



# MDPA News

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## MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

### June 2018

- 2 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
- 6 Board Meeting*
- 15 Dinner Meeting*

### July 2018

- 4 Board Meeting*
- 7 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
- 20 Dinner Meeting*

### August 2018

- 1 Board Meeting*
- 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
- 17 Dinner Meeting*

## MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

*By John Potter*

### **“HANGAR TALK” HOUR**

Planned for 45 and about 44 showed up. The cooking team was “Adhoc.”

Extraordinary-!!!

I did not get sufficient people to volunteer by the Wednesday deadline so I substituted doughnuts and coffee in the meeting announcement. On Friday, to my amazement, a last minute announcement was made by some hacker announcing breakfast (I was in ER visiting).

A spontaneous cooking team formed that included Knute Fisher, Bruce Hobbs, Pierre Bidou, Jim Coupe, Tom Hammitt and Tony Tiritilli. Finally, grits from Elaine Yeary’s own kitchen.

That was very gratifying for me personally ----- to see the breakfast finally “institutionalized,” something that MDPA does for all the pilots once a month. On the field on that day there is no better deal.

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.

The “Head Cook” Team is divided into three tasks:

- **Head Cook** - Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.
- **Shopping** - Get the food (usually at Costco and Safeway).
- **Set-up** - Prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and store the equipment afterwards.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **MDPA President's Comments**

Maurice Gunderson briefed us once again.

Oil was delivered by Vishal Goyal.

Note: The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is noticed by MDPA. For this to allow an exemption, the aircraft owner must have pre-registered the aircraft on the MDPA website.

### **Director of Airports Comments**

Keith Freitas was not present.

### **MDPA Treasurer's Remarks**

Elaine Yeary was present and collected the donations for the breakfast.

There was one new member, Kevin Anderson.

### **Activities**

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out to San Carlos.

## **SAFETY FORUM**

### **Moderator – Fred Hofstetter**

From Fred himself:

“Well, you shoulda been there. We talked Loss-of-Control, how 80% of it is less than 1000’, and how fast things can go south. Lots of good input from members. We discussed inadvertent flight into IMC and how that can lead to loss-of control. Then we moved to instrument scan and how that could save your life. Attached is the PowerPoint I would have used with various instrument scan techniques. All members weighed in on which they used or liked, and positive/negative points about each. I was happy with the member attention and input. One guy started recording it so you would have to suffer thru it too.”

Fred presented a Power Point series to illustrate the essentials of scanning in the following format:

Attitude, Heading

Attitude, Heading

Attitude, Altitude

Attitude, Heading

& Repeat

***We must look out for each other ---- MDPA's "safety culture".***

## FLY-OUT TO LITTLE RIVER, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

*by Mike Harris*

What a nice time we had at San Carlos and the Hiller Aviation Museum. The museum gets better each time we go as they add and upgrade exhibits. 4 aircraft flew with a total of 8 souls- 3 of the "souls" were young aspiring pilots.

Not all of us went to Hiller. After lunch at the cafe 1 member went to the FBO Seminar and another 2 just enjoyed a stroll. What we all had in common was the challenge navigating the airspace and speaking with the very polite SanCarlos controllers if you get my drift.

Hope to see some of you again at our next flyout to Columbia.



**FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



Buchanan Field Clubhouse –  
200 Buchanan Field Rd Concord  
For details visit the Mount Diablo Pilots  
Association @ [www.MDPA.org](http://www.MDPA.org)

**The Mount Diablo Pilots Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan Field (KCCR) in Concord, California.**

**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 Directors & Officers:**

President - Maurice Gunderson  
Vice President - - Pierre Bidou  
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary  
Secretary - Maureen Bell  
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou  
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**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,**  
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