



MDPA News

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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

November 2018

- 3** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 7** Board Meeting
- 16** Dinner Meeting

December 2018

- 1** Breakfast, Safety Forum - Cancelled. Replaced by Airport "Arrival of Santa Claus" event
- 5** Board Meeting
- 21** Dinner Meeting

January 2019

- 2** Board Meeting
- 5** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 18** Dinner Meeting

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Dennis Stillway, the Head Cook, had almost enough cooks by the Wednesday deadline so I put out the word that we would have breakfast. We had planned for 45 and 42 guests were present. John Ewins did the shopping and we had Marc Ausman and a new member, Yoshie Aoki, cooking. The day was saved by late volunteers, Marc Ausman's 15 year old daughter, Courtney for cooking, and George Grech for set-up. Our Moderator, Craig Rice, also stepped in to help cook. I was amazed how quickly the kitchen got cleaned up, must have been the influence of Courtney and Yoshie!

It is essential that volunteers **!!!!Register!!!!!!!** so that we can have the “right” number of people, and not too many!

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. Failure to register means that we do not know how many will show up.

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

Editor's note:

"From prepared remarks by Maurice Gunderson and read at the meeting by Pierre Bidou since Maurice was out sick."

Thanks to all the Cooks!
Everyone who helped set up!
Everyone who will help clean up!

Welcomes to new MDPA Members & Guests.

Oil Delivery – on the benches.

October Third Friday Dinner and MDPA Elections – Magoo's Grille, Pleasant Hill, Friday, October 19, 2018 @ 6:00 PM.

Bylaws require nominations at September dinner, elections at October dinner. We had to cancel September dinner because too few signed up. Now have 5 directors and all will stay for 2019, but not beyond. We need new volunteers for future of MDPA.

Please think about how you can volunteer!

Most critical need is a Dinner Coordinator!

Thanksgiving Dinner – Joint event MDPA and EAA393

Friday, November 16, 2018 @ 6:00 PM, Clubhouse

Featured Speaker: John Koehler – "Round the World Flight"

Note: The MDPA website homepage has more information on this trip.

Oil orders were available with lower pricing using a new bulk-ordering plan.

Note: The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is noticed by MDPA. For this provision to permit an exemption for showing an aircraft, the aircraft must be registered on the MDPA website for that date in advance.

Director of Airports Comments

Russell ("Blackie") Millburn

- Board of Supervisors hearing to discuss rates and charges changes is to be held October 16th, 2018 at 9:30 in the Board Chambers.
- F-Row reskinning project continues with metal siding being change. Doors expected to arrive end of October, early November.
- Airport emergency exercise week is October 15th-19th at the clubhouse with live fire training each day.
- The John Muir gala will be held November 3rd at the old Apex hangar.
- Airfield painting is progressing. Still have to do 19R and a few more surface painted hold signs.
- TWY B crack seal and slurry seal will be happening October 9th-11th with some additional work on it after that date (repainting).

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary was not present so Pierre Bidou collected the breakfast donations.

Activities

Mike Harris briefed on the planned fly-out. Due to a TFR in the area over the SF Bay, it was decided to pick an alternate. The fly out of 3 aircraft was to Nut Tree.

SAFETY FORUM

The Moderator was Craig Rice. He had an extraordinary background, starting off with several years in the USAF flying F-16s. Afterwards he was engaged in environmental work and marine studies, including oceanography.

His commentary centered on Loss-of-Control accidents. The discussion included:

- fuel starvation,
- spatial disorientation,
- making the aircraft do something that it was not designed to do,
- encountering birds (if you can see the bird's tonsils, you have a problem),
- distractions,
- landing with a strong tail wind,
- inadvertently going VFR into to IFR conditions, and
- catastrophic failure of something on the aircraft.

Historical perspective from old CCR days – Guy Black

Guy had some points, reemphasizing how quick forming ice can cause you to spiral out of control. The other item was running out of fuel, a very unexplainable thing to do.

We must look out for each other --- MDPAs "safety culture".

FLY-OUT TO CASTLE AIRPORT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

Our original plans on this crystal clear day was to fly to half Moon Bay however there was a large TFR over the San Francisco Bay due to Fleet week. I did consider doing a run around the TFR but was not comfortable with the last-minute logistics so my second choice was Harris Ranch.

Three pilots and I discussed our options and in the end we actually decided on the Nut Tree Airport. Two pilots had never been there so even though it was a short trip it was well worth it. We ended up with three aircraft and seven souls of which two souls where children.

Nut Tree airport was easy to get to and we landed without incident despite some gusty winds.

One note of caution, we discovered the CTAF frequency listed by the FAA on the current chart did not match the frequency in the current AFD. The AFD was the correct frequency.

I did turn in a report regarding this on the FAA website. After landing we had an excellent lunch at Fentons ice cream restaurant and took a look inside the jelly belly outlet store. The kids played on a little playground set up outside the restaurant and ran around having a good time.

We all had a nice time despite the short trip.

If no one wants to be the fly out coordinator for 2019 I will continue and repeat the same fly outs as 2018 with some modifications. I can always use a backup Pilot to lead out the flights in case I'm not able to make it.

I would like to also thank the backup pilots who lead out the flights during 2018. Also thank you for all your suggestions during 2018. Perhaps by 2020 we can take some longer overnight trips. Please let me know if you have any suggestions. Thank you again for allowing me to serve our club's needs.

Mike Harris



MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018 @ 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

Our annual meeting was held on Friday October 19th at Magoo's Grille in Pleasant Hill. The five existing directors had previously agreed to continue their commitment for one more year which was voted upon and confirmed by all in attendance.

Maureen Bell, Pierre Bidou, Maurice Gunderson, DeWitt Hodge, and Elaine Yeary.

The directors in turn will nominate managers to help with the work necessary to run a successful club. Several positions are open and we are hoping some members will step forward to bring new ideas and help continue the traditions of MDPA, which have been a large part of Buchanan Field for so many years. We cannot get steeped in traditions though, we have to continually strive for improvements and newer, better ways of running our club. We need your help and ideas so please let us hear from you.



Remember to book early for our Thanksgiving meal as, once again, we will be sharing this event with EAA and expect a large turnout. More details to follow.

A warm welcome to the many new members in the club, a few being David and Kelley Griest and Kevin and Sue Anderson who joined us at the dinner. Invite your friends to one of our events, they don't have to be a member to attend but if they come and have a good time they may decide this is something they would like to be a part of.



On the right is Bob Thompson from PSA, next to him is new member David Griest with his wife Kelley, next to her is Sue Anderson with her husband Kevin sitting across from her.



Pierre Bidou, Michael Jahn, Maurice Gunderson, Tom Johnson, Kevin Anderson

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

**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
Facilities - DeWitt Hodge

MDPA Managers:

Safety Forums – John Potter
Newsletter & Social Media - Natasha Doktorova
Executive Chef – Scott Davis
DART Program – DeWitt Hodge
Members' Aviation Oil Program – Vishal Goyal

**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,
do not send mail to the clubhouse address, use the USPS address instead:
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