



# MDPA News

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May 2	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
May 5	9:00 AM	Breakfast/Safety Meeting/Flyout
May 18	6:30 PM	Meeting and Dinner (see details at the top of page four)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, what a busy few days in Concord.....

I have a young friend who served in the Coast Guard but has always been interested in flying, so on Friday I arranged for another friend, Mel Nordahl, a local pilot, to take him for a short flight. The weather was absolutely perfect and he was able to take great pictures of SFO and the Golden Gate Bridge, now he cannot wait to start taking lessons.

I also talked to Charlie Deavers, Tower Chief (now back in Concord) and he was happy that the Young Eagles and the BPPP were both flying this weekend. It was definitely good to see so much activity at Buchanan. If you haven't helped out at one of the Young Eagles programs I suggest you give it a try, just watching the faces of those young aviators as they wait to fly is well worth the time.

If you didn't come to the last dinner you missed not only a great Mexican meal but a terrific speaker – thank you Andrea and Chet – thanks also to Scott, Andrea's better? half, for taking care of the clean up. Taking on one of our dinners is quite a task and I really appreciate those who offer to do this for the club. We still need volunteers for future months, please email [dinners@mdpa.org](mailto:dinners@mdpa.org) if you would like to help. Also, as you have probably heard, John Potter needs help with the Saturday breakfast on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The attendance at these safety meetings is steadily increasing which is great for MDPA, but we need more help with the cooking. It can be fun – John is a CECI – for those of you who are not familiar with that term it is a “Certified Egg Cracker Instructor”.

Still anxiously waiting for news from the General Services Department to give us the status of the old MDPA building – will let you know as soon as I hear something.

Hope to see you at one of the breakfast or dinner meetings and please help out whenever you can.

*Maureen Bell*

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The following three blocks of information are related to activities  
on Saturday, May 5, 2012

### Breakfast

**Saturday**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.  
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

O.K. Cowboy Pilots, having said that, no salad!

We have a chuck wagon team ready to cook at 0800, western style-----sausage gravy again from Rosie's in Benicia, biscuits, pancakes with/without blueberries, bacon & the spiciest sausage we can "git"---o yeah, "eggs a la Weiss." This include non-date expired O.J. and Navy Coffee. Maybe other stuff as well---like grits (if someone walks in the door and knows how to heat water)!

See you at the Safety Forum Roundup!!

Remember, we are all in this breakfast effort "together." I will need cooks every month, so go ahead and tell me when you can do it, 2 cooks at 0800. That way I don't have to come after you with both barrels loaded!

*By John Potter*

### Safety Seminar

**Saturday**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The Saturday "safety seminar" that is held after the breakfast will feature Jerry Alves. His task will be to get the pilots to tell their own stories. This is an excellent opportunity to share a story of your own, some wisdom, or suggestions. It is also a good way to learn something you may not have known about a particular aircraft, quirks of airspace, tricks of getting into and out of challenging airports. A good pilot is always learning.

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### Flyout to Boonville      Saturday      May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

As I'm sure you ALL read in the newsletter, our next fly-in will be to Boonville (D-83) on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Cinco de Mayo. Jim Roberts, my friend and owner of The Madrones Inn, will once again sponsor lunch and is arranging for a couple of wine makers to give presentations at their wine tasting rooms. This event was a big hit last year, and if you've never been to Boonville, you really should try to make it. The airport is in the Alexander Valley about half way between Santa Rosa (STS) and the coast. Jim will provide pick-up and delivery shuttles from the airport to the Inn, which mean that this trip requires a little more coordination than usual. (We all want to arrive about the same time.) So, a couple of things in that regard. **Please e-mail me back** at: [bob@weisscon.com](mailto:bob@weisscon.com) **if you plan to attend, and give be the number of people traveling with you.** (Since Jim is providing lunch, I'd like to give him an approximate head count.) And, please make sure to attend the trip briefing immediately following the safety meeting for coordination purposes. Come to the breakfast and safety meeting, which is being moderated by our very own Jerry Alves. You don't want to miss that!! Invite all of those family, friends and neighbors who have been begging you for an airplane ride and don't forget to invite potential new members! We need to grow our membership!

Bob Weiss

Breakfast starts at 9:00, safety meeting at 10:00, flight briefing 10:35, depart CCR for D-83 11:15, arrive D-83 11:45-12:00, depart D-83 2:30. Anyone not able to attend the breakfast or safety meeting, but still wants to participate in the fly-in, plan to arrive in Boonville between 11:45 and noon.



Cut and paste this link to watch footage of some amazing acrobatic maneuvering

<http://lists.mdpa.org/attachments/8839773ae889e51b7376a868acfba5f80fc37c04.wmv>

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## MDPA Dinner

May18, 2012

hosted by Tracy Peters

The mouthwatering Hawaiian Luau menu includes:

Pulled Kalua Pork      Huli Huli Chicken      Macaroni  
Salad

Strawberry Spinach Macadamia nut salad, Rice.

For dessert:

Pineapple with ice cream

The MDPA monthly dinner for May will be held on Friday the eighteenth at 6:30PM in the clubhouse. The cost is fifteen dollars per person. Watch for your email invitation!

The April meeting was very well attended. Greg Crouch, author of a new book "*China's Wings*" gave a fascinating presentation about the development of aviation in China during the 1930's and 1940's. The program was one of the best we have had in a long time.

The dinner was a delicious Mexican style menu, hosted by Andrea Achelis with assistance from Scott Achelis, Maureen Bell and Elaine Yeary. The meal included homemade chicken enchiladas, chili rellenos and Mexican rice. We all appreciate the huge amount of work that went into the preparation of this meal.

*Contributed by David Thacker  
and Elaine Yeary*

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*April Dinner 2012*



Dinner Host and Hostess  
Andrea and Scott Achelis



Tracy Peters and  
John Potter



Bridgett Peters and future pilots



Foreground: Author Greg Crouch and his father,  
Background: Andrea and Scott Achelis

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## *April Dinner 2012*



Several tables of happy, and full, diners.



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Bob Torrey and  
Bill Landstra



Chet Robbins introducing speaker  
and author: Greg Crouch



Author Greg Crouch signing a copy of his book for Russ Roe

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## 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.



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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY FROM PACIFIC STATES AVIATION.

TO ALL OF YOU FLYING MOMS:

REQUEST FUEL FROM PSA DURING THE MONTH OF MAY AND RECEIVE  
ANOTHER 10 CENTS OFF YOUR MDPA DISCOUNT PRICE.

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Below is the flyer noting the upcoming runway construction project at Buchanan Field Airport, starting Monday, June 4, 2012.

Please note the two longest runways are scheduled to be closed between Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**During this period only Runway 01R/19L (2768' x 75') will be active. Jet aircraft and aircraft greater than 12,500 pounds are prohibited from using Runway 01R/19R.**

Please note that pilots should expect unusual taxi routes during this period.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but since it has been more than 20 years since this runway was last surfaced it is desperately needed.

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