors now installed in the clubhouse will allow a capacity of 78 people, especially timely with the upcoming joint dinner meeting on November 17, 2017. The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is noticed by MDPA. For this to allow an exemption, the aircraft owner must have pre-registered the aircraft.

The new CCR ATC Tower Manager, Bill Cannon, was introduced. Guy Black gave a few remarks about instrument flying at Concord in the '50s.



Director of Airports

Keith Freitas was present. He announced that the new PAPI system is expected to be certified by the FAA and operational sometime in the next few months. Concord Jet is once again sponsoring (Saturday, November 4th) the annual John Muir Health Foundation's fundraiser in their large hangar (formerly APEX Aviation). The new Strategic Business Plan will be the subject of the first airport stakeholders meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Interested participants are invited to participate and should contact alina.zimmerman@airport.cccounty.us to be added to the notification/distribution list.

Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out to Monterey.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Jim Agua

Jim presented a fascinating accounting of his self-taught education on rebuilding aircraft engines. Early on he experienced some fairly challenging engine failures that caused him to investigate each instance of a failure, mostly in the category of certified aircraft engines. He recounted the failure in a 172 coming from KSLO in that it “stumbled” at power and it turned out to be a bad valve. At Livermore oil on the ground suggested a potential failure, which turned out to be caused by a bad cylinder. The last one talked about was at CCR with high temperatures indicating a fuel problem in #2 cylinder where it turned out that the piston was “eaten.”



In short, Jim clearly made the point that the engine is telling you something when it is not performing correctly or that there are indications of imminent failure which suggests immediate action before there is a loss of power.

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

FLY-OUT TO MONTEREY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017



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

by Maureen Bell

If you didn't come to the Thanksgiving dinner at the clubhouse, you really missed a great deal. As usual the food was excellent, but Scott went overboard with turkey, ham and all the holiday side dishes. After all that, there was a choice of several desserts.



Next came our speaker, ex USAF and a retired PanAm captain. Don Monaco has set the bar for speakers to come. Such an interesting story and he even had the inside scoop on some airline mishaps. He could have kept us entertained for hours but had to stop in order to answer many questions. All MDPA and EAA members seemed totally impressed and really enjoyed the evening.





John Potter & Scott Achelis



Stewart & Joyce Bowers & Tony Tiritilli



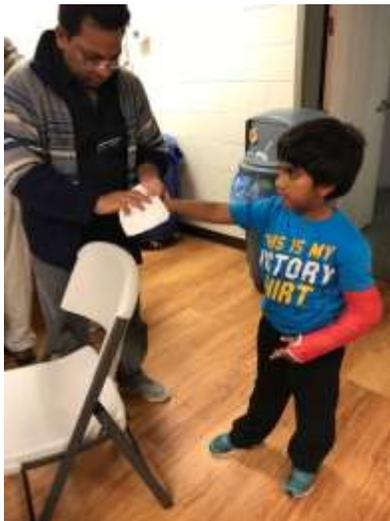
Don Monaco & Maureen Bell



John & Jude Potter



DeWitt Hodge & Mark Young



Goyal Vishal with his son



Don happy to receive a bottle of MDPA's own wine (photo credit: Tim Blasquez).

It was good to see old and new members greeting each other and we hope to see them all again soon.

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

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