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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

May 2019

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

June 2019

- 1 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 5 Board Meeting
- 14 Dinner Meeting

July 2019

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 19 Dinner Meeting

MDPA SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

We had about 45 attendees for Breakfast. This was a validation of the thought that the breakfast is an important opportunity that we, the MDPA, bring to the pilot community at Buchanan Field----an hour to “break bread” and to do “Hangar Talk.” Food is always the best elixir to get people to talk (even though pilots don’t really need much help). Volunteers “registered” early and we were able to announce the breakfast the quickest yet. Clean up was **extraordinarily** prompt.

It is essential that volunteers

!!!!Register!!!!!!!

so that we can have the “right” number of people,
but not too many!

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. Failure to register means that we do not know how many will show up.

<http://www.mdpa.org/calendar>

The “Cooking Team” is divided to do these tasks:

- **Head Cook (1)** - Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.
- **Cooks (at least 4)** – Prepare the food and cleanup the kitchen.

- **Shopping (1)** - Get the food (usually at Costco and/or Safeway).
- **Set-up** - Prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and store the equipment afterwards.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The method of using the website calendar to signup was briefed. In short, it is easy to find out how many (& who) signed up so that you can gauge whether you should step up and “register” or not. Clicking on the “register” button of the breakfast event, provides a listing of the “registrants.”

MDPA President’s Comments

Maurice Gunderson

- Introduced the guests and thanked the volunteers for putting on the breakfast and, in advance, cleaning up.
- All were reminded of the Labor Day MDPA trip to Grand Canyon.
- The new software sign-in feature for purchasing oil was described.

Note: The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is noticed by MDPA. For this provision to permit an exemption for showing an aircraft, the aircraft must be registered on the MDPA website for that date in advance.

Director of Airports’ Comments

Russell Milburn, Assistant Director of Airports-Operations, reported on the following items:

- The Localizer antenna array is going to be out of service from April 9th to April 26th. The work is necessary due to conflicts between the model of the new DME that has been installed and the model of the old Localizer array.
- The Airport BBQ is scheduled for May 2nd. The Airport currently has received approximately 250 RSVPs, but we typically have 400 attendees. If anyone did not get an invite they should contact the office and everyone should get their RSVPs completed.
- The Airport recently purchased a 1997 OshKosh T1500 Aircraft Rescue Firefighting apparatus, which replaced our 1988 vehicle. The new (used) truck will be stationed at Byron Airport once a shelter is built for it.
- The Nut Tree CTAF issued regarding using the same frequency as Byron is nearing resolution. Nut Tree Airport has approval for a new multi-com frequency and the change should be published in August.
- The Airport is planning another Airport Emergency Exercise the week of October 7th-11th and will include mutual aid agencies on the clubhouse ramp, similar to last year’s exercise.
- Airport staff continue to work with the FAA on finding a resolution to the Runway 14L/32R project funding. Airport met face to face with the FAA San Francisco

Airport District Office to discuss available options. Airport staff will be briefing airport stakeholders regarding project plans and schedule once the project has a green light.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Maureen Bell, MDPA Secretary, collected the breakfast donations for Elaine Yeary, the MDPA Treasurer, in her absence. There were no new members.

Activities

Due to inclement weather the fly-out planned for Little River was cancelled. The website calendar has all future planned fly out destinations.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Peter Friedman and Steve Tucker—EAA Members

Peter introduced Steve Tucker to provide the story behind a project to restore an American built aircraft that was mounted as a monument at the entrance of Las Palmas Airbase near Lima Peru since the early '50s. The aircraft, designated NA 50, served as a fighter in a border war that Peru was engaged in prior to that time frame. Peter described the politics involved in funding and arranging for the future restoration to flying condition of the one remaining Peruvian NA 50.



NA 50



The same aircraft used in the U.S. Army Air Force was the P-46.

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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