



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date:	September 17, 2010
Place:	MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner:	6:30 PM
Program:	7:00 PM
Board Meeting:	September 1, 2010

September 2010 Presidents Message **Steve Kennedy**

Some people think of September as being the start of the end of the year activities. Actually, in a lot of ways, it's the beginning of the year. It's the start of the school year for students and teachers. It's the start of the new television season, although,

many would call that the end of life as we know it. It's also the beginning of some beautiful flying weather. In autumn we get some crystal clear and calm days. But things can also be unpredictable. As autumn sort of drifts into winter, the weather can be beautiful one day, and terrible the next. During the spring and summer it's easy to just check the FAA or AOPA website for TFR's and then go, but as we move into this time of year the importance of a weather briefing can't be overstated. We want to make sure all of our members can make it to the Christmas party, so be smart out there.

We have some great dinners lined up for the rest of the year. In September, our past president Pat Miller will do his annual chili dinner for us. In October Herbert and Kim Cole are planning an out of site October Fest. For November, no one really likes to cook for MDPA and then go home and cook Thanksgiving dinner. So Diane Kennedy is looking for a "participatory" Mexican dinner where multiple people contribute a dish. We'll have more about this as we get closer to the date. December will be our usual Holiday party. And then in January, we'll have our installation dinner. That's quite a lineup we have for the rest of the year.

Our VP of Activities, Vince Siebern is planning a trip on September 9-12 to Sedona AZ. Sedona is a mecca in the southwest for art lovers, shoppers, and people just looking to relax. If you're interested contact Vince.

If you missed our August dinner, and many of you did, you missed a great presentation by two CHP officers. We met Gary Wareham (pilot) and Tony Jackson (flight officer). They are one of the pilots and flight officers for fixed wing operations out of Napa Airport. They fly a C-182 and T-206. What a couple of great guys. They had wonderful stories, about their training, their missions, and some of the suspects. One story was about a BMW 5 series being clocked at 153 MPH. (No, it wasn't me!) These speakers were just the culmination of a wonderful year of speakers. We've had everything from authors, to police officers, to Hollywood movies. Boy, if you're not one of our regular dinner guests, you sure have missed some great times.

So, as we start the home stretch of this year, or if you prefer to think of it as the beginning of the new season, think about all the things that MDPA has to offer. Why not invite a friend to one of our dinners? We have a lot to offer at the dinners, at our safety breakfasts, and with our membership. Remember in January, when I said the theme for this year was "bring a friend, sign a friend". It's not too late. All of this and we offer fuel discounts everyday and even more of a discount on the day of a breakfast.

Until Next Month,

Respectfully,

Steve.

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2010 Dinner Schedule

September - Chili - Pat Miller

October - Oktoberfest - Kim & Herb
Cole

November - Taco Bar - Group Effort
-(Volunteers Needed)

December - Christmas Party - MDPA
Main Course, Potluck Side and the
infamous MDPA Gift Exchange

2010 Proposed Trips

September: Trip to Sedona AZ. Thursday
through Sunday, September 9-12

October: Trip to Sun River Oregon. Weekend
for hiking and golf

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.



Everyone has to pay

Bev & John Levy

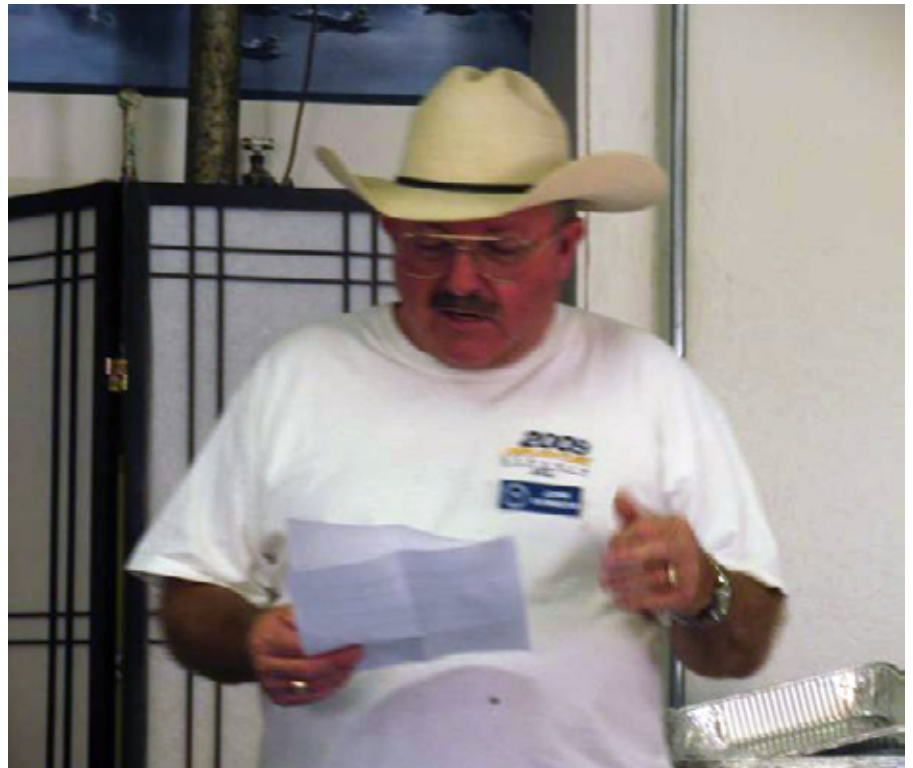


Waiting for dinner is the hardest part



The food line

John Summers and the
History of Brats



CHP Speakers
Gary Wareham (Pilot)
Tony Jackson (Flight Officer)



Staff Photographer
Kevin Kennedy



Cheryl & John Summers

Dan Sorkin, Steve Kennedy,
Bob Torrey





The Little Man

MDPA Breakfast and Safety Clinic

John Potter, Moderator

Saturday, 9/4/10

Great breakfast! Sausage & bacon by John Verhoek, pancakes ala blueberries of choice by Bob Weiss, eggs over anyway you wanted by our “Presidente” Steve Kennedy. Thanks guys.

We had to backtrack for a moment. Last month we talked about CO and I made a quote from a noted aviation doctor that Home Depot CO detectors are not adequate for aircraft detection. This week I read an AOPA story of a ruptured exhaust where the home CO detector saved the day--pilot lived because it did indeed activate effectively, twice!

Then we got into the discussion of “stabilized approaches” for light aircraft. First presented was the AOPA article by renowned writer Thomas Horne of the merits of it, and then, in the very next article, a rejoinder by AOPA youngin’ Hirschman, where there is no merit in such an approach for light aircraft.

Interesting!

We discussed this dichotomy, recognizing that Horne has a “BIG IRON” mentality. The young buck took him on by saying that “stabilized approaches” are “hazardous” and “dangerous.” That got us into a video of BIG IRON (mostly) trying to land at an airport in New Zealand with incredible “unstabilized” conditions. We posed in each case, was it a “crab” or a “slip?” Really exciting to see a B-747 crabbing at 40 degrees off the centerline and then, with a great deal of finesse, “kick it out” at touchdown. Question? Is such a kick-out after a crab nothing more than a “slip” executed at the last moment? Steve Kennedy reminded us as a reminder that there are variants of slips -- you know, “forward” and “side.” Right?



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