



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: October 21, 2011
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: November 2, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Does your mind ever go completely blank?

I sure hope so –as I don't want to be the only one. I sat down to write something for the newsletter and I couldn't think of a thing to say (I know some of you are saying "that's unusual for her!").

Anyway, I'll start with the things I have to say:

Bob Lively let us display his prop in the old clubhouse and it seems to have disappeared. If anyone can recall where it was stored when we moved, please let me know as he would like to find it for sentimental reasons. If you see one lying around, his name is printed on the back, so please check.

October dinner promises to be exciting – by popular demand we have Maverick's BBQ returning, plus Dana Drenkowski will be back to finish telling us about Operation Linebacker. October is also the month for deciding who will be on your Board for next year so come prepared to nominate or volunteer – don't worry, we only have a couple of open positions.

In November get ready for David Ringler, Executive Director of the Patriots Jet Team Foundation, paired with Jennifer and Shari from PSA, cooking a delicious Indian themed dinner (don't be surprised if you see Pradeep in the kitchen somewhere).

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Those members who attended our recent Open House will recall seeing the Huey on display and in the air later when it was flying veterans around, well, they were also on display at Reno and after the unfortunate incident, transported several of the wounded to local hospitals. Our thanks to the owners and pilots, Ray Murphy, Tim Horrell, Brent Marker and David Dean., they all did so much to help that day. I am glad we have such great people based at Concord, they are truly an asset to our airport.



One final item -- the dues next year will be **REDUCED** to \$99.00 and we'll keep the same rates as now for students, instructors and mechanics. So, I'll finish with that good news and look forward to seeing you for the dinner October 21.

Until next time,

Maureen Bell

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.

Events and Programs

- October 21, 2011 MDPA Meeting
 Maverick's BBQ Dinner
 Menu: Ribs; Smoked Chicken; Coleslaw; Beans; Pasta Salad;
 Bread; Dessert
 Speaker: Dana Drenkowski - Part II
 Operation Linebacker
- November 18, 2011 MDPA Meeting
 Indian Dinner
 Speaker: Dave Ringler - Patriots Jet Team from Byron
- December 3, 2011 Fly-in to Harris (308) for Holiday
 Lunch at Harris Ranch
- December 16, 2011 MDPA Holiday Party

Safety Meeting, Saturday, October 1, 2011

Coordinator: John Levy

Discussion: Which do pilots feel presents the greater risk -- takeoffs or landings?
Majority opinion was that landing is more critical. However, there are risks to consider with each takeoff.

September Meeting



Speaker William Larkins, aviation photographer and historian; Tillie Larkins, first Airport Secretary at Buchanan Field; Pradeep



Greek Dinner cooks Pat Peters & Tracy Peters

Pat & Tracy Peters with Pradeep





Maureen Bell, Pat Peters, Jennifer

Maureen, Felix Boston, Bill Larkins





Cheryl & John Summers,
David Thacker

Susie & Bill Landstra,
Doris & Ralph Davis





Dave & Anne Caruso,
MDPA guests

Tillie & Bill Larkins



Fuel Prices 100LL as of October 13, 2011

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| PSA: | MDPA price \$5.06/gal | Retail \$5.21/gal |
| Sterling: | MDPA price \$5.17/gal | Retail \$5.40/gal |
| | Safety Clinic Breakfast price (MDPA members only) TBD (at Sterling's cost) | |



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.

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Blue Skies and Tailwinds to:

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