



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: November 18, 2011
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: December 7, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maureen Bell

One more month has flown by and I hope you were all able to take advantage of the good flying weather. November is a busy month for MDPA, we will be announcing names for the 2012 board of directors, planning our Christmas get together, cleaning up the clubhouse and removing some of the old items that have been around since the inception of the club.

It's great to see that we are adding new members and don't forget, the annual fee is being reduced next year, so plan on renewing your membership and take advantage of the lower price.

We were all disappointed last month when our speaker, Dana Drenkowski, caught the flu and couldn't finish telling us about Operation Linebacker, but we will plan on that in the coming months. Thanks to John Levy we all enjoyed some great videos from YouTube. That's the great thing about our club members, we just keep going when things don't turn out the way we expect.

Time to start thinking about the gift exchange at Christmas, if you want to participate, start looking for a gift valued at around \$20.00 – rules will be listed in the following newsletter. I am considering asking the sheriff to send over a couple of guys as this exchange tends to get out of order. Once again the club will provide the ham and turkey and we will be asking members to bring a side dish – so think of your favorite holiday recipe.

Recently, Frank Lemon the long time avionics shop owner at CCR was awarded the AAC's Tenant Recognition Award, so our congratulations to Frank.

Finally, this month's speaker will be telling us about his plans for Byron airport and showing us the video of the Patriot's Jet team performance during Fleet Week. I've heard this is a terrific video so plan on attending. What could be better than a great video together with a great dinner and great company?

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MDPA Events and Programs

November 18, 2011 MDPA Meeting

Indian Dinner

Menu: Salad; Chicken Tandoori; Lamb Curry;
Basmati Rice; Garbanzo Beans;
Dessert - ice cream with mango puree

Speaker: Dave Ringler & Ed Daly of the
Patriots Jet Team, a privately owned
exhibition team of L-39 jets based in
Byron, who will tell us of the team's
programs and their plans to create a
national jet center and youth education
foundation. A viewing of the Patriots
recent six jet performance at Fleet
Week will follow the presentation.

December 3, 2011 Fly-in to Harris (308) for
Holiday Lunch at Harris Ranch

December 16, 2011 MDPA Holiday Party

MDPA Fly-In November 5

Following the breakfast and safety meeting, two
airplanes with four pilots flew to Rio Vista. John Potter and
Jim Clarke flew in Potter's Commander 114 and John
Summers took new member Greg Galiardi in Summers C-182.
They checked in at the Travis Aero Club looking for a ride.
An instructor, Hal, John P. knows loaned his hot rod car and
they took off for Rio Vista's famous Foster's Big Horn restau-
rant and the Rio Vista Historical Museum. Sticker shock set in
when JP got the \$13 bill for his Buffalo Burger. A good time
was had by all and all returned safely to CCR.

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.



Rio Visa fly-in: John Potter; Jim Clarke; Jariya Glenn (Dia) from Travis Aero Club; Greg Galiardi; John Summers

October MDPA Meeting

John Potter, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the slate of candidates for Club officers for 2012:

President -	Maureen Bell
VP Activities -	Bob Weiss
VP Programs -	Chester Robbins
VP Communications -	Elaine Yeary
Treasurer/Membership -	David Thacker
Facilities Manager -	Stewart Bowers
Secretary -	TBD - Your Name Here
Director at Large -	Scott Achelis
Past President -	Steve Kennedy

Election will take place at the November meeting.

The speaker for the October meeting was ill and unable to attend, so there was no formal program. There are also no pictures for the newsletter.

The following is a review of some of the programs and activities from the past year. We did a lot and had some outstanding speakers.



January - LeRoy Parker, WWII Pilot
Crab & tri-tip dinner



February - Lee Younkin, WWII Pilot with Maureen



March - Bill Konetsky, Ahart Aviation in Livermore



April - Dana Drenkowski, VietNam era pilot



May - Felix Boston introducing the Most Interesting Group of Pilots you will ever meet -- Ourselves!



June - Casnio Nite
Little Man with the Valuable Prizes for the winners



July - Aviation Artist Rhu Bigay



August - Aloha Dinner
Little Man with his MDPA Logo Wear T-shirt





September - Local aviation historian and photographer William Larkins, his wife Tillie, and Pradeep

Safety Meeting Saturday, November 5, 2011

John Summers presented an excellent video from Sporty's on Night Flying and led a very good and lively discussion on the subject.

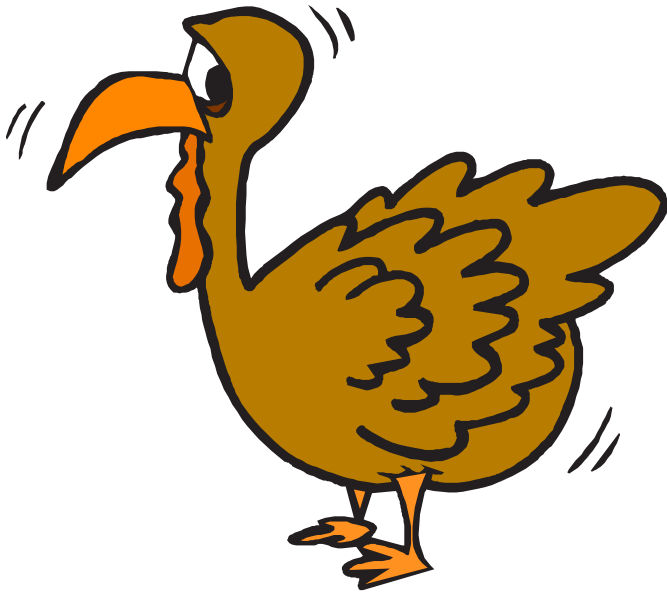
With the change to Standard Time, it gets dark much earlier and our former day flights frequently turn into night flights. Besides becoming officially "Night Current" by executing three takeoffs and landings to a full stop during the period one-hour after sunset and one-hour before sunrise, what are some of the challenges we face with flying at night?

- o Vision - depth perception can be difficult at night, especially as we age, making
- o Landings more difficult. The runway seems to drop away just as we are about to touch down
- o Finding the airport in populated areas with many lights
- o Remembering to use the instruments to maintain orientation and level flight when there is no horizon for reference
- o Taxiing - the personal challenge of your VP of Communications. Those little blue lights don't help at all.

Fuel Prices 100LL as of November 5, 2011

PSA:	MDPA Price \$5.06/gal	Retail \$5.21/gal
Sterling:	MDPA Price \$5.20/gal	Retail \$5.40
	Breakfast price (members only)	\$4.95

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE PACIFIC STATES AVIATION STAFF



**TOO MUCH TURKEY FOR THANKSGIVING?
WE THOUGHT WE WOULD SPICE IT UP FOR YOU WITH SOME GOOD INDIAN FOOD.
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT MDPA DINNER.**

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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.***