



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: June 17, 2011
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: June 1, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maureen Bell

Well, it's raining again, so maybe a good time to start on June "summer's" newsletter.

Last month, I had promised you the most fantastic group of speakers ever and boy, was I right! Even though I was sick and couldn't attend that evening, I have been told that it was the best ever. For those of you who missed it, the speakers were our own group -- Felix had a poster board ready with questions the members had to answer, such as date of first solo, most memorable flight, etc., and from what I've heard, we have a very entertaining group. Many thanks to Elaine for organizing the Maverick's tri-tip and chicken dinner.

Our monthly safety meetings and fly outs are becoming very popular and this month's will be no exception, so line up your friends and get ready for Watts-Woodland next Saturday June 11. Don't forget to have MDPA added as an additional insured on your policy.

June 17 will be *Casino Nite* once again and we have decided to hold it in our clubhouse instead of PSA. It's quite a job to move all the tables and chairs, plus casino equipment down the street and set up and then return it all after the meeting. So, sign up early as this will be catered as usual and we have a cut-off date of June 14 for ordering the food. Dinner and playing chips will be \$15.00 and we will have prizes for the lucky winners.

Check the MDPA website for ordering the new logowear. We think you will be happy with the selections available. You order directly from them but be advised there is a shipping charge of \$6.00 per order, so get a friend to order with you and save.

We need to attract new members to keep the clubhouse viable -- it does provide many benefits to us which would be difficult to obtain in a hangar or meeting once a month at Denny's. Think back to some of the excellent dinners and speakers we have had, the safety meetings and fly outs, the excellent library. We could not do these without a clubhouse, so once again, I encourage you to bring a friend, introduce them to our world and sign up another member; it's just \$55.00 for the remainder of this year. In August we will be having an Open House, which will include a membership drive -- more details to follow.

I am sorry to say I was told last week that Ralph Foltz, a member who had just rejoined this year, recently passed away. Each time I saw him at either the dinners or a safety meeting I know he enjoyed himself so much being among his fellow aviators. We will miss him and send our best wishes to his family.

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June 2011 Dinner

Casino Nite - sponsored by Maureen Bell

Catered Dinner

Then watch as the MDPA clubhouse turns
into the Casino at Monte Carlo. Look for James
Bond at the roulette table.

Upcoming Programs

June 17, 2011

Casino Nite in the MDPA Clubhouse

July 15, 2011

Rhu Bigay, Aviation Artist

August 19, 2011

Mountain Flying

MDPA Activities

June 11th - Watts-Woodland (O41) for lunch at the Club

July 2nd - Georgetown (E-36) for a picnic lunch

August 6th - MDPA Open House along with 65th Anniversary of
Buchanan Field - Pilots and aircraft for static display
wanted

September 3rd - Santa Ynez (IZA) for overnight stay in Solvang
Stop at Oceano (L52) on Sunday on the way back
to CCR

October 1st - Little River (LLR) for lunch in Mendocino

November 5th - Auburn (AUN) for lunch at Wings Grill

December 3rd - Harris (308) for Holiday lunch at Harris Ranch

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.

JUNE FLY-IN TO WATTS-WOODLAND

Hi everyone. As you are looking outside pondering when the heck summer is finally going to arrive, my long range forecast indicates beautiful, sunny weather starting on Wednesday, June 8th. So, what that means is the weather will be fantastic for our Second Annual visit to Watts-Woodland (O41), for our Country Club lunch on Saturday, June 11th. There are no excuses not to join in. It's a very short flight to a wonderful setting for lunch. Just remember to wear a shirt with a collar, polo shirt or otherwise, so that we can sit inside the club, if we choose to. Last year, because we didn't know the club rules, we were relegated to the outside patio; which actually turned out to be a real plus. Bruce Watts will play host again, and he's looking forward to seeing ALL of the "old" faces as well as new ones. Make hour arrangements, bring friends, family, or anyone who has been begging you for an airplane ride!

For all of you forward thinkers out there, the July 2nd fly-in will be to Georgetown (E36) for a picnic lunch. What better way to celebrate the Fourth of July, and summer having finally arrived. We'll figure out whether it will be a BYO lunch or cold cuts for sandwich making following the breakfast, but either way, mark your calendars and line up your passengers.

See you for breakfast and the safety meeting next Saturday. Stay dry.

Bob Weiss

MAY MEETING

The most interesting group of pilots you'll probably ever meet. Ourselves. One of our very best meetings. And a very good barbecue dinner, too.



Felix asked:

1. What got you interested in flying?
2. What year did you solo?
3. What aircraft do you fly most often?
4. What is your most memorable flying experience? Good or bad.

The answers from the most interesting group of pilots were fascinating.



Felix Boston started the discussion.



How to hold the interest of your audience.
Let them talk about themselves.





Sherry & Russ Roe, Betty Dunn, Jay
McCartney, Pat Peters



Jesse & Marie Williams



Patricia & Dick Rihn
Joyce & Nils Parson



Bev & John Levy, Bob Belshe,



John Levy



Maverick's catering



Patty Gilchrist, John & Cheryl Summers

JUNE SAFETY MEETING/BREAKFAST

Change of Date! Saturday, June 11, 2011

9:00am MDPA Clubhouse

One week later than usual. Followed by Watts-Woodland fly in.

OPEN COCKPIT DAY

Sunday, May 29, 2011 was the annual Open Cockpit Day at the Castle Air Museum at Atwater, CA. On Memorial Day weekend, many of the wonderful aircraft, mostly WWII vintage, are opened to visitors. Docents, many of whom flew the very aircraft on display, are available to answer questions and tell fascinating stories of life and flying.



Fuel Prices 100 LL as of June 1, 2011

PSA:	MDPA price \$5.65/gal	Retail \$5.80/gal
Sterling:	MDPA price \$5.61/gal	Retail \$5.81/gal
	Safety Clinic Breakfast price (MDPA members only) \$5.36/gal	

August 6, 2011

MDPA Open House Membership Event - Join MDPA and celebrate Buchanan Field 65th Anniversary

**Food
Airplane Display
Information
Prizes**

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Blue Skies and Tailwinds to:

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an association of aviation enthusiasts"-
aircraft owners, renters, students and
affiliates are welcome.***

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