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## MDPA SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

*By John Potter*

### **“HANGAR TALK” HOUR**

### **MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events**

#### **July 2019**

**3** Board Meeting

**6** Breakfast, Safety Forum  
& Flyout

#### **August 2019**

**3** Breakfast, Safety Forum  
& Flyout

**7** Board Meeting

**17** Annual BBQ

#### **September 2019**

**4** Board Meeting

**7** Breakfast, Safety Forum  
& Flyout

**20** Dinner Meeting

We had about 35 attendees for Breakfast. We were short of volunteers by the Wednesday deadline at 6:00 PM, so, with the encouragement of several members, I went ahead and issued the breakfast/forum notice with “empty” slots, asking for members to step forward and help so that we could put on the breakfast, which they did. 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. **If you are logged into** the club website, 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.

### **MDPA President’s (Maurice Gunderson) Comments**

Maurice introduced the guests and thanked the volunteers for putting on the breakfast and, in advance, cleaning up. John Potter added that members can sign up in advance by simply going on line and “registering” for any month in the remaining months of the year for a time frame of convenience for them. (If you “log on” you can see the count and names of those registered.)

He announced that oil that was ordered is available.

AOPA is looking for volunteers to help in the June regional gathering to be at Livermore.

**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**

No representative present.

### **MDPA Treasurer’s Remarks**

Elaine Yeary, the MDPA Treasurer, reported the new members: Jim Blanco, Ben Burbridge, Sean Calhoun, Tim Gleeson.

She also announced that there will be no monthly dinner in June or July.

### **Activities**

Mike Harris briefed on the fly-out trip to Auburn.

## **SAFETY FORUM**

### **May 4<sup>th</sup> - Moderator – Stuart Simms**

Editor forgot to mention 2 Gems of Wisdom Stewart concluded the session with:

- ❖ Aviation history written in blood.
- ❖ Listen to others experiences (maybe don’t have to experience them yourself).

### **June 1<sup>st</sup> - Moderator – Kent Price**

Kent cited two emergencies during his very long aviation history. One was a medical emergency where he had to call for medical assistance upon arrival. The other was an oil fire which filled the cockpit with smoke, on a recently overhauled engine.

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

## FLY-OUT TO AUBURN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

Auburn flyout was simply the \$100 hamburger flight on a beautiful scenic day. Lots of air traffic and Auburn airport was busy. 2 airplanes flew with 6 souls, no one wanted to play golf so the tee times were canceled. Maybe next year we will try again.

Don't forget about the July flyout to McClellan headed up by Vishal as I will be out of town. That flyout will include a visit to the Aerospace museum of California.

The Coast Guard air station Sacramento is also a place to visit but you will have to arrange a tour with them at least 14 days in advance so be sure to email them at their web site soon. See you all at the KCCR tower tour in August. You must be US Citizen with ID for that one as I understand.

Mike Harris

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**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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**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,  
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