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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

May 2018

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

June 2018

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

July 2018

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

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Planned for 50 and about 50 showed up. The cooking team was extraordinary---Rod Mickels, Bob Power, Norm Brudigam and Susan Hutson with the Head Cook job assigned to Roberto Fuenzalida. Elaine Yearly provided the grits and Tony Tiritilli did the sopping.

There I was, at the last minute, in a position that I did not want to be in-----no setup guy! I was going to have to do it. George Grech saved my bacon. After 12 emails/phone calls, he came through. Thanks George!

We are now depending 100% on MDPA members to respond to the request for helpers that comes out a week before the Saturday Safety Forum by going to the MDPA website calendar and registering.

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

Maurice Gunderson briefed us once again on a new policy issued by the state Franchise Tax Board that excludes certain aircraft from the county tax exemption for historical aircraft. The county has not yet issued new instructions. Oil was delivered by Vishal Goyal.

Note: 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 on the MDPA website.

Director of Airports Comments

Keith Freitas reported three items:

The Airport staff wanted to recognize Tracy Peters and Lee Teichiera for all their time and effort assisting with getting the new clubhouse storage shed through the County's permit process.

Just a reminder that the 10th Annual Tenant BBQ is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 starting at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to the Evite invitation so that Airport staff can plan accordingly for all the food and drink. There is rumor that something special will be on the menu this year to celebrate the "10th anniversary" of the event!

Airport staff has received support from the Airport Advisory Committee to move forward with the new airport rates and charges schedule, which includes rate reductions for tie-down and hangars. The final approval is expected by the Board of Supervisors within the next 60 days and would take effect January 1, 2019.



MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary was present and collected the donations for the breakfast.

Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out to Little River. (It was ultimately cancelled due to weather.)

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator - Peter Friedman

Maintenance & Airworthiness...

as it applies to the FAA, NTSB, Pilots, Mechanics, Owners, and the Sellers of aircraft.

The FAA and NTSB define "airworthiness" differently. This difference is critical in cases involving pilots and mechanics. The word is not even defined in FAR Part 1 because of the differences. The FAA and NTSB say the definition is



"situational." FAR 91.7 requires pilots to ensure the aircraft they intend to operate is "airworthy." FAR Part 43.15 requires mechanics to ensure that "all airworthiness requirements have been met" when inspecting aircraft. Why are they treated differently?

Peter enthusiastically presented his perspective on working with, and sometimes against, the whims of the FAA in technical matters. He talked for 1 ½ hours, answering questions and providing insights into how to deal with the regulatory environment. Overall this was very good advice for aircraft owners and pilots.



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

FLY-OUT TO LITTLE RIVER, SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

by Mike Harris

We had a successful MDPA club Fly out to Little River airport to visit Mendocino on Sunday April 8. The original fly out and overnight stay on Saturday was canceled due to weather.

Sunday was a beautiful day for flying and fellowship. 3 airplanes and 9 "souls" went in total. Hats off to an awesome FBO named AirGalore owned by Mary Galore, a pilot herself. They provided us with rental cars to drive the few miles to town and also made a call in the morning to me with a weather brief.

We did fly over a big bank of clouds inland along the coast but it was not a problem as we descended over the beautiful clear Pacific and came back to land and Little River airport with a ceiling of about 4000 ft.

The day was filled with strolling the streets and shops, a fantastic lunch, some snacks along the way and a little trail walk along the coast. We left with clear skies for a smooth ride back to Concord.

We hope to see many of you next month as we once again fly to San Carlos and visit the Hiller Aviation Museum. As always it's a pleasure to lead the MDPA pilots to fund destinations.





MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 @ 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

Our April dinner meeting was very popular, as we had a great program about the start of the Air Mail service which will be 100 years old next month. Three aircraft will be following the original route and will be stopping at Buchanan Field overnight on May 14th. Maurice had designed a video depicting the navigation method used and Tom Johnson, a Member of Society for Aviation History was there to add interesting information. Also present were Mark Brown, President of the Walnut Creek Historical Society, Past President, Karen Majors, and Bob Simmons, a former mayor of Walnut Creek who requested all interested parties suggest ways of preserving the Arrows used for navigation, which are still visible in Walnut Creek.

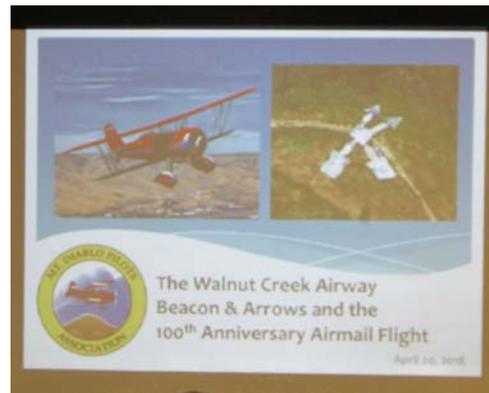


Maurice announcing the award for Scott Davis, who has been so generous to MDPA for catering all the dinners at MDPA for so long, with such delicious food.



Scott realizes just what the award states and is totally surprised!
He later asks for his MDPA business cards to be reworded!





Bob Simmons, Mark Brown and Tom Johnson



**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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