



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date:	August 15th, 2008
Place:	NEW CLUBHOUSE
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	N/A

July Safety Meeting By Steve Kennedy

John Potter was not going to be at our July Safety meeting, so he nominated me to moderate in his absence. I took this as a unique honor. Accepting this heavy responsibility, I thought long and hard about some topics to discuss. While discussing my dilemma with a CFI, he suggested the topic of runway incursions since it seems to have been a hot topic for the FAA for the last several years. Shortly after this discussion, I saw an article in the AOPA magazine about the same topic. It seems that no matter what sort of policy the FAA tries, education, procedure changes, public information campaigns, the number of incursions keeps increasing. This seemed like a good topic for discussion.

Several members brought out the fact that there are inconsistencies from airport to airport in the way runway and taxiway markings are used. In other cases markings are old and faded. This can be a big cause for confusion. It was brought out that Buchanan Field is used in FAA discussion to talk about runway incursions, and that at one time Buchanan had the most incursions in the country. We discussed the AOPA article and suggestion by noted aviation writer Rod Machado, that pilots "THINK" that every intersection could be a "STOP". He emphasized that it might not be, and that you might not actually stop, but if you think that it might be a stop, you would think about every intersection.

This discussion then let to a discussion about courtesy while taxing and flying. Giving up your right of way, (even though you may be right), to someone else. A comment was made about a C-150, doing a go-round, rather than to try and speed up a landing, so that a B-737 behind them could land. That pilot received a voucher from the airline involved for his courtesy, because it would have cost the airliner thousands of dollars to go around, compared to the C-150. Sometimes it pays to be courteous. We adjourned the safety part of our breakfast so that people could take advantage of the skies that had finally cleared of smoke from the recent fires. As John Potter says, we don't teach or preach, we only moderate and learn from each other. Until next month.



Clubhouse Update

You may have noticed a lot of changes to the clubhouse over the last several months. A lot of your fellow members have worked very hard to make that happen. The tables have been re-covered so that they're easier to clean and look better. Carpet was removed from part of the room, walls have been painted, borders were added, the kitchen is beginning to take shape, and we have our logo on the wall. We're planning a SPECIAL mid month electronic only version of the newsletter to talk about the work that was done and to show you pictures of the progress. Look for an e-mail announcing the newsletter.

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MDPA ASHLAND FLY-IN

DATES: September 12-14, 2008

PLAYS:

Fri Eve A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare)
(9/12) Our Town (Thornton Wilder)

Sat Matinee A View from the Bridge (Arthur Miller)
(9/13) Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Luis Alfaro)

Sat Eve The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler (Jeff Whitty)
(9/13) The Comedy of Errors (Shakespeare)

Sun Matinee A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare)
(9/14) Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Luis Alfaro)

Also - at 10:00 AM each day is the Backstage Tour (\$12), and at 6:45 PM there is a Green Show (free!!!). We highly recommend both.

TICKETS:

Please go to <http://www.osfashland.org/> to see descriptions of the plays, theaters, seat locations and ticket prices. You can order tickets online or phone the Box Office at 800-219-8161. Please note - tickets are selling quickly, so purchasing sooner is better than later! If you don't know which seats to choose, ask the box office staff. John and I haven't been to Ashland in about twenty years, and the Elizabethan theater has been completely done since then.

AIRPORTS: Ashland or Medford - More info to follow.

LODGING:

In Ashland, within walking distance (0.5 mi) of the theaters, restaurants, shopping, etc.:
The Stratford Inn
www.StratfordinnAshland.com
800-547-4741

MDPA Mission Statement

The Mount Diablo Pilots' Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan field in Concord, California (KCCR). There are many benefits to joining the club. 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.

MDPA ASHLAND FLY-IN (Continued)

2 Queen beds, \$150 per night

Indoor pool & Jacuzzi, wireless access, cable tv, breakfast included, hairdryer, in-room refrigerator/microwave/coffee, laundry, lockers, free local calls.

I have blocked six rooms at the discounted internet price of \$150 (as opposed to \$165).

To get one of these rooms, you must call the hotel and ask for one of the rooms blocked by Bev Levy. Get the confirmation number. Then, please call or e-mail me and give me the confirmation number of the room you reserved. On August 10th, I must call the hotel and release all unreserved rooms.



In Medford, 11.8 miles (16 min. drive) to the theaters, etc.:

Best Western Horizon Inn

www.bestwesternoregon.com/hotels/best-western-horizon-nn/

1154 E Barnett Road, Medford, OR 97504-8221

541-779-5085 (Sorry, no toll-free number)

2 Queen beds, \$92.65 per night (3 rooms blocked)

1 King bed, \$84.15 per night (3 rooms blocked)

Outdoor pool/hot tub, steam & exercise rooms, laundry, safe deposit box, cable, free local calls (under 30 min), data ports, in-room coffee/tea, hairdryer, breakfast included.

I have blocked three of each type of room at these discounted group prices. To get one of these rooms, you must call the hotel and ask for one of the rooms blocked by MDPA-Beverly Levy. Then, please call or e-mail me and give me the confirmation number of the room you reserved. On September 1st, I must call the hotel and release all unreserved rooms.

When deciding where to stay, please check the websites for both hotels. I may not have included some of their many features which might be important to you. Of course, you may find other lodging on your own, also.

CONTACT INFO:

Bev & John Levy 925-937-3444 (work - we're almost always there, and you can leave a message)

bev@levycpa.com

Phew! That's a lot of stuff! We'll get the airport/flight information out soon,.

Happy flying!

Bev & John

Coming Attractions

Aug 15th - Korean Style BBQ Short Ribs with Chinese Salad and Fried Rice

Sept 19th - Maureen Bell and PSA will host our annual Casino Night in the PSA hanger

Oct 17th -Oktoberfest

December 19th will be our annual Christmas dinner with the world famous (or infamous Gift exchange. Plan now to adopt a table with china, flatware, and decorations).



Top Left: David Flemming from the Travis Museum

Top Right: Lorraine & Leo Bartneck

Center: Good times being had by all

Bottom: Cheryl & John Summers with Patty Gilchrist





Our host for the evening
Vince Siebern

Brian Enbom and Kevin
Wheeler



Steve & Diane Kennedy
and Diane Siebern





Richard Roberts showing us how big his hamburger was.

Bob Weiss, Gerry Alves, and Dr. Bill Ellis & Guest





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Korean BBQ August 15th
Breakfast and Safety Session August 2nd

The Summer BBQ

The highly anticipated Old Fashioned Summer BBQ did not disappoint. Everyone was stoked for this annual event put on by Vince and Diane Siebern. New this year was the addition of Vince's new Margarita Machine. Diane said she bought it for Vince for his birthday, but Diane was doing the honors of making the drinks all evening. If you missed one, they were grrrrreat!

Vince got to christen the new BBQ grill that is large enough to handle an entire club's worth of grilling meat, and then some. Perhaps because of that people showed up with their side dishes and their appetites. We were hungry! Vince, Leo Bartneck, and Richard Roberts started bringing in burgers and hot dogs galore while we gorged ourselves. What a variety of side dishes we had too. We had everything from shrimp platters and fresh fruit to beans, salad, and desserts.

After dinner, our guest speaker was Dave Flemming from the Travis Air Force Museum. Dave informed us that they had recently received approval for the family of the late Jimmy Doolittle to rename the museum The Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum. Dave gave us a lot of great information about the museum and the aircraft they have on display, and which ones they are working on. Several past presidents of the museum society have been MDPA members. More information is available at <http://www.travisairmuseum.org>.

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you aviation
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