



Meeting Notice

Date: February 16, 2007
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30PM
Program: 7:00PM
Board Meeting: Feb. 14th

the North American weather from their satellites, it is amazing to watch moisture from the equator effect weather in Mexico and half of America.

So how is MDPA doing? Well, we have had a very good year. Our news letters are great and on time. Thank you Steve and crew. We have had some great trips, two International and several local trips that were great. The dinners have been just outstanding. To all the trip leaders and those hosting dinners, thank you. MDPA can't exist without your help.



Moon bay for lunch! Please step forward and help. Dave Evans conducted a survey and found that most of the respondents want shorter trips, those \$100.00 dollar hamburger trips seem to be a favorite. So get out those travel books and find someplace you want to go and invite the MDPA club along on your trip.

Don't forget to pay your dues! Only about 60% of you have signed up this year. Please send your \$120.00 in soon. That works out to only \$10.00 per month and being a member will save you that each month in just the gas discount.

See you at the Breakfast on Feb. 3rd. Keep the blue side up

MDPA news

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Presidents Message Jan. 07

By Vince Siebern

What a difference one year makes. Last year we had rain and floods, this year we have nothing so far. If you listen to the weather channel or read the papers you would think we were going to perish from lack of water due to that evil global warming! Ask the people in Denver about global warming, they have been slammed this year with one storm after another. Personally I think we have had a persistent high off the coast sending most of our rain North to Oregon and Washington, but I guess that opinion is not politically correct. Do look at the NOAA website and view

We lost our activities director, Gianna, and are looking for her replacement. Do I have anyone that would like to plan our trips? If so please call me. To see the proposed trips go to our website and click on EVENTS CALENDAR then TRIPS. There you can pick one you want to lead and run with that trip. Or you can say I want to go to Phoenix for golf in May and lead that trip. If Phoenix is a little too far away you could take a group of us to say Half

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Where are You?

By John Levy

We still need a few good men and women. . .

to renew their MDPA membership! Or, maybe, you could recruit a brand new member! OK, so this is really just a friendly “nudge” to write that dues check now, while you’re thinking about it.

Why is MDPA membership a good thing? How about all those great dinners! How about a chance to be a real celebrity chef? Well, you’ll have to wait ‘til next year for celebrity status, because dinners for 2007 have all been snapped up.

Support CCR with your membership. MDPA is one of the strongest voices heard in support of CCR—it’s YOUR airport—and we want YOU to be a part of that voice!

And, don’t forget the fuel discount, courtesy of PSA! As Vince said, if you fly the average plane for sixty hours, that discount will pay for your membership. And, if you fly more, maybe you can make your flying profitable (just kidding!).

RENEW NOW!

Home is Where You Feel Comfortable

By Lorraine Bartneck

My name is Lorraine Bartneck the new MDPA Facility manager. I hope that eventually everyone will be able to know who I am by sight and feel free to approach me with any ideas or suggestions regarding the clubhouse.

Let me tell you a little about my self. My husband Leo and I own Diablo Marine & Trailer Service where you will normally find us 6 days a week.

I started to learn how to fly about 24 years ago and was unable to finish. Now I am starting from the beginning with my flying lessons with a wonderful instructor Bob Everett. Thank goodness he has a lot of patience with me.

Being the MDPA facility manager will keep me surrounded by what I consider one of the loves of my life.

My goals are to hopefully make MDPA the place to come to do your flight plans etc. I would like to thank Dave Evans and Maureen Bell for all of their help in cleaning and organizing the club house, especially the office! We had many unauthorized science experiments in that office!

Please as I’ve said before, if you have any suggestions or questions, you can call, leave a note or e-mail me.

See you around the clubhouse!

If YOU would like to drop comments/suggestions at the club house just put it in the Misc spot next to the office door.





Diane Siebern



John Potter and Guest



Jerry Alves and George Ann Garms



Bill Ellis & Guest



Bob Weiss & Maureen Bell



Steve Crews

CRAB DINNER 2007

By Richard Roberts

This year's crab feed was another culinary triumph of fresh crab, barbecued ball tip, salad and a variety of fruit pies. I got there with the meat just in time to see Vince, Diane, Pat M. and many others feverishly getting the place ready. Lorraine had already cleaned the joint, so it was just a matter of set up. What a surprise for Vince when he got there! I then realized that I'd left my computer, with the pictures of Germany, at my office. Vince and I ran back to get it, Pat and Brian E. started the BBQ, and the crab started appearing in large pans. Once we got back, I also took my turn, but Pat made sure I got some heat for the oversight! John and Bev and a cast of thousands got all the food out ready to serve. Six thirty rolled around and, by golly, we had everything out, lines formed up and folks were eating! And eating and eating, no one went home hungry, that's for sure.

After dinner, I showed some pictures of our trip to Germany, and the Aviation club we happened upon. The crab was snow white, succulent and absolutely the best on the planet. The meat was tender, juicy and all gone by the end of the night. We sold a few bags of excess crab, made a few hundred bucks and the night was another success.

Everyone helped clean up, lead by John P., and the event was history by 9:30.

Next month Vince and Diane are going to prepare "Honey Mustard Chicken with Roses". It sounds pretty interesting and cultured to me; I can't wait to see it. I've never eaten a rose before, but I will bet Diane's are the best! Come, dine with friends, and eat the meal that inspired Shakespeare, "...a rose by any other name is...honey mustard chicken."

And my parting shot (I love this pun!):

Why does MDPA serve crab every year? Because we wouldn't want anyone to think we were shellfish!

See ya next month!

We have a limited number of MDPA logo Items available at a discount.

Jackets \$15 Coffee Mugs \$ 2 T-Shirts \$ 3

Contact Facilities Manager, Lorraine Bartneck, facilities@mdpa.org if you are interested or look for her merchandise table at the next MDPA dinner.

Dinner and Guest Speaker Schedule

- February: Vince & Diane Siebern's Valentines Day Special – Honey Mustard Chicken with Roses.
 - Speaker will be: Dan Sorkin. Dan is an 80 year old CFII with 5000+ hours who has flown around the world in a Piper Apache. He was a radio personality at KSFO from 1964-1976. He is also the founder, CEO and President of "Stumps R Us", a whimsical amputee support foundation.
- March: Tracy & Bridget Peter's to present a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner.
 - Speaker will be: Jim Mikkelson, the Director of Maintenance at PSA
- April: CASINO NIGHT! ENJOY...
 - Speaker will be Maureen Bell speaking on the EVILS of Gambling.
- May: Lorraine Bartneck BBQ'ed Short Ribs and Fried Rice.
 - Speaker will be Jason Ralph, the KCCT Tower Chief
- June: Richard Roberts & Pat Miller will cook up "Brats" in onions and Beer with Ranch Beans.
- July: Vince Siebern will host an Old Fashioned Summer Picnic with Hot Dogs and Hamburgers.
- August: (Your Name Here...)
- September: Pat & Nancy Miller will treat us to their annual Chilli Dinner.
- October: Steve & Diane Kennedy will host Halloween fare.
- November: Richard and Kathy Roberts will present us with their Portuguese Sopas Festa.
- December: The Annual MDPA Holiday Party with Turkey and Ham provided by MDPA and you bring your favorite side dish and gift for the gift exchange.

**MDPA TRIPS
Proposed**

Feb 24	Chester	Day trip	Dave Evans
March	Shelter Cove	Lunch	
April	Copper Canyon, Mexico	5-6 days	Vince
May	Las Vegas	weekend	Vince
May	Baja	Memorial	Bill Lanstra
May	Borrego Valley	2-3 day	
June	Ashland Or	3 days	John Levy
July	South lake Tahoe		
August	Sun River Oregon	2-3 days	
September	Catalina	2-3 days	Lorraine
Oct	St George Utah	2-3 days	
Nov	Palm Springs	2 day	
Dec	off		



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CRAB!

Maureen Bell & Pat Holwett

DAY TRIP TO CHESTER

Looking for a way to go and see some snow? Come with MDPA to Chester, CA on Saturday, February 24.

Weather permitting we will fly to Chester (Rogers Field Airport O05), next to Lake Almanor, 143 nm heading 015 from Concord.

Plan to arrive late morning and walk into town for lunch, shopping and whatever before returning later in the afternoon.

If you're interested in going, send a note to Dave Evans, the trip organizer at chester@mdpa.org to get full details.

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With the New Year bringing in weather concerns wouldn't it be nice to have weather in the cockpit

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