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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

August 2018

- 1 Board Meeting
 - 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
 - 17 Dinner Meeting
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September 2018

- 5 Board Meeting
 - 8 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
 - 21 Dinner Meeting
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October 2018

- 3 Board Meeting
 - 8 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
 - 19 Dinner Meeting
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MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

We did not get sufficient people to volunteer by the Wednesday deadline but the Head Cook in charge of this breakfast, Ron Lem, stepped up to the plate and told me we could do it. So, I put out the word that we were short of cooks and he took the entire list of members and started making phone calls. We got cooks, almost too many cooks! (That is why it is essential that volunteers register so we can have the “right” number of people.)

Those that responded to the call:

Johannes Verhoek
Gordon Campbell
Stewart Shuster
Tony Tiritilli - Shopping
Tom Hammitt
Alex Golovets – Set Up
Nathan Johnson
Ed Neffinger
Roberto Fuenzalida
And, recruited on the spot, new member
Sue Anderson, for kitchen clean up

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 showed the track of EAA393 member John Koehler during his around-the-world flight in his homebuilt RV-9. Ed Neffinger added details of the trip since he has been following the day-to-day events of the flight. He commented that John had only a few hundred hours logged time at the start of the trip. (Ed: He has a lot more hours now!)

Note: The MDPA website homepage has more information on the trip.

The trip to aviation museums in mid-July sponsored by Brian Enbom was briefed with three aircraft going.

The MDPA summer BBQ is planned for 8/25/18 at the clubhouse.

The fuel discount with the FBOs was discussed.

EAA member Renee Robinson presented the approximate layout of the new San Francisco Class B airspace boundaries.

Oil orders were available with lower pricing using a new bulk-ordering plan.

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 advised that the Runway 14L/32R pavement reconstruction and overlay project is in the design stages and construction is still expected during the summer of 2019.

Airport staff is in the process of seeking Board approval to design and construct a new airport terminal building that would include airport administrative office space.

Airport staff has completed the bid process for replacement of doors and metal siding for the F Row hangars on the East Ramp. The project is expected to begin either within the next 60 days or we may wait until early next year due to weather.

Airport staff is considering hosting one of the annual AOPA Fly In events in 2021 or 2022.

Airport staff is looking for final input from pilots/tenants regarding the proposed new Rates and Charges that we will be taking to the Board of Supervisors for approval within the next 60 days. The new Rates and Charges are expected to become effective January 1, 2019.

Lastly, there are two new non-aviation development projects that are expected to break ground later this year and early 2019. Both projects will contribute revenues to the Airport Enterprise Fund to provided funding for various aviation/airfield improvements.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary was present and collected the breakfast donations. One new member paid dues, Tom Johnson. Tom is an aviation historian.

Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out to Harris Ranch (308) but it was decided to cancel that destination for a cooler alternative.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Kerry Curtis

Kerry posited some thoughts based on his new experience getting a PPL after retiring as a professor.

He noted that in the pattern the convention is that the lowest altitude aircraft lands first.

Controllers are not the ultimate authority, you are. "Unable" is always an appropriate response if necessary.

Always memorize the critical emergency procedures since you most often will have no time to look at a check list.

Loss of electrical (hence radios) can be resolved by squawking 7500 and proceeding to an airport (alerts tower to be ready to use lights.)

At non-towered airports expect a lack of pilot announcements since many specialty aircraft have no radios.

Safety-Historical perspective from old CCR days – Guy Black

Guy had some points:

- Cell phones can be a very good backup when losing electrical power or radios.
- Ice is dangerous and can form on an aircraft at any time.
- Always have a backup plan.

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

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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