

MDPA Member Limelight
Steve Kennedy



Our featured member for May, 2023 is Steve Kennedy. Steve has been an active member of MDPA since 2005, and served as President from 2009-2010. Steve got interested in flying while in High School and was a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol. He even took a couple of lessons, but as with most young men, his focus turned to girls and cars. Finally in 1991 he found the time and opportunity to resume his flying lessons and received his Private Pilot Certificate.

He loves the freedom flying provides and recognizes it also requires his full attention. His standard when flying is to put aside any worries or issues that he may have so he can concentrate on the flying tasks at hand.

Steve is the general manager of the Valley Pilots Flying Club and flies a 1976 Cessna 172M and a 1959 Cessna 182B.



Steve had about 500 hours as PIC in the aircraft he flies through the flying club.

When asked about his best flying memories Steve answered as follows:

A Memorial Day flyout to La Paz, Baja California Mexico with fellow MDPA members.

He likes the camaraderie of the MDPA monthly meetings where he meets and talks with other MDPA members about everything, including flying.

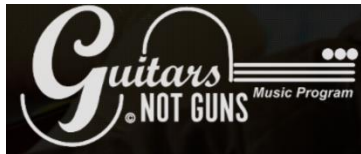
His favorite destinations are domestic and international, i.e. Columbia (O22) in California and anywhere in Mexico.

In addition to flying he is an avid runner and doing about 3 miles a day. And he does his running 4-5 days per week. Now we know why he is so trim.

Steve also enjoys scuba diving



After retiring from AT&T, Steve became a volunteer guitar instructor for an organization called “Guitars not Guns”. They teach guitar for free to at risk youth from ages 8 to 18, and then at the end of the class the students keep the guitar they learned to play.



During his tenure as President of MDPA Steve is the man who turned our monthly breakfasts from a hit or miss occurrence into a recurring monthly event with a full hot breakfast and a safety seminar. Be sure to think of Steve when you are enjoying a hot breakfast at the monthly meeting. He also participated in the MDPA flying Scholarship for a deserving student based on an essay contest. The winner during his Presidency was a female student pilot, Sophia Malerich, from the 99's and she was awarded a \$300 Scholarship. Sophia was 18 years of age, a resident of Hayward, CA, a student at Las Positas College, a nanny and almost a Private Pilot In 2011.



Steve, MDPA is proud to have you as a Member!