



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: Dec 11 2004
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:00PM
Program: 7:30PM

Fun and Games

Board Meeting: Jan 19 2005
Next Meeting: Jan 21 2005



The Airport advisory committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the airport managers office.

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President's Message

HO HO HO, Merry Christmas! The Newsletter Guys told me they wanted to put out a December Newsletter, but short, so don't say too much, but do it now! Ay Carumba! Anyway, I just got back from a trip to Cable Airport in Upland, the largest privately owned airport in the country. So says Maniac Mike, of Maniac Mike's Caf, (One of the original founder's grandson and part owner of the airport). We got there at 8:30 in the morning; the place was packed! It was really neat to see so many folks enjoying a great breakfast at the airport. Mike came out to greet us. "Great to see you back, must have a new project in town", the usual stuff. Too bad we couldn't put Giant Chef Burger in the Radisson. Nah, it would never work, wrong Fung Chu! Maybe in the CAP building! Who says pilots don't have a sense of architectural style!

The flight was spectacular. Cold and clear, the old Bonanza really got up and scooted! If you haven't been at 6000 or 7000 feet at 6:30 in the morning on a cold, clear winter's day and watched the sun come up, you don't know what your missing! Just be sure to let the engine warm up before your run up and takeoff, and bring a blanket or coat for your passenger's legs. I've been told that taking off with a cold engine is the equivalent of 100 hours of operation in terms of wear on an engine. I've also been told by You Know Who that the heater in our airplane either blasts you out or doesn't work, and in any case, your feet are always cold. "But Kathy, we're truing out at 180 knots, just put on the ski mask, ear muffs after ski boots and mittens, wrap up in the blanket and down parka, pull over the hood and enjoy!"

And Happy New Year. Look for the January's newsletter and the web site for some of next year's trips and get them on your calendar. We're going to continue the first Saturday's Antique display and breakfast. Adopt a dinner for next year; we need 10 of them. Come to the board meetings, or contact a board member if there is something you want to see happen, but don't be surprised if we want you to help make it happen, just ask Rudi Thomas, our super salad master of the month!

Most of all, remember that this is a club of folks coming together to share our love of flying and have fun. Get up in the cold clear air! See you at the Christmas Party. Thanks for a great year!

Richard.

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PORTUGUESE DINNER

We had a great dinner last month. At least I think we did, everyone ate EVERYTHING! Kathy and I cooked 12 big pot roasts and about 10 pounds of linguisa. All gone! Rudi Thomas' salad was a real hit, a great recipe. Three big bowls, GONE! Let's hope we can convince her to do it again



next year! I got 2 cakes from Sam's Club, chocolate with vanilla custard, and white cake with chocolate custard. The chocolate cake won, hands down. Good to know these things! It was great to see everyone enjoy their meals! Jerry Alves had a rare bottle of Port, and a bottle of old whiskey. We raffled them off. George Ann Garms won the Port, and was so excited; she cleaned all the dust off the bottle. Jerry reminded her that she was rubbing off all the old world charm!

We had 4 guys from Travis. That was an eye opener! They're going to start high-speed low altitude runs soon with the heavies. Keep your eyes peeled and look for notams on the exact routing and times of operation.



Many hands handled the cleanup. The bottom line: We took in about \$600, costs were about \$300 and profit \$300. Not a bad night!



The Christmas dinner will be a potluck with Pat Miller getting the smoked turkey and ham again this year. Last year was a real hoot so don't miss this

one. Note: I

have a gift that may rival the pink flamingo! Also, my friend Geoff, of Alaska fame, will be at the dinner with his wife and has finished a movie of our trip.



We'll have it going in a corner for those who are interested, or who might want to go with us to Scoop Lake next year. See you there! Richard.





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MDPA Holiday Dinner and Gift Exchange

It is that time again to join with fellow members and celebrate.

The Menu:

Smoked Turkey and Smoked Ham: Provided by MDPA Staff
Salads, Deserts and Holiday Side Dishes supplied by you -- potluck Style
Grab your favorite holiday recipe and Send email to Dinners@mdpa.org
or call Santas Elf Dave Evans @ 925-685-0921 to let us know what you are bringing.

Check out the Special addition to the website at
<http://www.mdpa.org/holidayparty.html>
to see what your fellow members are bringing.

We are looking for volunteers to set the tables for a festive feeling again please contact Dave.

We will be doing our annual gift exchange, with all the thievery and excitement that comes with it, for all you new members this is something not to be missed, Just bring a wrapped unlabeled gift and exchange it for a number when you arrive.
After desert, let the games begin.

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Happy Holidays from all of us at Pacific States Aviation.

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Holiday Party December 11
Mark your Calendar for this once a year event