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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

February 2018

- 3** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 7** Board Meeting
- 16** Dinner Meeting

March 2018

- 3** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 7** Board Meeting
- 16** Dinner Meeting

April 2018

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

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Planned for 40 and about 47 showed up. Cooking Team went well under Russ Atkinson. Each cook had a specific cooking task but they helped each other as a team. The cooks were Knute Fisher, Roberto Fuenzalida, Jeff Kraus and Ron Lem, all seasoned “old timers”. Craig Rice did the shopping and Rod Mickels did the set-up.

The “Head Cook” Team is divided 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 new fuel discount program at PSA and the MDPA Oil purchase program.



The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is notice by MDPA. For this to allow an exemption, the aircraft owner must have pre-registered the aircraft on the website.

Guy Black gave a few remarks about safety issues.

Director of Airports Comments

Keith Freitas was present but had no comments (amazing!).



MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary was not present. Maureen collected the breakfast donations. One new member paid dues – Tod Opdyke, owner of a Commander 114.

Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out to Lincoln and the casino.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – David Thacker

Land The Plane

On July 7, 2017, 'Dusty' the Orange Cardinal 177RG set out from VCB Nut Tree Rwy 02 enroute to O88 Rio Vista. As the plane climbed through 200 AGL the engine sputtered and then quit. What to do?

Taught during initial pilot training and as professed in pilot training literature, we are taught to Always Fly The Plane. If you are flying above 3000AGL or so, that is good advice. As a matter of fact, that is ALWAYS good advice. During my PPL training my flight instructor taught me the "A B C D E" approach (no pun intended) to handle an engine failure. A= Airspeed, B= Best place to land, C= Check list, Carb heat, Configure, D= Declare emergency, E= Engine and fuel system shut off....including doors locked open, seat belts, etc. I have faith that the A B C D E method works best.....AT ALTITUDE.



If the engine fails down low you may not, as I did not, have enough time to get past the B of the regimen. And if you are at altitude and have enough time to get all the way through to E, and the engine is still not revived, I believe it is time to transition from Flying the Plane to LANDING the Plane. Perhaps adding F and G to the above procedure: F=Flaps... slow it down... just the same as normal landing configuration, G=Gear... up or down... depends on what you see on the ground?

The takeaways from my off field landing/engine failure are:

1. On take-off or low/short approach..... AIRSPEED, AIRSPEED, LAND THE PLANE.
2. Failure on takeoff, land straight ahead or as straight as possible.
3. If wind calm, and A/P not busy, ask Tower for runway with most likely off-field, emergency capability: CCR Take off =32 and 01; Landing = 14, 19; VCB Take off = 02, Landing =20.

As I was walking away from Dusty for the last time, a TV news person asked me if I “felt lucky”. I replied that all pilots are trained for this type of occurrence. This now is my opportunity to give a shout-out to the flight instructors whom taught me to survive an event wished for no one.



Epilogue: I am continuing my instrument training at the Travis Aero Club using their Piper Archer trainers.....and eventually intend to own another airplane.

We must look out for each other --- MDPA’s “safety culture”.

FLY-OUT TO LINCOLN, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

Mike Harris rode to Lincoln with Vishal and his friend in Vishal’s plane. They just fueled up and returned to KCCR due to the weather ☺

MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018 @ 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

Another interesting dinner meeting at MDPA. Pierre Bidou showed us a video that was made by a Canadian company about the Zodiac killer. Pierre discovered the presumably first victims in 1968 while he was working for the Department of Justice Narcotics team. This case made history throughout California and had every one on edge while the killings were going on. As the killer was never found, the Justice Department had asked that we make a copy of everyone’s thumbprint and forward to them as soon as possible.

I was told by the DOJ today that there were two prints of interest, so we and they both look forward to seeing you again at our next dinner ☺





You can see how many people were having a great time!

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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