



# MDPA news

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## Meeting Notice

**Date:** September 16, 2011  
**Place:** MDPA Clubhouse  
**Dinner:** 6:30 PM  
**Program:** 7:00 PM  
**Board Meeting:** September 7, 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Can you believe it's September already -- I haven't noticed the time flying by, because there has been so much going on at MDPA. We had a successful Open House, the last couple of fly outs have been very well attended, and, according to those who participated, a lot of fun. Our dinners are just getting better, month by month, we've had about ten new members sign up and the safety meetings have been extremely interesting and even though our moderator tends to encourage different points of view, so far, no fist fights.

Are you ready for the Peters Family Greek Kabobs? Well, don't forget to put the 16th of September on your calendar. We will also have that great photographer Bill Larkins as our speaker.

September is also the month we need to decide who will be on the board for next year and John Potter has agreed to head up a nominating committee -- if you would like to participate in that process or even consider taking a position on the board, please contact myself or John Potter.

John Davi of the EAA has installed a great bookcase in the clubhouse and it is now filled with all kinds of aviation books. We encourage all members to make use of this library, check out a book, sign the sheet on the clipboard and return when finished.

A reminder that MDPA logo wear is now available -- check the link on our webpage to see each item and choice of color.

The weather is perfect for flying, fuel prices are coming down, Buchanan is located in a great area and MDPA is the place to be, so please continue to encourage your friends and neighbors to come with you and enjoy the many benefits we have to offer.

Until next time,

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## Events and Programs

- September 16, 2011 Peters Family Greek Dinner  
Menu: Greek style beef & chicken kabobs;  
vegetables; rice; salad; dessert  
Speaker: William Larkins - photographer  
show and discussion of photos taken of  
Buchanan Field from day one in 1946
- October 21, 2011 MDPA Meeting  
Speaker: Dana Drenkowski - Part II  
Operation Linebacker
- November 18, 2011 MDPA Meeting  
Speaker: Dave Ringler - Patriots Jet Team  
from Byron

## MDPA Activities

- October 1, 2011 Auburn (AUN) for lunch at Wings Grill
- November 5, 2011 TBD
- December 3, 2011 Harris (308) for Holiday Lunch at  
Harris Ranch

Our fly-in to Salinas (SNS) on September 3rd was somewhat questionable because of morning overcast conditions, but the weather gods were shining on MDPA and the clouds and sunny skies prevailed when we arrived. It was already a little bit hazy and the fire department was burning the underbrush along the taxiways and runways, trying their best to simulate IFR conditions. It was interesting... Anyway, we had a relatively new group join in this adventure. I flew with Jerry Alves in his Baron, Richard Roberts flew in his v-tail Bonanza, John Potter and Felix flew down in his Commander (John took the opportunity to fly the ILS approach, and I think ATC routed him to King City because it took him a LONG time to arrive.) Knute flew down in his Cherokee, and Duane and his lovely wife joined us in their C-182RG. We had a nice lunch at the terminal building and enjoyed lots of hangar and submarine talk -- particularly some of Jerry's exploits from his last trip to Alaska and John's submariner experience in the Navy. As always, it was a great

### 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.

way to spend a few hours. Everyone should try to participate in October.

And speaking of October, the fly-in will be on Saturday, October 1st, and I think we'll shoot for lunch in Auburn (AUN). I'd originally planned to fly to Little River, but there's no convenient way to get from Little River to the town of Mendocino, and weather can be an issue. Auburn has a good on field restaurant and anyone interested can venture into the Sierra foothills for some sightseeing on the way to and from. So, mark your calendars for October 1st and line up family, friends and anyone who's been asking you for an airplane ride to come along. And, don't forget to invite potential new MDPA members. WE NEED TO GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP!



Knute Fisher, Bob Weiss, Jerry Alves, Felix Boxtton, Duane Allen, Mrs. Allen, Richard Roberts, John Potter



Richard Roberts & Felix Boston welcoming John Potter to SNS after his long IFR x-country



Mark Young and Chet Robbins



Food line & waiting for dinner



Bill Landstra & Steve Kennedy



The Little Man with the Aloha Spirit, wearing his MDPA Logo T-shirt



Waiting for dinner

Felix introducing the speakers, from the Truckee Airport



**Fuel Prices 100LL as of September 3, 2011**

PSA:	MDPA price \$5.42/gal	Retail \$5.57/gal
Sterling:	MDPA price \$5.35/gal	Retail \$5.55/gal
	Safety Clinic Breakfast price (MDPA members only) \$5.10/gal	

## Safety Meeting, Saturday, September 3, 2011

Coordinator: Felix Boston

Discussion: Which phase of flight is more troublesome to the pilot: takeoff or landing?

Majority opinion was that landing is more critical. However, takeoffs present problems as well.

### Mystery Airports

Do you recognize these airports? Hints: all may be found within 300nm of CCR, on the San Francisco and Klamath Falls Sectional Charts; landing legally at some of them may be problematic.



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## COME SEE WHY WE'RE DIFFERENT

Come take advantage of our oil change special and meet our new Director of Maintenance, Mike Coberly! Get the oil changed on your aircraft for as little as \$109!\* If you call us before October 15 to schedule an oil change you can take advantage of this incredible deal!

\*Some restrictions apply. Call for details.

Mystery answers: 1 Carmel Valley; 2, 3 McBeth Klamath Glen; 4, 5 Weaverville; 6 Bonny Doon

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Blue Skies and Tailwinds to:

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First Class Mail  
Address Correction Requested

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