



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: Jan 23 2004
Place: Flames Café and Bar
Dinner: 7:30PM
Program: 8:30PM
Board Meeting:
Jan 20 2004 6:30 PM

**Important Update: Installion Dinner Changed to Jan 23
See Page 2 for Details**

President's Message for January 2004

I'm sitting here in my office looking out at solid sheets of rain coming down bouncing off the airplanes, with winds gusting to 20 kts. I guess its better that I write this instead of flying today! I hope this newsletter finds you having had a great holiday season and looking forward to a fun and exciting New Year of flying. We have been busy the last few weeks planning some events for this year; so let's get started!

First, the dates; I'm always bad with these, so I want to get them out of the way. January Board Meeting will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 20, at 6:30 PM. The Installation Dinner will be on that Friday, January 23, at 7:00 PM. The dinner will be held at Flames in Walnut Creek. I've never been there, but the word is that its nice and they have a good place for us to meet. I hope most of you will make it. There will be more info to follow, along with RSVP instructions, etc. Just get it on your calendar!

And now for the flying stuff! Next year, Bill Landstra, your trip coordinator, has got a ton of great places to fly to. He'll be outlining some of the early trips at the dinner. (You are going to be at YOUR installation dinner, aren't you Bill?) We've got 2 big trips in the works. First is the annual trip to La Paz in Baja. That is always a great trip, and a good one to practice going out of the country. We have had wonderful times at Bill and Suzie's house in La Paz and have stayed in some most interesting and beautiful locations along the way. The second big trip is going to occur during the first part of August. We are organizing a trip to Alaska. This will be a fly, camp, fish, fly trip. A great adventure in a great big wilderness area! We are just getting the details worked out; let me know if you want to be on the email list for details as they become available. I think we already have 2 or 3 planes going. In addition, we will have a number of day trips and shorter weekend trips for folks to enjoy.

On the business front, we will have a budget finalized by the February meeting, and hope to get the plane exhibit and non-profit transfer underway. All in all, a busy first quarter!

Again, I hope to see you at the Installation Dinner. Blue Skies and Tail winds.

Richard Roberts



Who is the mystery MDPA member, Get it right and get a beer. Must be present at the Installation Dinner.

If you're not currently a member ...

Join MDPA!

MDPA membership has many benefits, including discounts on tie-downs, fuel and services. Dues are \$120 (\$60 for half-year beginning July 1) and should be sent to:

MDPA
PO BOX 273073
Concord, Ca 94520

Treasurer's Report

Not counting early membership renewals, we finished the year with all bills paid and just \$797 in the bank. This year we survived only because individual members donated over \$1500.

The clubhouse costs approximately \$12,000 per year to operate. While part of this cost can be earned by fundraising activities and dinner profits, the majority is paid by your \$120 annual membership.

We have 32 memberships paid to date. A new fuel discount list will come out at the end of January. Will your name be on it? If you have not sent in your renewal, please do it right away.

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MDPA INSTALLATION DINNER 2004

DATE: Friday, January 23, 2004

TIME: 6:30PM Cocktails

7:30PM Dinner

8:30PM Presentations

PLACE:

“Flames” Cafe & Bar—Walnut Creek (Formerly “Primavera”)
2929 North Main Street (North of Treat Blvd intersection) 925/930-7775
Parking in back of the restaurant (enter restaurant through rear gate).

DINNER:

Salad/Entrée/Dessert/Coffee or Tea

No Host Bar

COST:

\$40/each---includes 18% gratuity, 8% tax and a small donation to the club

RSVP:

Direct to John Potter Email: 103107.674@compuserve.com

Fax: 707/745-1028

Before COB Monday, 01/19/03 Space limited - first come, first serve.

(Your RSVP must be confirmed to be validated.).

No shows will be billed.

Entre Information

“Puttanesca”—Penne with capers, kalamata olives and garlic in a sauce

“Sun-Dried”—Linguine with chicken breast, broccoli, mushrooms &

Sun-Dried tomatoes in a creamy sauce

“White Clam”—Linguine with wine clam sauce

“Pasta Jamblyaya”—Fettuccine with shrimp, chicken breast, andouille
sausage and mushrooms in a creamy Cajun sauce

CLUBHOUSE SECURITY TO BE INCREASED

After much discussion and in light of the recent increase in airport security to level Orange, the MDPA Board of Directors recently voted to increase security at the clubhouse by changing the combination on the clubhouse auto gate and restricting access through this gate to only those who have a demonstrated need for access to the MDPA ramp. Pedestrian access through the clubhouse itself and the adjacent walk-in gate will remain unchanged.

Facilities Director, Russ Roe, is currently preparing an initial access list and plans to change the combination on January 15th. It is anticipated that this list will initially include club officers; members with aircraft tied down on the MDPA ramp and selected other MDPA members on a case-by-case basis. Emergency contacts will be posted in the clubhouse and at the gate itself once the combination has been changed and the gate combination will no longer be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

If you feel you have a definite need for auto access through this gate please contact Russ by email at facilities@mdpa.org or by phone at 925-228-0138.

Thanks for your support in maintaining airport security.

Treasures from the 2003 Holiday Party



John Potter: You've RSVPed haven't you!



Rich Roberts: Looking for a few new members



Rachel Hoffmann: Looking for a few new students



Remains of the Night



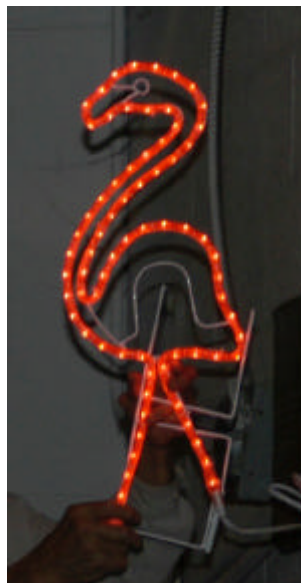
I picked it



Our Home



We stole it



The most sought after Gift



But I GOT it

LEO SAUNDERS TO RETIRE AS AOPA ASN VOLUNTEER FOR CCR

After three years of dedicated service to the Concord airport community, MDPA member Leo Saunders recently announced his intention to step down as CCR AOPA Airport Support Network volunteers at the end of 2003.

After considering a number of qualified nominees from the CCR pilot community, long time MDPA member and Evans, was selected Support Network this important announcement of the expected shortly MDPA would long and faithful to AOPA and wish activities that are new venture with his and well-known local aviation pundit, Peter Propstrike.



past president, Dave by the AOPA airport team to succeed Leo in position. A formal new appointment is from AOPA. like to thank Leo for his service as our pipeline him luck in his new rumored to include a long time flying buddy,

Members who have concerns that they would like to have communicated to AOPA are encouraged to contact Dave via the AOPA Airport Support Network web page at <http://www.aopa.org/advocacy> or by local telephone at 925-685-0921.

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Blue Skies and Tailwinds To:

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