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 - 6** *Board Meeting*
 - 15** *Dinner Meeting*
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- 2** *Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
 - 6** *Board Meeting*
 - 15** *Dinner Meeting*
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April 2019

- 3** *Board Meeting*
 - 6** *Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
 - 19** *Dinner Meeting*
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MDPA BREAKFAST ("FAT WAFERS" & COFFEE) AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

By John Potter

"HANGAR TALK" HOUR

We had donuts and coffee for the Hangar Talk hour with about 30 attendees. Ron Lem made the coffee (really strong!) and I got the donuts from the Sunrise Donut Shop in Martinez. I had called on Friday and they were ready for pickup Saturday morning. The owner (Cambodian) knows that they are for the pilots so she makes a special effort to even have a few extra donuts for us.

Breakfast was cancelled because only one person "registered" (i.e. volunteered) before the deadline at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. It takes at least 2 days to arrange a breakfast so the only reasonable option was to cancel.

It is essential that volunteers register

!!!! Register !!!! at <http://mdpa.org/calendar>

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.

The "Cooking Team" is divided to do these tasks:

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

MDPA President’s Comments

Maurice Gunderson announced that the next dinner meeting will be joined with the EAA as the annual crab-feed. Guests and new members were introduced (there were none).

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

Keith Freitas, Director of Airports, provided a quick update regarding the CTAF congestion issue at Byron Airport.

Nut Tree Airport Manager has agreed to change their frequency so that it no longer will conflict with Byron Airport CTAF. However, it will take the FCC and FAA until August of 2019 to approve and publish the new frequency.

The Airport is in final design stages of the Runway 14L/32R pavement reconstruction and overlay project. The project, pending FAA funding, is expected to start in August of 2019. The F-Row hangar project is still expected to be completed by the end of January.

The County has initiated the process to design a new general aviation terminal building/administrative office/aircraft rescue and firefighting facility. Design and environmental review have begun while construction is expected to start in 2021. Lastly, Airport staff is working with County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff to set up a meeting with Congressman Mark DeSaulnier to gain his support for a new ATCT at Buchanan Field.

MDPA Treasurer’s Remarks

Elaine Yeary was not present.

Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out. Due to a TFR in the area over the SF Bay, it was decided to pick an alternate. The fly out of 3 aircraft was to Nut Tree.

SAFETY FORUM

Rob Squire began his flying at Concord and took his degree in aeronautical engineering at San Jose State, became an A&P and followed a career as a corporate and airline pilot, retiring from American Airlines.

As Moderator he offered his perspective on aviation mistakes in general using a concept of layers of Swiss cheese and aligning holes to pass through an aviation experience successfully. It all starts when you arise for the day facing a flight. One might ask “are you ready for this flight?” That includes yourself as well as the aircraft and readiness to face the elements.

It all starts with the pre-flight and the navigation and fuel stop planning.

Ed Note:

Rob made a remark that really puts the pre-flight into perspective----you are looking for things that can kill you. It was a coincidence that I read an article in In Flight Magazine (December '18 p. 10) “Fly Safe: Prevent Loss of Control Accidents” that strongly reflected Rob’s thoughts on “Mistakes.” The article expanded on the current trend on general Aviation “mistakes” ranging from Contolled Flight into Terrain (CFIT) and Loss of Control (LOC) accidents. It is worthwhile reading.

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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